



INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
UNIT TEST- (2024-25)
SUBJECT – ENGLISH-Revision

Class: XI

Max Marks: 30

Date: 26/05/2024

Time: 1 hour

General Instructions:

- (i) *This paper is divided into three sections parts:*
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| <i>Section A- Reading</i> | <i>8 marks</i> |
| <i>Section B- Grammar & Writing</i> | <i>7 marks</i> |
| <i>Section C- Literature</i> | <i>15 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.*

SECTION A- READING - (8 MARKS)

I. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: 8marks

1) Nuclear capability gives a status to the country in the community of nations. No nation can afford to make destructive use of the nuclear energy without risking a World War. That is why America did not make use of nuclear weapon in the Vietnam War though it had become a matter of prestige for her. Similarly, Russia preferred to pull out her missile bases from Cuba instead of coming in direct conflict with a nuclear power, America. But India, since she started adopting nuclear technology, had decided to make only peaceful use of nuclear energy. The fear expressed by Pakistan and the comments made in the Chinese press are more for the sake of propaganda, than for the projection of truth.

2) India needs nuclear energy in order to meet her power shortage. She has been depending upon hydroelectric power which is undependable because of the uncertainty of rainfall. Good quality of coal which is another source of energy cannot be extracted commercially because it lies very deep and the cost of extraction is very high. India is not producing much of oil, rather she has to import nearly 74 per cent of her total consumption. So, the only alternative with India is to have a cheaper and more dependable source of energy. The known reserves of thorium in India are sufficient to last many hundred years. That is why India has already commissioned two nuclear power stations, one at Tarapur and the other at Rana Pratap Sagar. Each one has the installed capacity of producing 420 M.W. of electricity. Two others at Kalpakkam, are operational. This energy will be able to meet the power shortage throughout the country. If industries work at their full capacity, production will be higher and so per capita income will increase and inflation will be neutralized.

3) With the help of controlled nuclear explosions, artificial dams can be made. In fact, for building a dam there should be two huge mountain walls enclosing a deep valley just near the course of a river. These conditions are not available at all the places. So, with the help of controlled nuclear explosions mountains can be blown up. This can also help in laying roads in the mountainous areas. In fact, some of the borders of India have mountainous terrain and the movement of the army is quite difficult. So even for the sake of national security it is necessary to have roads in those areas.

4) With the help of radiation, the shelf life of vegetables and fruits can be increased. In the tropical countries like India, it is necessary that the perishable fruit stuffs are preserved for a long time. Radiation can check the sprouting of onions and potatoes which are much in demand in foreign countries. Similarly, fruits like bananas and mangoes which have much export potential can be preserved for a very long time. The texture and taste of the fruit do not undergo any change.

5) Nuclear technology can also be harnessed for medical purposes. It is said that radioactive iodine is used for detecting the disease of the thyroid glands. Similarly, "India of U.N. experts, radiated vaccine which can immunize sheep from lungworm disease, which used to take a heavy toll on sheep every year.

6) Properly processed nuclear fuel is also used for artificial satellite in space. Weather satellites can predict cyclones and the rainfall with extreme accuracy. Communication satellites can help in conveying the messages to very long distances. In a huge country like India, communication satellites are necessary.

7) Radiation is also used for preparing the mutant seeds. Many varieties of rice and some cereals have been prepared at Tarapur laboratory. This will increase our agricultural production and help India to become economically better off. So, for India it is necessary to make peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

Answer the following questions-

i. India needs nuclear energy in order to (1 mark)

- A. gain status in the community of nations
- B. meet her power shortage
- C. increase her might
- D. frighten the hostile countries

ii. Coal, another source of energy, cannot be extracted commercially because (1 mark)

- A. it lies very deep
- B. the cost of extraction is very high
- C. it lies very deep and the cost of extraction is very high
- D. it is risky for the miners to extract it

iii. In India _____ are sufficient to last many years. (1 mark)

- A. nuclear power stations
- B. reserves of thorium
- C. vegetables and fruits
- D. radioactive Iodine

iv. How can radiation be helpful? (2 marks)

v. How does nuclear technology help in the field of medicine? (2 marks)

vi. State TRUE or FALSE (1 mark)

Nuclear energy can boost our communication by conveying the messages to very long distances.

