



INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
FINAL EXAMINATION - (2023-24)

ENGLISH (SET 2)

Class: XI

Maximum Marks: 80

Date: 18/02/2023

Time allowed: 3Hours

General Instructions:

- (i) *This paper is divided into three sections:*
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| <i>Section A- Reading</i> | <i>26 marks</i> |
| <i>Section B- Grammar & Writing</i> | <i>23 marks</i> |
| <i>Section C- Literature</i> | <i>31 marks</i> |
- (ii) *All questions are compulsory.*
- (iii) *Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.*
- (iv) *Avoid using correction fluid.*

SECTION A: READING SKILLS (26 marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully.

1. Academics has always been an essential part of human development. It prepares us to survive in the outside world and establish an identity of our own. But, is an individual's development restricted to merely academics? In India, from an early age, we have been taught that education is limited to the boundaries of academics only; the idea of getting out into the field, for gaining practical experience, is always considered a hoax. This has hindered students' development. But, the truth is that education represents a considerably broader field than we know of it. Our teaching, from the basics, has been focused on getting good grades and job offers, rather than being creative and unique.

2. In the 21st century, the pure academic type of education is slowly paving way for a whole new type. The paradigm shift in the whole education system is evident. People have now come to understand that education is a 360-degree activity that should focus on students' overall development, rather than restricting him/her to the classroom.

3. Co-curricular activities that take place outside the classroom but reinforce or supplement classroom curriculum, in some way, have become a point of focus today. These activities help in the growth of the child, in more than one way. Participating in such activities helps youngsters grow mentally, socially and individually. Intellectual development of a student is developed in the classroom, but for the aesthetic development such as team- building,

character- building, and physical growth, students must step out into the outside world. For instance, if a student is a part of school football team, he/ she will learn team- work and coordination, in a practical manner, which cannot be taught in the class.

4. Similarly, in colleges and institutions, there is a need for practical exposure so that the students can experience the actual working of an industry. For example, taking a student to a manufacturing firm will give him/ her the real insight and better learning of the industry. Catering to this change, most professional colleges including B- schools, have started providing practical exposure to students through regular guest lectures, industrial visits, conferences, seminars, cultural festivals, and so on. With industry visits, students are able to better identify their prospective areas of work in the overall organizational function. Moreover, they help enhance interpersonal skills and communication techniques. In addition, guest lectures are equally important for all – round development of students. It is a great way for students to gain maximum exposure, as guest speakers talk about their real- life experiences and not what is there in the text books.

5. Through such events, students are made to participate and coordinate different events wherein, they get to know how exactly things are managed. Classroom teaching provides the foundation, and co-curricular or extra- curricular activities provide practical exposure and opportunities to implement what students learn in the classroom. This helps in developing the overall personality of the students, inculcating various soft – skills in them, which otherwise are difficult to teach. Clearly, life beyond academics creates creative and empowered professionals.

Answer the questions that follow-

(1 x 10 = 10 marks)

i. Students' development is hindered by

- a. limiting education to academic boundaries.
- b. getting out to the field.
- c. being creative and unique.
- d. gaining practical knowledge.

ii. The shift in the education system means

- a. to restrict to classroom activities.
- b. to focus on academic development.
- c. to ignore 360-degree activity.
- d. to focus on overall development.

iii. Co- Curricular activities that take place outside the classroom do not help in -

- a. teamwork and coordination
- b. mental and social growth
- c. intellectual development
- d. character building

iv. Complete the sentence-

Guest speakers talk about_____.

v. From earlier times what has not been the focus of education?

vi. Where should students go for aesthetic development?

vii. Complete the sentence-

Life beyond academics facilitates creativity.

viii. Pick out the word from the passage which are similar in meaning to the following:

untrue (para 1)

ix. Identify whether the statement is TRUE or FALSE

Soft skills are developed only through practical exposure of what we have learnt.

x. Pick out the word from the passage which are similar in meaning to the following:

cooperative effort (para 3)

