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SET 2

Class: X
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Time: 1hr
Max Marks: 25
Roll:

SECTION A – READING SKILLS (7 Marks)

Q1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Renewable Energy Adoption and Climate Data

Recent global energy reports provide compelling data on the transition towards renewable sources. The International Energy Agency's 2024 report shows that renewable energy capacity grew by 50% in 2023, with solar and wind accounting for 75% of new installations. This expansion helped reduce global carbon emissions by an estimated 2.1 gigatonnes compared to 2022 levels. Countries like Germany and China led the way, with Germany generating 52% of its electricity from renewables in 2023.

However, the data also reveals significant challenges. Intermittency issues—when the sun does not shine or wind does not blow—still require substantial investment in battery storage technology. A World Bank study found that only 12% of developing nations have adequate grid infrastructure to support large-scale renewable integration. Additionally, the cost of lithium batteries, essential for storage, rose by 18% due to supply chain disruptions, slowing adoption in lower-income regions.

Economic analysis indicates positive job creation: the renewable sector employed 13.7 million people worldwide in 2023, a 12% increase from the previous year. Yet, traditional fossil fuel-dependent communities face transition risks, with projections showing up to 8 million job losses by 2030 unless reskilling programmes are accelerated. Public opinion data from a Pew Research survey reveals that 78% of respondents in Europe support faster renewable adoption, while concerns about rising electricity prices remain strong in Asia and Africa.

Overall, the data underscores that while technological progress is rapid, equitable and sustainable energy transition demands coordinated policy responses, infrastructure development, and international cooperation to address both environmental and socio-economic dimensions.

Answer the following questions:

- What is the primary focus of the passage?
 - The decline of fossil fuel industries
 - Data analysis of renewable energy growth, benefits, and challenges
 - Only the problems with solar power
 - Future predictions without supporting data
- What does the word “intermittency” mean in the context of renewable energy?

- a) Constant and reliable supply b) Irregular or unpredictable availability
c) Extremely high efficiency d) Low-cost production

3. What single term from the passage refers to the process of training workers for new jobs in the green economy?

4. According to the International Energy Agency report, what percentage of new renewable installations came from solar and wind?

5. “Renewable energy growth has created more jobs than it has displaced.” Is this statement True or False according to the passage? Give one reason from the text.

6. Based on the data, what can be inferred about the readiness of developing countries for large-scale renewable energy?

7. Why does the passage indicate that international cooperation is necessary for a successful energy transition? Use one piece of data from the text to support your answer.

SECTION B – WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (11 Marks)

Q2. You recently attended your cousin’s wedding ceremony. Write a descriptive paragraph in about 100-120 words on the topic: **3M**

“A Traditional Indian Wedding”

You may use the following cues:

- Venue and decorations
- Attire of the bride and groom
- Rituals and celebrations
- Atmosphere and your emotions

Write your answer in a single well-organised paragraph.

Use vivid and sensory details to make the description lively.

Q3. You are Kush/Kushi, member of a student’s council at ABC Public School. Recently, you participated in an Inter-School Model United Nations (MUN) Conference. The experience made you realise the importance of discipline, effective communication, and responsible behaviour in enhancing a school's reputation. **4M**

Write a letter to the Principal expressing your views on how students can take responsibility for improving these qualities in the school. Suggest a few measures to encourage positive change among students.

Q4. 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. 4 X 1 = 4

- Technology has became important part of modern education.
- Students should focus in their studies instead of wasting time.
- Teachers gives valuable guidance to young learners every day.
- Proper use of digital tools help in developing new skills.

SECTION C – LITERATURE (7 Marks)

Q5. Answer the following questions in brief.

2 x 2 = 4

- i. What made the postmaster understand Ali's pain later on in the story, 'The Letter'?
- ii. John was worried and concerned about his wife's response after meeting the ghost. But it proved to be baseless. Justify.

Q6. Answer the following question in 50 to 75 words.

1 x 3 = 3

- i. Although The Letter is realistic and The Shady Plot is humorous with supernatural elements, both stories explore human emotions and relationships.

Analyse how the two authors use different literary techniques to convey meaningful messages about human nature. Give suitable examples from both texts.

*****ALL THE BEST*****