

Question Paper
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CBSE Class – 11 English Core

General Instructions:

- This paper is divided into four sections: A, B, C, D. All sections are compulsory
- Strictly adhere to the word limit, while answering the questions.
- Complete any one section altogether before moving onto the next section.
- Read the instructions, given separately with each question or section, very carefully.

SECTION-A
READING 20 MARKS

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: **(12)**

1. Hundreds of thousands of our qualified youngsters take off from different international airports every year for higher studies or highly lucrative jobs in the Us, the UK, Germany, France and Australia. And most of these Indians prefer to settle abroad, attracted by the facilities and the higher quality of life provided by these countries. We have been crying hoarse about brain drain from India over the last five decades or more, without going in for a well-set blueprint to check the counter-productive phenomenon. Some of the public schools in our metros and our IITs (Indian Institutes of Technology) and IIMs (Indian Institutes of Management) are providing world-class education. One might wonder that having spent a lot on infrastructure, training and other facilities and the best teaching staff, can the Government and the people of India look away as the talent, assiduously nurtured in India, is utilized by other countries for their development and excellence in different fields.
2. During the decades long debate on brain drain, it was said that our youngsters leave India just because excellence is neither recognized nor rewarded - In India. This could have been partly true at the beginning of this debate. But today, things have changed beyond recognition and talented people can reach the highest position if only they are prepared to work hard. Youngsters from India -Whatever be the field they are working in - are today suitably recognized and rewarded.
3. Take the field of sports where many of the celebrities are household name - Sania Mirza,

Narain Karthikeyan, Sachin Tendulkar, Anju Bobby George, P.T. Usha and Several others. Innovation and managerial skill get recognition when Indians can vie others in excellence from any part of the world.

4. If there is one individual who has catapulted India to the number one position in milk production in the world, it's none other than Dr. Verghese Kurien, the father of the White Revolution. A top engineer who completed the konkan Railway in Record time, Mr. E. Sreedharan has built up the world class Delhi Metro. Mr. Amitabh Bachchan is no longer a mega star of the Indian screen only. His presentation of Kaun Banega Crorepati and other ventures have made him a living legend of global proportions. Take the story of Ambani brothers, the Tatas, the Mittals and others who are having their footprints in different continents. We have had so many Indians who rose to the summit as Miss Universe and Miss World, but none has earned so much acclaim globally in Bollywood, Hollywood or the Cannes Film festival as Ms. Aishwarya Rai. In the wake of globalization, India has produced a galaxy of eminent entrepreneurs in IT, biotechnology, civil aviation, steel production and the like, just mention a field and we are already in the vanguard or moving ahead at a frenetic pace. A time may come when India would be capable of reversing the so called brain drain to India's supreme advantage.
5. And happily enough, this is already happening now. A report released by a high-tech lobbying group on the Silicon Valley in 2005 revealed that the highly - skilled Indian born talent that once flocked to the US was returning home, "turning America's brain drain into India's brain gain." Titled "Losing the Competitive Edge; The challenge for "Science and Technology in the US"., the report said that countries like India and China, through the restructuring of their economies, were dramatically increasing the skill sets of their work force, thereby posing a challenge to the US leadership in the technology" domain. "Public-private partnerships" (in India) have invested in technical universities and communications infrastructure to create cutting edge technology parks in places like Bangalore in Karnataka. This will make India more competitive, and alluring to investors and multinational companies." The report further said; "They are dramatically increasing the skill sets of their workforce, investing in research and development, and adopting advanced technologies, all to create wealth and spur economic growth."

On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions.

