



OSDAV Public School, Kaithal

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Class : XI

Subject : ENGLISH

SET-A

Time: 3 Hrs

M.M. : 80

General Instructions:-

I. All questions are compulsory.

SECTION A (READING)		26
Q1.	<p>Read the following passage carefully and answer the following questions.</p> <p>SHOP UNTIL YOU DROP</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is shopping good for health or is it a disease we must call deadly? According to an article in an American journal, shopping as a therapy has been successfully tried on women suffering from depression. After shopping, the pulse-rate and blood pressure of women become normal, as it boosts their ego and creates adrenaline essential for feel-good sensations. 2. The study was based on the survey of women of prosperous families in the USA and cannot be applied to Indian women. Nothing was said about women who feel depressed after spending their money. Researchers in the USA believe that after a woman is depressed for want of activity, she should be sent out to buy things. This will 'tune her in' and make her feel normal. 3. They describe shopping as a 'tool for survival', an essential pre-requisite for mental health. The more they stress out, the better they feel. In India, the average middle class woman has to be content with window shopping, since her purchasing power is limited and this only creates self-pity. 4. The advocates of 'shopping therapy' give a variety of reasons to support their view. Accordingly, when a woman freaks out while shopping, she feels free from restrictions. This is as good as any other muscle-relaxing exercise. It increases and preserves in her body chemistry, a hormone good for her emotional well-being. 5. Psychiatrists who believe shopping to be a 'healing plant' for mental disorders quote examples of patients thus totally cured. They advise the husbands to take their wives to department stores and let them buy the things they desire. 6. As opposed to this school of thought, many believe shopping is a deadly disease to which cash-rich women of the metros are more prone. The so-called discount sales lay a trap, but television commercials and the status symbol of internet shopping are more alluring and inviting. 7. There is no dearth of women who dash off to Hong Kong, China and Singapore for their shopping bonanzas. They keep abreast of the latest happening places of shopping paradises in London, Paris and New York. 8. This addiction is not easily curable. Around 2 million people in UK and 15 million in the USA are afflicted by this addiction. Psychologists describe them as 'oniomaniacs'. They spend fortunes to indulge their whims and then land in debts. Many are recorded to have had strokes. 9. Compulsive shoppers treat the shopping mall as a religious place and talk about their 'pilgrimage' with great gusto. Gushing over their bargaining capabilities, they parade their purchases before their neighbours and feel satisfied. 10. Are they really satisfied? Perhaps not, because when their friends have left and gone, they (once again) feel depressed and abandoned. It is at such moments that they have fits of remorse and fear of the future. Some patients may indulge in shouting, shrieking, crying and vandalism. 11. This is wrong to believe that if you are a great shopper you will be taken to be a great person, or your social status will rise. If it boosts your ego for a while, it is certainly not worth the amount that you pay for it. It may also result in a strained 	

	<p>relationship between you and your well-wishers.</p> <p>12. Even though it is an addiction, you can easily de-addict yourself by making your shopping need- oriented. A way out of the malaise is to develop an attitude in which there is no place for a rat-race to upmarket shopping plazas.</p> <p>Damodar Agarwal: The Tribune</p>	
	On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the following questions.	
	i. Comment on the writer's reference to 'shopping' in paragraph 1, as a therapy for women suffering from depression. Answer in about 40 words.	2
	ii. The study referred to in the article in an American journal is based on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. some American women who suffered from depression after shopping b. a mixed group of rich and poor American women c. a group of American women with hormonal imbalances d. some well-to-do American women who suffered from depression 	1
	iii. What leads to self-pity in the average middle class Indian woman? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the way American women can shop b. limited ability to do shopping c. poor physical and mental health d. stressful routine of everyday life 	1
	iv. List three reasons that support shopping as a therapy.	2
	v. Select the option that conveys the opposite of 'abundance' from words/phrases used in paragraph 7. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. dearth b. dash off c. bonanzas d. abreast 	1
	vi. The writer would not agree with the given statements based on the passage, EXCEPT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Shopping is just like a pilgrimage for some compulsive buyers. b. Shopping is a permanent cure for depression for some people. c. Very few people go to foreign countries to shop. d. Great shoppers are great people. 	1
	vii. 'Shopping as a therapy' theory is challenged on the ground that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. TV commercials and internet shopping offers allure women in buying things they do not need b. shopping is an incurable mental disorder c. habitual shopping in some people can be an addiction that needs medical attention d. shopping is as sacred as going on a pilgrimage 	1
	viii. The author's solution to addiction to shopping is <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Buy as much and as often as you can b. Shop only at upmarket shopping plazas c. See a doctor if you are shopaholic d. Buy only as much as you need 	1
Q2.	<p>Read the following passage.</p> <p>1. Research from the Publishers Association has shown that films based on books take 44% more at the box office revenue in the UK and 53% more worldwide than original screenplays. The report explores what impact a book has when adapted for film and TV.</p> <p>2. The report reads: "Published material is the basis of 52% of top UK films in the last 10 years, and accounts for an even higher share of revenue from these</p>	1x8=8

	<p>leading performers, at 61% of UK box office gross and 65% of worldwide gross." The Hollywood adaptation of "My Cousin Rachel" was shown to have a significant impact on the sales of the Daphne Du Maurier thriller. The sales of the book in 2017 alone accounted for 23% of all sales since 1992.</p> <p>3. The research suggests that adapted films tend to perform better, because films can 'leverage the popularity' of well-known books through an existing audience. Films adapted from books also tend to have a richer, more fully-developed story to draw on. In terms of TV adaptation, it was revealed that a quarter of dramas were based on literary sources and attracted a 56% larger share of the audience than those based on original scripts.</p> <p>Fourteen of the 35 high end series produced in the UK in the period between January and September 2017 were based on books, compared to seven based on true stories or historical events and five based on pre-existing films or TV stories.</p> <p>4. In the case of the 2016 BBC broadcast of 'The Night Manager', research revealed that while the novel was in circulation for over 25 years, 82% of the copies it sold were in 2016 and 2017. Sales of the paperback edition remained strong in 2017 even after the series went off the air.</p> <p>5. In conclusion, the report states that "there is a strong two-way relationship between publishing and the wider creative economy, wherein a successful adaptation often has spill-over effects and gives a substantial boost to the sales of the original book."</p>	
	Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.	
	i. What is the meaning of the following statement? "The sales of the book in 2017 alone accounted for 23% of all sales since 1992."	1
	ii. Fill the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of the passage. According to the research, the films based on books have greater success because the films get the _____(advantage/disadvantage) of the _____(defame/fame) of the books.	1
	iii. What has research from the Publishers Association shown?	1
	iv. On what majority of the top films in the UK are based?	1
	v. According to paragraph 5, 'there is a two-way relationship between books and the screen'. Complete the sentence appropriately. This is so because _____	1
	vi. This passage lists an example proving that TV dramas based on literary works have: a. increased the immediate sales of the book b. decreased the immediate sales of the book c. had no impact on the sales of the book d. had very little impact on the sales of the book	1
	vii. What does the research suggest about adapted films?	1
	viii. The purpose of the research by Publishers Association was to study the: a. variety in films and TV shows b. impact of films on books c. choice of books for film-making d. connect between books and films	1
Q3.	Read the following paragraph. The number of deaths on the road is staggering. Each year, hundreds die as a result of	8

