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CLASS -: XII  
SUBJECT: ENGLISH CORE

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General Instructions:

1. This paper is divided into two parts: A and B. All questions are compulsory.
2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

**Part A (40 Marks)**

**READING**

(20 marks)

Q.1 Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow:

(1X10=10)

**Donated Organs and their Transportation**

1. Once an organ donor's family gives its consent and the organs are matched to a recipient, medical professionals are faced with the onerous challenge of transporting organs while ensuring that the harvested organ reaches its destination in the shortest possible time. This is done in order to preserve the harvested organs and involves the police and especially the traffic police department.
2. The traditional method of transporting organs by road is referred to as a 'green corridor'. This process entails police escorting an ambulance, so as to move around traffic – usually a specific traffic lane is chosen and all signals on the route stay green to ensure it reaches its destination in the shortest possible time. A green corridor is a route cleared and cordoned off by the traffic police to ensure the smooth and steady transportation of harvested organs, on most occasions, to those awaiting a life-saving transplant. Organs tend to have a very short preservation time, such as the heart, which has to be harvested and transplanted within four hours or the lungs, which can be preserved for only six hours once they are harvested.
3. The first green corridor in India was created by the Chennai Traffic Police in September 2008 when they accomplished their task of enabling an ambulance to reach its destination within 11 minutes during peak hour traffic. That organ saved a nine-year-old girl whose life depended on the transplant.
4. Similarly, such green corridors have been created by traffic police of various cities such as Pune, Mumbai, Delhi NCR, etc. Personnel are stationed at selected points to divert, control and clear the traffic giving way to the ambulance. Apart from this, a motorcade of police vehicles accompanies the ambulance ensuring that it does not face any problems. Delhi Traffic Police provided a green corridor from IGI Airport to the Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences in Vasant Kunj for transportation of a liver. The distance of 14 kms was covered in 11 minutes.
5. Experts point out the lack of a robust system to transport organs to super-speciality hospitals in least possible time. The National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO), the country's apex organ donation agency, is now framing a proposal to airlift cadaver organs and will send a report to the Union Health Ministry. "Cadaver organs have a short life and so transplant should be done within a few golden hours," Director (NOTTO) expressed. "Therefore, we are preparing a proposal for airlifting organs at any given moment."
6. Most States do not have enough well-trained experts to retrieve or perform transplant procedures. Also, there is an acute shortage of advanced healthcare facilities to carry out a transplant. So, it is

referred to other big centres in metropolitan cities. Organs retrieved from Aurangabad, Indore, Surat, Pune are sent to Mumbai as these cities do not have super-specialty healthcare centres, informed officials.

7 “In India, about fifty thousand to one lakh patients are suffering from acute heart failure and need heart transplant at any point of time. In a private set-up, a heart transplant costs < 15 – 20 lakh, which is followed up by post-operative medication of about < 30,000 per month lifelong.”

**On the basis of your understanding of the above passage** answer any ten of the following questions by choosing the most appropriate options : (1X10=10)

**(i) The first green corridor in India was created in**

- (A) New Delhi
- (B) Chennai
- (C) Mumbai
- (D) Pune

**(ii) The organisation which is framing a proposal to airlift cadaver organs is**

- (A) Union Health Ministry
- (B) Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation
- (C) National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation
- (D) State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation

**(iii) The onerous task that the author is talking about in para 1 is**

- (A) finding organ donors.
- (B) finding doctors capable of performing transplants.
- (C) to carry the harvested organ in the shortest possible time.
- (D) to arrange the requisite facilities for the transplant.

**(iv) Most of the people do not go for heart transplant as**

- (A) it is very risky.
- (B) it is very painful.
- (C) it may cause death of the recipient.
- (D) the cost is prohibitive.

**(v) Most states refer organ transplant cases to big hospitals because**

- (A) they don't have well-trained experts.
- (B) the patients don't trust local doctors.
- (C) the state hospitals are very crowded.
- (D) they don't have a pool of harvested organs.

