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CLASS XI - ENGLISH CORE

Time allowed: 3Hrs.

Maximum Marks:80

General Instructions:

1. The question paper is divided into THREE sections:
Section A – READING SKILLS (26 Marks)
Section B – WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (23 Marks)
Section C – Literature (31 Marks)
2. All questions are compulsory.
3. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.
Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
4. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

READING SECTION (26 marks)

1. Read the passage carefully:

Mankind's experience of various evolutionary changes from primitive times to the present day has been extensive and varied. However, man's problems were never as complicated as they seem to be today. Man's economic activity centers primarily around factor of production; its role, therefore, has been given a lot of importance. It should be useful to have an overall view of the economic history of man – from the nomadic times to the modern factory system – and study its relevance to the various labour problems of today.

Initially, man passed through 'the hunting and fishing stage'. During this period, his basic needs were adequately met by Nature. Wild animals, birds and fruits satisfied his hunger, and his thirst was quenched by the waters of springs and rivers. Caves gave him shelter and barks of trees were used as clothing. During this stage of man's progress of the absence of any economic, political, and social system.

Then came 'the pastoral stage', which was marked by a certain amount of economic activity. The nomadic and migratory nature of man persisted, and, together with his goats and cattle, he moved on to fresh pastures and meadows. Some conflicts would sometimes take place among herd owners, for, during this period, the institution of nominal private property ownership was not known.

This stage paves the way for 'the agricultural stage' during which the class system began to develop. There was a small artisan class mostly self-employed; and there were also landed properties or Zamindars as well as slaves. Thus, arose the feudal system. During the fourth stage of these developments, 'the handicrafts stage', several social and economic changes took place which marked the beginning of the labour problem in the world. The self – sufficient economy of the village underwent a drastic change. The community of traders and merchants emerged.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the correct option.

(10x1=10 Marks)

1. **Humanity's evolution from primitive stage to the present has been**
a) Static and smooth b) Huge and diversified c) Violent and constrain d) Pleasant and peaceful
2. **"man's problems were never before as intricate as they seem to be in contemporary time" means**
1) The present time is the best time of humanity.
2) Modern age is the crucial period for humanity.
3) Recent times pose more challenges to humans than before.
4) Current time provides much more facilities than the previous era.
a) 1 and 2 b. Only 4 c.3 and 4 d.Only 3
3. **Why does the author say that labour problems did not exist during 'the hunting and fishing stage'?**
a) There was no nation existing at that time b) There were no economic, political, and social system
c) There was no capitalism and market d) There was no labour
4. **"The pastoral stage was marked by a certain amount of economic activity." How?**
a) Humans started migrating and held goatherds b) Humans started owning land
c) Conflicts started as humans owned goats d) Humans started doing agriculture.
5. **The word 'surfaced' in the passage means...**
a) Quenched b) Emerged c) Nomadic d) Adequately
6. **What were the consequences of Feudal system?**
a) The handcrafters become very rich b) The handicrafts stage led to labour problems
c) The villagers were jobless
d) The beginning of the labour issues and evolving of the traders and merchants.

7. Arrange in the right order:

1. A) Handicraft stage 2. B) The hunting and fishing stage
3. C) Pastoral stage 4. D) The agricultural stage
a) D, B, C, A b) D, B, A, C c) B, C, D, A d) B, C, A, D

8. The passage over all pictures –

1. a) The labour issues 2. b) The stages of man's development professionally and economically.
3. c) Wild animals and birds in Nature 4. d) Nomadic man and modern man.

9. Arrange the following statements in the correct sequence.

1. There was a social and political system in which landholders provided land to tenants in exchange for their service.
2. Previously, people 'belonged' to land- but a transformation occurred whereby land now belonged to people.
3. People basic need are very much connected to environment as everything which keeps us alive, we receive from environment.
4. Man's economic activity essentially depends on factor of production.
a. 1,2,4,3 b. 1,4,2,3 c. 4,3,2,1 d. 4,1,2,3

10. Select the option that does NOT refer to *migratory*.

- a. Relocating b. moving c. vagrant d. sedentary

2 –Read the following passage and answer the questions.