	<p>traffic accidents. Many a time, these accidents could have been prevented if both the drivers and pedestrians had taken more care on the road.</p> <p>One of the greatest dangers on the road is the irresponsible drivers. Whether they are drunk, sleepy or in a hurry, they show little consideration for other vehicles and pedestrians whose safety is in peril just because they refuse to be more thoughtful. The greatest threat comes from drunk drivers. After all, it is not unknown that alcohol dulls one's reactions as well as vision. Without both in tip-top condition, choosing to drive is an act of terrible wilfulness. Many fatal accidents have occurred during festive seasons. The traffic police have taken the pains to plant roadblocks to ensure that drivers do not have high levels of alcohol in their blood as well as put up posters and advertisements to warn against drunk driving. Yet, many still choose to believe that they will not be caught.</p> <p>Other drivers who are in a hurry also show little care for the safety of others. They zigzag in and out of traffic lanes to get ahead of everyone else, oblivious to the menace that they are. This could result in fatal accidents as the drivers have little time and inclination to react to flaws in their judgment, which could be something as simple as assuming that the road ahead is clear in the next lane. When an obstruction suddenly appears before them, they instinctively swerve the car away, sometimes into the car next to them or onto the pavement where innocent pedestrians are. When they are finally sorry for being so careless, it is almost always too late. Faulty traffic lights are also a hazard on the road. When green lights flash simultaneously at a cross-junction, accidents can occur as drivers are confused by them and end up in a messy pile-up. Also, drivers who are cautious tend to adopt a wait-and-see attitude because they are not sure if the lights are really not working. As a result, the drivers behind in the congestion become impatient and angry, which could lead to lots of honking and shouting. This could result in unpleasant flare-ups and quarrels.</p>	
	a. On the basis of your reading, make notes on it using recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary. Supply a suitable title to it.	5
	b. Write a summary of the passage based on your notes in about 50 words.	3
	SECTION B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)	23
4A.	Fill in the blanks with the correct verb.	1
	i. Dear Sir This is with reference to committee's letter of recommendation that _____ (highlight) the nominations for 'Safe Residential Area' award for this current year.	1
	ii. Supply the correction in the given statement. A sentence from a recipe review article: The delightful recipe <u>must</u> keep your hunger pangs at bay with its balanced spices and oriental flavour.	1
	iii. We have already got your application in our database. You _____ apply again. It's not necessary. a. need not b. will not c. must not d. dare not	1
	iv. _____ remarks he made, were very meaningful. a. A few b. few c. The few d. Some	1
4B.	Rearrange the following words or phrases to make meaningful sentences.	1x3=3
	i. teeth/one / the/neglected / of/body / the / are/of / most/parts	1
	ii. brushing/50%/teeth/dental/ remove/your/woes/can/almost/of	1
	iii. good/ dental/hygiene/need/ to/ oral/at/ early/be/ age/ an/ and/health/ inculcated	1
Q5.	Orient Export House needs a Stenographer/ PA for immediate appointment. Draft a suitable advertisement supplying all the necessary details.	3
Q6.	Renowned theatre group RANGMANCH will present a Hindi play Shakuntalam in your school auditorium on the occasion of Children's Day. Draft a suitable poster	3

	inviting students to obtain free passes.	
Q7.	'Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise' is a well-known saying. You are Kapil/Kavita of class XI. Write a speech in 120-150 words to be delivered in the school morning assembly on the benefits of rising early.	5
Q8.	"ONLINE SMART CLASSES ARE THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION STYLE". Write a debate either for or against the motion in 120 – 150 words.	5
	SECTION C (LITERATURE)	31
Q9A.	Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:	1x3=3
	And who art thou? said to the soft-falling shower, which, strange to tell, gave me an answer, as here translated: I am the Poem of Earth, said the voice of the rain, Eternal I rise impalpable out of the land and the bottomless sea,	
	i. Explain: "Eternal I rise impalpable out of the land and the bottomless sea".	1
	ii. Which of the following statements are NOT supported by the extract? 1. The shower did not respond to the question asked. 2. The shower spoke in a human language. 3. The poet translated the rain's words into the language that people could understand. 4. The language of the shower was the language of common people. 5. The poet's sharp poetic sensibility enabled him to understand the language of the shower. a. Options 1 & 5 c. Options 2 & 4 b. Options 3 & 5 d. Options 3 & 4	1
	iii. Which of the following meanings of the expression the 'bottomless sea' is MOST appropriate? a. The sea literally has no bottom at all. b. The sea is bigger than human beings can imagine it. c. The sea is phenomenally deep and has immeasurable quantity of water. d. The sea has been compared to a vessel.	1
9B.	Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:	1x3=3
	We had survived for 15 hours since the wave hit, but Wavewalker wouldn't hold together long enough for us to reach Australia. I checked our charts and calculated that there were two small islands a few hundred kilometres to the east. One of them, Ile Amsterdam, was a French scientific base. Our only hope was to reach these pinpricks in the vast ocean. But unless the wind and seas abated so we could hoist sail, our chances would be slim indeed. The great wave had put our auxilliary engine out of action.	
	i. Which of the following statements is supported by the extract? a. The narrator was sure to find the small islands a few hundred kilometres away from his location. b. The narrator knew that the Wavewalker was too damaged to complete the journey. c. The narrator and company's chances to find the islands could improve if the sea remained agitated and the strong wind continued to blow. d. The narrator's only hope was to reach Australia somehow on board the Wavewalker.	1
	ii. The expression "pinpricks in the vast ocean" suggests a. the sharp pin-like shapes of the islands b. the tiny sizes of the islands c. the military code name for the islands d. the pins on the map that indicated the location of the islands	1

