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CLASS – XI

SUB : ENGLISH CORE (301)

Time :90 Minutes

Maximum Marks: 40

General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains *THREE* sections.
2. Section A-READING has 17 questions. Attempt a total of 13 questions, as per specific instructions for each question.
3. Section B-WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR has 18 questions. Attempt a total of 15 questions, as per specific instructions for each question.
4. Section C-LITERATURE has 25 questions. Attempt 22 questions, as per specific instructions for each question.
5. All questions carry equal marks.
6. There is no negative marking

SECTION -A (READING)

Section – A consists of 17 questions. Attempt a total of 13 questions, as per specific instructions for each question. The first attempted 13 questions would be evaluated.

I. Read the passage given below:

- (1) Have you ever failed at something so miserably that the thought of attempting to do it again was the last thing on your mind?
- (2) If your answer is yes, then you should understand that you are not a robot. Unlike robots, we human beings have feelings, emotions, and dreams. We are all meant to grow despite our circumstances and limitations. Flourishing and trying to make our dreams come true feels great when life goes our way. But what happens when it does not? What happens when you fail despite all your hard work? Do you stay down and accept defeat or do you get up again? If you tend to persevere and keep going, you have what experts call ‘grit’.

(3) Falling down or failing is one of the most agonising, embarrassing, and scary human experiences. But it is also one of the most educational, empowering, and essential parts of living a successful and fulfilling life. Did you know that perseverance (grit) is one of the seven qualities that has been described as the key to personal success and betterment in society? The other six are curiosity, gratitude, optimism, self-control, social intelligence, and zest. Thomas Edison is an example of grit for trying more than 1,000 times to invent the light bulb. If you are reading this with the lights on in your room, you will realise the importance of his success. When asked why he kept going despite hundreds of failures, he merely stated that they had not been failures, they were hundreds of attempts towards creating the light bulb. This statement not only revealed his grit but also his optimism for looking at the bright side.

(4) Grit can be learnt to help you become more successful. One of the techniques that help is mindfulness. Mindfulness is a practice that makes an individual stay at the moment by bringing awareness of his or her experience without judgement. This practice has been used to quieten the noise of fears and doubts. Through this simple practice of mindfulness, individuals have the ability to stop the self-sabotaging downward spiral of hopelessness, despair, and frustration.

(5) What did you do to overcome the negative and self-sabotaging feelings of failure? Reflect on what you did, and try to use those same powerful resources to help you today.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any eight out of the ten questions by choosing the correct option:

Q.1 The reason why you are not a robot is that:

- A. You fail miserably at tasks
- B. Failure and success can affect your emotions
- C. You work hard
- D. You have limitations

Q.2 Choose the option that best captures the central idea of the passage from the given quotes.

- 1. Eighty percent of success is showing up.
- 2. The purpose of our lives is to be happy.
- 3. To conquer failure, one must remain intensely focused on the outcome, not the obstacles.
- 4. Learn from the mistakes of others.

- A. Option (1) B. Option (2) C. Option (3) D. Option (4)

Q.3 What is the tone of the following context used in the passage:

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- A. Humorous B. Optimistic C. Horrifying D. Solemn

Q.4 Choose from the following the most relevant title for the passage.

- A. Dreams Always Come True
- B. Failure and Grit
- C. Humans vs Robots
- D. Falling Down and Getting Up

Q.5 was created after many attempts.

- A. electricity
- B. light bulb
- C. current
- D. tube light

Q.6 Which of the following sentences makes the correct use of “grit”, as used in the passage?

- A. Get rid of that grit in your shoes.
- B. She had a bit of grit in her eye.
- C. The road had been covered with grit.
- D. Her grit never made her give up.

Q.7 To develop perseverance one must:

- A. become more aware
- B. work hard
- C. be in the moment and be aware without judgement
- D. seek guidance

Q.8 How does mindfulness help?

- A. It creates awareness
- B. It quietens the noise of fears and doubts
- C. It helps one become successful
- D. It helps develop focus

Q.9 What do you understand from this line, “Falling down or failing is one of the most agonizing, embarrassing, and scary human experiences.”?