1. Last summer, to get away from suffocating smog, I drove my family west from Washington, D.C., to Santa Fe, New Mexico. As we crossed the country, our car radio kept us informed about the ordeal of the big cities and their faltering machines. Around us, however, the Great Plains told a far different story. Above all, we marveled at the sight of working windmills, creaky sentinels of a bygone age. And the contrast left me with windmills on my mind.
2. Windmills are much, much more than relics. They are symbols of sanity for a world that is increasingly hooked on machines with an inordinate hunger for fuel and a prodigious capacity to pollute.
3. Ecologically, the windmill is one of man's few perfect devices. It harnesses a completely free resource to pump water under conditions that respect the laws and limits of nature. Consider this contrast: In Arizona, western Texas and many other places of the arid South-west, ranchers have long used electric pumps to deplete ground water stored up over the centuries by geologic processes. The costs of such exploitation are now tragically evident in shrinking farmlands and in the fast-growing thirst for "replacement" water from Canada and Alaska. But ranchers who still use windmills to tap near-surface water for their livestock – taking only as much as is replaced each year -- face no such crisis. They are working with nature. And therein lies the message of windmills.
4. Like water-wheels and sailing-boats, windmills have Zero Environmental Impact (ZEI). They remind us that science can save us over the long haul only if it designs a new generation of machines that come much closer than their predecessors to achieving ZEI.
5. The automobile is the antithesis of the windmill. It symbolizes our hell-bent rush to increase production, convenience and mobility, with little thought for the trade-offs in fouled air, congested cities and highways, and hundreds of thousands of automobile accidents each year. Like so much of our present industrial technology, the automobile works at cross purposes with life.
6. Today the evidence is clear that our high-energy, high-waste society is making exorbitant demands on the resources of the planet. Largely because of U.S. consumption, most of the world's petroleum fuels will be exhausted within a century.
7. I certainly do not propose a return to a windmill economy. In fact, there is no way for us to achieve a low-pollution technology overnight -- and Zero Environmental Impact has been an impossibility for human societies ever since they began hunting and burning on the savanna plains of a million years ago. Belatedly, however, we are beginning to realize that our technological skills must be bent toward an accommodation with natural laws -- laws such as the recycling of materials. We now see efforts to ban the use of long-lived pesticides, to remove phosphates from detergents, to take the lead out of petrol, to clean up or completely replace the internal-combustion engine. One hopes that these steps mark the beginning of a historic reversal of our "raid-and-waste" style of development.
8. As I contemplate my family's trip, I cannot help but wonder if I, like that dreamer Don Quixote, have merely been tilting at windmills. Is it only nostalgia that makes me and millions of other Americans hope for a more modest technology? I do not think so. The issue is nobler than survival. It is whether we can equip ourselves to live truly decent lives. If we are to meet this challenge, our inventors and technicians will have to pay homage to windmills. They will have to build us machines that use, not abuse, the unearned gifts of nature.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions:

(8X 1)

1. The description of the windmills as "creaky sentinels of a bygone age" tells us that the windmills are:
 - (A) broken-down machines.
 - (B) old machines of a past era.
 - (C) machines that were once used for defence.
 - (D) old and useless machines.
2. In the second paragraph, the writer implies that he:
 - (A) admires windmills because they are relics.
 - (B) thinks highly of windmills because they need no fuel to operate.
 - (C) considers windmills a solution to energy and pollution problems.
 - (D) favours windmills above other contemporary machines which consume fuel and pollute the world.
3. The main virtue of the windmill in the south-west of the United States is that:
 - (A) it uses a completely free source of energy.
 - (B) it taps only near-surface water.
 - (C) it is inexpensive and easy to operate.
 - (D) it does not need electricity to operate it.
4. What has caused the decrease in the farming area in the south-west of the United States?
 - (A) It has been caused by the extensive use of windmills.
 - (B) It has been caused by the depletion of underground water supplies.
 - (C) It has been the result of keeping too much livestock.
 - (D) It has been the result of geologic processes over the centuries.
5. The statement "*windmills have Zero Environmental Impact*" means that windmills.....
6. What does the writer mean by, '*the automobile works at cross purposes with life*'
7. According to the writer, our present industrial technology should make a way for.....
8. How, according to the passage, the man's technology should ideally work?

3 - Read the passage given below:

India enters the year leading to 73rd anniversary of the Republic and 75th year of Independence, it is propitious to hail the Parliament as the fulcrum of the Republic upholding the principles and ideals of the Constitution including Unity, Integrity, and Sovereignty. It resonates with the spirit of Article 1 of the Constitution that proclaims "India that is Bharat, shall be a Union of States." The Parliament, over the years, has successfully upheld unity amidst diversity and has strengthened democracy in the country

As we introspect and assess its achievements and failures, it is worthwhile to remember the words of former British Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden in 1954, "...the Indian venture is not a pale imitation of our practice at home, but a magnified and multiplied reproduction on a scale we have never dreamt of. If it succeeds, its influence on Asia is incalculable for good. Whatever the outcome, we must honour those who attempted it..."