	<p>iii. Which of the following qualities of the narrator are evident in the extract?</p> <p>1. His skill of reading maps 2. His ability to determine sea routes or courses 3. His inadequate knowledge of geography 4. His power of intuition 5. His cowardliness 6. His hopefulness</p> <p>a. All except 1 & 3 b. All except 3&5</p> <p>c. All except 2 & 4 d. All except 5&6</p>	1
9C.	Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:	1x4=4
	<p>CYRIL : [briskly] Hello – Mum! Tea ready? MRS PEARSON : No. CYRIL : [moving to the table; annoyed] Why not? MRS PEARSON : [coolly] I couldn't bother. CYRIL : Feeling off-colour or something? MRS PEARSON : Never felt better in my life. CYRIL : [aggressively] What's the idea then? MRS PEARSON : Just a change. CYRIL : [briskly] Well, snap out of it, Ma-and get cracking. Haven't too much time. [Cyril is about to go when Mrs Pearson's voice checks him.] MRS PEARSON : I've plenty of time. CYRIL : Yes, but I haven't. Got a busy night tonight. [moving left to the door] Did you put my things out? MRS PEARSON : [coolly] Can't remember. But I doubt it. CYRIL : [moving to the table; protesting] Now look. When I asked you this morning, you promised. You said you'd have to look through 'em first in case there was any mending. MRS PEARSON : Yes - well now I've decided I don't like mending.</p>	
	i. How does Cyril react to his mother's changed behaviour in this extract?	1
	<p>ii. Which of the following expressions means 'stop behaving in a negative way'?</p> <p>(a) Get cracking (b) Snap out of it (c) Feeling off-colour (d) In case there was any mending</p>	1
	<p>iii. State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE. "Cyril is unaware that his 'mother' here is actually Mrs Fitzgerald</p>	1
	iv. List one character trait of Cyril as is evident from the extract	1
Q10.	Answer the following questions, in about 40-50 words.	3x2=6
	i. "The Disaster left the voyagers shattered both physically and mentally". Comment.	3
	ii. "King Tut's demise was a big event, even by royal standards". What does the author mean by this statement?	3
Q11.	Answer the following question in about 40-50 words.	3x1=3
	i. "I don't want both of us to be liars". How could both Aram and Mourad be liars? What is ironical about this statement?	3
Q12.	Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 120-150 words.	6x1=6
	i. "The author and his grandmother shared a deep bond of mutual love, trust and friendship." Discuss their relationship in the view of this statement.	
	ii. Describe Gangadharpant's journey as an 'Adventure'.	

Q13.	Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 120-150 words.	6x1=6
	i. Doris and Cyril are just like spoilt children of today's young generation. The negative values of selfishness, rudeness and ingratitude rob them of all goodness of human heart. Comment.	
	ii. Past whether good or bad is dead and gone. We must never worry about it. All we need to do is to make the best of the present moment. Discuss with reference to the story, "The Address".	



Subject : ENGLISH (Answer Key)

SECTION A (READING)		26
Q1	On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the following questions.	
	ix. Shopping may cure depression among women. It may lower their pulse rate and keep blood pressure stable and normal. It may also boost their ego and make them feel good.	2
	x. d. some well-to-do American women who suffered from depression	1
	xi. b. limited ability to do shopping	1
	xii. draw a strange sense of satisfaction which feeds their ego and a sense of being superior and rich. Perhaps other people's envy gives them some kind of kick.	2
	xiii. a. dearth	1
	xiv. a. Shopping is just like a pilgrimage for some compulsive buyers.	1
	xv. c. habitual shopping in some people can be an addiction that needs medical attention	1
	xvi. d. Buy only as much as you need	1
Q2.	Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.	
	ix. This statement means that in 2017, the book ("My Cousin Rachel") sold almost a quarter (23%) of its total sales since its publication in 1992.	1
	x. Advantage, fame	1
	xi. Research from the Publishers Association has shown that films based on books take 44% more at the box office revenue in the UK and 53% more worldwide than original screenplays.	1
	xii. The majority of top UK films (52%) are based on published material.	1
	xiii. This is so because a successful adaptation often has spill-over effects and gives a substantial boost to the sales of the original book.	1
	xiv. a. increased the immediate sales of the book	1
	xv. The research suggests that adapted films tend to perform better due to leveraging the popularity of well-known books and having richer, more fully-developed stories.	1
	xvi. d. connect between books and films	
Q3.	Note Making	
	<p>TITLE : THE ART OF ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS</p> <p>NOTES:</p> <p>1. Flr. arrangement in containers</p> <p>1.1 indicate aesthetic taste</p> <p>1.2 create right ambience</p> <p>1.3 add character to prem.</p> <p>2. Eff. of fresh flrs.</p> <p>2.1. in living rooms:</p> <p>2.1.1 create homeliness</p> <p>2.1.2 add beauty</p> <p>2.1.3 lend serenity</p> <p>2.2 in study rooms:</p>	

	<p>2.2.1 motivate students 2.2.2 help them concentrate</p> <p>2.3 at a dining table: 2.3.1 add aura of happiness 2.3.2 make diners relax</p> <p>3. Art. flrs. make sense 3.1 are available throughout the year 3.2 need little maintenance 3.3 do not wilt quickly</p> <p>4. Art. flr. arrangements 4.1 Materials 4.1.1 silk 4.1.2 crepe 4.1.3 velvet 4.1.4 syn. paper</p> <p>4.2 Impact 4.2.1 look real 4.2.2 lift up spirit 4.2.3 colour & brighten living space 4.2.4 look good in hotels / restaurants</p> <p>4.3 Taking care of Art. flrs. 4.3.1 handle delicately 4.3.2 remove dust 4.3.3 prevent dampness 4.3.4 add fillers (i.e. dried leaves)</p> <p>Summary Content: 2 Marks Expression: 1 Mark Flower arrangement is an art. Flower arrangement in decorative containers reveals a person's aesthetic taste, creates right ambience and adds character to premises. Flowers add beauty to living rooms by lending them homeliness and serenity. Flowers in study rooms motivate students and aid concentration. At dinner table, flowers make diners happy and relaxed. Artificial flowers have their own benefits. Available throughout the year, they need little maintenance, don't wilt quickly and help save money spent on fresh flowers. Artificial flower- arrangements are decorated with silk, crepe, velvet and synthetic paper. They have tremendous impact as they look real, lift spirit and add colour and brightness to living space. They look good in hotels and restaurants. Artificial flowers should be handled delicately and protected from dust and dampness. They look better with fillers like dried leaves. (Consider all the other relevant points)</p>		
	SECTION B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)		23
4A.	i. highlights		1
	ii. must-will		1
	iii. a need not		1
	iv. c. The few		1
4B.	Rearrange the following words or phrases to make meaningful sentences.		
	i. Teeth are one of the most neglected parts of the body.		1
	ii. Brushing teeth can remove almost 50% of your dental woes.		1
	iii. Good dental health and oral hygiene need to be inculcated at an early age.		1

Key to the Abbreviations

- flr. – flower
- prem. – premises
- Eff. – Effects
- & – and
- Art. – Artificial
- syn. – synthetic