**(vi) Heart retrieved from a body is alive only for \_\_\_\_\_ hours.**

- (A) two
- (B) three
- (C) four
- (D) five

**(vii) What is a 'green corridor'?**

- (A) The traditional method of transporting organs by road.
- (B) A short route cleared and cordoned off by the traffic police.
- (C) A route which stays green to ensure that the harvested organ reaches its destination in the shortest possible time.
- (D) All of the above

**(viii) Why is smooth transportation of the retrieved organ necessary ?**

- (A) so as to move the traffic smoothly.
- (B) as all signals stay green.

(C) a harvested organ has a short life.

(D) as a specific traffic lane is chosen.

**(ix) How much does a heart transplant cost a patient in a private hospital ?**

(A) `50,000 to `1 lakh

(B) `15,000 to `20 lakh

(C) `30,000 per month

(D) None of these

**(x) Pick out the word from the passage (para 1) which mean the same as 'save'.**

(A) consent

(B) onerous

(C) preserve

(D) harvested

**2. Read the passage given below.**

**(1x10 = 10)**

1. "Who doesn't know how to cook rice? Cooking rice hardly takes time." said my father. So, I challenged myself. I switched from news to YouTube and typed, "How to cook rice?" I took one and a half cups of rice. Since I didn't have access to a rice cooker, I put the rice in a big pot. Firstly, the rice has to be washed to get rid of dust and starch. I thought I won't be able to drain the rice and that it will fall out of the pot. I observed the chef as I swirled the rice around and used my dexterous hands to drain it, not once, not twice, but three times. I looked down at the sink and saw less than 50 grains that made their way out of the pot. Suffice to say, I was up to the mark.
2. The video stated that the key to perfect rice is equal amounts of rice and water. I have heard that professionals don't need to measure everything; they just know what the right amount is. But as this was my first time in the kitchen, I decided to experiment by not measuring the water needed for boiling the rice. I wanted the rice to be firm when bitten, just like pasta. I don't enjoy the texture of mushy rice. It has to have that chutzpah; it has to resist my biting power just for a bit before disintegrating.
3. After what seemed like 10 minutes, all the water disappeared. I went in to give it a good stir. To my surprise, some of the rice got stuck to the pot. I tried to scrape it off but to no avail. At the same time, there was a burning smell coming from it. I quickly turned the stove off. "What have you done to the kitchen?" shouted Mother, while coming towards the kitchen. I managed to ward her off.
4. Finally, when the time came to taste my creation, I was surprised! It wasn't bad at all. The rice had the desired consistency. Sure, a little more salt would've been better, but I just added that while eating. The experience was fairly rewarding and memorable. It taught me a new sense of respect for those who cook food on a regular basis at home or engage in gourmet creations professionally.

**On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the eleven given below.**

**(1x10 = 10)**

- i. Father's question to the narrator, about knowing how to cook rice, was intended to
  - a. criticize the narrator's lack of abilities.
  - b. make the process sound simple.
  - c. encourage the narrator to take up cooking.
  - d. showcase his own expertise in cooking rice.

ii. "I switched from news to YouTube ..." Pick the option in which the meaning of 'switch(ed)' is NOT the same as it is in the passage.

- a. He switched on the radio to listen to the news while having dinner.
- b. "Forget these diet supplements and switch to yoga, if you want a true sense of well-being."
- c. Mom switched to reading fiction recently because she was bored with cook-books.
- d. The company will switch the trucks to other routes to bring down city pollution.

iii. Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the option that lists the correct sequence of the process.

- 1. Use water to wash the rice.
- 2. Repeat the process three times.
- 3. Drain the water off.
- 4. Put rice in a utensil.
- 5. Swirl the water in and around the rice.

- a. 4,2,1,3,5
- b. 1,3,2,5,4
- c. 4,1,5,3,2
- d. 5,1,2,4,3

iv. The narrator says that he has dexterous hands. He would have had a problem had it been the opposite. NOT BEING dexterous means, being

- a. uncomfortable.
- b. clumsy.
- c. unclear.
- d. clueless.

v. Which option represents the correct ratio of water to rice for cooking 'perfect rice'?

- a. 50% water: 50% rice
- b. 70% water: 30%rice
- c. 25% water: 75% rice
- d. 45% water: 55% rice

vi. How did mother react to the burning smell?

