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MODEL QUESTION PAPER- 2024

CLASS- X

ENGLISH (021)

Time : 3 hours **Maximum Marks : 80**

Note: - **(i) This question paper is divided into four Sections – A, B, C and D.**
(ii) All questions are compulsory. Marks are indicated against each question.

Section – A (Reading)

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

One of the greatest problems facing the world today is the rapidly increasing pressure of population on land and land resources. It is not so much actual pollution of the world but its rate of increase which is important. It works out to be about 1.6 percent per annum, net increase, or about 40 to 55 million additional people every year. As for the birth rate, every second three babies are born somewhere in the world. Why is this enormous increasing in population taking place? It is really due to the speed of knowledge and the practice of death control; death control recognises the work of the doctors and the health services in keeping alive people, who a few years ago, would have died of some serious diseases. Scientists are at work stamping out deadly diseases. Medical care helps people to live longer. We used to think before that 70 was a good age, now 80 or 90 are coming to be recognised as a normal age for human being. People live longer and fewer children are dying, so population of the world is shooting up.

(a) What is the greatest problem the world is facing today? 1
(b) What does death control recognize? 2
(c) How is the work of a scientist important? 1
(d) Find the words from the passage which means – 2
(i) become greater (ii) the inhabitants of an area

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow -

Today there is a lot of talk about the environment. All lessons are coming to an agreement to save earth. Like we pollute the earth, we pollute the water. We also pollute the subtle environment through our negative feelings and emotions. We have become a victim of our environment. We are not in control of our mind, we listen a lot about other things in life but we spend very little time to listen about ourselves. How to handle our mind? How to be in the present moment? How to be happy and grateful? We have not learnt this, which is the most unfortunate thing. Then, what is the probable solution? This is where we miss a very fundamental principle that governs our environment, our mind and our life in general.

Our body has the capacity to sustain much longer the vibration of bliss and peace than it does negative emotions because positivity is in the center of our existence. Just like in the structure of atom, protons and neutrons are in the center of the atom and electrons are only in the periphery, same is with our lives, the core of our existence is bliss, positivity and joy but it is surrounded by a cloud of negative ions. Through the help of the breath we can easily get over our negative emotions in a short period of time. Through meditations and certain breathing techniques, we can clear this negative cloud.

Everyone wants to be successful in life, but without knowing what it really means. What are the signs of success? Just having a lot of money, is that success? Why do we think money means success? Because money gives us freedom so that we can do whatever we want. We

may have a big bank balance, but we have stomachache, ulcers, we may have to go for bypass surgery. Can't eat this, can't do that. We spend half of our health to gain wealth and spend half our wealth to again get back the health. Is this the success? It is very bad mathematics and can't rejuvenate the soul.

(a) How do we pollute our environment? **1**
(b) What is the most unfortunate thing? **2**
(c) What is the centre core of existence? **1**
(d) How can we get rid of our negative emotions? **1**
(e) Choose the correct option and write in your answer book - **1×2=2**
(i) Find the word from the passage which means **"Prey"**-
(a) Weak (b) Victim (c) Poor
(ii) Find the word from the passage which is opposite of **"Fortunate"**-
(a) Lucky (b) Unfortunate (c) Faithless
(f) Select the correct option and write in your answer book- **1×2=2**
(i) **"Handle our mind"** means
(A) Control our anger (b) Control our thinking (c) Control our kindness
(ii) Antonym of the word **"Existence"** is-
(a) Failed (b) Nonbeing (c) Happiness

Section: - B (Writing)

3. You are Rohan/ Rashmi of House No. – 29, Upper Market, Mall Road, Nainital. Your cousin is fond of junk food. He/She avoids eating home cooked food which is not a good habit. Write a letter advising him/her to avoid junk food mentioning its harmful effects on health. **6**

OR

You are Hemant/Himani living at 32, Civil Lines, Awas Vikas, Nirala Nagar, Dehradun. Write a letter to the Superintendent of Police requesting to take more effective steps to control reckless driving by the youth causing accidents in the city.

4. Write a paragraph on any one of the following topics in about 60 words. **4**
(i) Teacher's day (ii) Importance of Cleanliness (iii) Pollution

5. On the basis of hints given below, write a paragraph in about 80 words on – **5**
"Disadvantages of carrying Mobile phone in a classroom"
Hints :- Mobile phone has some disadvantage in a classroom.....distracting.....annoying for the teacher.....vulgar message .....lead to fight.....pictures and videos .....download.....social media..... watching videos.....online games.....not be allowed in a classroom.

