

CLASS-XII
SUBJECT- ENGLISH CORE
SET-I

Time: 3 Hours

MM= 100

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS :

- I. The Question Paper is divided into three sections.**
- II. Section A consists of 30 marks.**
- III. Section B consists of 30 marks.**
- IV. Section C consists of 40 marks.**

SECTION A [READING]

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Q1. Read the following passage carefully:

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1. Success and joy and inner peace don't just show up. You need to create them. Find your series of practices, perform them with consistency. And then go out into this beautiful world of ours and shine.
2. Too many people believe that there's something wrong with aiming to be really successful. I've heard it a lot these days, the suggestion that if you strive for success, you must not be all that concerned with making a difference and being significant. It's almost as if being a go-getter is incompatible with being compassionate, socially conscious and good.
3. Well here's my take on the "success versus significance" issue: an extraordinary life contains both. Without success, I have a sense that the best part of you will feel a little hollow. Part of what makes us human is the hunger to realize our greatest gifts and live life fully. We were built to shine. And without significance, I believe that we will feel that we have walked the planet in vain.
4. There's nothing wrong with being an elite performer and taking the steps required to become a remarkable success in this world. Success is actually a creative pursuit and a

reflection of healthy self-esteem. And while you realize success, I invite you to stay devoted to elevating the lives you touch and leaving your world better than you found it. That's the significance piece. With both, you'll discover your greatest life.

5. Too many people believe that playing their best game as a human being requires them to revolutionize their lives. And for most of us, that's a scary thought. No one wants to make massive changes to the way they think, feel and behave. Human beings love staying within the comfort zone. But guess what? In my work as a success coach with people around the world, I've realized that lasting personal change does not require you to turn your life upside down.
6. The best way to get to your greatness is through small, continuous steps-what I call the "1% Wins". If you improve your health only 1% each day for the next 30 days, you will see a 30% increase in that dimension of your life in only 1 month. Same for every other area of your life, from your relationships to your career. Doesn't seem so scary now does it? Can you make those little improvements in the areas most in need of improvement? Absolutely.
7. Too many human beings postpone living. We say that we will live our best lives when we have more time or when we finish the pressing projects that are consuming us. We tell those around us that we will be more loving and passionate when things slow down. We promise ourselves that we will get into world-class physical condition and eat healthier food when we have a little bit more time. Yet, deep within us, each one of us knows that there will never be a better time to live our biggest life than now. And if not today, then when?

-Robin Sharma

- 1.1 **On the basis of the reading of the passage, answer the following questions by selection from the most appropriate choices:** 1×3=3

Success is achieved only through

1.
 - (a) Working and complaining
 - (b) Regular practice and sustained efforts
 - (c) Doing work as much as one desires
 - (d) All of the above
2. One of many things that make us human is
 - (a) to keep on working incessantly
 - (b) to admire life and live the most
 - (c) to do what others want
 - (d) To be dissatisfied always
3. Greatness is achieved through
 - (a) Big tasks and performances
 - (b) Aiming high and striving for it
 - (c) Dreaming of achieving success
 - (d) Small steps taken persistently

1. **Answer the following questions briefly:**

1 × 6 = 6

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- (a) What is the writer's opinion about "success versus significance"?
- (b) How does the writer define success?
- (c) Why is complete revolution in life not necessary always?
- (d) What is the significance of taking small steps of progress?
- (e) What is the writer's advice about living life ?
- (f) What is the message conveyed in the passage?

1. **Find words from the passage which mean the same as:**

1 × 3 = 3

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- (a) acting or done in the same way over time (para 1)
- (b) not matching with something (para 2)
- (c) bring drastic change

Q2.

Read the following passage carefully:

(10)

Somebody said that it couldn't be done,
 But he with a chuckle replied
 That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one
 Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.
 So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin
 On his face. If he worried he hid it.

He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;
At least no one ever has done it";
But he took off his coat and he took off his hat,
And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.
With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,
Without any doubting or quiddit,
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,
There are thousands to prophesy failure;
There are thousands to point out to you, one by one,
The dangers that wait to assail you.
But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,
Just take off your coat and go to it;
Just start to sing as you tackle the thing
That "cannot be done," and you'll do it.

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| 1. | Select from the most appropriate options given below: | 1 × 4 = 4 |
| 1) | People tried to | 1 |
| | a) encourage the poet | |
| | b) discourage the poet | |
| | c) motivate the poet | |
| | d) all of the above | |
| 2) | The poet's reaction would always be | 1 |
| | a) drastic | |
| | b) aggressive | |
| | c) peaceful | |
| | d) surprising | |
| 3) | The poet did the work | 1 |
| | a) by frowning | |

- b) by smiling
- c) by quarreling
- d) by overacting

- 4) The message of the poem is
- (a) optimistic
 - (b) pessimistic
 - (c) realistic
 - (d) none of the above

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2. Answer the following questions briefly:

1 × 4 = 4

- 1) What is the way to avoid negative approach of others?
- 2) How can others be instrumental in telling you that the task is impossible?
- 3) What ultimately brings success?
- 4) How would you react in any adverse situation?

3. Find out words from the passage which mean the same as:

1 × 2 = 2

- 1) Predict future
- 2) Smile

Q3. Read the following passage carefully:

The most famous saying said by the Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru is "To awaken the people, it is the women who must be awakened. Once she is on the move, the family moves, the village moves, the nation moves". In India, to empower the women, first it needs to kill all the demons killing women's rights and values in the society such as dowry system, illiteracy, sexual harassment, inequality, female infanticide, domestic violence against women, rape, prostitution, illegal trafficking and other issues. Gender discrimination in the nation brings cultural, social, economic and educational differences which push country back. The most effective remedy to kill such devils is making women empowered by ensuring the Right to Equality mentioned in the Constitution of India.