Q5.	Advertisement	
	Format: The format should include box, Heading, Contact Details	1
	Content	1
	Expression	1
	Value Points: SITUATION VACANT age, gender, qualification, skills required, timings, salary, interview and contact details.	
Q6.	Poster	
	Format: The format should include: Box, Heading/s, details of issuing authority	1
	Content	1
	Expression	1
	Value Points - date, time / venue, - caption, slogan, tagline - Issuing authority - Any other relevant detail	
Q7.	Speech	1
	Format- salutation, introduction of self and topic	
	Content	2
	Expression - Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words, spellings - Coherence and relevance of ideas and style.	2
	Value Points - Physical and mental well-being - Personal growth and development - Enhance academic performance - Develop discipline and time management skills - Enjoy a healthy breakfast and kick-start metabolism - Engage in extracurricular activities or hobbies - Set goals and plan for the day	
Q8.	Debate	
	A. Format- salutation, specification whether in favour or against, introduction of self and topic	1
	Content	2
	Expression - Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words, spellings - Coherence and relevance of ideas and style.	2
	Value Points For the Motion - Increased accessibility and reach - Personalized learning experiences - Enhanced engagement through interactive multimedia - Real-time assessments and feedback - Cost-effectiveness and reduced infrastructure costs - Flexible scheduling and pacing - Integration of AI, AR, and VR technologies - Equal access to quality education worldwide - Democratization of education - Continuous updates and improvements	
	Value Points Against the Motion - Digital divide and unequal internet access - Lack of human interaction and social skills development	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Technical issues and connectivity problems - Limited hands-on experience and practical skills - Dependence on technology and screen time - Reduced attention span and decreased focus - Insufficient feedback and mentorship - Isolation and decreased socialization - Cyberbullying and online safety concerns - Commercialization of education and profit-driven models 	
	SECTION C (LITERATURE)	31
Q9A.	Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:	1x3=3
	i. The rain rises from the surface of the earth and ocean unperceived by the on lookers because of its vaporous nature.	
	ii. b. Options 3 & 5	1
	iii. c. The sea is phenomenally deep and has immeasurable quantity of water.	1
9B.	Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:	1x3=3
	i. b. The narrator knew that the Wavewalker was too damaged to complete the journey.	
	ii. b. the tiny sizes of the islands	1
	iii. b. All except 3&5	1
9C.	Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:	1x4=4
	i. perplexed, upset, astonished, astounded, bewildered etc	
	ii. b. Snap out of it	1
	iii. True	1
	iv. rude, disrespectful, mean, dependent, shirker, irritable any such suitable word	1
Q10.	Answer the following questions, in about 40-50 words.	3x2=6
	i. Content- 2 Marks Expression- 1 Mark disaster occurred at 6 pm...ominous silence....wind droppedsky grew dark...a torrent of green and white water broke over the ship smashing the captain's head against the wheel. Suzanne's head bumped badly.....vessel badly damaged....in jaws of death of raging sea....catastrophic event shattered the crew physically and mentally...prepared themselves for the worst....approaching death.	3
	ii. Content- 2 Marks Expression- 1 Mark last heir of Egyptian dynastyhis death brought an end to the royal dynasty...dead body was buried with stunning artefacts in gold, the eternal brilliance of which was supposed to guarantee resurrection to the royal king....buried in three nested coffin made of solid gold and also with the things of everyday life, wine, perfumes, razors, clothing board games etc.drastic political changes his death must have caused and the grand burial that was given to him. . (Any other relevant answer)	3
Q11.	Answer the following question in about 40-50 words.	
	i. Content- 2 Marks Expression- 1 Mark Mourad had been riding the stolen horse over a month but did not wish to admit the fact in the event of his theft being found out....Aaram had come to know this fact....Mourad wanted him to say that he had been riding the horse since that morning...this way Aram would be speaking the truth...ironically, Aram's reply would be as much a lie as Mourad's would be. (Any other relevant Answer)	3
Q12.	Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 120-150 words.	6x1=6
	Content- 3 Marks Expression- 3 Marks The author and his grandmother shared a profoundly deep and meaningful relationship, characterized by mutual love, trust, and friendship. Their bond was emotionally charged, with a strong spiritual connection that transcended generations. The grandmother's wisdom, kindness, and generosity earned the author's reverence and admiration. Their relationship was built on mutual respect, with the author valuing her	

	<p>life experiences and the grandmother appreciating his curiosity. Their connection was marked by intergenerational learning, where the grandmother imparted her knowledge of myths and cultural traditions. Her unconditional love and acceptance instilled confidence and self-worth in the author. The grandmother's influence shaped the author's identity, connecting him to his cultural heritage and family traditions. Their bond fostered emotional intelligence, empathy, and a strong sense of values. This relationship serves as a testament to the transformative power of intergenerational connections, highlighting the importance of love, trust, and friendship in building strong family ties.</p> <p>(Any other relevant answer)</p>	
	<p>ii. Content- 3 Marks Expression- 3 Marks</p> <p>Professor Gangadharpant Gaitonde underwent an unusually strange and exciting experience. As a renowned historian, he was to deliver a lecture on the topic: "What course history would have taken if Marathas had won the Battle of Panipat?". But before he could do that he met with an accident and in the state of unconsciousness his mind travelled through many places. He found himself on a train to Bombay which was under the British regime. When he saw the establishment of East India Company there, he was surprised for he knew that the company had wound up its operations in 1857. In order to unravel its mystery he went to the library and read in utter amazement that the Marathas had won the Battle of Panipat against Abdali and had marginalised the East India company.</p> <p>Another strange incident was that he tried to address the audience at Azad Maidan where people threw tomatoes, eggs and other objects at him and bodily threw him out.</p> <p>Within these two days he had gone into the past and altered the history as per his fancy, which is quite an adventurous thing in itself considering the thrill and excitement he experienced and the magnitude and speed of the events involved. (Any other relevant points)</p>	
Q13.	Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 120-150 words.	6x1=6
	<p>i. Content – 3 Marks Expression- 3 Marks</p> <p>Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Though this play "Mother's Day" was penned half a century back, its characters and situations are relevant even in the contemporary world. • Both Doris and Cyril are portrayed as smug and selfish youngsters. They cannot see beyond themselves. • They expect their mother to wait on them, do all their menial chores and put up with their rudeness, too. They don't realize that she is a human being just like them and as the lady of the house she deserves their respect and concern. They can't bear to see her asserting herself. • They are aghast and indignant at her changed behaviour. They think she's 'barmy' or has had a concussion. • Doris rudely asks her repeatedly to iron her dress and Cyril quite unceremoniously orders her to "snap out of it (her changed self)". • They can't digest the fact that their mother is relaxing and would simply not do their bidding. • Ingratitude and selfishness are an integral part of their personalities and stop them from being humane and kind hearted. <p>(Any other relevant point)</p>	
	<p>ii. Content – 3 Marks Expression- 3 Marks</p> <p>Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Realizing that a sentimental attachment to her mother's belongings would do her no good, the narrator decided to forget the address Number 46, Marconi 	

	<p>Street that she had carried in her mind for years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For a few years after the Liberation, the narrator was not interested in her mother's stored stuff. But when the situation came back to normal, she became curious about the possessions and went to see them.• However, the very sight of her mother's things lying in the unfamiliar surroundings and being ill-used by Mrs Dorling and her daughter left the narrator horrified. She could not bear to see Mrs Dorling's daughter constantly using and talking endlessly of all that once belonged to her mother.• She knew that the recollection of these objects would upset her and cast a gloom on her present. So she decided, then and there, to sever all ties with the past. The things for which the address remained in her subconscious for so long had lost their value for her. She resolved to move on with life.• Such an approach to life requires a large, generous heart, forgiveness and an ability to overcome greed. It also requires a certain amount of 'let go' attitude, a sense of resignation and reconciliation, the ability to take everything in one's stride and a strong urge to move on in life. (Any other relevant point)	
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OSDAV Public School, Kaithal

Half yearly Exams (2024-25)

