

SESSION ENDING EXAM 2013-14

CLASS XI

SUB : English (Core)

Time- 3 Hrs.

M.M.=80

General Instructions:

- 1) This paper is divided into four sections- A, B, C & D.
- 2) All questions are compulsory.
- 3) Word limit wherever prescribed, must be strictly adhered to.

SECTION A - READING

Q1. Read the following passage carefully & do as directed :

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One Day, while at work in the coal-mine, I happened to overhear two miners talking about a great school for coloured people somewhere in Virginia. This was the first time that I had ever heard anything about any kind of school or college that was more pretentious than the little coloured school in our town.

In the darkness of the mine I noiselessly crept as close as I could to the two men who were talking. I heard one tell the other that not only was the school established for the members of any race, but the opportunities that it provided by which poor but worthy students could work out all or a part of the cost of a board, and at the same time be taught some trade or industry. As they went on describing the school, it seemed to me that it must be the greatest place on earth, and not even Heaven presented more attractions for me at that time than did the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute in Virginia, about which these men were talking. I resolved at once to go to that school, although I had no idea where it was, or how many miles away, or how I was going to reach it; I remembered only that I was on fire constantly with one ambition, and that was to go to Hampton. This thought was with me day and night.

After hearing of the Hampton Institute, I continued to work for a few months longer in the coal-mine. While at work there, I heard of a vacant position in the household of General Lewis Ruffner, the owner of the salt-furnace and coal-mine. Mrs. Viola Ruffner, the wife of General Ruffner, was a "Yankee" woman from Vermont. Mrs. Ruffner had a reputation all through the vicinity for being very strict with her servants and especially with the boys who tried to serve her. Few of them remained with her more than two or three weeks. They all left with the same excuse: she was too strict. I decided, however, that I would rather try Mrs. Ruffner's house than remain in the coal-mine, and so my mother applied to her for the vacant position. I was hired at a salary of \$5 per month.

I had heard so much about Mrs. Ruffner's severity that I was almost afraid to see her, and trembled when I went into her presence. I had not lived with her many weeks, however, before I began to understand her. I soon began to learn that, first of all, she wanted everything kept clean about her, that she wanted things done promptly and systematically, and that at the bottom of everything she wanted absolute honesty and frankness. Nothing must be sloven or slipshod, every door, every fence, must be kept in repair.

I cannot now recall how long I lived with Mrs. Ruffner before going to Hampton, but I think it must have been a year and a half. At any rate, I here repeat what I have said more than once before, that the lessons that I learned in the home of Mrs. Ruffner were as valuable to me as any education I have ever gotten anywhere else. Even to this day I never see bits of paper scattered around a house or in the street that I do not want to pick them up at once. I never see a filthy yard that I do not want to clean it, a paling off of a fence that I do not want to paint or whitewash it, or a button off one's clothes, or a grease-spot on them or on a floor, that I do not want to call attention to it.

From fearing Mrs. Ruffner I soon learned to look upon her as one of my best friends. When she found that she could trust me she did so implicitly. During the one or two winters that I was

with her she gave me an opportunity to go to school for an hour in the day during a portion of the winter months, but most of my studying was done at night, sometimes alone, sometimes under someone whom I could hire to teach me. Mrs. Ruffner always encouraged and sympathized with me in all my efforts to get an education. It was while living with her that I began to get together my first library. I secured a dry-goods box, knocked out one side of it, put some shelves in it, and began putting into it every kind of book that I could get my hands upon, and called it my "library."

(A) Write the correct option:

- (i) The school which the narrator, Booker T. Washington had heard about was located in 1
(a) in his town
(b) Hampton
(c) Virginia
(d) his village
- (ii) The narrator's ambition was 1
(a) to work in a coal mine
(b) to work at Mrs. Ruffner's place
(c) to join the Hampton Institute as a teacher
(d) to join the Hampton Institute as a student.

