



OSDAV Public School, Kaithal

DECEMBER EXAM (2024-25)

Class: XI

Subject: ENGLISH

SET-A

Time: 3 Hrs

M.M. : 80

General Instructions:-

- I. This question paper has 13 questions. All questions are compulsory.
- II. This question paper contains three sections: Section A: Reading Skills, Section B: Creative Writing Skills and Section C: Literature.
- III. Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number and part thereof in your answer sheet.
- IV. Separate instructions are given with each question/part, wherever necessary.
- V. Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION A (READING)		26
Q1.	<p>Read the following passage carefully and answer the following questions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. As a form of expression, graffiti is famously characterized by outlaw values; the creation and display of graffiti countered societal rules and was considered by some as vandalism. Not only was it symbolic of rebel values, but was also linked to destruction of property. These links between graffiti culture and rebellion were age- old and some say, were popularized by hip-hop culture.2. Imagine waking up one morning, to see your walls smeared with black paint names, symbols, messages. The most interesting bit is that these wall artists were never caught red-handed. It was all done stealthily. It was almost as though people were marking their territory using painted symbols and slogans. The change was creeping in. Mobile numbers and captivating phrases gradually became marketing tools for free advertising. Catchy phrases tickled the curiosity and calls were made to those numbers.3. Over a period of time, there was a shift in perception. Blank walls beckoned invitingly and artists saw whitewashed walls as an opportunity to display their work in free and open settings. The city became one large canvas; the illegal 'gang activity' became an art form on display in walking galleries. Graffiti was gradually being replaced and the stigma of illegality was being dropped. There was a move to embrace rather than condemn.4. The colours, shapes, and subjects became cultural themes. What was once rebellious expression is artistic talent at its vibrant best, rich in images of plants, animals and unspoiled landscapes. The painted walls encouraged by residents and governments have created their own ecosystem a reconciliation of nature with man-made forces.5. The monotony and uniformity of urban life is today infused with human vitality and beauty. Cities speak proudly about the painted walls and clamour to be the first to preserve culture and history through these. Graphic displays of social awareness issues effectively and economically reach out to the common man. Silent art speaks volumes. Be it hygiene, conservation, education, or rights and duties, the message is conveyed in an animated, colourful manner without being an imposition.	10
On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the following questions.		
i.	Complete the sentence by choosing an appropriate option. Graffiti in the earlier years was a)considered a valuable legacy b)supported by society	1

	c)an expression of rebellion d)done by prominent artists	
	ii. Comment on the writer's statement, It was all done stealthily.	1
	iii. List two reasons why graffiti was not popular among people.	1
	iv. Select the word from para 2 of the passage that conveys the opposite of boring.	1
	v. The writer would agree with all of the following EXCEPT: a)Graffiti became popular as a marketing tool. b)Wall art was an age-old tradition. c)Graffiti art was a paid activity. d)People were curious by what was scribbled on walls	1
	vi. Which word from the following most nearly means reconciliation with reference to the given context? (para 4) a)cease fire b)combination c)reunion d)resolution	1
	vii. Why does the writer say that the stigma of illegality was dropped?	1
	viii. Complete the following sentence with reference to the passage: The city became one large canvas because _____.	1
	ix. The passage states a shift in attitude. Identify the best option that indicates this shift. a)dislike to acceptance b)rejection to dismissal c)imposition to acceptance d)confusion to clarity	1
	x. List two ways in which wall art is beneficial to society.	1
Q2.	Read the following passage. 1. Millions of tons of small waste from plastic bags, bottles and clothes in the world's oceans present a serious threat to human health and marine environment. This is a warning issued by the U.N. in a report on the most dangerous environmental problem facing the world today. Global plastic production has increased considerably in recent years nearly by 38%. 2. A poor waste management means when we have finished with our takeaways which contain cigarette butts and party balloons, they are worn down into trillions of even smaller particles by the waves. Therefore, there is a growing presence of these micro-plastics the world's oceans. 3. It was estimated in 2010 that millions of tons of plastic were washed into the seas and have since shown up in the stomachs of whales, plankton and other marine life. Richard Thompson, a professor of marine biology said that laboratory experiments have proven that micro-plastics can cause harm to organisms. 4. More than a quarter of all fish now contain plastic, according to a recent study that analyzed the guts of fish sold in California. Scientists fear that chemicals in plastics, as well as chemicals which attach themselves to plastic in the natural environment, could cause poisoning and many disorders in marine life if consumed in huge quantities. 5. Even human could be adversely affected by the plastic. People could even be breathing in plastic micro-particles suspended in the air with the risk of harmful effects on the lungs similar to air fumes. 6. Volunteers around the world collect trash and tally up what they find during	1x8=8

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7. Boyance Slat, a Dutch student, has developed a technology that could sift out dangerous plastic particles from the ocean and sell them for profit or recycling. Richard Thompson recommends that people avoid using products with micro beads and make sure they dispose of all plastic products in an appropriate way, if possible.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

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| i. Select the option that is true for the two statements given below.
(1) More than a quarter of all fish now have plastics present in them.
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a. (1) is the result of (2)
b. (1) is the reason for (2)
c. Both (1) and (2) are true
d. (1) contradicts (2) | 1 |
| ii. According to the passage, Richard Thompson is a _____. | 1 |
| iii. _____ provides the only snapshot of marine debris littering coasts and waterways. | 1 |
| iv. Through what are the cigarette butts and party balloons worn down into smaller particles? | 1 |
| v. We can find out that more than a quarter of all fish contained plastics in them by:
a. the stark warning issued by the UN in a report on the most dangerous environmental problems facing the world today.
b. collecting trash and tallying up what they find each day.
c. laboratory experiments performed by Richard Thompson, a professor of marine biology.
d. analysing the fish sold in California. | 1 |
| vi. Choose the correct set of statements which is NOT TRUE.
(I) Plastic could have similar effects like car fumes.
(II) Chemicals which attach themselves to plastic in the natural environment could cause poisoning in marine life.
(III) Humans will never be adversely affected by the plastic.
(IV) In 2010, Millions of tons of plastic were washed into the sea.
(V) There is a growing presence of micro plastics in the world's oceans.
a. (II), (V) b. (I), (V) c. (I), (II) d. (III), (IV) | 1 |