Class : XI

Subject : ENGLISH

SET-B

Time: 3 Hrs

M.M. : 80

General Instructions:-

I. All questions are compulsory.

SECTION A (READING)		26
Q1.	Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:	10
	<p>1. In a hot country like ours, there is always a danger that most vaccines may lose their effectiveness due to exposure to high temperature either during transit or due to poor storage facilities. It is not possible for a common man or even a doctor to know whether a vaccine or medicine has lost its effect due to exposure to high temperature. Some researchers have also started questioning whether the much-publicized polio vaccine is really effective in rural areas because it may not be stored or transported at the desired low temperature.</p> <p>2. The scientists at the Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT) in Hyderabad have developed new type of temperature sensitive warning labels for vaccine vials. These labels change their colour if the vaccine or medicine contained in the vial is exposed to temperature higher than the prescribed one. According to K V Raghavan, Director of IICT, the institute is ready to transfer the technology and is looking for industrialists to take up commercialization. Such labels are compulsory in developed countries.</p> <p>3. One of the simplest and certainly most colourful of the procedures to indicate the temperature of surfaces is based on colour changes that certain materials undergo when they are heated. Coatings of these substances which can be applied to metal, glass, ceramic bricks or practically any other surface, change their shade completely at specific temperatures. The resulting hue in most cases does not change when the material cools, but remains as a permanent visual record.</p> <p>4. Temperature indicating paints known as thermo-colours were developed before World War-II by German chemists in connection with its fuel research and aircraft engine efficiency studies. Mixtures of indicators may be used for colour changes at more than one temperature. The thermal indicators are easy to use. The ability of thermo-colours to indicate thermal conditions of entire surface - not merely a few isolated points - and the value of enduring record suggests industrial potential.</p> <p>5. Their uses include supervising the heat of reactors, studying heat distribution and heat transfer in processing equipment, pointing, insulation failures or flaws in castings, and signalling thermal strains and overheating. The colour change is also influenced by the length of time the paint is exposed to high temperature.</p> <p>6. Someday not too far away, it may be possible to have colour changing labels so sensitive as to indicate body temperature from 36 to 42 degrees Celsius when applied to the forehead of any patient to indicate whether he has fever or not. For children, they will be a boon because the danger of swallowing mercury by the accidental breaking of a thermometer under the tongue will be a thing of the past.</p>	
	On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions :	
	<p>i. Some people doubt the effectiveness of the polio vaccine because they think:</p> <p>a. It has failed to check polio in some people.</p> <p>b. It cannot be established whether it is effective or not.</p>	1

	<p>c. It is not in any probability stored in an ideal temperature.</p> <p>d. It is not available in all parts of the country.</p>	
	<p>ii. The changed colour of the label on a vial would mean:</p> <p>a. The outside temperature is unbearable.</p> <p>b. The medicine is much too heat sensitive.</p> <p>c. The temperature is just ideal for safe storage of medicine.</p> <p>d. The medicine has been stored in an unsuitable environment.</p>	1
	<p>iii. The surface temperature can be studied from:</p> <p>a. Specific temperatures found on different surfaces.</p> <p>b. Change in the shade of surface layer of paints.</p> <p>c. Change in the colour of the surface after cooling.</p> <p>d. Heating the surfaces at unusually high temperatures.</p>	1
	<p>iv. Which of the following is true in context of the passage?</p> <p>a. Colour changes may be faster or slower depending on the length and degree of exposure</p> <p>b. The longer a paint is exposed to heat, the better the quality of paint is</p> <p>c. A chart determines what colour should be used for different kinds of temperatures.</p> <p>d. All colour changes are influenced by the length of time the paint is exposed to high temperatures</p>	1
	<p>v. What doubt has been raised about the pulse polio programme in the rural areas?</p>	1
	<p>vi. How can the temperature sensitive labels be useful for vaccine vials?</p>	1
	<p>vii. Who developed thermo-colours and how?</p>	1
	<p>viii. What makes thermo-colours especially useful for industry?</p>	1
	<p>ix. How can a thermo-colours clinical thermometer be a boon for children?</p>	1
	<p>x. Find the word in the given passage which convey the meaning similar to 'secluded'</p>	1
Q2.	Read the following passage.	1x8=8
	<p>1. For those who start and end their day with a cup of coffee, the Americano, cappuccino or latte at Starbucks and Blue Tokai, or any of the other coffee aficionado's haunts in India like Third Wave and Tim Hortons, tasted just the same last year. But coffee planters in the country were served a bitter brew. as a dip in prices in the international market and factors like erratic weather and lower domestic yields made it difficult for them to even recover investments.</p> <p>2. The current hike in coffee prices is driven by a supply shock in Robusta (a species of coffee plant), say industry insiders, owing to a dry spell in Vietnam. The country, along with Brazil, supplies nearly 60 percent of the global coffee production. The hike in Robusta prices has had a direct and welcome impact on planters in India, where nearly 70 percent of the country's projected coffee production of 374,200 tonnes for 2023-24 was Robusta, according to the Coffee Board of India. The increased prices took many by surprise. Robusta prices in Karnataka shot up even further, by as much as Rs 2,750- 3.100 per bag (depending on the processing of the beans). Nobody expected prices to gallop like this.</p>	



3. India's share in global coffee production was about 3.4 percent in 2021-22, with the country producing 5.7 million bags (of 60 kg each) compared to the global figure of 167 million bags, shows a July 2023 analysis by the Coffee Board of India. Exports crossed the billion-dollar mark that year, at \$1.02 billion. Currently, India is the world's fifth largest exporter of coffee, with exports of \$1.28 billion in 2023-24. The top destinations for Indian coffee include Italy, Germany, Belgium, the Russian Federation, Turkey, Poland, Jordan, Libya and the US.
4. Planters point out that costs of inputs and labour have been going up even as the weather patterns have affected yield. Growers need to increase productivity if the industry has to survive. Till then, the coffee planter can savour the cheer that the current trend of high prices has brought.
(Source- India Today, INDIAN COFFEE BLOSSOMS By- Ajay Sukumaran)

On the basis of your reading the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the best of the given options:

- i. Select the factor not responsible for coffee planters in India being served a bitter brew.
- (a) lower domestic yield
 - (b) erratic weather
 - (c) hike in coffee prices
 - (d) dip in coffee prices

- ii. Select the option that conveys the opposite of 'savour the cheer' in para-4.
- (a) endure the gloom
 - (b) bask in the joy
 - (c) revel in the delight
 - (d) relish the moment

- iii. Rank the Coffee Kings in order of their coffee production in the year 2023-24.
- (a) Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Non-Traditional Areas, The Northeast, Karnataka
 - (b) Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Non-Traditional Areas, The Northeast
 - (c) Non-Traditional Areas, The Northeast, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu
 - (d) The Northeast, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Non-Traditional Areas

- iv. Statement-A: Robusta prices in Karnataka galloped.
Statement-R: A good yield in Vietnam led to a spike in prices.
- (a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
 - (b) Both A and R are true but R is NOT the correct explanation of A.
 - (c) A is true but R is false.
 - (d) A is false but R is true

- v. India's share in global coffee production was about 3.4 percent in 2021-22.

