

MID TERM EXAMINATION**2017-'18****Subject: English (Subject Code: 101)****M.M: 80 Marks****Class : X****Time: 3 Hours****Name: _____****Roll No. _____****General Instructions:**

- 1. Attempt all the questions.**
- 2. Do not write anything in the question paper.**
- 3. Read the questions carefully.**
- 4. All the questions must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided.**
- 5. All questions of a particular section must be attempted in the correct order.**
- 6. Ensure that questions for each Section are answered together.**
- 7. Read each question carefully and follow the instruction.**
- 8. Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question.**

The question paper is divided into four sections.

Section A: Reading : 20 Marks

Section B: Writing and Grammar : 30Marks

Section C: Literature : 30 Marks

SECTION - A (Reading – 20 Marks)

Q1. Read the following passage carefully.

Man always sees tigers as the symbols of pride, our deepest fears, desires and aspirations. The tiger is typically sighted as the most fearsome predator which is admired for its lithe muscles, courage and beauty. The tiger's body has a hundred different uses, such as the fat is believed to be the tonic for rheumatism and the flesh offers considerable strength to those who eat it.

Tigers are powerful animals that are capable of taking on their prey single-handedly and subduing large prey. They have forelimbs and broad shoulders, with the help of which tigers grapple their prey while holding onto it with the retractable, long claws of the broad forepaws.

Tigers have muscular bodies bearing strong and powerful forelimbs and large heads. The colour of the coat varies, depending entirely on the subspecies. These big cats also display prominent black stripes that run across their body. No tiger has stripes that resemble other counterparts i.e. each one has its own unique stripes. The black stripes of tigers serve as a natural camouflage for hiding themselves amongst the dappled shadows and the long grasses of their surroundings.

The tiger once inhabited all of Asia ranging from Eastern Turkey to the Caspian Sea, including the southern Tibetan plateau and the Sea of Okhotsk. Sadly speaking, the tiger's range has been limited to a few major habitats. Currently tigers have become extinct in Iran, Afghanistan, Turkey and the Indus Valley of Pakistan. They were once widespread throughout India including the foothills of the Himalayas, through Bhutan, Nepal, Sikkim, Myanmar and Assam, but the population has dramatically reduced in the Indian Subcontinent. Unfortunately, extreme hunting together with poaching makes tigers an endangered species.

It is sad to contemplate the extinction of an animal species due to the inexorable forces of nature, but it is infinitely more depressing when the extinction is caused by supposedly responsible human beings.

On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions briefly. **(1×8=8)**

- (a) What does man perceive the tiger as?
- (b) What is the tiger admired for?
- (c) Which part of the tiger's body cures rheumatism?
- (d) How do tigers take down their prey?
- (e) What is unique about the tiger's stripes?

- (f) How do the black stripes help tigers?
- (g) Which are the countries where tigers have become extinct?
- (h) How are humans responsible for making them an endangered species?

Q2. Read the passage given below.

The most important trait of a leader is authenticity and self –knowledge. As a leader you need to be clear about your values and belief system. The self-knowledge is a compass to navigate complex situations. Secondly, in order to lead, one should have clarity of vision and the ability to communicate it. The obstacle to good communication is not the lack of verbal skills alone. It is also the capacity to view one’s targets and goals through a self-generated lens that sees the world on our own terms. Each of us is informed differently and our view of the world is seen through our own lens and that may be opaque to someone else. A great example of seeing through a different lens can be found in a family with different generations. The third trait for leadership is curiosity. Leadership is about change. The ability to respond to change is particularly critical to business leaders as the pace of innovation in business is very rapid.

When it is a family running a business, family shareholders have to provocatively learn best practices for sustaining a closely-held business over generations. The group must wrestle out issues to arrive at a solution that is in line with the overall vision of the company to benefit the business and its shareholders. It is inevitable to have conflicts as members are from different background and different age groups.

