Question Paper

Class-XI (Session : 2020-21)

Subject-English

Time Allowed : 3 hrs **Maximum Marks :85**

Marks alloted to each question are indicated against it

Special Instructions:

(i) Candidates are required to give answers in their own words as far as practicable.

(ii) All the questions are compulsory. Internal choice is given in some questions.

(iii) While answering your questions, you must indicate on your answer-book the same question number as appears in your question paper.

(iv) Do not leave blank page/pages in your answer book.

(v) Word limit wherever prescribed, must be observed.

(vi) 30% optional question has been added in the session 2020-2021 as per guidelines due to Covid-19 and 30% syllabus has been reduced due to Covid-19

Section-A (Reading)

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

(1) Physical exercise and competitive sports-especially running, jumping and throwing are called athletics. Athletic events have been popular in all ages and throughout the world. They were a main part of the old Olympic Games held in Greece from 776 BC.

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Today, running, jumping and throwing events called 'track and field' athletics-hold a high position in the world of sport. Sprinting events are run over the distance of 100 and 200 meters. The 100 meters is over a straight course. The 200 meters usually includes a bend, but is in lanes. Middle distance events are often classified as those between 400 and 1500 meters. The classic old fashioned one miles races also come into this class.

(2) Races over mile can be classed as long distance events. They are usually run over 5,000 and 10,000 meters. The marathon starts and finishes on a track, but the remainder of the 26-mile 385 yard race is through the surrounding areas. The 3,000 meters steeple chase is run over a track with 28 hurdles and 7 water jumps. The main hurdle events are the 100meters race ove high hurdles. (the hurdles are 106cm high and the 400-meter race over intermediate hurdles and 200meters over seventy six meters hurdles (76) cm. The most popular relay races are the 4×100 meters and 4 ×400 meters.

(3) Field events include high and long jumping, the triple jump, pole-vault, throwing the discus, javelin shot and hammer. Almost all high jumpers now use the flop method in which the jumper twists the body after take off and goes over the bar backwards. In pole-vaulting, the pole is of flexible glass fibre and about 4.5 meters long. The discus is thrown from a circle 2.5 metres in diameter, the shot and the hammer from a 2.1 metre circle. The standard shot weighs 7.26 kg the same weight as the hammer and its steel wire. The women's shot weighs 4kg.

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(4) Two of the most testing athletic events arew the decathlon and heptathlon. The decathlon (for men) is made up of ten events contested over two days. They are the 100 and 400 metres, high jump, long jump, shotput, 1,500 meters, 110meters hurdles, pole-vault, javelin and discus. The heptathlon for women has seven events-100 metre hurdles, high jump, shot-put, 200 metres, 800 metres, long jump and javelin.

Questions:

(A) On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, complete the statement given below with the help of options that follows: 4×1=4

(i) Running a short distance at full speed is called.....

(a) Jogging (b) Jumping

(c) Sprinting (d) Throwing

(ii) Old Olympics games in Greece were held in.....'

(a) 776 BC (b) 779 BC

(c) 749 BC (d) 769 BC

(iii) Races ove one mile can be classed as .....

(a) Long distance events

(b) Short distance events

(c) Middle distance events

(d) None of the above

(iv) The testing athletic event decathlon is for .....

(a) Women (b) Men

(c) Both of them (d) none of the above

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B. Answer the following questions briefly:- 1×3=3

(i) What do you mean by athletics?

(ii) What are sprinting events?

(iii) Name two of the most testing athletic events.

C. Find from the above passage words which convey the similar meaning as the following:- 1×3=3

(i) Obstacles (Para 2)

(ii) In between (Para 2)

(iii) Light spear for throwing in sport (Para 3)

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the question that follows:

(1) A newspaper is printed periodically containing public news or comments on public news. It also carries pictures, cartoons, exclusive news stories and comments according to its established policies. In the style of language and presentation techniques, newspapers differ from one another and each one tries to better others with a view to increasing circulation. The main policy of newspapers usually is criticism of authorities, exposure of corruptional high places, and misuse of power and nepotism practised by V.I.Ps.

(2) Almost all the newspapers have special columns to publish public grievances and public opinions. A newspaper is a censurer, an advisor and a tutor at the same time. No wonder, authorities fear newspapers more than anything else in the world. Newspapers play a vital role in forming public opinion. In a developing country,

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newspapers can play an important role in nation-building. They can play or dual role as a voice of the people and the builder of opinion. But they can achieve these objectives only if the people are educated.

(3) In India, the readership of newspaper is comparatively less, illiteracy being the main reason for it. Even among newspaper readers, the number of serious readers is still lesser. Most of the people read news items of their interest only. Therefore, a businessman confines his reading to business coloumns only, as he is not interested to read columns on sports and films. There are some others who read headlines only. There are only a few people who read editorials and educative articles. The newspapers have to play the role of a watch dog of the society. They have to keep it safe from evil influences from within and without. They have to scare the corrupt and anti-social elements. However, in order to perform this duty satisfactorily, they should be free.