- A. Falling down makes us angry.
- B. Failure can deeply affect our emotions
- C. Stay positive and be optimistic
- D. Self-control is empowering

Q.10 Choose the option that correctly states the meaning of ‘social intelligence’ as implied in the passage:

- A. Knowing others
- B. Knowing oneself and others
- C. Knowing oneself
- D. Knowing one’s surroundings

II. Read the passage given below:

1. What’s up with WhatsApp, specifically its newish payment business? Contrary to the expectations of many market observers, WhatsApp has processed just 1.6 million of the over 6.7 billion transactions on India’s Unified Payments Interface (UPI) since its launch in November.
2. WhatsApp insiders said this was part of its strategy. “We are in it for the long haul; it’s a marathon, not a sprint and we are in no hurry and want to get this piece right,” a person close to the company told The Economic Times, requesting anonymity. “To get the simplicity of WhatsApp’s interface for payments is a complex task. We want to ensure that the experience for customers is smooth.”

TRANSACTION VOLUMES ON UPI IN MILLION

	WhatsApp	PhonePe	Google	Paytm	Amazon	UPI (Total)
December	0.56	968	853	281	46	2302
December	0.81	902	854	261	41	2230
November	0.31	868	960	260	37	2200

3. Market observers said the challenge of India’s sophisticated payments architecture, a raging political debate around ownership of digital data, coupled with the social messenger’s global experiences such as in Brazil could be the reasons. Within a few days of WhatsApp’s payment service going live, the Central Bank of Brazil had taken it down owing to an uncertain regulatory climate.

4. A WhatsApp spokesperson confirmed the development. “That’s correct,” the spokesperson said, responding to ET’s mailed query on whether the slow start was a conscious decision to enhance customer experience before gaining scale.

5. As per the latest data released by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), WhatsApp Pay processed just 0.56 million transactions worth ₹ 36.44 crore in January 2021 against 0.81 million transactions worth ₹ 29.72 crore it recorded in December 2020.

6. At the same time, the NPCI-run UPI yet again clocked record volumes processing 2.3 billion transactions worth ₹ 4.3 lakh crore in the month, cementing its credential as one of the fastest growing retail payment channels in the world.

7. “We have knowingly gone slow with onboardings and are working on building the right technology and teams to emerge as an important player in enabling India’s digital ecosystem,” the person close to WhatsApp quoted above said, adding: “If we want, we can be a much larger player in the market; we haven’t started any marketing at all.

8. Walmart-backed PhonePe, Google Pay, Paytm that is funded by SoftBank and Ant Financial, and Amazon Pay cornered a significantly higher share of transactions in this period. PhonePe clocked 968 million transactions in January, whereas Google Pay processed 853 million payments. Paytm came a distant third with 281 million payments on UPI, whereas Amazon Pay did 46 million.

9. “WhatsApp wants to get the payments absolutely right in India because it ties together all its long-term ambitions for growth in the country,” said a chief executive of a domestic payments company, speaking off the record.

10. Experts also pointed that WhatsApp’s bid to capture the digital payments market in India has also not been sufficiently focused on the technology and talent acquisition front. [The Economic Times]

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any five out of the seven questions by choosing the correct option:

Q.11 WhatsApp has processed 1.6 million of the _____ transactions on India's UPI since its launch.

- A. 3.2 billion B. 6.7 billion C. 5.7 billion D. 2.5 billion

Q.12 To get the simplicity of WhatsApp's interface for payments, WhatsApp wants to ensure that the _____ .

- A. experience for customer is smooth B. payment should be regular
C. delaying practice must be avoided D. customer dealing is polite

Q.13 Within a few days of WhatsApp's payment services going live, the Central Bank of Brazil had taken it down owing to an _____ .

- A. unfavourable climate B. uncertain regulatory climate
C. unforeseen contingency D. ecological problem

Q.14 According to National Payments Corporation of India, WhatsApp pay processed 0.56 million transactions worth _____ in January 2021.

- A. ₹ 54.44 crores B. ₹ 36.44 crores C. ₹ 40.44 crores D. ₹ 25 crores

Q.15 NPCI stands for the following. Choose the correct option.