In a family run business most members are worried about transition. Generally, it is seen that upto the third generation, there is a clear view of the founder of the business, his values. The next generation, following the third, is not only larger but more distanced from the company’s origins. Their challenges will include aligning with a smaller sub-set of the family members and balancing collective versus individual achievement.

In conclusion, we can say that leaders start out with a vision. Having a vision to lead requires clarity of purpose and direction. Also, leaders need to

have the ability to communicate and motivate people to work towards a vision. It is also important that they should inspire others to trust and support them.

2.1 On the basis of your reading the passage, answer the following questions briefly. **(2 × 4 = 8)**

- (a) What are the three traits of a leader?
- (b) Why are individual lens views different?
- (c) What are the secrets of running a successful family-run business?
- (d) Which generation is the most vulnerable in a family-run business? Why?

2.2 Do as directed. **(1 × 4 = 4)**

- (a) The term 'compass' used in the passage means _____.
 - (i) an instrument to draw a circle
 - (ii) a ruler
 - (iii) work towards accomplishing something
 - (iv) include
- (b) The term 'trait' in the passage means _____.
 - (i) the special feature of a person
 - (ii) a traitor
 - (iii) the short form of 'straight'
 - (iv) the old fashioned spelling of treat
- (c) The term 'transition' in the passage indicates _____.
 - (i) transformation

- (ii) the middle class in a school
- (iii) a variety of formation
- (iv) a motor car racing terminology
- (d) The term 'aligning' in the passage means _____.
- (i) making another lining
- (ii) falling in line
- (iii) giving a different point of view
- (iv) joining with a particular group

SECTION - B (Writing and Grammar – 30Marks)

Q3. In our country education is still a dream for a lot of children. In many of the areas of our country, children are deprived of education. There is no school, no good teachers, nor proper facilities, to take children to school. Government has a lot of schemes and programmes. Still illiteracy prevails in our country. Write a letter in about 100 – 120 words to the editor of a leading newspaper raising your concerns and suggestions. You may refer to your MCB Unit – 2 'Education'. You may also take ideas from the following hints: You are Hemant / Deepali. (8)

Hints: Poor situation of education in India – no facility to many – children deprived of education – Right to Education just a dream – government's measures fail – concern of society needed.

Or,

Mr. Satish Kaul is the Sports Instructor in Acharyakulam, Haridwar. The Principal of the school asks Mr. Kaul to place an order for buying cricket kits, volley ball nets, footballs, badminton and the necessary sports accessories required. Mr. Kaul decides to place an order with Messrs

Lohia Sports Equipment, Narasapur. Now write the order letter in about 100 – 120 words.

Q4. Making use of the following situation, write a short story in about 200 – 250 words. Make the story interesting by including a setting, characters, events, dialogues and a dramatic ending. Give your story a suitable title. **(10)**

An alien comes to earthwants to explore if he / she can live herebut is soon disappointed and returns to his or her planetWhy?

Or,

Write a short story in about 200 – 250 words on the basis of following hints. Give your story an eye catching title.

Hints:

Manu.....a poor boy.....intense desire to get education..... found by a social worker brought home heard his story funded for his education worked hard did M.Sc. became a scientist.

Q5. Complete the following passage by filling in one or two words from the options given. **(½×8=4)**

Human Civilization (a) _____ a consequence of man’s ability to organize (b) _____ range of sounds he can (c) _____ into a (d) _____ efficient system of communication, (e) _____ animals are content (f) _____ the production (g) _____ sounds as a reflex of (h) _____ stimuli to signal certain basic emotions.

- (a) (i) is (ii) are (iii) were (iv) am
 (b) (i) a (ii) the (iii) an (iv) this
 (c) (i) producing (ii) has produced (iii) are producing (iv) produce

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| (d) (i) highly | (ii) high | (iii) height | (iv) highest |
| (e) (i) whereas | (ii) who | (iii) which | (iv) when |
| (f) (i) from | (ii) with | (iii) on | (iv) in |
| (g) (i) in | (ii) to | (iii) of | (iv) for |
| (h) (i) example | (ii) certain | (iii) instance | (iv) latest |

Q6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against the correct blank number in your answer sheet. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied. The first one has been done for you as an example.

