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**SENIOR SECONDARY CO-ED DAY CUM BOYS' RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL**  
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**ENGLISH CORE (301)**



**Class: XII**  
**Date: 22.01.25**  
**Name:**

**Duration: 3 hrs.**  
**Max Marks: 80**  
**Exam No. :**

- I. Answer the following questions, based on the passage:
- i. b. We may not get another chance at an opportunity. [1]
  - ii. b. Social [1]
  - iii. d. The Assertion ( A ) is correct, but the Reason ( R ) is not the correct explanation for A. [1]
  - iv. Internet can enhance knowledge and skills if used to the full limits- a vast source of knowledge- people use only a part of its strength- do not explore- take it for granted [2]
  - v. Financial [1]
  - vi. b. Unstructured[1]
  - vii. They both saw the potentials of microcomputers, and this led to the discovery of laptops. [2]
  - viii. a. We have to wait for opportunity to swing in our favour. [1]
  - ix. You may never use the potential you have. [1]
  - x. c. Positive and encouraging [1]
- II. Answer the following questions, based on the passage:
- i. c. The A is True, and R is the correct explanation for A. [1]
  - ii. An Idea [1]
  - iii. d. 1, 2, 5, 6 [1]
  - iv. Imply [1]
  - v. Traditional knowledge is not protected by IP rights. [1]
  - vi. Turmeric and Neem have been used for centuries in India, much before patent laws were invented. [1]
  - vii. c. A- Trademark, B- Copyright, C- Brand, D-Gi Tag [1]
  - viii. b. Sentence 1- Innovative; Sentence 2: - Creative [1]
  - ix. Challenge-Many items like neem, basmati, turmeric have to fight for patent rights as they fall under traditional knowledge. Benefit- it enables people to earn recognition or financial benefit from what they invent t or create. [2]
- III. Attempt any one of the following questions, in about 50 words: (NOTICE) [1x4=4]  
Format- 1; Content-2; Expressions- 1
- IV. Attempt any one of the following questions, in about 50 words: (INVITATION AND REPLY) [1x4=4]  
Format- 1; Content-2; Expressions- 1
- V. Attempt any one of the following questions, in about 120 words: (LETTER) [1x5=5]  
Format – 1 Content -2 Organization -1 Accuracy of spelling and grammar -1
- VI. Attempt any one of the following questions, in about 120 words: (REPORT/ ARTICLE) [1x5=5]  
Format – 1 Content -2 Organization -1 Accuracy of spelling and grammar -1
- VII. Read the following extracts and answer the questions: [6X1=6]
- A. i. b. Not understanding ourselves  
ii. a. Reflection

- iii. c. The assertion is true, and the reason is not the correct explanation for A.
  - iv. False
  - v. 'not move our arms so much.'
  - vi. d. have forgotten the feeling of peace and harmony.
- B.
- i. 'Such too.'
  - ii. b. Imagery
  - iii. Stories and legends of heroic deeds
  - iv. a. stories of great heroes inspire and motivate us.
  - v. The poet uses the term 'mighty dead' to denote the brave deeds done by those who have died long ago.
  - vi. c. Both 1 and 2 can be inferred from the poem.

VIII. Read the following extracts and answer the questions:

[4X1=4]

A.

- i. ...the sight of the wounded bleeding prisoner
- ii. Irritable/ impatient/ angry
- iii. b. It would be his duty as a patriotic Japanese, to hurt the enemy.
- iv. True

B.

- i. The conversation between the Tiger King and the astrologer conveys a sense of servility/fear/ confidence on the astrologer's part.
- ii. Overconfident/ haughty/ proud/demanding/ powerful
- iii. c. There were too many tigers in his forests who were dangerous for his subjects.
- iv. "What if the hundredth tiger were also killed?"

IX. Read the following extracts and answer the questions:

[6X1=6]

A.

- i. c. disenchantment
- ii. b. Sophie slowly accepts that Danny is not going to come.
- iii. b. No one believed what she said.
- iv. a. She will always be scorned and disbelieved.
- v. a. imaginative
- vi. most probably it was Sophie's imagination/ he was busy- forgot about it

B.

- i. They were hopeful that Gandhi will be able to give them justice
- ii. a. appeased the crowd.
- iii. c. 1, 3, 5
- iv. d. He believed that any problem could be resolved in non-violent ways.
- v. a. The peasants realized that it would not be possible for them to win against the British.
- vi. On that day the peasants of Motihari realized that the British were not all powerful/ they will have more power if they could unite/ strength is in unity/ they needed to be confident about their rights.

X. Answer any five of the following questions in 20-30 words:

[5x2=10]

- i. graphic imagery- sensory and visual details- every step of his struggle described- readers can almost go through the same experience

- ii. Crofter was kind but had selfish motives too- he was lonely and needed a companion- also foolish- showed the peddler the money- an irresistible bait. Edla was kind- did not ask for anything in return- gave him respect- an identity
- iii. They do not care for the wellbeing of the poor- are greedy- have ulterior motives- want to make the people unable to think or use their reasonable mind-so they can go unchallenged
- iv. Lost their will to fight- accepted their fate- whoever rose against the authorities were punished- afraid of the authorities
- v. Compares her mother as pale as a moon and a corpse- tiredly dozing- contrast- the scene outside is full of life- vibrant- colourful- sharp contrast makes the scene more poignant and full of pathos
- vi. They are the moments of quiet that come between every action- Umberto Eco fill these gaps with more work- (example)- important because that is how he does so many different things at a time

XI. Answer any five of the following questions in 20-30 words: [2x2=4]

- i. She visited with the students- future policy makers- first-hand experience- vivid impressions of what the global warming is doing to our planet-awareness about how necessary it is to take immediate actions
- ii. No. he was a philatelist- does not mean he was an escapist- everyone wanted to escape- not an excuse for delusion- Sam's escape proved that he was not imagining  
Yes- perhaps he was too tired and imagined the third level- desire to escape so strong that he imagined
- iii. Hana had heard that he beat his wife- he kept Sadao back for personal purpose- selfish, cruel

XII. Answer any five of the following questions in 100-120 words: [1x5=5]

- i. Children- carefree- enjoying freedom apparently unaffected by the social conditions- parents unaware about the importance of education- belong to a socially oppressed class of people
- ii. Aunt Jennifer- oppressed by her husband- unable to express herself except through art- finds a defense mechanism- expressed desires to be free and bold. My Mother- daughter has to leave her mother- worried about her health- afraid to lose her- cannot express her worries- expression through art form- poetry

XIII. Answer any five of the following questions in 100-120 words: [1x5=5]

- i. Beginning- angry- defiant- scared- unable to cope with the pain- hates himself. Talks with Mr. Lamb- hope creeps in- expresses his fondness of rain- not all is lost- though is still defiant and suspicious. Makes a decision- rises above his anxiety- wants to live a normal life- runs away from his mother's worries to Lamb's positive company- hope
- ii. Expression of joy to have met- what they faced as children of marginalized society- cruelty and insensitivity of society- their determination- zeal to break free- education- achievements- society had to show them respect