

KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA SANGATHAN - AHMEDABAD REGION

II PRE - BOARD EXAMINATION 2018-19

CLASS: X

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

TIME: 3 HOURS

M M: 80

General Instructions:

I. This question paper is divided into three sections:

Section A : Reading Skills

20 Marks

Section B : Writing Skills with grammar

30 Mark

Section C : Literature Textbook and Long Reading Text

30 Marks

II. All questions are compulsory.

III. You may attempt any section at a time.

IV. All questions of that particular sections must be attempted in the correct order.

Total

80 Marks

SECTION - A: READING

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions

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India has stood for freedom. Even before Independence we viewed our own struggle and difficulties on the larger canvas of global problems. If democracy is basically tolerance for others' opinions, the concept of coexistence is democracy on the international plane, for it embodies tolerance of other nations and systems. Similarly non- alignment gives depth to our independence and self-reliance for it enables us to retain our freedom of judgment and action on international issues in the light of our national interests. We avoid involvement in the conflicts and disputes of others and this helps to blunt conflict between power blocks. It has also helped world stability.

A country is an extended family. When income and resources are limited, one must budget to ensure that waste is avoided, resources husbanded, priorities established, education and other social needs catered to, special provision made for those who are weaker or smaller. Industry has to be balanced with agriculture; technology with culture; state ventures with private initiative; economic growth with social justice; the large with the small .Every section of society must be stimulated to creative activity.

This is our planning. In no way it is totalitarian or coercive. Industrializing, modernizing and transforming an ancient society of immense size, population and diversity is a daunting venture and inevitably, a gradual one. Otherwise there will be resentment. Transformation should not cause too much dislocation or suffering for the people nor should it jettison the basic spiritual and cultural values of our civilization.

India's planning experience sums up the successes and problems of our democratic development. The magnitude and significance of democracy's operation in India are not well understood, for it is often treated as an adventitious or borrowed growth. Why has democracy worked in India? Our national leadership was dedicated to it and we wanted it to work, but, also, because in our society there were elements and traditions which supported the growth of democracy.

- (i) How did India view its own struggle even before Independence?
- (ii) What does democracy mean on the international plane?
- (iii) How does non-alignment give depth to our independence?
- (iv) How does non-alignment help world stability?
- (v) What priorities should be ensured in budgeting our resources?
- (vi) How can we balance different things to create and stimulate activity?
- (vii) What should we do to have a smooth transformation?
- (viii) Why has democracy worked in India?

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions.

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Why does a person become overconfident? The reason lies in over assessment of his capabilities. Sometimes people over assess their competence and jump into situations that are beyond their control.

Napoleon Bonaparte who became Emperor of France would say that the word 'impossible' was common only amongst fools. The overconfident Napoleon invaded Russia in the winter of 1812. This proved to be a big disaster.

Overconfidence generally leads people into misadventures, endangering their chances in life. It is wisely said that any achievement is result of two factors - one's personal planning and support from the external world. People take into account only their planning, generally ignoring external factors. They become unable to foresee future developments. Hence, the great risk of failure.

Then there is the question: how can one manage overconfidence? The formula is very simple. Before taking a decision discuss the matter with other informed people with an objective mind and when it is proved that you are about to go off the path, accept reality and say without delay, "I was wrong."

Overconfidence is a flaw characterizing people who lack the virtue of modesty. Modesty makes you a realist; you become a person who is cut

down to size. People of this kind become very cautious; before taking an action they assess the whole situation. They adopt realistic approach.

Overconfident people live within their own thoughts. They know themselves but they are unaware of others. Living inside their own cell they are unable to make use of the experience of others. This kind of habit is highly damaging to all concerned.

There is saying that the young man sees the rule and the old man sees the exception, with a slight change. We can say that overconfident person sees the rule and the confident person sees the exception. Overconfident people are always at risk. It is said that taking risk is good but it must be well calculated otherwise it becomes very dangerous.

Q. 2.1 Write the answer to the following questions briefly.

- (i) Why does a person become overconfident?
- (ii) What does overconfidence generally lead people into?
- (iii) How can one manage overconfidence?
- (iv) What kind of person does 'modesty' make you?

Q.2.2 Write very short answers to the following questions :

- (v) When does a person jump into situations beyond his control?
- (vi) Are overconfident people aware of other?
- (vii) Find the opposite of 'Incompetence' in the passage.
- (viii) What is the noun form of the word: 'real'?

SECTION- B :WRITING AND GRAMMAR

3. As the head of the Music Department of your School, write a letter to Symphony Music House, F-19, Connaught Place, New Delhi and place an order for some musical instrument.

OR

3. The roads in residential neighborhoods are now being choked with cars of residents who are using public roads as parking spaces. Write a letter to the editor of the 'City Alert' newspaper in about 100-120 words suggesting to the citizens that they begin using public transport to office instead of individual forms of transport. Cite suitable reasons for bringing about this change. Sign yourself as Bhairav/Bhairavi. You can take help from MCB unit 'Environment'.

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4. Write a story in 200-250 words on the basis of the starting given. Give a suitable title to the story.

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A 15 year old boy was going on a deserted road, feeling a little scared and uneasy. Suddenly.....

OR

Last week I went to market on bicycle to buy some books. I placed my bicycle outside the shop.

5. There is an error in each line. Find the error and write the correct word .

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	Incorrect	correct
Overeating is one of the more wonderful	more	most
practices among those which think that they	(a)
can afford it. In fact that is said that	(b).....
near all those who can get as much	(c).....
As he desire, overeat to their	(d)
Disadvantage. This class of peoples could	(e)
save the great deal more food than	(f).....
they can save by missing one meal	(g).....
per week and also improving their health	(h).....

6. There is one word missing in the following sentences. Write the correct answer.

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Reading a novel or short story (a).....(of, in, from, at) second language could dramatically (b)(reduce, reduces, reduced, reducing) physiological responses to emotions such (c).....(like, similar to, as, alike) smiling. It (d)..... (gives, gave, given, giving) additional pleasure.

7. Rearrange the jumbled words to make complete sentence.

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- (a) have/story/the/hare/most/of us/ read/and/tortoise/the /of/the
- (b) the/beat/in/tortoise/hare/the /race/the
- (c) because/this

SECTION -C: LITERATURE

8. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions.

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It's a mad man, sir, who worries us by calling every day for letters that never come,"said the clerk to the post master.

- (i) Who is being called a "mad man"?
- (ii) Why does 'he' worry them by calling every day?
- (iii) Who is the speaker?
- (iv) Who is he addressing to?

OR

In mist or cloud, on mast or shroud, It perched for vespers nine,

Whiles all the night, through fog smoke white, Glimmered the white moonshine.

- (i) From where did the Mariners come out?
- (ii) Who is the 'It' referred to in these line?
- (iii) What does 'vespers nine' mean?
- (iv) What glimmered during the night?

9. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words : (Any 4)

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- (i) Who had grandfather decided to marry and why?
- (ii) How did the creatures of Bingle Bong react to the nightingale's singing?
- (iii) What did Ali do to ensure that he would get his letter even after his death?
- (iv) What had Calpurnia seen in her dream?
- (v) What genre of stories does Jenkins want to be written by John?

(10) How do we know that Patol Babu was a meticulous man?

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OR

What are the arguments put forward by Decius Brutus to convince Caesar to go to the capitol?

11. Give a pen portrait of Mr. Alexander Graham Bell.

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OR

The charge of plagiarism had shaken Helen's confidence and demoralized her. How did she regain her confidence?