	Comment upon the status of India as an exporter in the year 2023-24.	
	vi. Along with natural intervention, human factors like _____ and _____ have affected coffee plantation yield.	1
	vii. The only redeeming factor for the planters is _____.	1
	viii. Find a word in para-1 which is similar in meaning to 'connoisseur'.	1
Q3.	Read the following paragraph:	1x8=8
	<p>1. Aesthetically arranged flowers in simple decorative containers indicate your taste in interiors and help create the right ambience in a room. Flowers to match or contrast the colour scheme of your decor lend a specific character to your premises.</p> <p>2. Flowers can be placed in a living room, dining table, study or bathrooms. Different flowers for each room create homeliness. They make the room look beautiful and serene. Flowers can motivate a student to concentrate, embellish a dining table with an aura of happiness and relax the diners. Fresh flowers, though, especially flowers, are not available throughout the year. Roses and Gladioli go pale in the summers and shrink quickly. If you want to create the effect of flowers in your environs, without having to worry about their maintenance, go for artificial flowers.</p> <p>3. With the availability of artificial flowers, one does not have to rush out to purchase fresh flowers at early hours too. The only trick is to know the art of arranging them. Once you have the arrangement right, to lift up your spirits and enhance the colour and brightness in your living space.</p> <p>4. Artificial flowers that look real from a distance, can be made of silk, crepe, velvet or synthetic paper. Some of the imported flowers have a natural sheen and unless you touch them it is difficult to make out if they are real. This is particularly true for artificial greens shrubs, money plants, creepers, plants and trees-these look good in hotel lobbies and restaurants.</p> <p>5. But if you purchase artificial flowers in the hope that they will last a lifetime, you are sadly mistaken. "They may not wilt as quickly as natural flowers but will require your attention for their maintenance," says Roop Sagar, owner of flower shops at the Maurya Sheraton and Radisson hotels. Owing to the dust in our environment and the dust storms in summers, artificial flowers attract dirt and have to be cleaned delicately. In the monsoon months, on the other hand, dampness robs them of the sheen and they appear listless. Vacuum cleaning and soft handling restores them to their original shape and charm. "After cleaning, they require fresh arrangement with fillers like dried leaves," adds Roop.</p>	
	a. On the basis of your reading, make notes on it using recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary. Supply a suitable title to it.	5
	b. Write a summary of the passage based on your notes in about 50 words	3
	SECTION B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)	
Q4.	A private bank needs 10 accountants on contract basis. On behalf of the manager of the bank, draft a suitable classified advertisement inviting applications from qualified accountants. Give all the necessary details like salary package promised and qualities and skills the candidates should have.	3
Q5.	Indian Idol of Sony Television Channel is going to conduct auditions in your city. Create an attractive poster announcing the auditions.	3
Q6.	The Science stream of study is no longer the only avenue for decent jobs. In fact, higher education is no longer necessary to secure good jobs. Information Technology, hospitality, fashion and entertainment industries have opened the door to enterprising young men and women. Write a speech in 120-150 words which you will deliver in the school assembly on the topic 'Careers Today'.	5

	You are Rahim/Rehana.																
Q7.	You are a student of Class 12, who is currently preparing for the board exams. In the newspaper, you saw an advertisement for a debate competition held by the newspaper on the topic "Should Schools Conduct Pre-Board Exams?". You wish to present your views on the topic. Write a debate on the given topic either for or against the motion in 120-150 words, which is to be submitted to the editor of the local daily.	5															
GRAMMAR																	
8A.	Do as directed.	1x4=4															
	<p>i. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line. My cat Jugger is the toughest animal I know because he has survived much close calls.</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Option No</th> <th>Error</th> <th>Correction</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>a.</td> <td>the</td> <td>a</td> </tr> <tr> <td>b.</td> <td>toughest</td> <td>tough</td> </tr> <tr> <td>c.</td> <td>has</td> <td>had</td> </tr> <tr> <td>d.</td> <td>much</td> <td>many</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Option No	Error	Correction	a.	the	a	b.	toughest	tough	c.	has	had	d.	much	many	1
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	<p>ii. The climate control comment by an activist _____ on social media yesterday. a. blow up b. blew up c. is blown d. will be blown</p>	1															
	<p>iii. By the time he arrives, I _____ (complete) my project.</p>	1															
	<p>iv. The word 'pique' _____ be used as a noun as well as a verb. a. can b. may c. could d. might</p>	1															
Q8B.	Rearrange the following words or phrases to make meaningful sentences.	1x3=3															
	i. most valuable / man's possession / character /is the/of a	1															
	ii. truthfulness, honest living, /purity of thought /based on/character is/moral outlook,/and deed	1															
	iii. childhood / from / must start / right / character building	1															
SECTION C (LITERATURE)																	
Q9A.	Reference to Context:	1x3=3															
	Then with eerie delicate whistle-chirrup whisperings She launches away, towards the infinite And the laburnum subsides to empty.																
	<p>i. If something is 'eerie', it is generally very (a) unusual (b) noisy (c) interesting (d) uninspiring</p>	1															
	ii. Explain: 'She launches away, towards the infinite'.	1															
	<p>iii. If the mother goldfinch's thoughts could be translated into English, which of the following do you think was the MOST LIKELY thought in her mind moments before she launched into flight after feeding her young ones? (a) "I'm sorry, Dear Laburnum, for disturbing your peace." (b) "Now that I've fed my brood, let me look for some grub for myself." (c) "Oh, it's so silent, still and boring here!" (d) "I'm so tired that I can no longer fly!"</p>	1															
9B.	Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:	1x3=3															
	<p>I rushed on deck and gazed with relief at the stark outline of Ile Amsterdam. It was only a bleak piece of volcanic rock, with little vegetation - the most beautiful island in the world! We anchored offshore for the night, and the next morning all 28 inhabitants of the island cheered as they helped us ashore.</p>																

	With land under my feet again, my thoughts were full of Larry and Herb, 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.													
	i. Ile Amsterdam (the island) appeared to the narrator to be "the most beautiful island in the world" because	1												
	ii. Which of the following statements are TRUE according to the information given in the extract? 1. Ile Amsterdam (the island) was sparsely populated. 2. The narrator and his fellow seafarers were glad to put their feet on land. 3. Larry and Herb lacked the cheerfulness and optimism that is a must for sailors. 4. Mary steered the ship to safety in the crucial hours. 5. A blood clot that bothered Suzzane again and again was surgically fixed in an operation. 6. Jonathan was afraid that he would die. (a) All except 1 & 2 (b) All except 3 & 5 (c) All except 2 & 4 (d) All except 3 & 6	1												
	iii. Which of the following options correctly matches the following words with their respective meanings? <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Word</th> <th>Meaning</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A. stark</td> <td>1. empty and attractive</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B. bleak</td> <td>2. repetitive</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C. recurring</td> <td>3. most terrible</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D. direst</td> <td>4. hollow</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>5. clear and unaffected</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> (a) A-3, B-1, C-5, D-2 (b) A-5,B-1,C-2,D-3 (c) A-3,B-2,C-1, D-5 (d) A-5,B-2,C-3,D-1	Word	Meaning	A. stark	1. empty and attractive	B. bleak	2. repetitive	C. recurring	3. most terrible	D. direst	4. hollow		5. clear and unaffected	1
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9C.	Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:	1x4=4												
	Do you still know me?' I asked. The woman looked at me searchingly. She had opened the door a chink. I came closer and stood on the step. 'No, I don't know you! 'I'm Mrs S's daughter! She held her hand on the door as though she wanted to prevent it opening any further. Her face gave absolutely no sign of recognition. She kept staring at me in silence. Perhaps I was mistaken, I thought, perhaps it isn't her. I had seen her only once, fleetingly, and that was years ago. It was most probable that I had rung the wrong bell. The woman let go of the door and stepped to the side. She was wearing my mother's green knitted cardigan. The wooden buttons were rather pale from washing. She saw that I was looking at the cardigan and half hid herself again behind the door. But I knew now that I was right. 'Well, you knew my mother?' I asked. 'Have you come back?' said the woman. 'I thought that no one had come back!													
	i. Complete the following statement with ONE word/phrase When the narrator heard the woman, "No, I don't know you", the narrator had a feeling of.....	1												
	ii. Cite two points or pieces of information from the extract that prove that the	1												