(B) Answer the following questions briefly:

- (i) Who was Mrs. Viola Ruffner? What made her servants leave her place? 2
(ii) How did the narrator's opinion about her differ from that of others? 2
(iii) What did he learn from her? 1
(iv) What made him treat her as his best friend? 1
(v) How do you know that he was very keen to have education? 1

- (C) Find words in the passage which mean the following: 3
(i) Listen to someone's conversation secretly (Para 1)
(ii) Strictness (Para 5)
(iii) Dirty (Para 6)

- Q2. Read the following passage carefully : 8
1. The epidemic of heart attacks has been attaining alarming proportion in recent times causing grave concern especially to the medical fraternity.
 2. To contain and control the increasing death and disability from heart attacks and to focus on public awareness and their involvement at global level, the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the World Heart Federation observed September 24th as the World Heart Day.
 3. What causes heart attacks? Dr H.S. Wasir, Chief Cardiologist and Medical Director, Batra Hospital and Medical Research Centre, lists four main habits which adversely affect the heart health. These are: lack of physical exercise, wrong eating habits, cigarette smoking and excessive alcohol consumption and stressful lifestyle.

4. The importance of physical exercise in minimizing the incidence of heart attacks cannot be underestimated. "Physical exercise," says Dr Wasir, "plays a major role in achieving a long and healthy life in general and prevention of heart attacks in particular." There are several studies showing that physically active people have higher longevity than those sedentary or physically inactive.
5. In fact, the review of modern medical literature sums up the role of physical activity in health as 'regular physical exercise adds not only years to life but also life to years'. It is the experience of many modern day physicians that some patients of angina (chest pain or discomfort on physical or mental exertion or after meals) do get relief with regularly done physical exercise.
6. What type of physical exercise and how much, one may ask. It is the isotonic (dynamic) exercise that is beneficial for the heart and not the isometric (static) exercise which should be avoided by heart patients. Weightlifting, carrying heavy suitcases while travelling, pushing a car, etc. are some of the examples of isometric exercises. Examples of the beneficial type of physical activity (dynamic exercise) are: brisk walking, swimming, golf without power carts, badminton and tennis (doubles for those with old heart attacks but fully recovered, to be started only after physician's advice).
7. Walking is the best mode of doing regular physical exercise which requires no equipment, money, material or membership of a club! 30 to 60 minutes brisk walk even on alternate day has been proven to be beneficial. Stationary cycling or walking on a treadmill at home are the other alternatives.
8. Walk up the stairs instead of using a lift if going up to three or four floors or getting off the lift two or three floors before the destination and walk up the rest through stairs. Going up several floors in an overcrowded lift with limited fresh air to be shared by so many may however proves unhealthy.
9. Park a little away from the workplace and walk that healthy distance.
10. Best time for brisk walks would be the early mornings before the traffic flow picks up and walking in the parks with thick plantation. Jogging on the roads with heavy traffic should be avoided as you will be inhaling air polluted with the toxins from vehicular exhaust such as dioxides of sulphur and nitrogen.
11. "Before starting any physical exercise programmes for the first time, one must get fully evaluated by a cardiologist, so as to avoid any harm being done by exercise, if there is serious underlying heart disease needing treatment," warns Dr Wasir.
 - a. Make notes on the above passage in a suitable format. You should use recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary. Give a suitable title to your passage. 5
 - b. Write a summary of the passage based on your reading. 3

SECTION B – WRITING SKILLS

- B-1 As the Principal of your school write a notice in 50 words informing the students about the special coaching in Cricket, Basketball and Tennis during the summer vacation. 5
- OR
- You want to dispose of your old car. Prepare an advertisement to be published in the 'For Sale' column of a newspaper.
- B-2 You are Arpit/Arpita living at 53, Sarang Enclave, Sector 5 Shashi Puram, Agra. You wish to make a pilgrimage to Badrinath, Kedarnath and Haridwar with your family of five. Write a letter to Aman Tours and Travels, M.G.Road, Agra enquiring about the schedule of their 7

conducted tour by deluxe buses to these places. Ask about the charges, board and lodging arrangements and the total time needed for the tour.