A. Pick out the correct option:

i) Our qualified and talented youngster go aboard for:

- a) holidaying
- b) higher study and better jobs
- c) propagating India's greatness
- d) helping Indian students in Australia

ii) A report from silicon valley states that skilled and talented Indian are:

- a) coming back
- b) demanding more wages
- c) not interested in home coming
- d) turning to politics in India

iii) Reorganizing is the synonym for:

- a) galaxy
- b) increasing
- c) dramatically
- d) Restructuring

iv) 'Eminent' means:

- a) well-known
- b) famed
- c) reputed
- d) famous

v) In India, PPP refers to:

- a) Public Private Partnership
- b) Public Private Portal
- c) Public Portal Private
- d) Private Positive Portal

vi) Youngsters need

- a) attention
- b) repute and money
- c) recognition
- d) all of the above

B. Answer the following questions:

- a) What is the contribution of Dr. Verghese Kurien?
- b) Talent can reach the top if.....
- c) What does the counter-productive phenomenon refer to?
- d) How is India becoming more competitive and alluring to investors and MNCs?
- e) Find a word similar in meaning to:
 - (i) a period often years (para 1 and 2)
 - (ii) Zenith (para 4)

2. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow:

Whether work should be placed among the causes of happiness or among the causes of unhappiness may perhaps be regarded as a doubtful question. There is certainly much work, which is exceedingly irksome, and an excess of work is always very painful. However work is not to most people less painful than idleness. There are work in all grades, from more relief of tedium upto the profoundest delights, according to the nature of the work, and he

abilities of the worker. Most of the work that most people have to do is not in itself interesting, but even such work has certain great advantages. To begin with, it fills a good many houses of the day without the need of deciding what one shall do. Most people, when they are left free to their own time according to their own choice are at a loss to think of doing anything sufficiently pleasant to be worth doing and whatever they decide on, they are troubled by the feeling that something else would have been pleasant. To be able to fill leisure intelligently is the last product of civilization and at present, very few people have reached this level. Moreover, the existence of choice is in itself tiresome. Except to people with unusual initiative it is positively agreeable to be told that what to do at each hour of the day. Provided the orders are not too unpleasant. Most of the day, provided the orders are not too unpleasant. Most of the idle rich suffer unspeakable boredom as the price of their freedom from drudgery. At times they may find relief by hunting big games in Africa or by flying around the world, but the number of such sensations is limited, especially after youth is past. Accordingly, the more intelligent rich men work nearly as hard as if they were poor.

Work, therefore, is desirable, first and foremost as a preventive of boredom, for the boredom, that a man feels when he is doing boring as having nothing to do with this advantage of work another is associated, namely that it makes holidays much more delicious when they come. Provided a man does not have to work so hard as to impair his vigour, he is likely to find far more best enjoyment in his free time than an idle man could possibly find.

The second advantage of most paid work and some unpaid work is that it gives chances of success and opportunities for ambition. In most work, success is measured by income and while our capitalistic society continues, this is inevitable. However, full work may be, it becomes bearable, if it is a means of building up a reputation. Continuity of purpose is one of the most essential ingredients of happiness and that comes chiefly through their work.

(a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it, in points, using headings and subheading. Also use recognizable abbreviations, wherever necessary (minimum 4). Supply an appropriate title to it. Use a suitable format. (5)

(b) Write a summary of the above passage in about 80 words. (3)

SECTION B:
WRITING 20 MARKS

3. Write a notice for the school Notice Board inviting volunteers for the one day Blood Donation Camp to be organized in your school. You are Anoop/Anupma Head boy/Head Girl of DPS, Mathura Road, New Delhi. **(4)**

OR

You are General Manager of IVY Software Solutions, Agra. You need a software engineer for your office. Draft an advertisement to be published in 'The Times of India' under the classified column.

4. You are Mihir, a student of XII class living at 426, Kirti Apartments, Faridabad. You are interested in pursuing a course in Journalism. Write a letter in response to an advertisement issued by Indian Institute of Journalism, Delhi in a National Daily, seeing information about suitable courses, eligibility, fee structure and placement opportunities. **(6)**

OR

You are Niharika/Naveen of 176 Jawahar Khanpur, New Delhi, Recently you have come across an advertisement for the post of an accountant in Ahmedabad Inter National School that was published in 'Hindustan Times' Write an application for the same to the Principal giving detailed resume which you would send along with your letter of application.