	vii. What amount of paper bags in the index are diffused into the oceans?	1
	viii. Fill in the blank with the correct option. There are _____ beverage cans found in the index. a. 337,865 b. 339,875 c. 339,445 d. 333,347	1
Q3.	Read the following paragraph. Governments have seized on tourism as a way of creating employment and bringing income—preferably foreign exchange— into troubled economies. For years, tourism's capacity to filter wealth through communities has been a major argument in its favour. The tourist spends money on accommodation, food and souvenirs, bringing income to the suppliers of these goods and services, whose money will, in turn, circulate through the economy. But if the hotels are foreign-owned, local people have little to gain. Nor are they better off if tourists, though staying among them, come prepared to be self- sufficient. In both cases, tourists are strongly resented by the locals, who see huge increases in prices as the only visible result of tourism's economic impact. Job creation is another common advantage of tourism. Governments subsidise tourism projects in the expectation of increasing employment opportunities in the new hotels and restaurants. But such work is frequently poorly paid and is seasonal. Local people may be neither willing to do small and mean unskilled jobs nor highly trained enough to be managers or tour operators. They stand on the sidelines while foreign staff and migrants fill the vacancies. Social tensions surface all too easily in such situations. Any kind of change brings tensions and economic development tends to increase the generation gap. The young learn new skills while the older generation finds its traditions devalued or rejected. Tourists bring with them different cultures and ideas. Their dress and behaviour may be very attractive to the younger generation, but not to the older one. On the beaches and bar strips of Asia, Africa and the Pacific, you can see how readily young people have been lured from their villages by the promise of bright lights and money. In relation to the environment, even the most enthusiastic tourism supporter is faced with the painful reality that tourists often destroy the very things they come to see. In Kenya, a country that depends heavily on tourism, there is a real danger of 'tourist pollution' in the most popular game parks. Animals in the Maasai Mara Reserve are constantly disturbed by tourist buses, their prey scattered, their feeding grounds damaged. If the animals disappear, so may tourism.	8
	i. On the basis of your reading, make notes on it using recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary. Supply a suitable title to it.	5
	ii. Write a summary of the passage based on your notes in about 50 words.	3
	SECTION B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)	23
Q4 A.	Identify the mistake and supply correction for this line from a health study.	1
	i. The research explores the correlation of physical activity and mental health.	
	ii. The management felt that the company _____ include corporate social responsibility as a part of this mission statement and work for the betterment of society. a. must b. ought to c. need d. should	1
Q4 B.	Do as directed.	1x3=3
	i. Who broke the window pane? (Change into Passive Voice)	
	ii. Manya said to Prikshit, "Did you check the details of this project?" (Change into indirect speech)	
	iii. This is the village where my grandparents used to live. (Identify the clauses and state the kind of subordinate clause)	
Q4 C.	Rearrange the following words or phrases to make meaningful sentences.	1x2=2
	i. poet / her/ an/ miss/ viewing/her / began/ after/ mother/ to/ image/ of	1
	ii. age/of/at/five/a/years/child/not/much/does/understand	1

Q5.	You are Meera/Manoj. Draft a classified advertisement in not more than 50 words to be published in The National Herald for renting out your 2-bedroom apartment in Bangalore. Include essential details and your contact number.	3
Q6.	You are a fitness trainer in a health club. Design a poster in not more than 50 words, to emphasise the importance of exercise in maintaining mental and physical fitness. You are Param/Priyanka.	3
Q7.	You are Priya/Piyush. You are a member of the Environment Club of your school. After visiting many places you have realized that it is the need of the hour to protect the environment. You decide to create awareness among the students. Write a speech in 120- 150 words on environment protection to be delivered in the morning assembly.	5
Q8.	Write a debate either for or against the motion: Admission to top-notch institutes guarantees a successful career.	5
SECTION C (LITERATURE)		31
Q9 A.	Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:	1x3=3
	Eternal I rise impalpable out of the land and the bottomless sea, Upwards to heaven, whence, vaguely formed altogether changed, and yet the same. I descend to lave the droughts, atomies, dust-layers of the globe, And all that in them without me were seeds only, latent, unborn.	
	i. The rise of the rain is 'impalpable' because _____ a. is in the form of the drops b. is in the form of vapours c. is white in colour d. rises and falls quickly	1
	ii. Complete the sentence appropriately. When the rain claims that it is 'altogether changed, and yet the same', it means to say _____	1
	iii. Which of the following expressions is an example of 'paradox'? a. vaguely formed b. lave the droughts c. altogether changed, and yet the same d. latent, unborn	1
Q9 B.	Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:	1x3=3
	When I decided to go abroad for further studies, I was sure my grandmother would be upset. I would be away for five years, and at her age one could never tell. But my grandmother could. She was not even sentimental. She came to leave me at the railway station but did not talk or show any emotion. Her lips moved in prayer, her mind was lost in prayer. Her fingers were busy telling the beads of her rosary. Silently she kissed my forehead, and when I left I cherished the moist imprint as perhaps the last sign of physical contact between us. But that was not so. After five years I came back home and was met by her at the station. She did not look a day older. She still had no time for words, and while she clasped me in her arms I could hear her reciting her prayers. Even on the first day of my arrival, her happiest moments were with her sparrows whom she fed longer and with frivolous rebukes.	
	i. What were the frivolous rebukes the grandmother directed towards her sparrows upon the narrator's return?	1
	ii. How did the grandmother's actions demonstrate her love and connection with the narrator despite their long absence?	1
	iii. Pick evidence from the passage that suggests the grandmother had a deep and enduring connection with prayer.	1
Q9 C.	Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:	1x4=4
	As he gazed at the still form a shiver of horror passed over Andrew. After all that he	

	had promised! His face, heated with his own exertions, chilled suddenly. He hesitated, torn between his desire to attempt to resuscitate the child, and his obligation towards the mother, who was herself in a desperate state. The dilemma was so urgent he did not solve it consciously. Blindly, instinctively, he gave the child to the nurse and turned his attention to Susan Morgan who now lay collapsed, almost pulseless, and not yet out of the ether, upon her side. His haste was desperate, a frantic race against her ebbing strength. It took him only an instant to smash a glass ampule and inject the medicine. Then he flung down the hypodermic syringe and worked unsparingly to restore the flaccid woman. After a few minutes of feverish effort, her heart strengthened; he saw that he might safely leave her. He swung round, in his shirt sleeves, his hair sticking to his damp brow.	
	i. What is the “still form” referred to in the extract? Why did ‘a shiver of horror’ pass through Andrew?	1
	ii. Based on your understanding of the given extract, select the option that is NOT true about the doctor. a. He was confused. b. He was devastated. c. His face turned cold. d. He couldn’t make a conscious decision.	1
	iii. The analogy of Robert Frost’s ‘Road Not Taken’ is an appropriate analogy for Andrew’s state of mind because _____.	1
	iv. Why did the doctor choose to attend mother first instead of the lifeless child? Give one reason:	1
Q10.	Answer the following questions, in about 40-50 words.	3x2=6
	i. Hardships often bring out the best in people. Discuss with a special reference to the account “We’re Not Afraid to Die...If We Can All Be Together”.	3
	ii. How was ‘victory’ in the ‘Battle of Panipat’ in Professor Gaitonde’s imagination a great moral booster for the Marathas?	3
Q11.	Answer the following question in about 40-50 words.	3x1=3
	i. The narrator’s mother in the story in the story “The Address” was a credulous person. Cite evidence to prove the truth of the statement.	3
Q12.	Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 120-150 words.	6x1=6
	i. The poet Shirley Toulson has paid a tribute to her mother. Similar instances can be seen in The Portrait of a Lady. This made you think that writing about a loved one is much better than building their statues or drawing their portraits. Comment.	6
	ii. Who do you think is more to blame for the misunderstanding and alienation between the father and the son- the former or the latter? Give reasons in support of your answer.	6
Q13.	Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 120-150 words.	6x1=6
	i. What concept of good governance emerges out from Vikram Seth’s poem “The Tale of Melon city? Do you support this concept? Why / Why not?	6
	ii. Most mothers in the world do the thankless job of running homes. Do you agree? Discuss with the reference to the play ‘Mother’s Day’?	6