- A. National Pharmaceutical Corporation of India
B. National Payments Corporation of India
C. National Power Corporation of India
D. National Paper Corporation of India

Q.16 NPCI-run UPI cemented its credential by processing 2.3 billion transactions worth ₹ 4.3 lakh crores as one of the _____ .

- A. fastest-growing retail payment channels in the world
B. slowest-growing payment channels
C. largest retail payment channels
D. busiest-growing payment channels in the world

Q.17 According to the chart, Walmart-backed PhonePe clocked 968 million transactions where Google pay processed _____ .

- A. 753 million payments B. 853 million payments
C. 789 million payments D. 700 million payments

SECTION -B (WRITING SKILL & GRAMMER)

Section – B consists of 18 questions. Attempt a total of 15 questions, as per specific instructions for each question. The first attempted 15 questions would be evaluated.

WRITING SKILL

III. Answer any four out of the five (only from question number 18 to 22) questions given, with reference to the notice given below.

<p>MISSION HIGH SCHOOL, PURI NOTICE</p> <p>(18)</p> <p>28 September 2021</p> <p>This is to inform (19) that I lost my (20) in our school auditorium. The notes have a yellow cover. If anybody finds it, please (21)..... to (22) or simply drop them in the XI-C drop box.</p> <p>Mithali XI-C</p>
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Q.18 For the heading of the notice (gap 18 in the above notice), choose the most appropriate option.

- A. Regarding English Lectures
- B. Misplacement of English Notes
- C. Lost the English Notes
- D. English Notes Missing

Q.19 Which of the following can correctly fill the gap to make the sentence sensible in case of gap 19?

- A. the public
- B. you
- C. all the students and the staff of the school
- D. teachers

Q.20 Select the most appropriate option to fill in the gap given in the notice against gap number 20.

- A. Notes
- B. English notebook
- C. English notes during the recess
- D. English sample paper

Q.21 Which of the following can be used most appropriately to fill up the gap number 21 of the notice?

- A. Return these
- B. Give it
- C. Supply it
- D. Deposit the same book

Q.22 Choose the most appropriate option to fill up the gap number 22 to complete the notice.

- A. Any one of class XII
- B. Any one of class XI

C. The head clerk

D. The mentor of class XI-C

IV. Answer any six of the seven questions given, with reference to the context below.

Rajesh is going to deliver a speech on the occasion of observing Van Mahotsav Week emphasizing on trees and our environment. He has to also include pollution and other matters related to environment.

Q.23 Rajesh should write on the top in the centre of his speech

A. Salutation

B. Date

C. Address

D. None of these

Q.24 Choose the correct list which can be most appropriate for Rajesh to start his speech.

1. citing a quote related to Van Mahotsav

2. thanking the audience

3. criticising the people

4. greeting the audience

5. suggesting measures to protect our surrounding

A. only (1)

B. (1) and (2)

C. blending (1) and (4)

D. only (4)

Q.25 Which pronoun can be used while writing the speech by Rajesh?

A. I

B. You

C. We and They

D. All of these

Q.26 Which of the following must be avoided by Rajesh while drafting/delivering his speech?

A. forcibly get his point of view acknowledged

B. Accept the view of all

C. Present the facts before others

D. Make sure that the audience understand his view

Q.27 Which of the following are the elements of body of speech to be delivered by Rajesh?

A. Introduction

B. Pros and Cons

C. Suggestion

D. (b) and (c)

Q.28 Read the following sentence from Rajesh's article draft and help her complete it by selecting the most appropriate option.

As we all know that deforestation is **(i)**..... all over the world, in rural and urban areas. The Indian Forest Department says "for every tree cut we should plant **(ii)** ten saplings every day to cover the loss". But the problem is that this practice is followed very rarely.

A. (i) spreading (ii) almost

B. (i) appreciated (ii) maximum

C. (i) harmful (ii) for

D. (i) condemned (ii) so far as

Q.29 Which can be the most appropriate quote should Rajesh use to summarise the central idea of his Speech?