	narrator is not welcome at the woman's house.	
	iii. How did the narrator establish that she had come to the right address?	1
	iv. Find a word in the extract that means the same as 'passingly' or 'for a very short time'.	1
Q10.	Answer the following questions, in about 40-50 words.	3x2=6
	i. What unseen problem did Carter encounter when he reached King Tut's mummy?	
	ii. Why does rain say, 'I give back life to my own origin'? What else does rain give life to? (The Voice of the Rain)	
Q11.	Answer the following question in about 40-50 words.	3x1=3
	i. How did Aram justify Mourad's act of stealing a horse?	
Q12.	Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 120-150 words.	6x1=6
	i. History cannot be rewritten, but it can always be re-interpreted. Discuss this statement in the light of Jayant Narlikar's story "The Adventure".	
	ii. The story "We're not Afraid to Die ..." is a saga of values like courage and bravery in the face of adversities of life". Comment.	
Q13.	Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 120-150 words.	6x1=6
	i. Mrs. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Pearson follow a different set of values. Do you agree? Which of them is a better set of values to follow in modern times?	
	ii. Rather than clinging to the materialistic objects of past that bring a shadow of gloom in your present, it is better to sever link with the past and move on in life. Discuss what values does one need to have in order to have such an approach? (The Address)	



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	ii. d. The medicine has been stored in an unsuitable environment.	
	iii. b. Change in the shade of surface layer of paints.	
	iv. d. All colour changes are influenced by the length of time the paint is exposed to high temperatures.	
	v. Effectiveness of the polio vaccine due to potential temperature exposure during storage or transportation.	
	vi. They indicate whether the vaccine has been stored at suitable temperatures.	
	vii. German chemists developed thermo-colours before World War II for fuel research and aircraft engine efficiency studies.	
	viii. Ability to indicate thermal conditions of entire surfaces and provide a permanent visual record.	
	ix. It eliminates the risk of swallowing mercury from broken thermometers.	
	x. isolated.	
Q2.	Read the following passage.	1x8=8
	i. c. hike in coffee prices	1
	ii. a. endure the gloom	1
	iii. b. Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Non-Traditional Areas, The Northeast	1
	iv. c. A is true but R is false.	1
	v. India is the world's fifth largest exporter of coffee, with exports of \$1.28 billion in 2023- 24.	1
	vi. Cost of inputs and labour	1
	vii. To increase productivity	1
	viii. aficionado	1
Q3.	Note Making	
	TITLE : THE ART OF ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS	5
	NOTES:	
	1. Flr. arrangement in containers	
	1.1 indicate aesthetic taste	
	1.2 create right ambience	
	1.3 add character to prem.	
	2. Eff. of fresh flrs.	
	2.1. in living rooms:	
	2.1.1 create homeliness	
	2.1.2 add beauty	
	2.1.3 lend serenity	
	2.2 in study rooms:	
	2.2.1 motivate students	
	2.2.2 help them concentrate	
	2.3 at a dining table:	
	2.3.1 add aura of happiness	
	2.3.2 make diners relax	

	<p>3. Art. flrs. make sense 3.1 are available throughout the year 3.2 need little maintenance 3.3 do not wilt quickly</p> <p>4. Art. flr. arrangements 4.1 Materials 4.1.1 silk 4.1.2 crepe 4.1.3 velvet 4.1.4 syn. paper</p> <p>4.2 Impact 4.2.1 look real 4.2.2 lift up spirit 4.2.3 colour & brighten living space 4.2.4 look good in hotels / restaurants</p> <p>4.3 Taking care of Art. flrs. 4.3.1 handle delicately 4.3.2 remove dust 4.3.3 prevent dampness 4.3.4 add fillers (i.e. dried leaves)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Key to the Abbreviations flr. – flower prem. – premises Eff. – Effects & – and Art. – Artificial syn. – synthetic</p> </div>	
	<p>Summary Content: 2 Marks Expression: 1 Mark Flower arrangement is an art. Flower arrangement in decorative containers reveals a person’s aesthetic taste, creates right ambience and adds character to premises. Flowers add beauty to living rooms by lending them homeliness and serenity. Flowers in study rooms motivate students and aid concentration. At dinner table, flowers make diners happy and relaxed. Artificial flowers have their own benefits. Available throughout the year, they need little maintenance, don’t wilt quickly and help save money spent on fresh flowers. Artificial flower- arrangements are decorated with silk, crepe, velvet and synthetic paper. They have tremendous impact as they look real, lift spirit and add colour and brightness to living space. They look good in hotels and restaurants. Artificial flowers should be handled delicately and protected from dust and dampness. They look better with fillers like dried leaves. (Consider all the other relevant points)</p>	3
SECTION B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)		
Q4.	Advertisement	
	Format: The format should include box, Heading, Contact Details	1
	Content	2
	Expression	

	Value Points: SITUATION VACANT age, gender, qualification, skills required, timings, salary, interview and contact details.	
Q5.	Poster	
	Format: The format should include: Box, Heading/s, details of issuing authority	
	Content	1
	Expression	2
	Value Points - date, time / venue, - caption, slogan, tagline - Any other relevant detail	
Q6.	Speech Format- salutation, introduction of self and topic	1
	Content	2
	Expression - Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words, spellings - Coherence and relevance of ideas and style.	2
	Value Points - Welcome and introduction - Hook: Traditional career paths are no longer the only option - Thesis statement: Diverse industries offer exciting career opportunities - Emerging industries: IT, Hospitality, Fashion, Entertainment - Benefits: Higher education not necessary, Skills and passion valued, Entrepreneurship encouraged - Examples: Successful individuals in non-traditional fields, Innovative startups and entrepreneurs - Recap: Diverse career paths available - Call-to-action: Explore and pursue your passions - Final thought: Your future, your choice - Use engaging language and tone, personal anecdotes, gestures, and pauses	
Q7.	Debate A. Format- salutation, specification whether in favour or against, introduction of self and topic	1
	Content	2
	Expression - Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words, spellings - Coherence and relevance of ideas and style.	2
	Value Points: For the Motion: "Should Schools Conduct Pre-Board Exams?" 1. Prepares students for actual board exams 2. Identifies areas of improvement 3. Reduces exam stress and anxiety 4. Enhances time management skills 5. Provides feedback for teachers 6. Boosts confidence and familiarity with exam format 7. Encourages serious preparation and focus 8. Simulates actual exam experience 9. Helps in setting goals and priorities 10. Improves exam technique and strategy	
	Value Points Against the Motion: "Should Schools Conduct Pre-Board Exams?" 1. Adds unnecessary stress and pressure	