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SECTION A (READING)		26
Q1.	Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:	
	<p>1. In a room filled with people, each face illuminated by the soft glow of their smartphones, moments drift away like autumn leaves in the wind. The constant hum of notifications fills the air, punctuating conversations like an incessant drumbeat. Every vibration or ping sends fingers flying to screens, a response ingrained by years of digital conditioning. The once reliable tick-tock of analog timepieces has been overshadowed by the constant flicker of notifications on the wrist watch, blurring the boundaries between the virtual and the real.</p> <p>2. Anxiety gnaws at the edges of consciousness when the phone is out of reach, a phantom limb syndrome that leaves us feeling incomplete without our digital appendage. The fear of missing out permeates every moment spent away from the screen, driving us to constantly check for updates and notifications.</p> <p>3. Thumbs move with the speed and precision of skillful pianists, tapping out messages and scrolling through feeds with practiced ease. Yet amidst the flurry of activity, the true rhythm of life remains unheard, drowned out by the dissonance of digital noise. The weight of constant connectivity forms a hunch upon our shoulders, a physical manifestation of the burden we carry in an age of information overload. Our minds are perpetually on high alert, scanning for the next wave of excitement that comes with each like, share, or comment.</p> <p>4. And yet, for all our efforts to stay connected, we find ourselves increasingly isolated in a sea of digital faces. Genuine connections are fleeting, drowned out by the constant clamour for attention. In the pursuit of digital validation, we sacrifice the wealth of lived experience, trading meaningful moments for fleeting glimpses of connection. The true essence of life lies not in the pixels on a screen, but in the depth of human connection and the richness of shared experiences.</p> <p>5. As we navigate this brave new world of constant connectivity, let us not forget the value of presence and the beauty of being fully engaged in the moments that matter most. For in the end, it is not the number of likes or followers that defines us, but the depth of our connections and the richness of our experiences that truly matter.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Created for Academic Usage / 421 words</p>	
	Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.	
	i. According to paragraph 1, what effect do smartphone notifications have on the people in the room?	1
	ii. How does the author use the metaphor of 'autumn leaves in the wind' to interpret the passing of time in the setting described?	1

	<p>iii. Read and complete the following sentence suitably. The phrase ‘a phantom limb syndrome that leaves us feeling incomplete without our digital appendage’ suggests that just as an amputee might feel pain in a limb they no longer have, individuals can feel a sense of loss or incompleteness when they are separated from their digital devices.</p> <p>Choose the correct response from the two options to complete the sentence. The concern this analogy points towards is about _____.</p> <p>A. a deep (psychological) dependence on technology for a sense of wholeness or connection</p> <p>B. excessive physical damage that can be caused due to constant use of digital devices</p>	1
	<p>iv. Complete the following suitably with ONE advantage, with reference to paragraph 2.</p> <p>Designating specific hours each day to intentionally avoid checking digital devices can help _____.</p>	1
	<p>v. Why does the writer refer to digital noise as 'dissonance' in paragraph 3? Because-</p> <p>a. It creates a jarring and chaotic environment that disrupts focus.</p> <p>b. It contributes to a sense of overload, overwhelming the senses.</p> <p>c. It interferes with our ability to engage with meaningful aspects of our life.</p> <p>d. It induces stress by interrupting with regular updates about the device.</p>	1
	<p>vi. Provide ONE textual evidence with reference to paragraph 3, to prove the following:</p> <p>The need to be perpetually engaged with digital notifications manifests in the body.</p>	1
	<p>vii. In the line, ‘Yet amidst the flurry of activity, the true rhythm of life remains unheard...,’ what does the phrase 'true rhythm of life' refer to? (Paragraphs 3-4)</p>	1
	<p>viii. Complete the analogy with ONE word from paragraph 4.</p> <p>whisper: quietly: _____ : loudly</p> <p>A. validation B. fleeting C. essence D. clamour</p>	1
	<p>ix. Why is it fair to say that the statement ‘And yet, for all our efforts to stay connected, we find ourselves increasingly isolated in a sea of digital faces’ from paragraph 4, employs irony?</p> <p>A. Despite the intent to connect more effectively, the result is the opposite.</p> <p>B. The writer mocks the seriousness with which people approach digital connectivity.</p> <p>C. The writer exaggerates the effects of digital connectivity to highlight its impact.</p> <p>D. Use of ‘a sea of digital faces’ to symbolically represent digital platforms.</p>	1
	<p>x. Assess the potential challenges OR benefits of relying on survey outcomes for designing health interventions, as outlined in paragraph 5.</p>	1
Q2.	<p>Read the following passage.</p> <p>1. Millions of tons of small waste from plastic bags, bottles and clothes in the world's oceans present a serious threat to human health and marine environment. This is a warning issued by the U.N. in a report on the most dangerous environmental problem facing the world today. Global plastic production has increased considerably in recent years nearly by 38%.</p> <p>2. A poor waste management means when we have finished with our takeaways which contain cigarette butts and party balloons, they are worn down into</p>	1x8=8