- A. "Conservation is a state of harmony between men and land." – Aldo Leopold
- B. "Problems cannot be solved at the same level of awareness that created them." – Albert Einstein
- C. "Once you have commitment, you need the discipline and hard work to get you there." - Haile Gebrselassie
- D. 'Save tree, Save Earth, we are the guardians of nature's birth.' - Anonymous

GRAMMAR

V. Attempt any five out of the six questions given below.

Q.30 There is ---- water left, so drink only if you must. (use the correct determiner)

- A. some
- B. little
- C. few
- D. Much

Q.31 coat will do. It doesn't need to be a raincoat. (use the correct determiner)

- A. Little
- B. No
- C. Any
- D. Few

Q.32 Mansa her father in the shop until the school (fill in the blanks using the correct option)

- A. is helping, starts
- B. helped, was started
- C. was helping, will start
- D. has helped, is stating

Q.33 The cashier the money from the bank by 11.00 am. (fill in the blank using the correct option)

- A. has withdrawn
- B. will have withdrawn
- C. is withdrawing
- D. had been withdrawing

Q.34 In the question below, there is a sentence with jumbled up parts. Rearrange these parts, which are labelled A, B, C and D to produce the correct sentence.

Choose the proper sequence.

- 1. She saw her opportunity
 - 2. to make amends
 - 3. when he came to her home
 - 4. to borrow some sugar.
- A. 2,3,4,1 B. 2,3,1,4 C. 1,4,2,3 D. 1,2,3,4

Q.35 In the question below, there is a sentence with jumbled up parts. Rearrange these parts, which are labelled A, B, C and D to produce the correct sentence.

Choose the proper sequence.

- 1. The CEO
 - 2. of making the right decision
 - 3. was not scared
 - 4. despite a loss in profits
- A. 1,2,3,4 B. 1,2,4,3 C. 1,3,2,4 D. 2,3,4,1

SECTION – C (LITERATURE)

This section has sub-sections: VI, VII, VIII, IX. There are a total of 25 questions in the section. Attempt a total of 22 questions, as per specific instructions for each question. The first attempted 22 questions would be evaluated.

VI. Read the given extract to attempt questions that follow:

I knew we must have missed the island, and with the sail we had left, we couldn't hope to beat back into the westerly winds. At that moment, a tousled head appeared by my bunk. "Can I have a hug?" Jonathan asked. Sue was right behind him. "Why am I getting a hug now?" I asked. "Because you are the best daddy in the whole world — and the best captain," my son replied. "Not today, Jon, I'm afraid".

Q.36 Jonathan called his father the best daddy and the best captain because he...

- A. was a caring father and a competent captain.
- B. involved them in the voyage
- C. immediately gave first aid to Sue
- D. did not give them any task during the voyage.

Q.37 The Captain did not agree to idea of having a hug because he ...

- A. was not good at repairing.
- B. thought that he had missed the island
- C. was very rude to his children.
- D. was sure that he had made correct calculations.

Q.38 The cold reaction of the Captain suggests ...

- A. feeling of triumph
- B. feeling of hopelessness
- C. he was sick.
- D. he was hopeful.

Q.39 A tousled head refers to ...

- A. Small head
- B. A tidy head
- C. A bald head
- D. Untidy head

Q.40 Which island is referred in the extract?

- A. Ile Amsterdam
- B. Philippines
- C. Ile Dalmatian
- D. Ile Seychelles

VII. Read the given extract to attempt questions that follow:

*"It is the engine of her family.
She stokes it full, then flirts out to a branch-end
Showing her barred face identity mask."*

Q.41 'It is the engine of her family' refers to

- A. The baby birds in the nest
- B. the leaves of laburnum tree
- C. the laburnum tree
- D. the nest of the bird

Q.42 The mother ‘stokes it full’ signifies ...

- A. feeding her babies
- B. striking her enemies
- C. entering her nest stealthily
- D. refuelling the engine

Q.43 ‘Then flirts out to the branch end’ signifies that the goldfinch moves out ...

- A. cautiously
- B. quickly
- C. carelessly
- D. mindlessly

Q.44 The poetic device used in ‘Her barred face identity mask’ is ...

