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ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE (101)



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Max Marks: 25
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General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains **THREE** sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION A: READING SKILLS (7 marks)

Q1 Read the following text carefully.

1. Life is like a roller coaster, full of twists, turns, and unexpected surprises. One important lesson we often encounter on this thrilling ride is avoiding the envy trap. But what exactly is the envy trap, and how can we learn to be content with our circumstances, no matter what they may be?
2. Imagine you're scrolling through social media, and you come across pictures of your friends on exciting vacations or enjoying the latest gadgets. It's easy to feel a pang of envy, wishing you were in their shoes. This is the envy trap – the cycle of comparing ourselves to others and feeling discontented with what we have.
3. Avoiding the envy trap begins with understanding that everyone's journey is unique. Just because someone else is on a dazzling adventure doesn't mean your own path is any less incredible. We each have our own story to write, with different highs and lows that shape who we are.
4. Being content doesn't mean settling for less; it means appreciating what we have while working towards our goals. It's like having a delicious *laddoo* – you enjoy each bite without constantly eyeing someone else's treats. Being content is finding joy in the present, even as we strive for a better future.
5. Think about a time when you achieved something you worked hard for, like acing a challenging test or mastering a new skill. That sense of accomplishment is part of being content. It's about recognising and celebrating our achievements, big or small, without letting comparison steal our joy. Moreover, contentment is like having a superpower – it shields us from the negative effects of envy. Instead of feeling bitter or resentful, we can genuinely celebrate the successes of others. Their victories become a source of inspiration rather than a cause for jealousy.
6. Another essential aspect of avoiding the envy trap is fostering gratitude. Take a moment each day to reflect on the positive aspects of your life. It could be the support of your family, the beauty of nature, or the simple pleasures like a good book or a warm cup of cocoa. Gratitude helps us focus on the abundance in our lives, making it harder for envy to creep in. Embracing contentment now will set the stage for a fulfilling journey ahead. Remember, it's okay to have goals and dreams, but let them fuel your passion rather than fuelling comparison.

7. Avoiding the envy trap is a valuable skill that will serve you well throughout life. By learning to be content, you'll discover the true magic in appreciating the present while eagerly anticipating the adventures that lie ahead.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the correct option.

1 What is the primary relationship between paragraphs 1 and 2 in the passage?

- A Cause-and-Effect
B. Problem and Solution
C. Comparison and Contrast.
D. Concept and Exemplification.

2. Select the option that suitably completes the dialogue with reference to paragraph II.

Alena: I've done well for myself in this competition. I have given my best and secured the third position too. This is my moment!

Capson: Congratulations! Just remember, we should

- A. celebrate the success of others.
B. mastering a new skill.
C. celebrate our achievements big or small.
D. nurture ourselves well from the beginning.

3. What lesson does paragraph 3 convey about individual journeys?

- A. Each journey is similar, emphasising shared experiences
B. Exclusive paths define each person's characteristic narrative.
C. Similar accomplishments lead to a common destination.
D. Different perspectives hinder the understanding of personal stories

4 What makes harder for 'envy' to creep in?

- A. Abundance in life
B. Gratitude helps us focus
C. Embracing contentment
D. Determination to protect themselves.

5. Complete the following analogy correctly, by filling the blanks correctly with words from paragraph 5.

shield: defence: _____: _____

6. State whether TRUE or FALSE. (Ref: paragraph 5)

The author suggests a shift from a mindset of contentment to one where individuals genuinely celebrate the successes of others.

7. Select the qualities from paragraph III, which the author wants us to imbibe.

- (1) Benevolence (2) compassionate (3) emotional (4) resilient
A. (2), and (4) B. (1), (2) and (4) C. (1), (4) and (3) D. None

SECTION B- WRITING & GRAMMAR (7+ 4 marks)

II. Your school has added a new Aeroponics tower for students of Classes VIII-XII. Write a brief description of the Aeroponics tower in 100 words. 3 Marks

III. Write an Email to your parents to invite them for the investiture ceremony, where you are to receive a badge of head boy/ head girl. Give them some details about the program. 4 marks

IV. Make one sentences from two. Use the word(s) in brackets in your sentences. 4 Marks

1. My foot was injured. I managed to walk to the nearest village. (Although)
2. I enjoyed the film. The story was silly. (In spite of)
3. I got very wet in the rain. I had an umbrella. (Even though)
4. We live in the same street. We hardly ever see each other. (Despite)

SECTION C – LITERATURE (7 marks)

V. Read the following and answer the questions that follows: **1x3=3marks**

a) In the line “My name is Ozymandias, King of Kings”, the poet makes an indirect reference to an ancient empire to remind readers that _____

- a. Time can be conquered
- b. Humility is great virtue
- c. The glory of the king is everlasting
- d. A monarch’s power is ephemeral

b) The Couplet in the sonnet reinforces the poet’s claim that his friend will _____

- a. raises out of his grave
- b. be judged on the Judgement Day
- c. praised by all
- d. live through this poem

c) Does the narrator like writing ghost stories? Support your answer with one evidence from the story.

VI. Attempt **ANY TWO** of the four questions given below, within 30-43 words each. **2x2=4 marks**

- a. Briefly describe the statue of Ozymandias.
- b. Why does the poet refer to time as being ‘sluttish’?
- c. What condition did the ghost place on the narrator for providing him help?