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: -

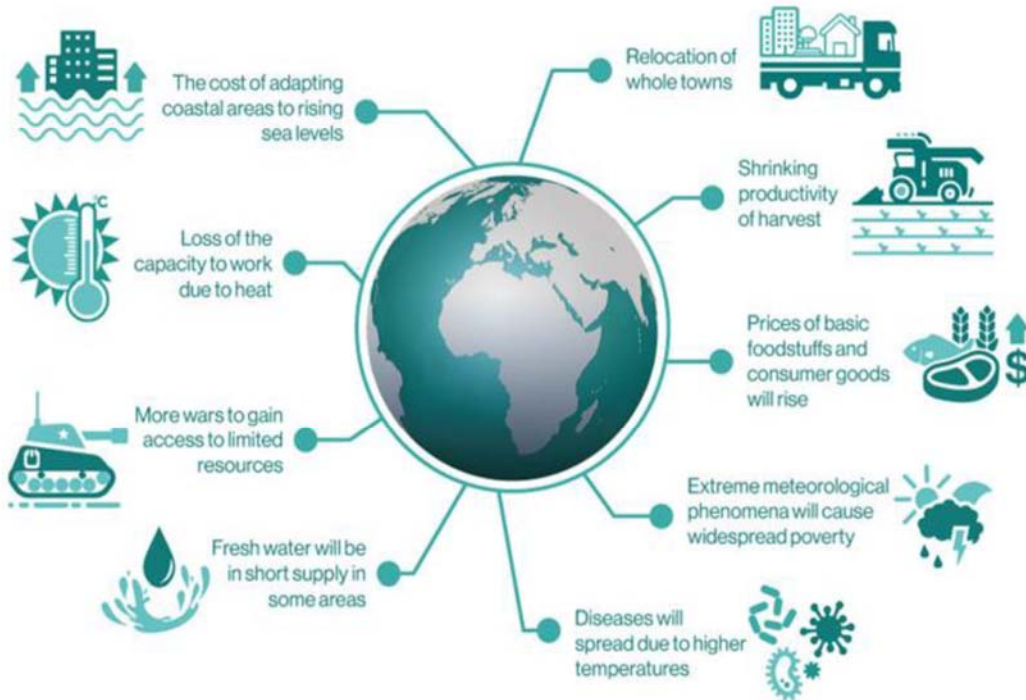
1. India's average temperature has already increased by around 0.7 degrees Celsius during the 1901-2018 period due to Greenhouse gas emissions and by the end of 2100 it is expected to rise by approximately 4.4 degrees Celsius warns the first-ever climate change assessment report by the Indian Government.

2. The report assessment of Climate Change over the Indian Region prepared by the Union Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) warned that the rapid changes in the temperature would mean increasing stress on India's "natural ecosystems, agricultural output and freshwater resources, while also causing escalating damage to infrastructure." This ultimately means a serious impact on the country's biodiversity, food, water, energy, security and public health.

3. It is said that several regions in India are global biodiversity hotspots with numerous endemic species of plants and animals and with the "climate changing more rapidly than usual, they may face increasing threats on account of these changes."

4. The MoES report cautioned that by the end of 2100, the “frequency of summer (April-June) heat waves over India is projected to be 3 to 4 times higher” and the “average duration of heatwave events is also projected to approximately double.” According to the report, the Sea Surface Temperature (SST) of the tropical Indian Ocean has also risen by one degree Celsius, on average, during 1951-2015.

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE



5. The rise in temperature is playing havoc with India’s rainfall which is significant for India’s agriculture sector. The report noted that the summer monsoon precipitation (June to September) over India has declined by around six percent from 1951 to 2015, with notable decreases over the Indo-Gangetic Plains and the Western Ghats. It stressed that the overall decrease of seasonal summer monsoon rainfall during the last 6-7 decades has led to an increased propensity for droughts in India.

6. “In particular, areas over Central India, South West coast, Southern peninsula and North-Eastern India have experienced more than two droughts per decade. The area affected by drought has also increased by 1.3 percent per decade over the same period. Climate model projections indicate a high likelihood of an increase in the frequency, intensity and area under drought conditions in India by the end of the twenty-first century” said the MoES report.

Answer the questions that follow: -

(1x 8 = 8 marks)

(i) Infer one reason for the following statement based on information in Paragraph 1.

India's average temperature has already increased by around 0.7 degrees Celsius during the 1901-2018 period. It is due to Greenhouse gas emissions

(ii) Complete the analogy correctly with a word from Paragraph 4

Rainfall: Monsoon :: : Summer

iii. Select the correct option to complete the following sentence:

As per reports, an overall decrease in seasonal summer monsoon rainfall has led to _____.

- a. an increased tendency for droughts
- b. heavy snowfall in winters
- c. severe wildfires
- d. decline in air quality

(iv) How will the rise in temperature affect the rainfall in India?

(v) From the figure given above, list any two social and economic impacts of climate change.

(vi) With the rise in droughts occurring every year, there has been ____ in the area affected by droughts by 1.3 per cent per decade.

- a. decrease
- b. increase
- c. no change
- d. none of these

(vii) Substitute the word 'warned' with one word similar in meaning in the following sentence from paragraph 4.

"The newspaper warned its readers against buying shares without getting good advice first."

(viii) Select the option that titles Paragraph 1-3 appropriately with reference to the information in the text.