- A. simile
- B. Transferred Epithet
- C. imagery
- D. Oxymoron

Q. 45 She stokes is a/an

- A. metaphor
- B. alliteration
- C. irony
- D. Simile

VIII. Read the given extract to attempt questions that follow:

Seeing so many people there, Ranga came out with a smile on his face. Had we all gone inside, the place would have turned into what people call the Black Hole of Calcutta. Thank God it did not. Everyone was surprised to see that Ranga was the same as he had been six months ago, when he had first left our village. An old lady who was near him, ran her hand over his chest, looked into his eyes and said, “The janewara is still there. He hasn’t lost his caste.” She went away soon after that. Ranga laughed.

Q.46 The expression ‘Black Hole of Calcutta’ in this context means....

- A. the large population of Calcutta
- B. name of a theatre in Calcutta
- C. A space which absorbs everything
- D. a cramped space with lot of people

Q.47 What was the apprehension of the village crowd about Ranga when he returned from Bangalore?

- A. Ranga would have grown extra hands, eyes and nose.
- B. Ranga would speak English only.
- C. Ranga would have completely forgotten his values and manners.
- D. Ranga would have brought new things for the villagers.

Q.48 The extract highlights....

- A. modern ideas about marriage
- B. scepticism towards people who return from a city
- C. preference of local language over English language
- D. hatred for western education among Indians

Q.49 The janewara is ...

- A. a symbol of Ranga’s caste
- B. Ranga’s pet
- C. Ranga’s native language
- D. a mole on Ranga’s face

Q.50 Assertion - Ranga came out of his house with a smiling face.

Reason – Ranga is very amiable and wanted to greet the people of his village with such a facial expression.

- A. Both the Assertion and the Reason are correct and the Reason is the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- B. The Assertion and the Reason are correct but the Reason is not the correct explanation of the Assertion
- C. Assertion is true but the Reason is false.
- D. Assertion is false but the Reason is true.

IX. Attempt the following.

Q.51 The statement, “His long, white beard covered the best part of his chest”, describes ...

- A. the long white beard falling on the chest of the grandfather
- B. the chest was the best part of the grandfather’s appearance
- C. the long white beard covering the chest of the grandfather
- D. ‘a’ and ‘c’ only

Q.52 “the thought was almost revolting” reflects the author’s _____

- A. doubt that the grandmother was once young and pretty.
- B. pensive moments when he was separated from the grandmother.
- C. protest against his parents.
- D. mental afflictions when he left for the university.

Q.53 The three girls “*smiled through their hair*” in the poem ‘A Photograph’ because.....

- A. it was a style of posing for photograph
- B. they wore long hair
- C. of the strong sea wind
- D. the uncle asked them to pose for photograph in this style

Q.54 “Its silence silences” describes....

- A. the silent nature of the poet
- B. the silent nature of the mother
- C. the sorrowful life of the poet
- D. the void created due to the death of the mother.

Q.55 Which of the following is not true about Amenhotep III?

- A. He was a powerful pharaoh.
- B. He was a great devotee of Amun.
- C. He was Tut’s father or grandfather.
- D. His son was Amenhotep IV.

Q.56 Quinten Metsys was rejected as a suitor because he was a

- A. painter B. Poet C. Chinese D. blacksmith

Q.57 All the anecdotes mentioned in the chapter, Landscape of the Soul reveal the _____ .

- A. difference between Western and Chinese painting
B. fact that the western painting is better than the Chinese
C. concept of Pranayama
D. spiritual journey of an artist

Q.58 Which one is not true about Mourad?

- A. Adventurous B. Egoist C. Compassionate D. Amicable

Q.59 After reading the topic “The Address” Mrs. Dorling can be described as

- A. Materialistic B. Selfish C. Opportunist D. All of the above

Q.60 Arrange the following happenings in the lesson. The Address in proper sequence.

1. She was returning to the station and was lost in the memories of the days gone by.
2. The woman didn't allow her to enter into the house.
3. She resolved to forget the address.
4. A girl of about fifteen opened the door to her.

- A. 2,3,4,1 B. 1,4,3,2 C. 2,1,4,3 D. 3,2,1,4

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