When India liberated herself from the yoke of colonialism after the epic freedom struggle, the challenge before the nation was how to put in place a system of governance taking into account vastness of the country and its corresponding economic, social, cultural, and linguistic plurality and diversity and socio-economic backwardness. Many who subscribed to the imperatives of economic and educational advancement as the prerequisite of a liberal democratic edifice expressed their apprehension if the Westminster model, borrowed from abroad, would be efficient if applied on the native soil. But sooner than later, the teeming millions of the electorate who were otherwise illiterate and uneducated proved the prophecies of doom wrong by their robust and earthy common-sense. Nothing more can prove better the resilience of the pulsating democratic and parliamentary polity than the regular and periodic elections to the representative institutions from the Panchayat to the Parliament, the vibrant press, the civil society, and the vigilant judiciary.

- (a) **On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, make notes on it using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations (wherever necessary-minimum four) and a format you consider suitable. Also supply an appropriate title to it. (5 Marks)**
- (b) **Write a summary of the passage in about 80 words. (3 Marks)**

SECTION B- (WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR) - (23 Marks)

4. Read the following paragraph and fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets. (1/2 x 6=3Marks)

The wedding procession already(a)----- (start) when we (b) -----(reach)Raju's house. While we (c) ----- (be) on the way to the place we (d) ----- (decide) not to dance at all. But the scene (e) ----- (prove) so attractive that we (f) ----- (draw) in it.

5. Rearrange these parts to form meaningful sentences. (2 Marks)

- a. large quantity /of warm water /from the body/drinking/, thus removing poisonous /results in sweating
- b. endless/ process/ and animals/ evolution/ are/ the/ of / plants / the products /of an

6. Transform the following sentences as directed: (2 Marks)

- a. She is not the tallest girl in the class. (Change the sentence using comparative degree)
- b. He didn't go there. (Change into an affirmative sentence)

7. You are Manish/Manisha Of 125 Jeevaji Nagar, Gwalior. You want to sell out your newly built independent house as you are shifting to another city in order to settle there. Draft a suitable advertisement giving all necessary details in not more than 50 words to be published in a local newspaper under classified columns.

OR

You are Vijay/ Sunita, an electronics engineer and recently returned from the US and looking for a suitable job in the IT industry. Draft an advertisement in about 50 words for the 'Situation Wanted' column of a newspaper. (3 Marks)

8. Incidents of Road-rage, road accidents and violation of traffic rules are increasing day by day. Draft a poster on behalf of Delhi Traffic Police creating awareness among the citizens to follow traffic rules and sensitizing them about the safety norms while driving.

OR

Water is precious and each one must stop wastage. Prepare a poster in not more than 50 words urging people to employ various methods to save water. (3 Marks)

9. Regular practice of yoga can help in maintaining good health and even in the prevention of so many ailments. Write a speech in 120-150 words to be delivered in the morning assembly on the importance of yoga in daily life.

OR

Use of mobile phones has overshadowed the life of teenagers. The excessive use of mobile phones is affecting their physical and mental health badly. It's causing disturbance during study hours also. Write a speech on the topic 'Mobile Phones: boon or bane' to be delivered in the assembly of your Vidyalaya in 120 -150 words. (5 Marks)

10. You are Rahul/Rashmi of St. John's Public School, New Delhi. You have been chosen to participate in The Inter School Debate Competition to speak **For/Against** the motion of the house on the topic- "**Coaching Institutes should replace the schools**". Write the debate in 120-150 words.

OR

You are Roshan/Roshni of Green Valley School, New Delhi. You have been chosen to participate in The Inter School Debate Competition to speak **For/Against** the motion of the house on the topic- "**India has the potential to lead the world**". Write the debate in 120-150 words. (5marks)

SECTION- C (Literature) - (31 Marks)

11. Read the following extracts and answer the questions. (Any One) (3x1=3marks)

(A) *When did my childhood go?
Was it the day I ceased to be eleven,
Was it the time I realized that Hell and Heaven
Could not be found in Geography,
And therefore, could not be,
Was that the day!*

a. What does the stanza reflect?

- i. Individuality
- ii. Rationality
- iii. Seclusion
- iv. Personality

b. What has the poet realized?