A	B	C	D
Effect of greenhouse gases	Heatwaves	Decreasing rainfall	Droughts in India
Loss of biodiversity	Drought trends	Winds of Change	Decreasing rainfall
Stress on ecosystems	Agriculture and droughts	Climate Change	Climate Change

3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

1. Artificial intelligence (AI) is making a difference to how legal work is done, but it isn't the threat it is made out to be. AI is making impressive progress and shaking up things all over the world today. The assumption that advancements in technology and artificial intelligence will render any profession defunct is just that, an assumption and a false one. The only purpose this assumption serves is creating mass panic and hostility towards embracing technology that is meant to make our lives easier. Let us understand what this means explicitly for the legal world. The ambit of AI includes recognizing human speech and objects, making decisions based on data, and translating languages. Tasks that can be defined as 'search-and-find' type can be performed by AI.

2. Introducing AI to this profession will primarily be for the purpose of automating mundane, tedious tasks that require negligible human intelligence. The kind of artificial intelligence that is employed by industries in the current scene, when extended to law will enable quicker services at a lower price. AI is meant to automate a number of tasks that take up precious working hours lawyers could be devoting to tasks that require discerning, empathy, and trust-qualities that cannot be replicated by even the most sophisticated form of AI. The legal profession is one of the oldest professions in the world. Thriving over a 1000 years; trust, judgement, and diligence are the pillars of this profession. The most important pillar is the relationship of trust between a lawyer and clients, which can only be achieved through human connection and interaction.

3. While artificial intelligence can be useful in scanning and organizing documents pertaining to a case, it cannot perform higher-level tasks such as sharp decision making, relationship-building with valuable clients and writing legal briefs, advising clients, and appearing in court. These are over and above the realm of computerization.

4. The smooth proceeding of a case is not possible without sound legal research. While presenting cases lawyers need to assimilate information in the form of legal research by referring to a number of relevant cases to find those that will favour their client's motion. Lawyers are even required to thoroughly know the opposing stand and supporting legal arguments they can expect to prepare a watertight defense strategy. AI, software that operates on natural language enables electronic discovery of information relevant to a case, contract reviews, and automation generation of legal documents. AI utilizes big-data analytics which enables visualization of case data. It also allows for creation of a map of the cases which were cited in previous cases and their resulting verdicts, as per the website Towards Data Science. The probability of a positive outcome of a case can be predicted by leveraging predictive analytics with machine learning. This is advantageous to firms as they can determine the return on investment in litigation and whether an agreement or arbitration should be considered.

(a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it, using headings and subheadings. Use recognizable abbreviations (wherever necessary-minimum four) and the suitable format. Also supply an appropriate title to it. (5 marks)

(b) Write a summary of the passage in about 50 words. (3 marks)

SECTION B –GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS- (23 Marks).

4. Convert the following sentences to reported speech. Attempt any THREE. (3 marks)

- a. Radha said, “I am very busy now.”
- b. Rafiq said, “I shall leave for London tomorrow.”
- c. The boy asked his mother, 'Is there anything in the fridge?'
- d. “Where do you live?” asked the girl.

5. Fill the blanks with the correct form of the tenses given in the bracket. Attempt any TWO: (1 x 2 = 2 marks)

A serious accident (a) _____ (take) place yesterday when a speeding bus (b) _____ (collide) with a car near Yamuna bridge. Two persons (c) _____ (die) on the spot and one (d) _____ (injure).

6. Choose the correct option of the highlighted part. Attempt any TWO. (2 x 1 = 2 marks)

a. Out of reach.

- i. Dependent clause
- ii. Independent clause
- iii. Phrase
- iv. Clause

b. I knew it would happen.

- i. Dependant clause
- ii. Independent clause
- iii. Phrase
- iv. Clause

c. John managed to crawl to safety.

- i. Dependant clause
- ii. Independent clause
- iii. Phrase
- iv. Clause

d. Because they are accountable to the public

- i. Dependant clause
- ii. Independent clause
- iii. Phrase
- iv. Clause

7. Attempt ANY ONE of the two in about 50 words: (4 marks)

You are the Managing Director of SK Enterprises, a leading garments export house. You need accountants for your office. Write an advertisement for the 'Situation Vacant' column of a local daily.

OR

You are Manisha Pant. You lost your passport. Draft an advertisement to be published in the Lost and Found column of a local daily.

8. Attempt ANY ONE of the two in about 50 words: (4 marks)

Prepare a poster on behalf of police advising people to protect themselves against burglaries and robberies

OR

Prepare a poster on kindness of animals to be displayed in the city at public places appealing to people to show kindness to animals.

9. Attempt ANY ONE of the two in about 120-150 words: (8 marks)

'Social media (Facebook, twitter, Instagram, etc.) is being used to create disaffection in society.' Write a debate in 120-150 words, either for or against the motion.

OR

Peer pressure is useful for the development of an individual. If there is no peer pressure at all then there would be no goal or aim to succeed. Write a speech on the topic - 'Is Peer Pressure Beneficial or Not?'