(4) In most of the countries, newspapers do not enjoy freedom. The rulers of the countries where there is dictatorship, autocratic rule, or emergency, cannot afford freedom to the press. They try to clip the wings of newspapers in one way or the other. The Indian newspaper are the envy of the newspapers of such countries as in India, they enjoy absolute freedom of expression.

Questions:

(a) Make notes on the contents of the passage, using abbreviations wher3e ever necessary. 1×4=4

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(b) From the paragraphs indicated, pick out words that mean the opposite of the following: 3×1=3

(i) Praise (ii) Uneducated (iii) Democratic

Section-B (Writing) 1×4=4

3. You are asked to prepare a cup of tea. Describe the process of preparing tea in about 80-100 words.

Or

Describe in 80-100 words the celebration of Diwali in your locality.

4. Write an article for a newspaper on the Value of Discipline. Write your article in 100-150 words. 1×6=6

Or

The World Environment Day is to be celebrated to your school. Prepare a speech on this topic in about 100-150 words.

5. You are Rahul 36 Mall Road Shimla. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper, drawing his attention to the great damage caused by the recent rains in Himachal Pradesh. 1×6=6

Or

You are Gaurav of House No. 101 Nagar Vihar colony Kullu, Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper, condemning the social evil of dowry system.

Section-C (Grammar)

6. Do (any four) as directed:- 1×4=4

(a) She is ..... girl who got first position.

(Use a suitable determiner)

(b) ..... murderers must be hanged.

(Use a suitale determiner)

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(c) It ..... today. (Use the word 'drizzle' in negative)

(d) You ..... take care of your parents.
(Use a suitable modal)

(e) ..... people come to see the fair.(Use a suitable determiners)

7. The following sentences have not been edited, there is one mistake in each sentence: Identify the error and write the correct sentence: (Do any four) 1×4=4

(a) Slow and steady win the race.

(b) Myself can do it.

(c) We enjoyed much at the hill station.

(d) I am tired from him.

(e) This box is very heavy to lift.

(f) She is my cousin sister.

8. Re-order the words in the following sentences to form meaningful sentences: 1×2=2

(a) animal/ man/ a/ is /reasoning.

(b) pain/ the /have /shoulder /in /I.

Section-D (Literature) **1×4=4**

9. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:
And who art thou? Said I to the soft-falling shower, which, strange to tell, gave me an answer, as there translated:
I am the poem of the Earth, said the voice of the rain, Eternal I rise impalpable out of the land and the bottomless sea,

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Questions

1. Name the poem and the poet.
2. Who is speaking and to whom?
3. How is rain connected with the land and the sea?
4. "Bottomless is found by adding the suffix 'less' 'to bottom' form other words by using the suffix 'less' after them.

Or

The cardboard shows me how it was
When the two girl cousin went paddling
Each one holding one of my mother's hands
And she the big girl some twelve years or so

Questions

1. Name the poem and the poet?
2. What does the cardboard denote?
3. Who were the two girls?
4. Who has been said to be the big girl? Why

10. Answer any two questions in about 30 words each: 3×2=6
    (i) What has the goldfinch been compared with in the poem?
    (ii) How does rain give back life to the earth?
    (iii) What does the word 'Cardboard' denote in the poem?
11. Answer any five questions in about 30 words each: 5×2=10
    (i) Mention three reasons why the author's grandmother was disturbed when he started going to the city school?
    (ii) Mention the ways in which the sparrows expressed their sorrow when author's grandmother died?

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(iii) Describe the mental condition of the voyagers on January 4th and 5th?

(iv) Why was king Tut's body been subjected to repeated scrutiny?

(v) Who was Tutankhamun?

(vi) Describe the Chinese view of art?

(vii) What according to Nek Chand is the biggest reward for him?

(viii) What does the notice 'The world's most dangerous animal' at the cage in the zoo at Lusaka Zambia signify?

12. Answer any one of the following questions in about: (100-125 words):- 1×8=8

We have not inherited this earth from our forefathers; we have borrowed it from our children; Discuss.

Or

Explain the concept of Shanshui.

Or

Write a character sketch of grandmother from the chapter "The Portrait of Lady".

13. Answer any one in about 100 words: 1×6=6

Indian society has moved a long way from the way the marriage is arranged in the story. Discuss.

Or

The address is a story of human predicament that follows war.' Comment.

Or

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What do you understand of Einsteen's nature from his conversation with his history teacher, his mathematics teacher and the head teacher?

14. Answer any four in about 30 words each: 4×2=8

(i) The school system often curbs individual talent. Discuss.

(ii) Why did the narrator of the story want to forget the address.

(iii) Did the boys return the horse because they were conscience stricken or because they were afraid?

(iv) Why was Ranga's home coming considered a great event?

(v) Who was Mrs. Dorling? Where did she live?

(vi) What were Ranga's view about marriage?

(vii) How according to you can peace and liberty be maintained in a state?

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