Giving priority to the gender equality facilitates women empowerment all over the country. To get the high level goal of women empowerment, it should be promoted from the childhood in each and every family. It needs women to be strong physically, mentally and socially. Since the better education can be started at home from childhood, the upliftment of women needs healthy family to bring a holistic development of the nation. Still in many backward areas,

there is a trend of early marriage and childbirth because of the poverty, insecurity and illiteracy of the parents. In order to empower women, various steps have been taken by the government to prevent violence, social separation, gender discrimination and abuse against women.

108th Constitutional Amendment Bill (also called Women's Reservation Bill) was passed to reserve one-third of the seats for women only in the Lok Sabha to make them actively involved in every area. In other fields also the seats for women have been reserved for their active participation without any limitation and competition.

Various mass campaigns need to be organized in the backward rural areas to make them aware about the real values of women and all the facilities available by the government for their bright future. They need to be promoted for the survival and proper education of female child to really bring the dream of women empowerment come true.

- 1) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it using headings and sub-headings. **5**
- 2) Write a summary of the above passage in 80 words, using the notes made and also suggest a suitable title. **3**

SECTION B [WRITING] **30**

- Q4.** You are Nishant / Nimisha of Golden Palm Public School. There will be an awareness campaign in your school about ban of plastic bags as a step towards saving the environment. As the School Captain, you have been asked to write a notice informing the students about it. Give the necessary details. Do not exceed the word limit of 50 words. **4**

OR

As a member of Health Club of your school, you have been asked to prepare a poster regarding healthy food habits among the youngsters, Prepare a poster, illustrating the topic in a brief and subtle manner. Do not exceed the word limit of 50 words.

- Q5.** You are Suraj/ Sakshi , an active member of JYOTIDEEP, an NGO which works for the education of slum children. Write a letter to the editor, mentioning the motive of the NGO, **6**

need of the motive and expectations from the people. Do not exceed the word limit of 120-150 words.

OR

You have recently purchased a Colour Printer from TIPTOP Electronics of your city. After just a week, you find that it is not working properly. Write a letter to the General Manager describing the problems and asking for a replacement or repair as the Colour Printer is in warranty period. Do not exceed the word limit of 120-150 words.

- Q6.** You have recently come across several news items regarding increasing unrest among the youngsters leading to increase in social crimes. Grieved by the rising dissatisfaction caused due to severe lack of employment, you decide to write an article for the newspaper. Express your views, your concern and possible solution to this global issue. **10**

OR

You recently attended a student exchange programme from your school and visited United States of America. Write an article for your school magazine enumerating the benefits of such programmes where students from various countries come together and exchange their ideas and opinions.

- Q7.** You are taking part in a Debate Competition on the occasion of Republic Day, the topic of which is " Only young generation can curb the social evils prevalent in Indian Society". Draft a debate on for or against the topic" **10**

OR

You have been asked to give a speech in the morning assembly on National Science Day Draft a speech in not more than 150-200 words regarding the advancements and benefits in the field of Science and Technology. You may incorporate modern gadgets as well.

- Q8.** **SECTION D [LITERATURE]** **40**
Read the following passage and answer the questions given below: 1×4=4

If we were not so single-minded
 about keeping our lives moving,
 and for once could do nothing,
 perhaps a huge silence
 might interrupt this sadness

- 1) 1. What does the poet mean by being single-minded?

2. Which sadness the poet talks about?
3. What appeal the poet has made in the poem?
4. How does the poet justify his concept of doing nothing?

OR

On their slag heap, these children
Wear skins peeped through by bones and spectacles of steel
With mended glass, like bottle bits on stones.

1. Who are the children mentioned here?
2. What highlights the impoverish state here?
3. What is the poet's concern in this poem?
4. What appeal is made by the poet in the last stanza of the poem?

Q9. Answer any **FOUR** of the following questions in **30-40 words:** **3×4=12**

- 1) What excuses are made by the ragpickers for not wearing footwears?
- 2) What made Edla intercede for the peddler? What was the impact on him?
- 3) What made Gandhi chide the lawyers?
- 4) Why did Jo insist on her ending of the story? What made Jack object to it?
- 5) What made Bama laugh at the elderly man of her community? What explanation was given by her brother?

Q10. Answer the following question in 120-150 words: **6**

Often in life, we come across several problems and feel dejected and hopeless. But such negative feelings only hamper our progress. Only will power and determination can save us from sinking into the ocean of gloom. Comment with reference to "Deep Water".

Q11. Answer any one of the following question in 120-150 words: **6**

Mr. Lamb transformed Derry's attitude towards life. Elaborate Mr. Lamb's philosophy of life which brought this transformation in Derry. Write your answer in not more than 100-120 words.

OR

Despite Evan's habit of resorting to picking up things and getting arrested time and again, the readers still feel affection towards this character. Briefly explain the reason.

Q12. Answer any one of the following question in 120-150 words: **6**

Write a brief character sketch of Dr. Kemp, keeping in view

- Q13.** his responsibility towards humanity, his brave face against Griffin and his logical way of thinking.
Answer any one of the following question in 120-150 words: **6**
Describe the incident when Griffin was attacked by the dog of Mr. Fearenside.

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