SECTION C – LITERATURE (31 MARKS)

10. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two given: (3 x 1 = 3 marks)

*"It is the engine of her family.
She strokes it full, then flirts out to a branch end
Showing her barred face identity mask".*

- a. Which poetic device has been used in the line, 'It is the engine of her family'?
 - i. Simile
 - ii. Metaphor
 - iii. Analogy
 - iv. Alliteration
- b. What is meant by 'barred face'?
- c. The mother goldfinch bird flirts _____.

OR

Yet I have killed

*The seed I spent or sown it where
The land is his and none of mine?
We speak like strangers, there's no sign
Of understanding in the air.
This child is built to my design
Yet what he loves I cannot share.*

- a. Why does the father use 'I' in the line 'The seed I spent or sown it where'?
- i. to acknowledge his sorrow
- ii. to let his son know his importance
- iii. to acknowledge his role in the strange relation
- iv. to make him understand about him
- b. What is the meaning of 'This child is built to my design Yet what he loves I cannot share'?
- c. The rhyme scheme of the given lines is _____

11. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two given:
(3 x 1 = 3 marks)

The world's most famous mummy glided head first into a CT scanner brought here to probe the lingering medical mysteries of this little understood young ruler who died more than 3,300 years ago. All afternoon the usual line of tourists from around the world had descended into the cramped, rock-cut tomb some 26 feet underground to pay their respects.

- a. How deep was the tomb?
- i. 20
- ii. 26
- iii. 62
- iv. 60
- b. To whom is 'younger ruler' being referred to in the above extract?
- c. The tomb was constructed in _____.

OR

"There, before heading east, we took on two crewmen-American Larry Vigil and Swiss Herb Seigler- to help us tackle one of the world's roughest seas, the southern Indian Ocean. On our second day out of Cape Town, we began to encounter strong gales. For the next few weeks, they blew continuously. Gales did not worry me; but the size of the waves was alarming –up to 15 metres, as high as our main mast."

- a. What was the height of the mast of the ship?
- i. 15 metres

- ii. 10 metres
- iii. 05 metres
- iv. 51 metres

b. The author was worried about _____.

c. Why two extra crewmen were hired?

12. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two given:
(4 x 1 = 4 marks)

*To the proceedings. Being just
(And placider now) he said, 'I must
Have all the workmen hanged instead.'
The workmen looked surprised, and said,
'O King, you do not realize
The bricks were made of the wrong size.'
'Summon the masons!' said the King.
The masons stood there quivering.
'It was the architect...', they said,
The architect was summoned.*

a. What was the problem with the bricks?

b. What does the word 'Quivering' mean?

- i. The act of vibrating due to fear
- ii. The act of vibrating due to cold
- iii. The act of vibrating due to joy
- iv. The act of vibrating due to sorrow

c. The masons passed the blame to _____.

d. Find the word from the extract which means the same as 'call someone officially.'

OR

Perhaps I was mistaken. I thought, perhaps it isn't her. I had seen her only once, fleetingly, and that was years ago. It was most probable that I had rung the wrong bell. The woman let go of the door and stepped to the side. She was wearing my mother's green knitted cardigan. The wooden buttons were rather pale from washing. She saw that I was looking at the cardigan and half hid herself again behind the door. But I knew now that I was right.

(a) which of the following doubts the author had about the lady of the house?

- (I) author had reached the wrong house
- (II) author was not wearing red cardigan
- (III) author forgot to carry proof of address
- (IV) author could not recognize the face of the lady

(V) probably it was not the lady she was looking for

(i) I, II, III (ii) I, IV, V (iii) II, IV, V (iv) III, IV, I

b. The lady hid herself behind the door because the author was looking at the things placed in the house. TRUE or FALSE

c. The colour of the buttons of the cardigan faded _____.

d. What was the colour of the cardigan?

13. Answer ANY TWO of the following four questions in about 40-50 words:

(3 x 2 = 6 marks)

a. How did Professor Gaitonde make the transition from one reality to the other?

b. What is the meaning of the line “Both wry with the laboured ease of loss.”

c. What was the purpose of the journey to Mount Kailash?

d. What are the poet’s feelings towards childhood?

14. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in about 40-50 words:

(3 x 1 = 3 marks)

a. What was the change that came over the Pearson family in the end?

b. Describe how the melon became the future King.

15. Answer ANY ONE out of two questions: -

(1x 6 = 6 marks)

There is a parallel drawn between rain and music. With reference to the poem, ‘Voice of Rain’ explain the similarity between the two.

OR

Throw light on the character of Mrs Dorling from the lesson ‘The Address’.

16. Answer ANY ONE out of two questions: -

(1x 6 = 6 marks)

‘Sometimes it does people good to have their feelings hurt.’ Who says this and what does she do to hurt Mr. Pearson?

OR

Compare and contrast Andrew’s emotional, mental and physical state at the beginning of the story and at the end.

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