- a. She commented on it.
- b. She brushed it aside.
- c. She enquired about it .
- d. She handled it .

vii. According to the passage, the fact that the narrator risked experimentation, on his maiden attempt in the kitchen, shows that he was

- a. conscientious.
- b. nervous.
- c. presumptuous.
- d. courteous.

viii. Pick the option showing the CORRECT use of the word 'chutzpah'.

- a. It is the court's duty to dispense chutzpah to everyone irrespective of caste or creed.
- b. The speaker may not have much of a stage presence, but you've got to admit she's got chutzpah.
- c. I could crack the code easily which proved me to be a chutzpah and I was the only one who could do so.

- d. After his father's demise, the daughter took over the family's chutzpah to save it from disaster.
- ix. Pick the option that correctly states what DID NOT happen after the writer checked on the rice.
- Turning the stove off.
  - Being taken aback at the condition of rice.
  - Forgetting to scrape the stuck rice.
  - Smelling the delicious aroma of cooked rice.
- x. The narrator's creation was
- almost perfect to taste.
  - way off from what he wanted.
  - overly seasoned.
  - quite distasteful.

### LITERATURE

(20 marks)

3. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY TWO of the three given by answering the questions that follow.

(4+4=8)

A) I jumped over the bench and sat down at my desk. Not till then, when I had got a little over my fright, did I see that our teacher had on his beautiful green coat, his frilled shirt, and the little black silk cap, all embroidered, that he never wore except on inspection and prize days. Besides, the whole school seemed so strange and solemn.

I) Who is "I" in the given lines?

- Franz
- M. Hamel
- The Mayor
- the narrator

II) What was unusual about M. Hamel's dress?

- Wore clean clothes
- wore a brand new outfit
- Wore a traditional French outfit
- wore his fancy clothes

III) Why was M. Hamel dressed so unusually?

- He was retiring
- it was his last lesson
- he was leaving the school
- he was going to be prisoned

IV) Which word in the extract would also mean "formal and dignified"?

- inspection
- strange
- solemn
- fright

B) Gandhi chided the lawyers for collecting big fee from the sharecroppers. He said, "I have come to the conclusion that we should stop going to law courts. Taking such cases to the courts does little good. Where the peasants are so crushed and fear-stricken, law courts are useless. The real relief for them is to be free from fear."

I) For what reason did Gandhiji visit Champaran?

- For a meeting with landlords
- For solving the distress of the sharecroppers

- c) To see the condition of the land where indigo was grown
- d) To meet Rajendra Prasad

II) What made Gandhiji chide the lawyers?

- a) Their reckless violence
- b) Their distress
- c) Their corruption
- d) Their ignorance

III) Why did Gandhiji feel that the law courts would not help them?

- a) because they were governed by the Britshers.
- b) Because the peasants would not say anything there.
- c) Because he knew that result would not be in their favour
- d) Because it was too trivial an issue.

iv) Which word in the passage will be an antonym of “encouraged”?

- a) Chided
- b) Stop
- c) Crushed
- d) Stricken

C) It won't make my face change. Do you know, one day, a woman went by me in the street — I was at a bus-stop — and she was with another woman, and she looked at me, and she said.... whispered.... only I heard her.... she said, “Look at that, that's a terrible thing. That's a face only a mother could love.”

I) Who is the speaker of these lines?

- a) Mr. Lamb
- b) Derry
- c) Derry's Friend
- d) Another Woman

II) What had happened with Derry?

- a) His face had white spots
- b) His face has moles
- c) His face was burnt
- d) His face was deformed

III) What do the given lines tell us about the speaker?

- a) He is shy
- b) He is fearless
- c) He hates the world
- d) He has no self regard

IV) How does the comment made by the woman affect the speaker?