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	vi. Choose the correct set of statements which is NOT TRUE. (I) Plastic could have similar effects like car fumes. (II) Chemicals which attach themselves to plastic in the natural environment could cause poisoning in marine life. (III) Humans will never be adversely affected by the plastic. (IV) In 2010, Millions of tons of plastic were washed into the sea. (V) There is a growing presence of micro plastics in the world's oceans. a. (II), (V) b. (I), (V) c. (I), (II) d. (III), (IV)	1
	vii. What amount of paper bags in the index are diffused into the oceans?	1
	viii. Fill in the blank with the correct option. There are _____ beverage cans found in the index. a. 337,865 b. 339,875 c. 339,445 d. 333,347	1
Q3.	Read the following paragraph. Rising prices are causing a great concern to the Indian economists at the present moment. It is true that prices can never remain stationary. A certain amount of fluctuation is inherent in the very nature of prices. In a developing economy, they usually display an upward trend. But if prices keep rising persistently, they cause great hardship to the people. They spare neither the rich nor the poor, neither the producer nor the consumer. They make economic activities uncertain and unstable, causing great unrest in the minds of the people. Inflation is a self-accelerating process. It is a phenomenon that feeds on itself and initiates a very vicious cycle. Rising prices drive people to demand increased wages and salaries. Since such demands are resisted in the beginning, they resort to pressure tactics like strikes and demonstrations. But such tactics only decrease production and aggravate the situation. And if the demands are met, there is a fresh spurt in prices. All benefits accruing from additional income are neutralised. Then fresh demands are raised and this cycle goes on. The fixed-income groups like salaried people, wage-earners and pensioners are the most helpless victims of inflation. As prices rise, their real income gets eroded. The additional dearness allowance which the government sanctions from time to time proves of no use to them, because their purchasing power actually goes down. Inflation induces businessmen to invest their money in non-productive assets like gold and land whose real worth is not affected by rising prices. High prices also adversely affect the exports of the country and distort the balance of foreign trade. Numerous factors can be cited to explain price rise in India. First, our economic planning has suffered from serious drawbacks right from the beginning. During the various Five-Year Plans, while the public expenditure persistently increased, the production targets-were never realised. This forced the Government to resort to deficit financing. There was a rapid increase in the money supply without a corresponding increase in production. The resulting imbalance inevitably led to inflation. The taxation policy of the government has also contributed to price rise. A sound policy of direct taxes would not only have yielded higher revenue but also have enabled the government to give relief in indirect taxes, which	8

	invariably lead to inflation. Defective tax structure has encouraged tax evasion and led to the accumulation of black money. This is an example of evil multiplying evil. The parallel economy in our country that thrives on black money and smuggling has always encouraged rise in prices. Steep rise in the population of the country after independence is another major factor responsible for causing inflation. During the last thirty years alone, the population has gone up by about 75 per cent. Rising population multiplies demands for all kinds of goods and services and leads to an all-round price hike. Slow increase in agricultural and industrial production, faulty distribution and marketing system, and an unprecedented hike in oil prices in the international market can be cited as some other important factors that have aggravated the situation. Our agriculture has been rather slow to respond to innovations. Industry has been faced with shortage of inputs like coal, power, raw materials. But even the things produced are not properly distributed. Majority of Indians have no community consciousness. There is no organised consumer resistance to price rise. Instead, our masses get scared by the rumours of scarcities and tend to hoard as much as they can. This further intensifies the crisis. Indians also believe in ostentatious living. They indulge in wasteful expenditure that directly affects the prices.	
	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
Q4 A.	i. Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of the letter: In response of your query, the document that _____ (explain) our country's sustainability initiatives has been attached for your consideration.	1
	ii. Select the correct option to fill in the blanks for the given sentences: Where were you? You _____ be in the class at the right time. a. shall b. should c. will d. would	1
Q4 B.	Do as directed.	1x3=3
	i. Have you read this novel? (Change into Passive Voice)	1
	ii. The manager said to the clerk, "When did you dispatch the parcel yesterday?" (Change into indirect speech)	1
	iii. He worked tirelessly until the project was finally complete. (Identify the clauses and state the kind of subordinate clause)	1
Q4 C.	Rearrange the following words or phrases to make meaningful sentences.	1x2=2
	i. began to/ the station/ cards/ the train/ when/ played/whistled off/ we/from	1
	ii. of smoke/outside/a ring/there/curling / the kitchen/ out of/ was /the /chimney	1
Q5.	You are Kiran/Karan Kumar and want to sell your motorbike which you have been using for five years since you decided to buy a car. Write an advertisement, in not more than 50 words, to be published under the classified columns of a national daily. Furnish all the necessary details.	3
Q6.	As an educationist, you have noticed that the present generation has lost the habit of reading. Design a poster in not more than 50 words highlighting the importance of reading and the value of books.	3
Q7.	Rising incomes of the middle class families are leading to obesity among their children. Poring over books for hours coupled with the lure of TV and the internet has led to a sedentary lifestyle. Addiction to junk food is another cause of obesity. Write a speech in 150-200 words on obesity, its causes and how to prevent it.	5
Q8.	'The policy of reservation of seats for admission to the professional courses is good for the deprived sections of society.' Write a debate in 150-200 words either for or against the motion.	5

SECTION C (LITERATURE)		31
Q9 A.	Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:	1x3=3
	<p>I do not know this child. Though we have lived together now the land is his and none of mine? We speak like strangers, there's no sign Of understanding in the air. This child is built to my design Yet what he loves I cannot share.</p>	
	i. Whom does "we" refer to in these lines?	1
	ii. Which poetic device has been used in the line "the seed I spent"?	1
	iii. Explain the line "yet have I killed the seed..."	1
Q9 B.	Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:	1x3=3
	<p>In the evening a change came over her. She did not pray. She collected the women of the neighbourhood, got an old drum and started to sing. For several hours she thumped the sagging skins of the dilapidated drum and sang of the home-coming of warriors. We had to persuade her to stop to avoid overstraining. That was the first time since I had known her that she did not pray. The next morning she was taken ill. It was a mild fever and the doctor told us that it would go. But my grandmother thought differently. She told us that her end was near. She said that, since only a few hours before the close of the last chapter of her life she had omitted to pray, she was not going to waste any more time talking to us. We protested. But she ignored our protests. She lay peacefully in bed praying and telling her beads. Even before we could suspect, her lips stopped moving and the rosary fell from her lifeless fingers. A peaceful pallor spread on her face and we knew that she was dead.</p>	
	i. What was the first noticeable change in the grandmother's behaviour before she fell ill?	1
	ii. How would you convince your grandmother, as her grandson, to cease drumming and singing?	1
	iii. Pick evidence from the passage that suggests the grandmother's evening activities were unusual and not part of her regular routine.	1
Q9 C.	Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:	1x4=4
	<p>Inside, a narrow stair led up to a small bedroom, clean but poorly furnished, and lit only by an oil lamp. Here Mrs Morgan's mother, a tall, grey-haired woman of nearly seventy, and the stout, elderly midwife waited beside the patient, watching Andrew's expression as he moved about the room. "Let me make you a cup of tea, Doctor, bach," said the former quickly, after a few moments. Andrew smiled faintly. He saw that the old woman, wise in experience, realised there must be a period of waiting that, she was afraid he would leave the case, saying he would return later. "Don't fret, mother, I'll not run away." Down in the kitchen he drank the tea which she gave him. Overwrought as he was, he knew he could not snatch even an hour's sleep if he went home. He knew, too, that the case here would demand all his attention. A queer lethargy of spirit came upon him. He decided to remain until everything was over.</p>	
	i. Complete the sentence appropriately. The author has described the Morgan's place that Andrew saw. It was a _____.	1
	ii. In the given extract, which of the following emotions was NOT displayed in Mrs. Morgan's mother's disposition? a. Afraid b. Anxious c. Worried d. Irate	1
	iii. What trait of the old lady has the author reflected through her words, "Let me make you a cup of tea, Doctor, bach"?	1