- i. Hell and heaven do exist
- ii. Hell and heaven don't exist
- iii. Both (i) and (ii)
- iv. None of the above

c. Name the poet of the poem

- i. Shirley Toulson
- ii. Ted Hughes
- iii. Walt Whitman
- iv. Markus Natten

OR

(B)

*All three stood still to smile through their hair,
At the uncle with the camera. A sweet face,
My mother's, that was before I was born.
And the sea, which appears to have changed less,
Washed their terribly transient feet*

a. **“Washed their terribly transient feet”---Is an example of**

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| 1. Simile | 3. metonymy |
| 2. Climax | 4. Transferred Epithet |

b. **“All three stood still to smile through their hair”--Which figures of speech is used in the line?**

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| 1. Personification | 3. Alliteration |
| 2. Metaphor | 4. simile |

c. **Who is the poet of the poem?**

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| 1. Shirley Toulson | 3. Walt Whitman |
| 2. Ted Hughes | 4. Markus Natten |

12. Read the following extracts and answer the questions briefly. (Any One) (3x1=3marks)

(A) *With land under my feet again, my thoughts were full of Larry and Herbie, cheerful and optimistic under the direst stress, and of Mary, who stayed at the wheel for all those crucial hours. Most of all, I thought of a seven-year-old girl, who did not want us to worry about a head injury (which subsequently took six minor operations to remove a recurring blood clot between skin and skull), and of a six-year-old boy who was not afraid to die.*

- Who suffered a head injury during the voyage?
- How does the author present Larry and Herbie in the plot?
- Which word in the above passage means the same as – ‘that happens over and over again’:

OR

(B) *Eventually the substitute fans worked well enough to finish the procedure. After checking that no data had been lost, the technicians turned Tut over to the workmen, who carried him back to his tomb. Less than three hours after he was removed from his coffin, the pharaoh again rested in peace where the funerary priests had laid him so long ago.*

- Which ‘procedure’ is referred to in the paragraph?
- Why could the main fan not be used?
- Who supervised the entire ‘procedure’?

13. Read the following extracts and answer the questions. (Any One) (4x1=4 marks)

(A) *Mum — you'll have to iron my yellow silk. I must wear it tonight. [She now sees what is happening, and is astounded.] What are you doing?*

i. **Who is the speaker?**

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| a. Mrs. Pearson | c. Cyril |
| b. Mrs. Fitzgerald | d. Doris |

ii. **What was the other person doing?**

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| a. Drinking | c. Sleeping |
| b. Smoking | d. Laughing |

iii. **Why was the other person behaving abnormally?**

- Had become indifferent to others
- Had become careless
- Had got her personality switched
- Was drunk

iv. **What did the speaker think had happened to the other person?**

- Hit her head with something
- Had been transformed by some magic.
- Was pretending to teach them a lesson.
- Had lost her memory

(B) The episode he had witnessed at Cardiff station still obsessed him morbidly. He thought of Bramwell, foolishly devoted to a woman who deceived him sordidly, of Edward Page, bound to the shrewish Blodwen, of Denny, living unhappily, apart from his wife. His reason told him that all these marriages were dismal failures. It was a conclusion which, in his present state, made him wince.

i. From which lesson these lines have been taken?

- a. The Summer of a Beautiful White Horse
- b. Mother's Day
- c. Birth
- d. The Address

ii. Who of these is not a central character in the story?

- a. Susan
- b. Andrew
- c. Joe
- d. Mourad

iii. What does term 'sordidly' mean?

- a. Probably
- b. Hopefully
- c. Dishonestly
- d. Cleverly

iv. The speaker wished to consider marriage as-

- a. An exasperated affair
- b. An advantageous affair
- c. A beautiful affair
- d. A hopeless affair

14. Answer any of the following questions in 40-50 words:

3 Marks

The grandmother had a divine beauty. How does the author of "The Portrait of a Lady" bring this out?

OR

What made Howard Carter chisel away the solidified resins to raise the King Tut's remains?

15. Answer any of the following questions in 40-50 words:

3Marks

How does rain give back life to its own origin? (The Voice of the Rain)

OR

Why is the image of the engine evoked by the poet of 'The Laburnum Top'?

16. Answer any of the following questions in 40-50 words:

3Marks

The narrator of 'The Address' feels much oppressed at 46, Marconi Street. Why?

OR

What are the issues raised by the play 'Mother's Day'?

17. Answer any of the following questions in 120-150 words:

6Marks

"Religion was the dominant feature of her life." Comment on this statement with regard to Khushwant Singh's grandmother as projected in 'The Portrait of a Lady'.

OR

Describe the steps taken by the captain and the crewmen to protect the boat from the storm and the gigantic waves. What made them successful.

18. Answer any of the following questions in 120-150 words:

6 Marks

Mourad was the natural descendent of crazy streak in his tribe. Comment. ("The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse").

OR

"I have done something; oh, God! I've done something real at last." Why does Andrew say this in the story 'Birth'? Justify your answer.
