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MID-TERM EXAMINATION 2023-24

ENGLISH CORE (301)

Marking Scheme



Class: XII

Date: 11.10.23

Admission No.:

Duration : 3 Hrs

Max. Marks : 80

Roll No.:

General Instructions:

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

SECTION A: READING SKILLS (22 marks)

1. Read the following text.

(12)

- 1) C. NFL officials have done little to address the problem of CTE
- 2) A. I, II, and III
- 3) A. praiseworthy
- 4) D. insistent
- 5) B. sensationalism
- 6) A. I, II, and III
7. Explain chronic traumatic encephalopathy.

chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), is a degenerative brain disorder that causes a variety of dangerous mental and emotional problems to arise weeks, months, or even years after the initial injury. These psychological problems can include depression, anxiety, memory loss, inability to concentrate, and aggression.

8. What was the alarming discovery made after introducing advanced diagnostic test technology?

Improvements in diagnostic technology have provided substantial evidence to link severe—and often fatal—psychological disorders to the head injuries that players receive while on the field.

9. What steps did the NFL take to protect the mental and physical health of players?

- has revised its safety regulations.
- a series of mental and physical fitness tests
- enforcing stricter penalty calls for helmet-to-helmet contact,
- if a player's helmet is accidentally wrenched from his head during play, the ball is immediately whistled dead.

2. Read the following text.

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- i. d) easy availability of internet
- ii. c)2 & 3
- iii. d) incredible
- iv. c) Option (3).
- v. b) 2 and 4

vi. a) indignant

vii. Write a short note on the pros and cons of internet-based learning. 2

Accept any relevant point

viii. How has technology influenced the field of education in the post-Covid era in India? 2

Accept any relevant point

SECTION B: CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (18 marks)

3 Attempt ANY ONE of two, in about 50 words. 4

NOTICE: Format – 1 Content -2 Accuracy of spelling and grammar -1

Value Points • Correct format (as listed above) • Drawing attention - students of X-XII • Mentioning the event • Giving details - D, T, V • Sharing how the visit can encourage local weavers and how students can get involved • Line with reference to the undersigned

OR

Value Points

• Correct format (as listed above) • Drawing attention - students of X-XII • Mentioning the event • Giving details - date and how to make the submission • Sharing the theme of the competition • Line with reference to the undersigned

4 Attempt ANY ONE of two, in about 50 words. 4

INVITATION & REPLY: Format – 1 Content -2 Accuracy of spelling and grammar -1

VALUE POINTS

• Reference to invitation • Acceptance of invitation
• Confirmation of date, time, and venue • Comment on looking forward to attending (if at all)

OR

Value Points

Layout mostly pertains to the following — » name of host(s) » standard formal and cordial expression » purpose of invitation » date & and time of event » venue (address) » name of special guest(s) (if any) » RSVP » contact detail/number

5. Attempt ANY ONE of two, in about 120-150 words. 5

Format – 1 Content -2 Organisation -1 Accuracy of spelling and grammar -1

→ some reasons are stressful lifestyles, poor decision-making, lack of adequate exercise or not having an exercise routine that is sustainable, and getting enough good quality sleep. → some suggestions are: to have regular health check-ups, to prioritize sleep over other aspects of life, to eat in a conscious manner, to schedule exercise regularly, to avoid the consumption of unhealthy food and substances.

OR

VALUE POINTS

Opinion — Autism is prevalent in India (a reference to statistics). Many Indian parents of autistic children are reluctant to give them the needed social exposure to students and to take the needed professional

help • Strengths of autistic children (reference - cues) • Advantages of speech therapy (reference - cues) • Encouragement to recognize the amazing potential of autistic children and suggesting how they can be assisted by speech therapies and professional help to overcome challenges that they are facing

6. Attempt ANY ONE of two, in about 120-150 words.

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ARTICLE WRITING / REPORT WRITING:

Format – 1 Content -2 Organisation -1 Accuracy of spelling and grammar -1

SAVE WATER – ARE WE DOING ENOUGH?