	iv. What was Andrew “Overwrought” with? What did he ultimately decide?	1
Q10.	Answer the following questions, in about 40-50 words.	3x2=6
	i. ‘The Adventure’ by Jayant Narlikar is about a probable or alternative history of India under the Maratha rule. Comment.	3
	ii. What role does the captain play in saving the ‘Wavewalker’ and steering it safely to Ile Amsterdam?	3
Q11.	Answer the following question in about 40-50 words.	3x1=3
	i. What made the narrator suddenly get up and leave the room without meeting Mrs Dorling?	3
Q12.	Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 120-150 words.	6x1=6
	i. Both wry with the laboured ease of loss. The poet Shirley Toulson is missing her mother. What is the role of the mother in forming the personality of a child?	6
	ii. On the basis of your reading of “Discovering Tut: the Saga Continues”, write a short note on the history of Tutankhamun’s dynasty.	6
Q13.	Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 120-150 words.	6x1=6
	i. Comment on the ending of the play Mother’s Day.	6
	ii. Mourad is a true Garoghalanian in one sense and a deviant in another. Comment and support your answer with examples from the story.	6



OSDAV Public School, Kaithal

December Exams (2024-25)

Class : XI

Subject : ENGLISH

SET-A

Time: 3 Hrs

M.M. : 80

General Instructions:-

I. All questions are compulsory.

SECTION A (READING)		26
Q1	On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the following questions.	10
	i. c) an expression of rebellion	1
	ii. Done secretly without getting noticed. Wall artists were never caught red-handed. Done during night time. Done on the sly/quietly.	1
	iii. Graffiti was not popular among people because:- It was considered as an act of rebellion. It was linked to destruction of property. It countered societal rules. It considered as vandalism. It was characterized by outlaw values.	1
	iv. Interesting/Captivating.	1
	v. (c) Graffiti art was a paid activity.	1
	vi. (c) reunion	1
	vii. The stigma of illegality was dropped because over a period of time, there was a shift in perception. Blank walls beckoned invitingly, and artists saw whitewashed walls as an opportunity to display their work in free and open settings. The illegal 'gang activity' became an art form on display in walking galleries. Graffiti was gradually being replaced and the stigma of illegality was being dropped	1
	viii. The illegal 'gang activity' became an art form on display in walking galleries.	1
	ix. (a) dislike to acceptance	1
	x. Wall art helps to preserve cultural history. It creates a social awareness/message conveyed in an animated colorful manner without being an imposition/reaches out to the common man.	1
Q2.	Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.	
	i. (a) (1) is the result of (2)	1
	ii. Professor in marine biology	1
	iii. Ocean Trash Index	1
	iv. Waves	1
	v. (d) analysing the fish sold in California	1
	vi. (d) (III), (IV)	1
	vii. 298,332	1
	viii. (b) 339,87	
Q3.	Note Making	
	Title: The Dark Side of Tourism Notes: I. Economic Impact a. Govts. promote tourism for employmnt & income (FE)	

	<p>b. Tourism's wealth-filtering capacity: argument in its favour c. But: foreign-owned hotels & self-sufficient tourists limit local benefits d. Locals resent tourists due to price hikes & limited job opportunities</p> <p>II. Job Creation</p> <p>a. Govts. subsidize tourism projects for employment opportunities b. Jobs are often poorly paid, seasonal, & low-skilled c. Local people may lack skills or willingness to work in tourism industry d. Foreign staff & migrants fill vacancies, creating social tensions</p> <p>III. Social Impact</p> <p>a. Tourism brings cultural changes & ideas, attracting young people b. Older generation may resist changes, leading to generation gap c. Social tensions arise from cultural differences & job opportunities</p> <p>IV. Environmental Impact</p> <p>a. Tourism can destroy the environment & ecosystems b. Example: Kenya's game parks face 'tourist pollution' c. Animal habitats damaged, prey scattered, & feeding grounds destroyed</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>Key to Abbreviations: FE: Foreign Exchange Govts.: Governments Emplymnt: Employment &: and</p> </div> <p>Summary Content: 2 Marks Expression: 1 Mark Tourism's economic benefits are limited by foreign ownership and self-sufficient tourists. Job creation is often poorly paid and seasonal. Social tensions arise from cultural changes, and environmental degradation threatens ecosystems, highlighting the dark side of tourism. (Consider all the other relevant points)</p>	
	SECTION B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)	23
4A.	i. of-between	1
	ii. must	1
4B.	i. By whom was the window pane broken?	1
	ii. Manya asked Prikshit if he had checked the details of that project.	1
	iii. This is the village. (Main Clause) where my grandparents used to live. (Subordinate Clause) (Adjective Clause)	1
4B.	Rearrange the following words or phrases to make meaningful sentences.	
	i. The poet began to miss her mother after viewing the image of her.	1
	ii. A child of five years of age does not understand much.	1
Q5.	Advertisement	
	Format: The format should include box, Heading, Contact Details	1
	Content	1
	Expression	1
	<p>Value Points: TO LET Available 2-bedroom apartment in Koramangala, Bangalore. Fully furnished, close to major amenities, with parking space and 24/7 security. Rent: ₹25,000 per month. Contact Meera/Manoj at 9876543210 for further details or to schedule a viewing (Any relevant details)</p>	
Q6.	Poster	

	Format: The format should include: Box, Heading/s, details of issuing authority	1
	Content	1
	Expression	1
	Value Points - benefits of mental and physical fitness - caption, slogan, tagline - Any other relevant detail	
Q7.	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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the impact of human activities on our planet. It's alarming to see the destruction of our environment. Climate change, pollution, deforestation – the list goes on. high time to take action...reduce, reuse, and recycle. must conserve water and energy. make a conscious effort to protect our environment. We owe it to ourselves, our future generations, and our planet. Let's work together to make a difference. 	
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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to quality education and resources Networking opportunities and alumni connections Enhanced employability and career prospects Development of soft skills and personal growth Access to internships, research opportunities, and entrepreneurial support 	
	Value Points Against the Motion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents' starts even before the birth of their children..... very difficult to get admission to the kindergarten of a prestigious school.....parents book seats for their children even before they are born. Nowadays 'Entrance Coaching' has become a 'multibillion dollar' business....do not send their children to regular school after class X but get them admitted to 'Entrance Coaching Institutes'. The students attending these institutes spend 15 to 20 hours every day in preparation for various entrance tests. The question I would like to pose to everyone present here is this: Does admission to top-notch institutes guarantee a successful career? My answer to this question is an emphatic 'no'. If so, why should one struggle to get admission to these institutes? I believe that success is the result of hard work. Great and successful people in the history of the world were hardworking. Many of them like Abraham Lincoln and A.P.J Abdul Kalam were not born with silver spoons in their mouth. Even our contemporaries like Sundar Pichai 	