- a) He feels insulted
- b) He feels terrible
- c) He gets upset
- d) He gets angry

4) **Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE of the two given by answering the questions that follow.** **(1 x 4 =4)**

On sour cream walls, donations. Shakespeare's head,  
Cloudless at dawn, civilised dome riding all cities.  
Belled, flowery, Tyrolese valley. Open-handed map  
Awarding the world its world. And yet, for these Children,  
these windows, not this map, their world,  
Where all their future's painted with a fog,

**i.** What does the expression - *sour cream walls* – suggest?

- a. Display of donated artefacts on the walls.
- b. Badly maintained walls.
- c. Wall-to wall furniture.
- d. A poor choice of paint for walls.

**ii.** The map of the world in the classroom symbolizes

- a. hopes and aspirations of the children.
- b. travel plans of the school authorities.
- c. a world that is unconnected to the children.
- d. interconnectivity within the world.

**iii.** The expression, *Shakespeare's head* is an example of

- a. pun.
- b. satire.
- c. parody.
- d. irony.

**iv.** In the extract, '*future's painted with a fog*' suggests that the

- (a) classroom is as foggy as the paint on the walls.
- (b) beautiful valleys are not a part of the children's future.
- (c) life ahead for the slum children is as unclear and hazy as fog.
- (d) fog often finds itself in the classrooms through broken windows

OR

Those who prepare green wars,  
wars with gas, wars with fire,  
victory with no survivors,  
would put on clean clothes  
and walk about with their  
brothers  
in the shade, doing nothing.

I) What do the green world refer to?

- a) Environmental degradation
- b) Natural calamities destroying the natural beauty
- c) Wars against nature
- d) Wars between nations causing the damage to natural landscape

II) What are the different types of wars mentioned in the extract?

- a) Green wars
- b) Wars with gases
- c) Wars with firearms
- d) All of these
- e) None of these

III) The term "victory with no survivors" mean?

- a) The bloodshed caused by the result of wars
- b) Nobody would be able to celebrate the victory of wars
- c) Degradation of human life
- d) None of these

IV) What should war mongers do?

- a) Make peace treaties
- b) Meditate
- c) Introspection
- d) Be silent

5) Attempt any eight questions from the ten given below:

(1x8= 8)

I) **Why does Derry enter Mr. Lamb's garden?**

- a) Because he was curious
- b) Because he did not see anyone there
- c) Because he wanted to steal crab apples
- d) Both (a) and (b)

II) **choose the statement that is *not true* with reference to the peddler**

- a) he was a thief
- b) he hated the world for his miseries
- c) he faked his transformation into an honest being
- d) he broke the confidence reposed on him

III) **What kind of people did Charlie see at the third level?**

- a) Men and women wearing 18<sup>th</sup> century dresses
- b) Men and women wearing latest dresses
- c) Men and women wearing 19<sup>th</sup> century dresses
- d) Men and women wearing ordinary dresses

IV) **Neruda points out "humans are single minded". With reference to the given statement , which of the following is *not true*?**

- a) We are single minded in our actions which harm the environment
- b) Wars resulting from our hostility cause great destructions
- c) Because of the single minded nature of humans, the earth will come to an end.
- d) We need to leave behind our single-mindedness and inculcate human values

v) **What harm do the fishermen do?**

- a) They do not do any harm
- b) They kill squids and fish
- c) They kill whales
- d) They kill sharks

VI) **Why does the poet compare her mother's face to that of a corpse?**

- a) Because she was very distressed
- b) Because she wanted to kill her mother
- c) Because she wanted to highlight her old age
- d) Because she had been to a crematorium

VII) **It is clear that Aunt Jennifer wants to be-----.**

- a) Happy
- b) courageous
- c) independent
- d) all of these

VIII) **What is the meaning of Saheb's full name?**

- a) Servant of the universe
- b) Lord of the country
- c) Servant of the country
- d) Lord of the universe

IX) **Why did Roger Skunk visit the owl?**

- a) To tell him about his pathetic problem
- b) To seek the advice on how to solve his problem
- c) To make friends with owl



d) Both (a) and (B)

**X) Who was carter?**

- a) Assistant superintendent
- b) Head superintendent
- c) Detective Superintendent
- d) Friend of Evan

**PART B  
WRITING**

**(40 marks)  
(16 marks)**

6. Attempt ANY ONE of the following. (1x 3)

You are Ravi/ Ruby of 154/230 Kailash Nagar Kanpur. You want to sell your house. Draft a suitable advertisement for this to be published in the local daily, using not more than 50 Words. Include the relevant details like location, type of accommodation address including mobile no. etc.

