



INDIAN SCHOOL DARSAIT

Sample Question Paper (1)-September-2017

Class XI

ENGLISH CORE (301)

Max.Marks:80

Time: 3 Hours

General Instructions

- 1) This paper is divided in to three sections—A, B and C. All the sections are compulsory.
- 2) Separate instructions have been provided with each section and question, wherever necessary.
- 3) Do not exceed the word limit. Marks will be deducted if it is exceeded.
- 4) Do not split the sections.

SECTION A--READING--20 Marks

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.
  - 1.It was a memorable day—the 9<sup>th</sup> of February, 1979. Hundreds of freedom fighters, who had spent the best part of their lives as prisoners in the Cellular Jail, once again touched the shores of the Andaman Islands. But what a difference! They had come this time not as criminals but as veteran heroes on board the ship Harshvardhan, invited to grace the function organized to formally declare the Cellular Jail as a National Monument by the Prime Minister of India.
  - 2.Along with other members I was also present at the port as the Chairman of the reception committee, to formally welcome the guests of honour. It was a beautiful evening—the golden rays of the setting sun had drenched the landscape in a rich marigold colour. There was a strange expression on the faces of the aged veterans as they alighted, one by one, helped by young men and girls of their families. Perhaps the memories of their struggle, sacrifices and hardship once again came alive as they viewed the landscape.
  - 3.Tears rolled down, when they were greeted with cheers and showers of rose petals. Thousands of people were there to welcome them, many having come from far off places. Many were moved to tears and bent down to touch the feet of the veterans. It was an emotionally surcharged scene, an expression of deep reverence and gratitude which the people of Andamans felt towards these veterans, who had undergone tremendous suffering and misery at the hands of the erstwhile British rulers. For me it was no more a formal welcome to perform. I was overwhelmed with an emotion too deep to express.
  - 4.A person in charge of these celebrations, I was to spend many more days in the company of these freedom fighters, and had the unique opportunity of listening to their narration giving vivid and graphic account of their experience as exiled

prisoners of the dreaded KALAPANI (Black waters). It was like a fairy tale which greatly aroused my curiosity.

5. After all what was it that prompted these people to make such sacrifices for the cause of the motherland, I asked myself. I decided to delve deep in to this. The Andaman Islands have played a very important role in the history of freedom movement. The Cellular Jail has been called the University of the Independence struggle.

6. The Paradise Islands of Andaman and Nicobar glitter like emeralds in the Bay of Bengal. Scholars are of the opinion that the name of Andaman archipelago was derived from the word, Hanuman. Mystery surrounds these Islands because of their inaccessibility and hostile tribes. From the historical point of view the earliest reference to these islands is to be found in the writings of the famous world traveller Claudius Platon, a geographer in the second century A.D.

- 1.1 On the basis of the above passage answer the following questions with the help of the given options. 3
- (i) The Paradise Islands of Andaman and Nicobar glitter like emeralds in
    - (a) The Arabian sea
    - (b) The Caspian sea
    - (c) The Bay of Bengal
  - (ii) Claudius Platon mentioned in the passage was
    - (a) An explorer
    - (b) A geographer
    - (c) A scientist
  - (iii) The word archipelago refers to
    - (a) Group of islands
    - (b) Shores
    - (c) Mountain ranges
- 1.2. Answer the following questions briefly.
- (a) What was different for the hundreds, who came to Andaman Islands on 9<sup>th</sup> Feb, 1979? 2
  - (b) Why was there a 'strange expression' on the faces of the 'veterans'? 1
  - (c) Why were these islands considered mysterious by some? 1
  - (d) Why was Cellular Jail declared as a National Monument by the Prime Minister of India? 1
  - (e) What was like a fairy tale which greatly aroused the author's curiosity? 1
- 1.3 Find words from the passage which mean the same as 3
- (a) Huge (para 3)
  - (b) Causing fear (para 4)
  - (c) Aggressive and ready to argue or fight (para 6)

2. Read the passage given below.

1 It is hard to think of an Indian snack that is not fried. However, we need to be aware of what happens to oil when it is heated. When oil begins to smoke, it is a good indication that it has been heated too much. At this temperature, chemical changes begin to take place which have many health risks. Ofcourse, this is tricky. If the oil is not hot enough, then more of it is absorbed, and the resultant product is quite soggy and unfit to eat.

2 Further, prolonged heating of oil at high temperatures, ie, at its smoking point or higher, leads to its degradation. A substance called acrolein is formed which can irritate the stomach lining. Oil that has decomposed to acrolein will be dark and viscous. Normally, this does not happen when food is fried at home. But as oil is expensive we are not willing to put down the drain after having used it only once. The common tendency is to set aside any oil that is left over to use another time. And repeated use of the same oil guarantees the formation of acrolein with all its undesirable effects.

3 In fact, some experts suggest that oil should not be held at its smoking temperature for more than 15 minutes at a time. This span, everyone knows, is hardly sufficient to prepare required number of *pooris* for even a small family of four. Sadly, olive and corn oils are not widely available in our markets. Both these oils can be heated to higher temperatures before they start smoking.

