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**SENIOR SECONDARY CO-ED DAY CUM BOYS' RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL**  
**PRE-BOARD TERM EXAMINATION 2024-25**  
**ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE (101)**



**Class: X**

**Duration: 3 hr.**

**Date: 18.11.24**

**Max Marks: 80**

**SECTION A: READING SKILLS (7 marks)**

**1. Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

(I) (b) Tension and conflict

(II) The disappointment felt by Timmy towards the end of the story is analogous to starting a new life as both involve facing the consequences of one's actions and both require a change in behaviour and attitude.

(III) (a) Not trying to know the reason behind Timmy's actions

(IV) The given line "He wanted to explain why he had stolen the pen but he feared that the teacher would inform his parents." should occur at the end of the second paragraph when the author has claimed that Timmy had nothing to say in response to his teacher's question. (E) The story can be considered as an inspirational one as Sammy's act of forgiving Timmy teaches us that we should give everyone second chances in life. Moreover, Timmy's potential for redemption highlights that people can change if given an opportunity.

(V) They had great pity for the flood victims.

(VI) (d) The consequences of jealousy

(VII) he is highly praised and recognized for his achievements.

(VIII) the latter captures the theme of redemption and personal growth as given in the passage and Sammy didn't inflict any punishment on Timmy after knowing the truth.

(IX) False

**2. Answer the following questions, based on the report above.**

(I) In the year 2001, DVD Players had a high ownership percentage of 29.30%, indicating a relatively newer technology at that time. Consumers might have been curious about the advantages of DVD players over other options, prompting them to ask more 'why' questions before making a purchase.

(II) (b) VCRs

(III) The product that showed a u-turn in the year 1998, based on the data provided, is DVD Players. The ownership percentage for DVD Players increased significantly from 2.30% in 1997 to 5.80% in 1998.

(IV) (a) Television

(V) Television is a major source of entertainment, providing a wide range of programs, shows, movies, and sports events. It caters to diverse interests and preferences, offering a platform for relaxation and leisure.

(VI) of their widespread adoption and utility in households.

(VII) Scenario (2) "Users have assessed a product's usefulness and longevity" best illustrates the consumer's attitude toward consumer durables. This scenario suggests that consumers are actively evaluating the practical aspects of a product, such as how useful it is in their daily lives and how long it will last. This indicates a more thoughtful and pragmatic approach to purchasing consumer durables.

(VIII) (c)

## SECTION B : WRITING SKILLS

3. You are Roshni/Rohan of class X<sup>th</sup>. Write an e-mail to your math's teacher to arrange extra classes for math's for the entire class during assembly time since your class was not able to cope up with the topics. 3

from:

to:

Cc: [principal.vjschool@gmail.com](mailto:principal.vjschool@gmail.com)

date: February 20, 2024, 05:10 PM

Subject: Request for Extra Mathematics Classes During Assembly Time

Dear Sir/Madam,

I hope you are doing well. I am writing on behalf of Class X to request if it would be possible to arrange extra mathematics classes during the assembly period. Many of us are finding it challenging to keep up with the recent topics covered in class, and we believe that additional sessions would greatly help in improving our understanding and performance.

We would be grateful if you could kindly consider this request and arrange for extra classes during the assembly time, as it will allow us to cover the necessary material without conflicting with our regular schedule.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We are looking forward to your guidance and support.

Yours faithfully,

Roshni/Rohan

Class X

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4. Describe a piece of furniture in your home and its material, style, and purpose in about 100 words. 4

In my living room, there is **a large wooden coffee table** that serves as the **centerpiece**. Made from **solid teak wood**, its natural grain gives it a warm and **rustic appearance**. The table **has a simple, modern design** with clean lines and a **smooth polished** surface. Below the tabletop, there is an **open shelf for storing magazines**, books, or remote controls. **Its sturdy build makes it ideal for holding drinks**, snacks, or **decorations** like a vase or **a small plant**. This table adds both functionality and style to the room, blending well with the **rest of the decor**.

- 5 A. Nirmal Pillai 7  
Aluva, Kochi

19th October, 2024.

The Project Head  
E-Waste Management Cell  
Electronics Vatika  
New Delhi

Subject: Concerns Regarding E-Waste Pollution and Suggestions for Effective Management

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my concerns about the increasing threat of e-waste pollution in our country. The improper disposal of electronic waste, including phones, laptops, and batteries, releases harmful chemicals like lead, mercury, and cadmium into the environment, leading to soil, air, and water contamination. This poses serious health risks to humans and wildlife alike.

To address this, I urge you to consider promoting community engagement through awareness campaigns on proper e-waste disposal. Establishing collection centers in every locality and encouraging responsible recycling practices can significantly reduce pollution. Additionally, government collaboration is crucial in enforcing stricter regulations for manufacturers and ensuring proper disposal mechanisms are in place.

Your attention to this pressing issue will contribute to a safer, cleaner environment for all.

Yours Sincerely,  
Nirmal Pillai

**OR**

**B. Chhavi Pathak**  
Ranchi, Bihar

19th October 2024

The Secretary  
City Municipal Authority  
Ranchi, Bihar

Subject: Request for Regular Pruning of Overgrown Trees and Shrubs

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to bring to your attention the issue of overgrown trees and shrubs in our neighborhood. The dense foliage is obstructing streetlights, making the roads poorly lit at night, which poses safety concerns for residents. Additionally, the overgrowth is encroaching onto sidewalks, making it difficult for pedestrians to pass through comfortably.