5. Recently you were deputed by your school along with a few other students of class XII for participation in the National Exhibition on 'Environmental Protection' held at IIT, Delhi. Write an article for school magazine on the Exhibition and highlight the need for preserving our environment, you are Arman/Avnee. **(10)**

OR

Value based education is the only remedy for inculcation values among the future citizens of the country. It will also help in preventing crimes in the society. Write an article in 150-200 Words on the Need of value-based education.

SECTION C

GRAMMAR 10 MARKS

6. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in blank space. Write the missing word in the space provided. **(4)**

Twenty years ago, kids in School (a).....never even heard (b) the internet. The internet is (c)..... vast resource that gives (d) types of information. It is like (e)..... Giant bulletin board (f) is used by the whole World. But anyone (g) puts anything in the internet (h) have to be careful. You must rely on your best judgement.

7. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the space provided. **(4)**

	Incorrect	Correct
We know that if we eats the right food, in the right	a.....
Quantities in the righttime, our digestive system	b.....
Must remain healthy. Similarly, if we breathe right	c.....
Our respiratory system will function efficiently. As	d.....
Our heart is in good shape, and a arteries	e.....
ensure that blood reaches which it must, our	f.....
circulatory system is in order. But how do one	g.....
keep in shape an invisibly energy system, a system, which helps us process the life force.	h.....

8. Rearrange the words given to make meaningful sentences. **(2)**

(i) Mother Teresa/Greatest/missionaries/one of the /was/time/of/our

(ii) dedicated/the poorest of the poor/entire life/she/for/her/the /service/of

SECTION D

LITERATURE 30 MARKS

9. Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow it. **(1×3=3)**

And for ever, by day and night,

I give back life to my own origin,

And make pure and beautify it;

(for song issuing from its birthplace, after fulfillment, wandering Recked or unrecke'd duly with love returns)

(i) What two things does the rain do to the place of her own origin?

(ii) Where does the song issue from?

(iii) Who does 'I' refer to in the first line?

OR

The seed I spent or sown it where

The land is his and none of mine?

We speak like strangers, there's no sign

Of understanding in the air

This child is built to my design

Yet what he loves I cannot share.

(i) Why do they speak like strangers?

(ii) Why can't the speaker share what the other loves?

(iii) Find the antonyms of

(a) acquaintances

(b) hate

10. Answer any three of the following questions in not more than 30-40 words. (3×3=9)

(a) Is independent thinking a step towards adulthood? If so, elucidate, in context of the poem "Childhood by Markus Natten".

(b) "No Generation has a freehold on this earth, all we have is a life tenancy". Do you agree with this view of Margaret Thatcher?

(c) 'Khuswant Singh's grandmother was religious and kind lady'. Cite example from the lesson to support your viewpoints.

(d) Narrator should have been very happy with the articles of her mother but she decides to forget and address: No. 46, Marconi Street. Why did she take this decision? Explain.

11. All the dangers and disasters could be confronted with patience's, courage and determination. The writer with his family and crew members reached safely to the island, only because of these virtues. How far these virtues are essential for life? Discuss, **(6×1=6)**

OR

Albert Einstein attached more importance to ideas than facts and dates, one could learn them from books. This made him an extraordinary scientist. Do you agree that teacher and learner relation failing to highlight talent among students? Discuss.

12. Answer the following questions: **(6×1=6)**

(a) Virginia is an important character of the story who uncovered a terrible tragedy whose secret was unknown to the Otis family members. How did Virginia show the truth of the ghost to the family members?

OR

Why was Booker asked to return two weeks before the opening of the school?

13. Answer the following questions **(6×1=6)**

(a) Mr. Otis wanted to offer the jewels back to Lord Canterville as they belong to the high dignity of the British aristocracy. But he refused to take the jewels. Why did he refuse to take them? Discuss.

OR

How can we justify Booker's strong desire to be educated since childhood?