	<p>the CEO of Google was born into an ordinary family. Though he studied at IIT, Kharagpur, it is not his degree from that prestigious institute that won him success in life but his hard work. If admission to a prestigious institute guarantees success, all those who come out of such institutes would automatically be successful in life. But the reality is not so.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On the contrary, many who studied in ordinary institutes have become highly successful in life. I want to reiterate that we should control our urge to get into a prestigious institute in order to fulfil our desire to be successful in life. On the contrary, we should be determined to work hard to achieve success in life. 	
	SECTION C (LITERATURE)	31
Q9A.	Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:	1x3=3
	i. c. in the form of vapours	
	ii.that although it has undergone a transformation in its form and shape, from vapor to liquid to its various manifestations, its essential nature and character remain unchanged."	1
	iii. c. altogether changed, and yet the same	1
9B.	Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:	1x3=3
	i. The "frivolous rebukes" were light-hearted scolding or playful admonishments the grandmother gave to her sparrows while feeding them, showing her affectionate and caring nature even in her interactions with the birds.	
	ii. The grandmother's silent gestures of prayer, the kiss on the narrator's forehead, and her continued devotion upon their return showed her enduring love and connection, transcending words or physical presence.	1
	iii. The evidence from the passage that suggests the grandmother had a deep and enduring connection with prayer is: "Her lips moved in prayer, her mind was lost in prayer." This description illustrates that the grandmother was deeply engrossed in her prayers, both with her lips and her thoughts.	1
9C.	Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:	1x4=4
	i. The "still form" is referred to in the lifeless child. When Susan gave birth to the child, it looked lifeless, and she was in devastating condition. That made a shiver of horror pass through Andrew as he couldn't decide whom to assist first	
	ii. (c) His face turned cold.	1
	iii. ...like Frost, Andrew too was in a state of dilemma. The doctor was torn between his two obligations, whether to resuscitate the child or to save the failing mother.	1
	iv. The doctor's moral dilemma did not allow him to solve this problem with a conscious decision. With blind instinct, he first gave the child into the nurse's custody and went on to tend to Susan whose health was deteriorating fast. There was no specific reason for this.	1
Q10.	Answer the following questions, in about 40-50 words.	3x2=6
	i. Content- 2 Marks Expression- 1 Mark In "We're Not Afraid to Die...If We Can All Be Together", the family faces extreme sea challenges, including massive waves, a damaged boat, and injuries. Despite these hardships, their unity, courage, and determination prevail. This account shows how adversity brings out strength, resilience, and the best in people	3
	ii. Content- 2 Marks Expression- 1 Mark In Professor Gaitonde's imagination, the Marathas' victory in the Battle of Panipat boosted their confidence and unity, preventing the decline of their empire. This win strengthened their resistance to foreign invasions and ensured their dominance in India. It was a turning point that brought pride, power, and stability to the Marathas, altering history in their favor.. (Any other relevant answer)	3
Q11.	Answer the following question in about 40-50 words.	
	i. Content- 2 Marks Expression- 1 Mark	3

	The narrator's mother in "The Address" was a credulous person, as shown by her trust in Mrs. Dorling. She handed over valuable household items to Mrs. Dorling for safekeeping during the war, believing in her promise to return them later. However, Mrs. Dorling betrayed her trust and kept the belongings for herself.(Any other relevant Answer)	
Q12.	Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 120-150 words.	6x1=6
	<p>Content- 3 Marks Expression- 3 Marks</p> <p>Writing about a loved one is a heartfelt way to honor their memory. In Shirley Toulson's poem, she pays tribute to her mother by capturing cherished moments from her life, ensuring her essence lives on. Similarly, in The Portrait of a Lady, Khushwant Singh writes about his grandmother with love and respect, bringing her personality to life through vivid descriptions.</p> <p>Unlike statues or portraits, writing allows for a deeper connection, as it shares the emotions, values, and memories associated with the person. It becomes a timeless treasure that preserves their legacy for future generations. While art and monuments can symbolize their presence, words can immortalize their spirit and character. Writing not only honors loved ones but also keeps their memory alive in the most meaningful way (Any other relevant answer)</p>	
	<p>ii. Content- 3 Marks Expression- 3 Marks</p> <p>I think the father is more to blame for the misunderstanding and alienation between him and his son. Here's why: The father's rigid and authoritarian attitude created a gap between him and his son. He failed to understand and appreciate his son's individuality and aspirations. The father's constant criticism and disapproval of his son's actions and decisions made the son feel unloved, unappreciated, and disconnected from his father. The father's inability to communicate effectively and listen to his son's perspective further exacerbated the problem. He was more concerned with imposing his own values and expectations on his son rather than understanding his son's needs and feelings. 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. Opposite Point of view can also be accepted. (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"> In Vikram Seth's poem "The Tale of Melon City", the concept of good governance emphasizes the ruler's minimal interference in people's lives. The city prospers under a symbolic "melon" king because the citizens are left to govern themselves, and no one is subjected to arbitrary decisions or oppression. While this concept seems appealing as it promotes freedom and self-reliance, it is impractical in reality. Good governance requires a balanced approach where the ruler or government ensures law and order, justice, and welfare while respecting individual freedom. A completely passive ruler, like the melon in the poem, may lead to chaos or unchecked inequalities. Thus, I do not support this concept of governance, as it lacks accountability and leadership, both of which are crucial for the progress and well-being of a society.(Any other relevant point) 	
	<p>ii. Content – 3 Marks Expression- 3 Marks</p> <p>Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, I agree that most mothers in the world do the thankless job of running homes. The play "Mother's Day" by J.B. Priestley illustrates this point effectively. In the play, Mrs. Pearson is portrayed as a selfless and dedicated 	