	2. Increases burden on students 3. Takes away time from actual learning 4. May not accurately reflect student knowledge 5. Fosters rote learning and exam-focused approach 6. Negatively impacts student mental health 7. Redundant, as board exams already assess performance 8. Limits creativity and critical thinking 9. Overemphasizes grades over learning 10. Creates unhealthy competition among students									
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	iv. a. can	1								
Q8B.	Rearrange the following words or phrases to make meaningful sentences.	1x3=3								
	i. Character is the most valuable of a man's possession.	1								
	ii. Character is based on truthfulness, honest living, moral outlook, purity of thought and deed	1								
	iii. Character building must start right from childhood.	1								
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	Then with eerie delicate whistle-chirrup whisperings She launches away, towards the infinite And the laburnum subsides to empty.									
	i. (a) unusual	1								
	ii. After feeding the young ones, she is immensely satisfied. Now, perhaps, she thinks of getting some food for herself or more food for her young ones. So she gets disappear in the vast blue sky.	1								
	iii. (b) "Now that I've fed my brood, let me look for some grub for myself."	1								
9B.	Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:									
	iv. after all their ordeals at sea it was the only hope for survival	1								
	v. (b) All except 3 & 5	1								
	vi. (b) A-5,B-1,C-2,D-3	1								
9C.	Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:	1x4=4								
	i. self doubt	1								
	ii. 1. The woman refused to recognize the narrator. 2. The woman opened the door only a little bit. 3. She commented, "I thought no one had come back." (Any two)	1								
	iii. She recognized the woman as well as the green cardigan that the latter was wearing. The cardigan belonged to the narrator's mother. Thus, it was clear to the narrator that she had come to the right address.	1								
	iv. fleeting	1								
Q10.	Answer the following questions, in about 40-50 words.	3x2=6								
	i. While trying to raise King Tut's mummy from its centuries old resting place at the base of its gold coffin, Carter realized that the mummy had become cemented to the coffin due to years of hardening of ritual resins applied to Tut's mummy									
	ii. When the rain falls on the earth, its life comes to an end. At that very moment, however, the process of evaporation begins. These vapours later turn into rain. This cycle goes on. Thus the rain gives back life to its own origin.									
Q11.	Answer the following question in about 40-50 words.	3x1=3								

	<p>ii. Aram felt that stealing a horse for a ride was different from stealing it for selling. Mourad had picked up the horse only for the pleasure that he would derive by riding it. Mourad had never ever thought of selling it.</p>	
Q12.	Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 120-150 words.	6x1=6
	<p>iii. Jayant Narlikar's story "The Adventure" illustrates that history cannot be rewritten, but it can be re-interpreted. The story revolves around a time traveler who alters historical events, only to realize that the changes are inconsequential. This highlights that historical facts remain unchanged, but perspectives and interpretations can vary.</p> <p>The story underscores that history is subjective, influenced by individual biases and contexts. Different historians, cultures, or generations may interpret the same event differently. Narlikar's narrative shows that re-interpretation can reveal new insights, challenge prevailing views, or provide alternative explanations.</p> <p>Moreover, "The Adventure" suggests that historical events are intertwined, making it challenging to alter the course of history without unintended consequences. The story concludes that while historical facts remain immutable, re-interpretation allows us to re-evaluate and deepen our understanding of the past, making history a dynamic and evolving discipline.</p>	
	<p>iv. "Cowards die many times before their death ... the valiant face it only once". This conviction of the brave and courageous is beautifully highlighted through the lesson "We're Not Afraid to Die ..."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Captain's undertaking to replicate Captain James Cook's voyage was challenging as they were to sail in some of the roughest seas of the world. • So, they exposed themselves to rigorous training before commencing the journey. Not long after the journey began, the boat ran into rough weather and was badly damaged by the onslaught of high rising waves. Unfazed by this, the voyagers kept their spirits high and made all out efforts to save the boat and their lives. • Even in the direst of circumstances the Captain did not give up hope and utilized all his seafaring skills to protect the ship from sinking and to pump out water. • The most touching instance was when his little daughter Suzanne, though badly hurt did not report the full extent of her injuries for she did not want to worry her father when he was making desperate attempts to save all of them. His son Jonathan also exhibited exemplary courage when he remarked that he was not afraid of dying if they could all be together. • Luck certainly favours the brave. The voyagers were able to come out of a near death experience after four days. The Captain, with his uncanny sense of seafaring skills was able to direct the ship to Ile Amsterdam, their only hope for survival. "We're not afraid of Dying ," thus proves to be a saga of courage and bravery. 	
Q13.	Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 120-150 words.	6x1=6
	<p>iii. Mrs. Fitzgerald is a bold and fearless woman. She is a justice loving person who is moved to pity to see the plight of the oppressed people like Mrs Pearson. Rather than just helping them she wakes them up and asks them to draw on their own strength and claim their due rights and privileges. Still if she feels a helping hand is needed she readily extends</p>	

	<p>it.</p> <p>Mrs Pearson, on the other hand, is very timid and mild by nature. She is nervous and lacks confidence. She frankly confesses before Mrs. Fitzgerald that adopting a tough line for her family is not her cup of tea. Everyone would resent her approach and would not pay any heed to her directives, she fears.</p> <p>Being fully aware of the misery Mrs Pearson had to undergo everyday as a mother, Mrs Fitzgerald advises her to be firm and to put her foot down and be the mistress and the boss of her family. I think the values that Mrs. Fitzgerald practices in life are more appropriate for the modern times, although one can very easily avoid having to smoke and drink</p>	
iv.	<p>Rather than clinging to the materialistic objects of past that bring a shadow of gloom in your present, it is better to sever link with the past and move on in life. Discuss what values does one need to have in order to have such an approach?</p> <p>Realizing that a sentimental attachment to her mother's belongings would do her no good, the narrator decided to forget the address Number 46, Marconi Street that she had carried in her mind for years.</p> <p>For a few years after the Liberation, the narrator was not interested in her mother's stored stuff. But when the situation came back to normal, she became curious about the possessions and went to see them. However, the very sight of her mother's things lying in the unfamiliar surroundings and being ill-used by Mrs Dorling and her daughter left the narrator horrified. She could not bear to see Mrs Dorling's daughter constantly using and talking endlessly of all that once belonged to her mother. She knew that the recollection of these objects would upset her and cast a gloom on her present. So she decided, then and there, to sever all ties with the past. The things for which the address remained in her subconscious for so long had lost their value for her. She resolved to move on with life.</p> <p>Such an approach to life requires a large, generous heart, forgiveness and an ability to overcome greed. It also requires a certain amount of 'let go' attitude, a sense of resignation and reconciliation, the ability to take everything in one's stride and a strong urge to move on in life.</p>	