($\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$)

	<u>Error</u>	<u>Correction</u>
The passengers were waiting at the station when five policemen rushing into difference compartments of a train. After sometimes one of them comes out with two young men and soon the other policemen joined her.	e.g. passenger	<u>passengers</u>
	(a) _____	
	(b) _____	
	(c) _____	
	(d) _____	
	(e) _____	
The men which had been arrested was been caught for a theft.	(f) _____	
	(g) _____	
they had stealed two cars and a motorcycle.	(h) _____	

Q7. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done for you as an example. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. (1×4=4)

Example: perhaps / in / health / the greatest / is / wealth / the world

The greatest wealth in the world is perhaps health.

- (a) is / key / progress / health / the / and / in / success / life / to
(b) beggar / happier / healthy / an / ailing / a / is / than / king
(c) healthy / all / and / man / life / pleasure / to / a / is / joy
(d) individuals / make / healthy / nations / healthy / populations and /
healthy /

Or,

Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows. Write the answers against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole sentences.

Arun : Where are you going?

Hari : I am going to Mumbai.

Arun : Do you know whether the train is on time?

Hari : It is to arrive at 10 p.m.

Arun : I hope it is on time.

Arun asked Hari where he was going. Hari answered that (a) _____.

Arun enquired if he knew (b) _____. Hari said (c) _____.

Arun said that he (d) _____.

SECTION - C (Literature: Textbook and Extended Reading Text – 30 Marks)

Q8. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow. **(1×4=4)**

“When wasteful war shall statues overturn,

And broils root out the work of masonry,

Nor Mars his sword nor war’s quick fire shall burn

The living record of your memory.”

- (a) Why are wars wasteful?
- (b) What does the phrase ‘the work of masonry’ refer to?
- (c) Why can’t war have any ill-effects on the poet’s writing?
- (d) What does the word ‘broils’ mean?

Or,

“The whole universe is built up through love and the grief of separation is inescapable.”

- (a) Who is the speaker?
- (b) When did the speaker acquire this philosophy?
- (c) What pain has the speaker gone through?
- (d) Whose love changes the speaker and how?

Q9. Answer any three out of the following questions in about 30 – 40 words each. (2×4 = 8)

- (a) The narrator A.J. Cronin asks the boy, “Must you work hard? You both look rather tired.” The Boys reply, “We are not complaining, sir.....”
What do you learn about the boys from their reply?
- (b) Why did Mrs. Packletide wish to kill a tiger?
- (c) “Ali displays qualities of love and patience.” Give evidence from the story to support the statement.
- (d) How does the frog assert his importance?
- (e) Why was the family surprised and shocked to see the grandfather awake?
- (f) How are monuments and statues inferior to poetry?

Q10. Answer the following question in about 100 – 120 words. (8)

How does the story ‘Two Gentlemen of Verona’ promise hope of society?

Or,

The nightingale placed her blind trust in the frog but he exploited her. With reference to the poem, elaborate on the statement ‘Betrayal always comes from those whom you trust.’”

Q11. Answer the following question in about 200 - 250 words. **10**

(The Story of My Life)

The allegations of plagiarism, many a time, suffocates a budding artist or a writer. How did the publishing of Helen’s story ‘The Frost King’ change her life?

Or,

Miss Anne Sullivan played a very important part as a mentor in Helen’s life. Describe Miss Anne Sullivan as an innovative mentor.

(The Diary Of A Young Girl)

Or,

How was Dr. Van Daan able to mislead Mr. Goldschmidt?

Or,

Write a character sketch of Mrs. Frank, Anne’s mother.