OR

As the Head Boy of your school write a letter to the Principal requesting him to improve the school canteen. The hygiene conditions as well as the menu needs to be improved.

- B-3 Dance as shown in some reality shows on TV seems to be a mix of Gymnastics & PT exercises. Actually it is neither. India has a rich tradition of classical and folk dances. Write an article in 150-200 words on the need to have a reality show exclusively based on Indian classical dances. You are Aman / Anita. 8

OR

There was a time when children could be seen playing outdoor games like hide & seek, football etc. But now- a- days they are very much pre-occupied with chatting on mobiles, surfing the Internet & watching TV. Out door games are very necessary as they keep one physically fir. Write a speech to be delivered in the morning assembly on 'Games are very necessary for holistic growth' in about 150-200 words.

SECTION C – GRAMMAR

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- C-1. One word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word coming before it and the word coming after it. The first one has been done for you. 3

I always dreamt going to a big city

A great city is battlefield. You need be a fighter to live in it, not exist, mark for you. Anybody exist dragging his soul around like worm out coat but living different. It can be hard but it ___ also be fun

| | dreamt | of | going |
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| (a) | | | |
| (b)..... | | | |
| (c) | | | |
| (d) | | | |
| (e)..... | | | |
| (f)..... | | | |

- C-2. There is one error in each line. Find the error and write it correctly. 4

When I enter the classroom, the fireplace was washed clean , the windows was open and the children were sit quietly in their places The girls seemed sheepish and refuse to meet my glance and I realize that they were ashamed, the boys were watching me expectantly. I made no reference from the incident As far as I was concern, the party was over.

| | Error | correction |
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| (a)..... | | |
| (b)..... | | |
| (c)..... | | |
| (d)..... | | |
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| (g)..... | | |
| (h)..... | | |

- C-3. Re-arrange the following words/phrases into meaningful sentences. 2
 (a)Number one/is/ eradicate /to/ poverty/millennium development/goal.
 (b)knowledge/to/everyone/has/share/to learn/and/can/other`s/inspire/anyone.

- C-4. Complete the following using a suitable clause: 1
 (a)If the weather truns unfavourable,
 (b)The alarm didn` t ring today so

SECTION D – LITERATURE

- D-1. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow briefly.
He speaks: I cannot Understand myself,
Why anger grows from grief.
We each put out an empty hand,
longing for something to forgive.
1. Name the poem and its composer. 1
 2. Who are 'he' and 'I'? 1
 3. What do the first two lines say about their relationship? 1
 4. What are they both trying? 1
- OR
- The talked of love and preached of love,
But did not act so lovingly
Was that the day?
1. Name the poem and its composer. 1
 2. Who are 'they'? 1
 3. What does the poet observe about their behavior? 1
 4. Which word in the above lines is similar in meaning to 'Servronised' 1
- D-2 Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each: 10
- a. Who was Amenhotep IV? Why is he described as 'Wacky'??
 - b. Where did Millie send Taplow? What was her purpose?
 - c. What measures were taken by the crew of the wavewalker to save the ship from sinking
 - d. Why is rain compared to music?
 - e. Write two instances of irony from the poem 'The Tale of Melon City'.
 - f. Why did Albert hate his lodgings? What would he do to divert his mind?
 - g. What was the child suffering from? What treatment did Dr. Andrew Manson apply?
- D-3. Answer the following in 125-150 words. 6
Compare and contrast Crocker Harris and Frank as teacher.
- OR
- What is the main idea of the play 'Mother's Day'? Has it been brought it effectively by the writer? Discuss.
- D-4. Show how Oscar Wilde has made the ghost in the novel 'The Canterville Ghost' almost human 5
by giving him complex human emotions. Answer in about 100-125 words.
- D-5. What happens at the end of the story 'The Canterville Ghost'? How do the Otises and the 5
Cantervilles bid farewell to the ghost?