SECTION –B GRAMMAR AND WRITING – (7 MARKS)

II A. Rearrange ANY TWO of the following words/ phrases to make meaningful sentences- (2 Marks)

- (a) have been/by/infuriated/I/of/etiquette/lack/people's
- (b) cannot/freedom/away/be/taken/one/from/of speech
- (c) cannot/speaking/yet one/all the time/keep on

II B. Fill in the blanks of ANY TWO questions by writing the correct form of the verbs given, to complete the sentences. (2 Marks)

- a. On my first day at work I was a bit nervous. I --- (get) up early, had a shower, and --- (drink) some coffee. I was too nervous to eat.
- b. I (cook) food when he ----- (come) in.
- c. Malaria (be) caused by female Anopheles mosquito. They (be) also called carriers.

III. You are Sameera/Sameer the owner of Pink Power, a café run only by women. You are looking for an interior designer to design the interiors of the café. Draft a suitable advertisement for the same, in about 50 words to be published in the classified columns of the National Daily, the local newspaper. (3marks)

OR

You are Anil Verma of 257, Moti Nagar, New Delhi. You have just passed B.E. (Electrical) in first division from a prestigious Engineering College. You are in need of a job in or around Delhi. Write an advertisement for the 'Situation Wanted' column of The Times of India.

SECTION C- LITERATURE-(15 MARKS)

IV. REFERENCE TO CONTEXT

(1 x 4 = 4 Marks)

A. I would tell her English words and little things of western science and learning, the law of gravity, Archimedes' Principle, the world being round, etc. This made her unhappy. She could not help me with my lessons. She did not believe in the things they taught at the English school and was distressed that there was no teaching about God and the scriptures.

- (a) Why grandmother of author could not help author with his lessons?
- (i) She did not want to.
 - (ii) She did not know the subjects.
 - (iii) Author did not want her to help him
 - (iv) Author did not talk to her.
- (b). Grandmother was unhappy with school because _____
- (c) According to the extract, what was the medium of instructions in the school?
- (d) Which word in the extract is synonym of 'coached'?
- (i) Learning
 - (ii) Distressed
 - (iii) Believe
 - (iv) Taught

OR

B. "Now she's been dead nearly as many years

As that girl lived. And of this circumstance

There is nothing to say at all.

Its silence silences."

- a. Who does 'she' refer to?
- b. Why is there nothing to say about the death of the poet's mother?
- (i) Because the poet is confused
 - (ii) Because the poet was not in her senses when her mother expired
 - (iii) Because the death of the poet's mother has left a deep void in the poet's heart
 - (iv) Because the poet did not have a good relationship with her mother

c. Which word in the extract means the same as “events that change your life, over which you have no control”?

(i) Silences

(ii) Patience

(iii) Situation

(iv) Circumstance

d. Identify the figure of speech in the last line of the given extract:

i) Alliteration

ii) Simile

iii) Transferred Epithet

iv) Oxymoron

V. Answer ANY THREE of the following in about 40 to 50 words: (2 x 3 = 6 Marks)

1. How did the sparrows express their sorrow when the author's grandmother died?

2. Why does the poet feel nostalgic? (A Photograph)

3. Mourad said, “I have a way with a horse”. Do you agree? Give an example to prove your point.

4. What traits of the Garoghlanian family are highlighted in the story 'The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse'.

VI. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100 to 120 words: (5 x 1 = 5 Marks)

The poet has paid a tribute to her mother (A Photograph). Similar instances can be seen in ‘The Portrait of a Lady’. This made you think that writing about a loved one is much better than building their statues or drawing their portraits. Comment.

OR

The narrator’s uncle Khosrove was known to be a crazy fellow. Give a few instances of his craziness.

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