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UNIT TEST- 2025-26
ENGLISH CORE (Code: 301)

Class : XII
Date : 13/05/2025

Time: 1 Hour
Max. Marks : 30

General Instructions-

This question paper is divided into three Sections and has 4 printed pages.

Section A : Reading – 10 MARKS

Section B : Writing Skills - 04 MARKS

Section C : Literature - 16 MARKS

Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions carefully and follow them faithfully.

Do not exceed the word limit while answering the questions

SECTION A – READING – 10 MARKS

Q1. Read the passage given below.

(10 marks)

1. Much research has already been conducted on how nature-based tourism (NBT) operators in Antarctica and other locations play an increasingly important role in providing interpretation services and in mitigating negative environmental tourist impacts. However, despite widespread arguments that Antarctic tourism has the potential to enhance tourists' understanding of Antarctica and augment support of environmental conservation, industry-wide assumptions about these effects remain largely untested.

2. The present study attempts to evaluate the performance of NBT operators in Antarctica against the outcomes that it declares to produce. The operators chosen for the analysis included four Antarctica tour operators that provide ship-based cruises and one operator that provides expeditionary sea kayaking trips to the Antarctic Peninsula.

3. Prior to undertaking the study, the questionnaire was pilot tested on two Antarctic cruises during the 2001- 2002 season. For the current study, three six-page, primarily multiple-choice questionnaires were used to investigate three outcome variables and the results were tabulated. (Table 1).

Table 1			
Variable	Pre-Antarctic Trip	Post-Antarctic Trip	After 3 Months
Knowledge of Antarctic	59.7	74.1	72.6
Environmental Behaviours	60.5	70.8	63.7
Attitudes towards management of Antarctica	88.7	88.0	90.1

4. Post-visitation respondents were asked their opinion on statements pertaining to visitor guidelines and their behaviours. 84% agreed that they were satisfied with the behaviour of their fellow visitors toward wildlife. Conversely, 16% of them disagreed. 88% disagreed with the acceptability of taking a small stone as a souvenir from an Antarctic beach. 96% of them agreed that the guidelines learned on their Antarctic

trip were useful for future trips into the natural world. Finally, 62% of these respondents agreed that other Antarctic visitors often approach wildlife too closely.

5. The overall results from several questionnaires and surveys of the study, suggest that Antarctica tour operators have an opportunity to improve their outreach programmes so as to provide immediate and straightforward opportunities for tourists to alter and further develop their Antarctic ambassadorship behaviour.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the given questions. (1x10=10)

i. Rectify the following statement with reference to information in paragraph 1:

NBT operators in Antarctica and other locations play an insignificant role in mitigating positive environmental tourist impacts.

ii. Which industry does the writer refer to, in the phrase, industry-wide assumptions?

iii. Fill the blank with the appropriate option.

The given study wishes to _____ the performance of NBT.

A. challenge

B. contest

C. publicize

D. assess

iv. Select the option that best describes the two statements given below.

(1) The study questionnaire was pilot-tested.

(2) The 2001-2002 season had two Antarctic cruises.

A. Both (1) and (2) are true and (2) is the correct explanation of (1).

B. Both (1) and (2) are true, but (2) is not the correct explanation of (1).

C. (1) is true, but (2) is false.

D. Both (1) and (2) are false.

v. Which word in paragraph 1 means nearly the same as *make (something) greater by adding to it / increase*.

vi. According to paragraph 4, what did majority of the visitors agree upon?

vii. Summarize what Table 1 reveals about the environmental behavioural intentions of the tourists. (Any one)

viii. Select the option that best describes the two statements given below.

(1) Less than 30% respondents do not agree with the behaviour of their fellow visitors regarding their approach to wildlife.

(2) Around 60% respondents stated that other visitors/tourists approached wildlife closely.

A. Both (1) and (2) can be deduced from the given information.

B. Both (1) and (2) have the response to the same question.

C. Both (1) and (2) are explicitly stated in the text.

D. Both (1) and (2) are false.

ix. Select the option that DOES NOT display the quality of an Antarctic Ambassador tourist.

A. Has a passion for and knowledge of Antarctica.

B. Is committed to defending and advancing Antarctic values.

C. Is involved in sincere promotion of Antarctic tours.

D. Has sustained acceptance of the rules for environmental behaviours.

x. Which word in paragraph 4 is the antonym of '*discontented*'?

SECTION B – WRITING SKILLS (4 MARKS)

Q2. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.

(4x1=4 marks)

A. You are Arun/ Arunima, the Secretary, Taj Apartments, Hosur, Bangalore. Write a notice in about 50 words, to inform the residents about a vaccine awareness camp organized by the Lion's Club. Include relevant details and urge the residents to support this initiative.

OR

B. You are Sports Secretary of Ambedkar Public School, Udaipur. Draft a notice in not more than 50 words for your school notice board asking the students to give their names for participation in various events to be held on the Annual Sports Day of your school. Invent the details of the events. Sign as Lalit/Lalita.

SECTION C- LITERATURE – 16 MARKS

Q3. Read the given extracts and answer the questions given. (5x 1=5 marks)

“ Driving home to Cochin last Friday
morning, I saw my mother,
beside me,
doze, open mouthed, her face
ashen like that
of a corpse and realised with
pain that she was as old as she
looked but soon
put that thought away, and
looked out at young
Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling
out of their homes,”

(i) The thought of mother's old age and lack of energy is the depiction of _____.

- (a) bonding of mother with poet's family members
- (b) sickness and ill-health due to stress
- (c) memory of fun and joy of youth
- (d) poet's helplessness at mother aging

(ii) Choose the option that displays the same poetic device as used in lines 4 to 6 of the extract.

- (a) deafening silence
- (b) swaying softly and slowly
- (c) pitter-patter rain
- (d) as white as snow

(iii) What does the phrase 'realise with pain' indicate?

- (a) guilt
- (b) anguish
- (c) woundedness
- (d) revelation

(iv) On seeing her mother dozing, open mouthed, the poet felt _____.

(v) The merry children symbolise all of the following except-

- (a) freedom and energy

- (b) playfulness and cheerfulness
- (c) vigour and health
- (d) maturity and thoughtfulness

Q4. Answer ANY THREE of the following four questions in about 40-50 words: (3 X 2=6 marks)

- i. What does Anees Jung mean by the expression ‘children becoming partners in survival’?
- ii. Suggest some instances from the text that might raise a question about M Hamel’s ‘faithful service’ as a teacher.
- iii. What did Charley find in his collection of first day covers? Why was it strange?
- iv. How did the news from the bulletin board affect Franz, the villagers and M Hamel?

Q5. Answer the following question in about 100- 120 words (5 marks)

- i. Firozabad presents a strange paradox - the beauty of the glass bangles and the misery of the people who make bangles. Discuss.

OR

- ii. We find an overlapping of space and time in the chapter ‘The Third Level’. Substantiate your answer with evidences from the text.

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