Section – C (Grammar)

6. Fill in the blanks with correct form of non-finites given in the brackets: **½ ×4=2**
(a) Bobby found his bat _____. **(break)**
(b) _____ is a good physical exercise. **(swim)**
(c) I have no money _____. **(waste)**
(d) I am tired of _____ English. **(write)**

7. Combine the following pair of sentences using sentence connectors given in the brackets.
a) He is old. We should help him. **(since)** **1**
b) I opened the book. I found a dry leaf in it. **(as)** **1**

8. **Join the following pair of sentences as directed.** **1×2=2**

a) Where will you meet me? Let me know. **(Begin with, Let me)**

b) Mohan will get the first position in the class. I know it. **(Begin with, I know it)**

9. **Fill in the blanks with correct form of verbs given in the brackets.** **1×3=3**

When I _____ **(reach)** the school I was shocked to find that the examination_____ **(commence).** My friend also _____ **(come)** late.

10. **Complete the following sentences using modals-** **1×2=2**

a) The sky is cloudy. It _____ rain today.

b) You _____ not make quarrel with your classmates.

11. **(a) Re-arrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences.** **1×2=2**

i. feel/make/his child/ special/must/ a parent.

ii. for/him/all/hopes/ lost/I/ have.

(b) Transform the following sentences into passive voice- **1×2=2**

i. We love our nation.

ii. Sita sings a melodious song.

Section – D (Text Book)

(Prose)

12. **Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow –**

The climbing to the Brahmagiri hills brings you into a panoramic view of the entire misty landscape of Coorg. A walk across the rope bridge leads to the 64 acre island of Nisargadhama. Running into Buddhist monks from India's largest Tibetan settlement, at nearby Bylakuppe, is a bonus. The monks, in red, ochre and yellow robes, are amongst the many surprises that wait to be discovered by visitors searching for the heart and soul of India, right here in Coorg.

(a) What do you see when you climb to the Brahmagiri hills? **1**

(b) How can you visit the island of Nisargadhama ? **1**

(c) What do monks wear there? **1**

(d) Find the word in the passage which means the same as **'not clear'**. **1**

13. **Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow -**

Kisa Gotami became weary and hopeless, and sat down at the wayside watching the lights of the city, as they flickered up and were extinguished again. At last the darkness of the night reigned everywhere. And she considered the fate of men, that their lives flicker up and are extinguished again. And she thought to herself, "How selfish am I in my grief! Death is common to all; yet in this valley of desolation there is a path that leads him to immortality who has surrendered all selfishness.

(a) Why did Kisa Gotami became hopeless? **1**

(b) What realization came to Kisa Gotami? **1**

(c) Why did she call herself selfish? **1**

(d) Find the word in the passage that means – **'Stopped burning'** **1**

14. **Answer the following question in about 80 words –** **5**

"Lencho had deep faith in god but doubt on man." Comment.

OR

What was the source of unending joy for Valli? What was her strongest desire?

15. Answer the following questions in about 30–40 words – **3**

Why did Lomov fight with Natalya?

OR

Why does Anne want to keep a diary?

(Poetry)

16. Read the following stanza and give the answers of the questions -

The way a crow
Shook down on me
The dust of snow
From a hemlock tree.

(a) Write the name of the poem and its poet. **1**
(b) What does the dust of snow symbolize? **1**
(c) Who shook down the dust of snow? **1**

OR

He senses first responsibility
In a world of possessions. People will take
Balls, balls will be lost always, little boy.
And no one buys a ball back.

(a) What is the title of the poem and who is the poet of this poem. **1**
(b) The word **"He"** is used for whom in this stanza. **1**
(c) What is the general tendency of the boy? **1**

17. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30–40 words each **2×2=4**

(a) What is the central idea of the poem – **'Fire and Ice'.**
(b) What does the poem **'Amanda'** tells you about Amanda?
(c) What is the message of the poem – **'Fog'.**

(Supplementary Reader)

18. Answer the following question in about 100 words - **7**

"Trust and Compassion can reform a person." Discuss the statement on the basis of the story **'The Thief's Story'**?

OR

How did Bholi's teacher play an important role in changing the course of her life?

19. Answer the following question in about 30-40 words - **3**

Why Tricki's treatment is called 'A Triumph of Surgery'?

OR

Who is the real culprit in the story – The Lady or Horace? Why?

20 - Answer the following question in about 20-30 words - **2**

Who was Max? How did he enter the room?

OR

How is DNA the blueprint for life?

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