Suggested value points:

Introduction

mention briefly the status of the issue

Topic analysis

- discuss why saving water is Important.
- describe how this deficit will affect people and humankind.

Conclusion

- suggest what can be done to save water for the future.

OR

REPORT

Format:

Headline and Reporter's Name

Content

VARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN THE ADOPTED VILLAGE

Suggested value points:

A Report should answer the following questions:

- what - name of event and occasion
- where?
- when -date and time

Activities (Teaching and Social Work) held

A comment on the quality of the activities organized

SECTION C: LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT (40 marks)

7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.

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i. C. The absence of his presence was felt.

ii. Those who prepare green wars / green wars

iii. B. (i) and (iii)

iv. start afresh /become non-violent / adopt peace

v. B. Both (1) and (2) are true

vi C. The Desire for Renewal

OR

- i. The roadside stand is built by the rural folk on the side of the road with a shed appended to their house. 1
- ii. B. Plight of the vendors 1
- iii. It was as if by putting up the shed the owner was desperately pleading to the rich city folks to stop by at his roadside stand and buy things from there so that they could earn some extra money. 1
- iv. Accept any answer with the justification 1
- v. It was set up to attract passersby to buy things from them so that they could earn some money. 1
- vi. True 1

8. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 4

- i. A.Satire
- ii. Number of tiger populations in her kingdom.
- iii. tiger skins adorned the walls of the reception hall in the Pratibandapuram palace.
- iv. b. The Maharaja had killed ninety-nine tigers

OR

- i. In which of the following options can the underlined words NOT be replaced with 'stupor'?
- b. The Manager complained about the employee's sluggishness.
- ii. Kind and Merciful. Any other relevant answer with an explanation.
- iii. A. Practical and Apprehensive
- iv. The consequences of being considerate.

9. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 6

- i. B. The soldier was court-martialled for desertion during the war.
- ii. the lawyers
- iii. shame/embarrassment
- iv. b. Returning home
- v. Because it would be shameful desertion if they went home.
- vi. Louis Fisher

OR

- (i). (a) Unjust and hostile
- (ii) (b) Temptation
- (iii) d. the monotony of the peddler's life
- (iv) The passage states that the world had never been kind to him, implying that he had experienced a lot of hardships and disappointments in life.
- (v) The peddler had been thinking that the world had never been kind to him when he was suddenly struck by the idea that the whole world was nothing but a rattrap.

(vi) Unusual

10. Answer ANY FIVE of the following six questions, in about 40-50 words.

5x2=10

Content -1

→ Full credit for appropriate inclusion of all content asked for

→ Partial credit $\frac{1}{2}$ for relevant but incomplete content

Expression – 1

→ Full credit for effective organization

→ Partial credit $\frac{1}{2}$ for some semblance of organization of ideas

Deduct $\frac{1}{2}$ mark from the overall score if the error density is high (more than a total of 2 spellings and/or grammatical errors).

i. - Keats employs a metaphor, an endless fountain of immortal drink because things of beauty are like the immortal drink of the gods, which never runs dry. Just as the endless fountain of God's love is an elixir of life, so are things of beauty. They constantly provide humans with everlasting joy, motivation and bliss.

ii. The French showed their strong dislike and resentment against the order that came from Berlin. The imposition of German over the French-speaking population of Alsace was quite humiliating.

iii. one of the families that was caught in a web of poverty and burdened by the stigma of caste in which they were born. The other was the vicious circle of sahu-kars, middlemen, policemen, keepers of the law, bureaucrats, and politicians.

iv. In the poem, the poet shows contrasting images of life and death. She has incorporated the image of merry children, running out of their houses to play, in order to signify liveliness, vigor, health, beauty, and happiness.

v. any relevant answer

vi. So, in order to be sure of himself and overpower the tiny vestiges of the old terror, he decided to swim alone in two lakes. Whenever the terror momentarily crept up, he stood up to it and controlled it. Finally, when he swam to the other shore and back at Warm Lake, he knew that he had overcome his fear.

11. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.