OR

Inter-House Volleyball competition for senior group will be organized in your school next week. Write a notice for this, informing the students about the same, using not more than 50 words. Sign as Sports captain of your school (3)

7) Your school is celebrating Annual day on December 5, 2020. Design a formal invitation for inviting the parents and guests, using not more than 50 words. (3)

OR

You are Murli Gupta and you have been invited to the post selection party of your friend Ravi. Write an informal reply expressing your inability to attend the function in not more than 50 words. (3)

8. Attempt ANY ONE of the following. (1x 5)

(A) You are Gopal/Gayatri residing in Amrapai Apartments, Lucknow. You have observed, with increasing concern, that garbage collection continues to be done without segregation in your neighbourhood. Write a letter to the editor of *The Times of India*, Lucknow, in about 120- 150 words, explaining your concern along with the rationale behind the importance of garbage segregation. Suggest ways in which the R.W.A s can participate in this program.

OR

**How to manage waste at home?**



(B) You are Suresh / Sunita, 21 Vashundhara Enclave, Kanpur. You come across the following advertisement in the National Daily. You consider yourself suitable and eligible for the post. Write an application an response to the advertisement given below, Using not more than 150 words.

Applications are invited for the post of Junior Engineer. The candidate must have at least B.Tech. in mechanical Engineering from a recognized institute. Three years experience is desirable. Age limit 25-35 years. Apply to the manager, Jindal Steel Plant, Jamasedpur, within 10 days with detailed resume.

9) **Attempt ANY ONE** of the following.

(1x 5)

A) Rampr district, Uttar Pradesh, on the occasion of Ramnavami celebrations had organized a three-day cultural festival. You are Priyam/ Priyanka Ghosh. Your newspaper had deputed you to cover the inaugural event of this festival. As a newspaper reporter, use the given cues along with your own ideas to write a report about the same in 120-150 words.

- Big crowds -main grounds of the marketplace
- Colourful decorations
- Inauguration-local panchayat member to inaugurate.
- Folk dance and songs
- Speeches

OR

Write an article on the topic "Children and Smart phones" for the school magazine using the hints given below in not more than 150 words. Sign as Manish/ Manisha of class XII

Hints:

- Smart phones in vogue ubiquitous
- Become a necessity
- Maturity and understanding
- Personal data and life on public display
- Need for parental supervision
- Knowledge of advantage as well as misuse

## LITERATURE

(24 marks)

10. **Attempt ANY FIVE out of the six questions given below, in 30-40 words each.** (2x5=10)

- I) Why is the classroom dim in the poem "An Elementary School Classroom in a slum"? What does it signify?
- II) Comment on the significance of the villagers sitting at the back in M. Hamel's classroom.
- III) Describe Douglas' condition when he was thrown into the pool
- IV) Why is 'grandeur' associated with the 'mighty dead'? (A thing of Beauty)
- V) Where did Gandhiji decide to go first and why?( Indigo)
- VI) How is Mukesh's attitude to his situation different from that of his family?

11. **Attempt ANY TWO out of the three questions given below in 30-40 words each.** (2 x2=4 )

- I) Why was Roger Skunk's mother angry? On whom did she pour her anger?
- II) Describe the Grand Central Station at the third level ?
- III) Why was Dr. Sadao not sent to the battlefield?

12. **Attempt ANY ONE** of the following questions in 120-150 words (1x5=5)

The story *Deep Water* talks about Douglas' attempts to overcome his fear of water. The story can also be viewed as a figurative manifestation of life's many challenges. Elaborate with reference to the text.

OR

• Mention the hazards of working in the glass bangles industry?

13. **Attempt ANY ONE** out of the following questions in 120-150 words (1x5=5)

Dr. Sadao's character is an amalgamation of right and wrong. Justify.

OR

Do you agree that between crime and punishment it is mainly a battle of wits? Discuss it with respect to the story "Evans Tries an O-Level.