I kindly request that personnel be delegated to trim and maintain the trees and shrubs on a regular basis. Proper pruning will not only enhance the aesthetic appeal of the area but also improve safety and accessibility for everyone.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Yours Sincerely,  
Chhavi Pathak



S.no.	Text	Word before	Omission	Word after
(A)	for work morning. The exhaust pipe	work	this	morning
(B)	fell the bus, Mr. Brown was entirely	fell	from	the
(C)	unsympathetic. He said, 'You get	you	should	get
(D)	yourself, bicycle, Robin.'	yourself	a	bicycle

**C. Do as directed.**

- a) National integration, which refers to the process of unifying diverse communities within a nation into a cohesive whole, is essential for fostering social harmony and stability. **1**
- b) Report the dialogues to complete the paragraph that follows **2**
- (i) that he had a terrible toothache.
- (ii) he needed to examine his teeth.

**SECTION D: LITERATURE TEXTBOOK (26 marks)**

8. Read the given excerpts and answer the questions briefly, for any *two excerpts*, of the three, given. **4x4**

**A.**

- (A) The word "pettiness" conveys a sense of regret and self-disapproval.
- (B) By acknowledging the snake as one of the "lords of life," the poet is indeed promoting a positive perspective toward all living things. The idea that some animals, like snakes, are essentially dangerous or negative is challenged.
- (C) The word "underworld" evokes ideas of mystery and the unknown. It lends an air of mystery to the snake's description by hinting at an unseen realm.
- (D) The poetic device used in the line "And so, I missed my chance with one of the lords of life." is personification.

**B.**

- (A) I'd done it! I'd rescued Sebastian at last!
- (B) When Michael says, "I'd hit the jackpot. I'd finally cracked the game," it can be inferred that he is excited about his achievement and feels a sense of accomplishment for completing the game and rescuing Sebastian.
- (C) The tone of the sentence "It turned everything blinding white" can be described as suspenseful or tense.
- (D) Michael had read about Sebastian Shultz's miraculous recovery in the paper. Coincidentally, he had just met up with the same character in his computer games. He says the given lines because he could not quite believe that there was 'reality' in his 'virtual game'.

C.

- (A) The playwright has portrayed humor through the unexpected and outrageous announcement made by Abel about his plans to get married. The reactions of disbelief and surprise from the other characters add to the comedic effect of the scene.
- (B) Ben and Henry's shocked reactions contribute to the mood of astonishment and confusion in the scene.
- (C) His intention to find someone who would take pleasure in looking after him shows his desire to relieve his family of any responsibilities they may feel towards him.
- (D) A synonym of "pleasant" in the phrase "pleasant surprise" could be "delightful".

9 Answer **any five** of the following six questions in about 40 words each. **5x2**

- I. The dead Albatross serves as a physical manifestation of the Mariner's guilt and moral transgression. The burden around his neck becomes a constant reminder of his impulsive and destructive act. It symbolizes the weight of a guilty conscience and the consequences of violating moral laws.
- II. When John says a ghost taking shape is like watching a moving picture cartoon being put together, it means the ghost forms gradually, like images in a cartoon. The writer uses this simile to describe the sudden way the ghost appears.
- III. In Shakespeare's Sonnet 55 and Shelley's "Ozymandias," time proves more powerful than marble and monuments. Both poets emphasize that physical structures erode with time, while poetry and words endure, preserving memory beyond the reach of temporal decay.
- IV. Patol Babu suggested to Mr. Mullick that the scene may work better if he was holding an open newspaper and the collision happened while his eyes were on the article.
- V. At first, the postmaster doesn't realize the depth of emotion Ali experiences. But when the postmaster's daughter gets sick in a different town, he realizes how difficult it is to keep waiting for important information that never comes. The postmaster's personal experience of waiting is what makes him understand Ali's situation.
- VI. When Louisa Mebbin says, "How amused everyone would be if they knew what really happened," she implies that the truth behind Mrs. Packletide's tiger-shooting is different from the public perception. It suggests that the actual events may be humorous or ironic, and the public's admiration for Mrs. Packletide is based on a misconception.

10. Answer **any one** of the following questions in about 150 words: **1x8**

- I. In Act 3, Scene 1 of \*Julius Caesar\*, betrayal is most evident in Brutus' participation in Caesar's assassination. Caesar's shock at Brutus' betrayal, captured in his famous line "Et tu, Brute?", underscores the depth of his emotional wound. Caesar trusted Brutus, but Brutus justifies his actions as being for Rome's greater good, showing how betrayal can be rationalized by the betrayer but devastating for the betrayed. The betrayal leads to chaos and civil strife in Rome.

In Vikram Seth's \*The Frog and the Nightingale\*, the frog manipulates the nightingale, exploiting her talent for personal gain. The nightingale's trust is betrayed, leading to her exhaustion and eventual death. The frog, driven by jealousy, remains unaffected by her demise. Both works show betrayal as a destructive force: it harms the innocent while benefiting the betrayer only temporarily, and it ultimately leads to loss, either of life or stability.

**OR**

- II. In *Dear Departed* by Stanley Houghton, familial relationships are marked by self-interest and neglect. The siblings, Amelia and Elizabeth, exhibit a superficial concern for their deceased father, Abel Merryweather, focusing instead on his possessions. Their interactions reveal a lack of genuine love and respect, emphasizing how materialism can overshadow familial duty.

It is a story of two selfless, sincere and young boys and of their hardships that they face for the medical treatment of their sister. She is suffering from tuberculosis. The story is attention-grabbing. It emphasizes the importance of selfless love and sacrifices that keep a relationship strong. In other words, it says that these two attributes are vital for humanity.