2x2=4

Content -1

→ Full credit for appropriate inclusion of all content asked for

→ Partial credit $\frac{1}{2}$ for relevant but incomplete content

Expression – 1

→ Full credit for effective organisation

→ Partial credit $\frac{1}{2}$ for some semblance of organisation of ideas

Deduct $\frac{1}{2}$ mark from the overall score if the error density is high (more than a total of 2 spellings and/or grammatical errors).

i. Thing here refers to the suggestion that Mr. Lamb gave to Derry i.e., apart from their are physically impaired they can succeed in their life like others. And also suggested not to burn at what others say because the feeling of hatred is more dangerous than acid attack as it burns inside. This meeting has changed the way he looked at his life.

ii. Sam liked the portrayal of 1894 life and living, which can be a factor that persuaded him to believe in Charley. He must have gone into an exploration of the third level and found it.

iii. Exploring this Antarctic region provides insight into the Earth's geological past. You can see what the world was like before it was divided into continents and countries. This shows how small changes in climate can change the face of a region.

12. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 120-150 words.

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Content -2

→ Full credit for a sustained, clear, well-developed personal response to the task that appropriately justifies any arguments

→ Partial credit of 1 ½, 1, and ½ as per the response clarity and relevance

Expression – 2

→ Full credit for the effective organisation -structure, relevant vocabulary, and effective relay of ideas

→ Partial credit of 1 ½, 1 and ½ as per the level of coherence and cohesion

Accuracy-1

→ Full credit for none to minimal errors

→ Partial credit of ½ for spellings and/or grammatical, largely accurate

→ No credit for error density causing impediment in understanding

A. Grit and determination play a very important role in one's life. A person who doesn't give up too easily and has a tendency to step ahead without thinking too much about the difficulties is able to accomplish anything. We can take the example of Rajkumar Shukla. He wanted Gandhiji to go with him to his area called Champaran. Gandhiji was engaged at that time. However, Shukla did not leave Gandhiji. He followed him wherever he went. Finally, Gandhiji had to arrange and fix a time to go with him. Shukla's resolute nature led to a change in the lives of the people of Champaran. His persistence bore fruit. It is important to pursue our goals with grit and determination to be successful. The will to succeed will one day result in triumph. It is possible that it might take a long time to succeed but success will definitely be achieved.

OR

B. Any Relevant Answer

13. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 120-150 words.

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Content -2

→ Full credit for a sustained, clear, well-developed personal response to the task that appropriately justifies any arguments

→ Partial credit of 1 ½, 1 and ½ as per the response clarity and relevance

Expression – 2

→ Full credit for an effective organisation -structure, relevant vocabulary, and effective relay of ideas

→ Partial credit of 1 ½, 1 and ½ as per the level of coherence and cohesion

Accuracy-1

- Full credit for none to minimal errors
- Partial credit of ½ for spellings and/or grammatical, largely accurate
- No credit for error density causing impediment in understanding

A. Relationship--- Friendship?

- Mr. Lamb's positivity, attitude towards life, optimism, maturity, explaining with examples, persistence towards Derek---accepting of Derek will all his imperfections— calls him a friend ---said there were friends everywhere— explains saying they aren't enemies
- Derek gradually opens up---finds his company appealing ----Derek argues---his condition has made him bitter--people's behaviour and treatment ---believes if he becomes Mr. Lamb's friend, others might stop considering him their friend----his words have an impact---he overcomes issues holding him back

(NOTE--Conclusion important) ---Even though Derek did not affirm out loud, the fact that Mr. Lamb's words inspired trust enough to help him open up ----also got back to Mr. Lamb's garden—overcame his own challenges--- recognized Mr. Lamb's impact---- Was a bond they shared—can call it friendship.

Accept any other relevant point.

OR

B. - servants reflect the mindset of the poor, uneducated, and narrow-minded section of society - are frightened on hearing about wounded American soldier - gardener- feels soldier should die if saved sea would take revenge - Yumi- refused to wash the wounds of an enemy soldier, angry with Sadao for putting his family in danger - cook- felt Sadeo was too proud of his skills so operated and saved the enemy - finally servants left Sadao's house being afraid of the repercussions of helping an enemy soldier - could not understand Sadao's dilemma.

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