	<p>mother who has sacrificed her own desires and aspirations for the sake of her family. She manages the household, takes care of her husband and children, and ensures their well-being, often going unappreciated and unrewarded.</p> <p>The play highlights the unseen and undervalued efforts of mothers like Mrs. Pearson, who work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep their families running smoothly. Despite their hard work and dedication, they often receive little recognition or gratitude.</p> <p>Through the play, Priestley emphasizes the importance of appreciating and valuing the contributions of mothers like Mrs. Pearson, who do the thankless job of running homes and keeping families together.</p> <p>(Any other relevant point)</p>	
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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	On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the following questions.	10
	i. They lead to instant interruptions in conversations. [language / expression may vary but the idea should remain relevant]	1
	ii. It illustrates how moments are fleeting and unnoticed, lost amid the distractions of digital interactions / it illustrates how easily significant moments can drift away when overshadowed by the focus on technology [language / expression may vary but the idea should remain relevant]	1
	iii. A. a deep (psychological) dependence on technology for a sense of wholeness or connection	1
	iv. reduce the anxiety associated with the need to constantly be connected	1
	v. C. It interferes with our ability to engage with meaningful aspects of our life.	1
	vi. Yes it does - develop a hunch / mind is constantly alert (any one)	1
	vii. The phrase refers to the natural, meaningful, and often quieter moments that make up human existence and relationships—those that occur away from the digital chaos. The writer draws our attention towards the genuine life experiences, such as face-to-face conversations, quiet contemplation, enjoying nature, and real-world interactions, that are overlooked or drowned out by the constant noise of digital activity. [language / expression may vary but the idea should remain relevant]	1
	viii. D. clamour	1
	ix. A. Despite the intent to connect more effectively, the result is the opposite. (Option B is satire, C is hyperbole and D is metaphor)	1
	x. Benefits: Survey outcomes can offer a detailed understanding of the specific needs and preferences of various demographic groups, which can enhance the effectiveness of health interventions by making them more targeted and relevant. Additionally, using these data-driven insights can foster a sense of collaboration among stakeholders, promoting a unified approach towards health and sustainability. Challenges: Relying on survey outcomes may present challenges such as the risk of biases in the data collection process, which can twist results and lead to ineffective interventions. There's also the issue of survey fatigue among participants, potentially reducing engagement and the accuracy of the data gathered. Moreover, translating survey findings into practical interventions requires resources and continuous stakeholder commitment, which might not always be feasible.	1
Q2.	Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.	
	i. (a) (1) is the result of (2)	1
	ii. Professor in marine biology	1
	iii. Ocean Trash Index	1
	iv. Waves	1
	v. (d) analysing the fish sold in California	1
	vi. (d) (III), (IV)	1

	vii. 298,332	1
	viii. (b) 339,87	1
Q3.	Note Making	
	<p>Title: Inflation in India: Causes and Effects</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>I. Introduction</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Rising prices: great concern for Indian economists Fluctuation in prices inherent in developing economy <p>II. Effects of Inflation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Hardship to people: rich, poor, producers, consumers Economic uncertainty & instability Fixed-income groups: helpless victims <p>III. Causes of Inflation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Defective economic planning: public expenditure > production targets Deficit financing: rapid increase in money supply Taxation policy: indirect taxes lead to inflation Defective tax structure: tax evasion, black money Parallel economy: black money, smuggling Population growth: increased demand for goods and services Slow agricultural & industrial production Faulty distribution & marketing system Hike in oil prices <p>IV. Conclusion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Inflation: self-accelerating process Need for sound economic planning, taxation policy, and distribution system <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>Key to Abbreviation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> econ. - economic pub. - public prod. -production tax. – taxation &- and </div> <p>Summary Content: 2 Marks Expression: 1 Mark</p> <p>Inflation in India is a major concern, causing hardship to all. Defective economic planning, taxation policy, and distribution system contribute to inflation. Population growth, slow production, and hike in oil prices exacerbate the situation, making it a self-accelerating process.</p> <p>(Consider all the other relevant points)</p>	
	SECTION B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)	23
4A.	i. explains	1
	ii. should	1
4B.	i. Has this novel been read by you?	
	ii. The manager asked the clerk when he had dispatched the parcel the previous day.	
	iii. He worked tirelessly. (Main Clause)	

	until his project was finally complete. (Subordinate Clause) Adverb Clause	
4B.	Rearrange the following words or phrases to make meaningful sentences.	
	i. When the train whistled off from the station, we began to play cards.	1
	ii. There was a ring of smoke curling out of the chimney outside the kitchen.	1
Q5.	Advertisement	
	Format: The format should include box, Heading, Contact Details	1
	Content	1
	Expression	1
	Value Points: FOR SALE 5-year-old motorbike, 150cc, excellent condition, single owner, well-maintained, done 15,000 km. Price: ₹45,000 negotiable. Contact: Karan Kumar, 9812345678.	
Q6.	Poster	
	Format: The format should include: Box, Heading/s, details of issuing authority	1
	Content	1
	Expression	1
	Value Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • caption, slogan, tagline Get Lost in a Book! Reading enriches your mind Expands your knowledge Broadens your perspective. Make reading a habit and discover a world of wonder! - Any other relevant detail	
Q7.	Speech	1
	Format- salutation, introduction of self and topic	
	Content	2
	Expression	2
	- Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words, spellings - Coherence and relevance of ideas and style.	
	Value Points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a growing concern in our society—obesity, particularly among children. - an increase in unhealthy eating habits and a sedentary lifestyle. - improving their financial standing... rising obesity rates among children. - excessive consumption of junk food. Foods high in sugar, fat, and calories contribute to weight gain and poor health. - sedentary lifestyle hours spent sitting in front of books, TV screens, or the internet, lack of physical activity How to combat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adopt a balanced lifestyle. - Parents should encourage their children to engage in regular physical activities, such as sports or outdoor games. - promote a healthy diet rich in fruits, vegetables, and whole grains - limiting junk food intake. - Schools should also play a role by incorporating physical education and spreading awareness about healthy living. - Remember, obesity is preventable, and with small, conscious changes in our daily habits, we can ensure healthier, happier futures for our children. - Thank you. 	
Q8.	Debate	
	A. Format- salutation, specification whether in favour or against, introduction of self and topic	1
	Content	2