4 Even heart-friendly oils like those made from sunflower are also not spared from these effects. The harmful chemical changes will take place if oil is heated to high temperatures for a long time, or if it is used over and over again. Still vegetable fats are recommended for frying over animal fats like butter and ghee because they are less likely to cause heart disease.

5 Another problem arises when used oil is stored under less than satisfactory conditions. If the oil is not stored in an airtight container which, additionally, allows light to pass through, then it will deteriorate further because of the effect of oxygen and light on the oil.

6 By and large, these undesirable effects result when food is deep fried. So eat deep fried food occasionally. This does not mean that we can no longer enjoy the flavour and palatability of fried foods. Some food like *tikkis* lend themselves to both deep and shallow frying. Oil from shallow frying is rarely left over, so that takes away the worry about decomposed oil. And every batch of frying will require fresh oil, oil that has not been used before.

7 The practice of heating small amounts of mustard, black gram, dal, curry leaves, chillies and the like in a little oil before they are added to curries and vegetables and meat dishes, is called tempering. Tempering is not meant solely to lend a fine flavour to the food. It has a nutritional benefit as well. Certain vitamins—A, D, E and K are soluble only in fat, and in order that they are absorbed in the human guts, some fat has to be present in the same meal, preferably in the same dish. To get the benefit of the carotene in carrots, for example, temper them with a little oil, mustard and curry leaves.

2.1. On the basis of your understanding of the above passage make notes on it in headings and sub-headings using recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary (minimum 4) Use a format you think is suitable. Also supply a title to it. 5

2.2. Write the summary of the above passage in about 80 words. 3

SECTION B—WRITING AND GRAMMAR—30 Marks

3. You are Anil/Anila, Sports Captain of P.K.N School, Chennai. Write a notice informing the students of Classes IX-XI about the evening coaching classes that the P.E. Department of your school is going to start in the month of October 2017. Give all necessary details regarding the coaching classes. (50 words) 4

OR

- You need a receptionist for your computer institute 'Soft World' located at Vikas Nagar, Bangalore. Draft a suitable advertisement to this effect. (50 words)
4. Write a letter to the Editor of The Times of India, Delhi complaining about the untimely and frequent power cuts and inadequate supply of water in your locality so as to bring the matter to the notice of the people concerned. You are Gagan/Gagani of 45, BLS Colony, Ashok Nagar, Delhi. (120-150 words) 6

OR

- You are the Finance Manager of KVM School, Gandhi Nagar, Chennai. Write a letter to the Proprietor, Modern Electronic Appliances, Chennai placing an order for electronic items like LED TVs, ACs and Micro Wave Ovens required for your school.
5. Write an article on 'The Growing Violence in Movies and other TV Programmes and its Impact on Children'. (150-200 words) 10

OR

- Prepare a speech on the topic 'The Qualities of a Good Leader'. To be delivered in the morning assembly of your school. (150-200 words)
6. Complete the following paragraph by using one suitable word each only. 3  
 It -----(a) very urgent. You should not spend more than 7 minutes to complete -----  
 (b) letter. I would like to go through -----(c) first draft before you submit it -----  
 (d) dispatch. Hope you have filled in all necessary details -----(e) complete the  
 letter. I will not sign accounts papers unless you -----(f) necessary vouchers.
7. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. 3  
 (a) for/the house/sale/the road/across/is  
 (b) some books / history / ancient / I would / look at / like to / Indian / on  
 (c) legal action/to take/going /against/he is/the hospital
8. There is an error in each of the following lines indicated. Find the error and write the correct word in your answer sheet. 4

In January 4 after 36 hours of continuous	(a) -----	-----
pumping, we reached a last few	(b) -----	-----
centimeters for water. Now we had	(c) -----	-----
only to keep pace with a water still coming in.	(d) -----	-----
We could not set some sail on the main mast.	(e) -----	-----
Pressure on the rigging would simply pulling	(f) -----	-----
the damaged section for the hull apart, so we hoisted	(g) -----	-----
the storm jib but headed for the two islands were.	(h) -----	-----

SECTION C—LITERATURE AND LONG READING TEXT—30 Marks

9. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. 3  
 A sweet face,  
 My mother's, that was before I was born.  
 And the sea, which appears to have changed less,  
 Washed their terribly transient feet.

- (a) How does the poet describe her mother's face?  
(b) What is the implication in the line 'that was before I was born'?'  
(c) In what sense is the sea different?
10. Answer **any three** of the following questions in 30-40 words each. 9
- (a) In what way did Jon and Susanne keep up the spirits of their parents?  
(b) Why was Tut's body buried along with gilded treasures?  
(c) Why did the narrator want to forget the address?  
(d) What were Ranga's views about marriage?
11. Answer the following in about 120-150 words. 6
- (a) What were the three stages of Kushwant Singh's relationship with his grandmother before he left his country for higher studies abroad?

OR

- (b) What were the factors that made Einstein's life in Munich miserable and how did he get a medical certificate that stated that he has had a nervous breakdown?
12. Answer the following questions in not more than 120 words each. 12
- (a) Discuss the circumstances, that led to the second appearance of the ghost to frighten the Otis family.
- (b) What was the history behind the blood-stain as given by Mrs. Umney?