	<p>Expression</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words, spellings - Coherence and relevance of ideas and style. 	2
	<p>Value Points For the Motion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "The policy of reservation of seats for admission to the professional courses is good for the deprived sections of society". - Indian society a caste based hierarchical system - The lower caste people exploited by the high caste ones and suffered the demerits of socio-economic - The aim of reservations in admission to the professional courses is to bring the backward castes at par with the other sections of the society. - Though it appears as a violation of the principle of equality, yet its justification is sustained by the obligation of a social welfare state. - The backward classes suffer from huge issues, ranging from poverty to unemployment, without any fault of their own. And as citizens of the country, it's our responsibility to help them overcome the barriers. - Article 46 of the Indian Constitution says that the state shall promote with special care the educational and economic interests of the weaker sections of the people. - Further, the clause 4 of the Article 15, added in the first Constitutional Amendment Act of 1951, clearly says that nothing shall prevent the state from making any special provision for the advancement of any socially and educationally backward class of citizens. The Constitution was designed to help the deprived sections of society, and thus, the policy of reservation is justified. 	
	<p>Value Points Against the Motion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is no denying to the fact that the Indian Constitution provides reservation to the socially, culturally and economically backward citizens of the country. However, the policy of reservation stated in the Constitution was initially designed as an ad-hoc policy for ten years. - But it never saw an end and continued to get extensions at the end of every ten years. - The other people, who are deprived of opportunities to take admission in professional courses due to the reservation policy, thus get frustrated and angry and rightly so. - In addition, the policy of reservation contradicts the principle of equality. Equality means equal treatment to all the people. Everyone has the right to avail equal and fair opportunities. But, special privileges and extra protection to certain classes of people based on reservation not only violates the policy of equality but also violates the very spirit of democracy. - Further, the reservation policy has actually created a new class of vested interests in Indian society. These people permanently continue to earn the benefits of the reservation policy even after getting ample resources and opportunities. Thus, the policy has created the psychology of dependency among them. Thus, this policy will actually harm the deprived sections in the long run and so it needs immediate suspension 	
	SECTION C (LITERATURE)	31
Q9A.	Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:	1x3=3
	i. The pronoun "we" refers to the speaker (the father) and the child.	
	ii. The poetic device used in the line is metaphor. The comparison between the child and a product "built to my design" is a metaphorical expression.	1
	iii. The line "yet have I killed the seed..." is a metaphorical expression of the father's	1

	regret and realization that his actions or attitude have hindered the growth of his relationship with his son. Here, “seed” represents the potential for a meaningful and harmonious connection between the father and the son, which could have grown if nurtured properly.	
9B.	Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:	1x3=3
	i. The first noticeable change in the grandmother's behavior before she fell ill was that she did not pray in the evening and instead collected the women of the neighborhood, got an old drum, and started to sing	
	ii. Individual Response I would convince my grandmother to cease drumming and singing by saying, "Grandma, I know you're enjoying yourself, but it's getting late and you're exerting yourself too much. You need to rest and take care of your health. Let's stop for tonight and continue another time.	1
	iii. That was the first time since I had known her that she did not pray.	1
9C.	Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:	1x4=4
	i. The author has described the Morgan's place that Andrew saw. It was a poorly furnished, humble abode i.e a small bedroom, clean but poorly furnished, and lit only by an oil lamp.	
	ii. d. irate	1
	iii. The trait reflected through her words is her hospitality and concern for Andrew's comfort.	1
	iv. Andrew was overwrought with fatigue, and concern for the patient. He ultimately decided to remain at the Morgan's place until everything was over, rather than going home to rest.	1
Q10.	Answer the following questions, in about 40-50 words.	3x2=6
	i. Content- 2 Marks Expression- 1 Mark The Adventure by Jayant Narlikar explores an alternative history of India under Maratha rule, imagining a scenario where the Marathas successfully defeat the British and establish their dominance. It delves into the potential outcomes of such an event, highlighting how this shift could have changed India’s future trajectory	3
	ii. Content- 2 Marks Expression- 1 Mark The narrator plays a crucial role in saving the “Wavewalker” and steering it safely to Ile Amsterdam. Despite the terrifying storm and the damage sustained by the boat, the captain remains calm and resourceful. He takes charge of the situation by maintaining a sense of determination and focus. His leadership, quick thinking, and ability to make critical decisions, such as repairing the boat and navigating through the storm, ensure the survival of the crew and the safe arrival at Ile Amsterdam. His courage and resilience, combined with his experience as a sailor, are key in overcoming the challenges posed by the storm. (Any other relevant answer)	3
Q11.	Answer the following question in about 40-50 words.	
	i. Content- 2 Marks Expression- 1 Mark The narrator’s decision to leave Mrs. Dorling’s house was influenced by the filthy and unkempt way in which her belongings were being treated. When the narrator sees her family’s precious items—especially her mother’s things—being used carelessly and stored in a disorganized, dirty environment, it fills her with disgust and a sense of violation. The way Mrs. Dorling had neglected these once-treasured possessions deeply hurt the narrator, as they symbolized her past and her family’s memories. This emotional reaction, combined with the disarray and disrespect for her mother’s belongings, made the narrator abruptly leave the room without meeting Mrs. Dorling (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 (Any other relevant answer)	
	ii. Content- 3 Marks Expression- 3 Marks Tutankhamun’s dynasty was marked by religious and political upheaval. His father, Akhenaten, introduced monotheism, worshiping the sun god Aten, and shifted the capital to Akhetaten (Amarna). These reforms were controversial and abandoned after Akhenaten’s death, leaving the country in turmoil. Tutankhamun ascended the throne at the age of 9 or 10, guided by advisors like Ay and Horemheb. Initially named Tutankhaten, he changed his name to Tutankhamun to restore traditional polytheism and moved the capital back to Thebes. Despite his efforts to undo his father’s reforms, his reign was brief, ending mysteriously at 18. Although his rule was uneventful, the discovery of his intact tomb in 1922 by Howard Carter provided invaluable insights into ancient Egyptian life and made him one of history’s most famous pharaohs. His dynasty symbolizes a transition from turmoil to stability in ancient Egypt. (Any other relevant points)	
Q13.	Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 120-150 words.	6x1=6
	i. Content – 3 Marks Expression- 3 Marks The ending of Mother’s Day by J.B. Priestley is humorous and thought-provoking. After Mrs. Pearson’s assertive transformation, the family realizes her importance and begins to treat her with respect. The play ends with Mrs. Pearson relaxing while the family works to make her happy. This shift in roles is both satisfying and ironic, as the once-dominated mother now enjoys the care and attention she always deserved. The ending effectively highlights the central theme of the play—gender roles and the need for mutual respect in a family. It also carries an optimistic message that change is possible if individuals stand up for themselves. The comedic tone ensures the play concludes on a light-hearted note, leaving the audience both entertained and reflective about their own familial relationships and responsibilities.(Any other relevant point)	
	ii. Content – 3 Marks Expression- 3 Marks Mourad in The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse by William Saroyan embodies the paradox of being both a true Garoghlanian and a deviant. As a true Garoghlanian, Mourad inherits his tribe’s deep sense of pride, honesty, and love for animals. His bond with the stolen horse reflects his pure love for nature, a defining trait of his tribe. For example, he treats the horse with care and affection, showcasing his innate kindness and respect for living beings. However, Mourad is also a deviant because he breaks the Garoghlanian code of strict honesty by stealing the horse. Even though he justifies it as “borrowing,” it contradicts his tribe’s values. His carefree, adventurous spirit, though endearing, leads him to actions that could tarnish the family’s reputation. This duality makes Mourad a complex character who reflects both loyalty to and rebellion against his heritage. (Any other relevant point)	