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CLASS-XI
ENGLISH CORE

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

- (i) *This paper consists of 3 sections– A, B and C.*
- (ii) *Attempt all questions.*
- (iii) *Do not write anything on the question paper.*
- (iv) *All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided.*
- (v) *Ensure that questions of each section are answered together.*
- (vi) *Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.*
- (vii) *Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question.*

Section-A (Reading Skills)

(20 Marks)

1. Read the following passage very carefully : (8)

India has emerged as one of the fastest growing nations in the past decade. The march towards progress has also seen a rise in stress levels and lifestyle diseases, especially in India's working population. According to WHO, an estimated 31.7 million people in India had diabetes in 2000 and this number is estimated to more than double to 79.4 by 2030. These figures are indeed staggering, but what is even more alarming is that healthcare professionals and experts feel the number is likely to be much higher, given the current pandemic of diabetes in India.

While type 1 diabetes is an auto-immune disorder, mostly detected in children, type 2 diabetes is characterized by insulin deficiency in adults. You are at risk if diabetes runs in your family, you have hypertension, you are overweight, you have impaired glucose tolerance or you are a woman who had gestational diabetes when you were pregnant.

As per the International Diabetes Federation's Diabetes Atlas, an estimated 1.1 million adults are expected to die from diabetes-related causes, accounting for 14.3% of all deaths in the 20-79 age groups.

“Symptoms of diabetes include extreme thirst and hunger, frequent urination, sores and bruises that heal slowly, dry, itchy skin, unexplained weight loss, unusual tiredness or drowsiness and tingling or numbness in the hands or feet”, explains Dr. Anubha Swaminathan from Chennai. The diabetologist says watching out for these signals and visiting your family doctor for regular check-ups can go a long way in detecting diabetes early.

“The chances of getting diabetes are high in people with a family history of diabetes, high cholesterol and high blood pressure. Tackling diabetes and treating it depends on what stage you catch it at. If you catch it before it manifests fully, it is easier to fight the disease”, says Professor Dr. C.V. Harinarayan, Endocrinologist, Fortis Hospital, Bangalore.

“If you are diagnosed with diabetes, it is important to have regular follow-ups even after the count is regulated. The recommended diet plan must be followed and the body weight should be maintained within ideal range as obesity can lead to further complications”, explains Dr. Harinarayan.

Experts say that eating right is a key step to preventing and controlling diabetes. Dietician Shikha Sood says eating right for diabetes boils down to what you eat, when you need to and how much you eat.

Monitoring your health is important and detecting diabetes early is very crucial for your vital organs. Walking briskly for around thirty minutes a day is a good exercise. Intake of foods like bitter melon, fenugreek seeds, Indian blackberry (jamun), flaxseed, etc. is known to help diabetics.

A few smart ways to tackle diabetes is to start your day with a good breakfast, eat small meals at regular times, cut down on sweets, balance your carbs, choose fats wisely and keep portion size under control.

“Diabetic patients need to be screened for diabetic retinopathy, a complication that is now increasingly becoming rampant in India. It can even lead to blindness”, says Mumbai-based ophthalmologist Dr. Sanjeev Gupta.

These days, many corporate organisations have annual health check-up programme for their employees through tie-ups with reputed hospitals. While people do go for these check-ups, it is even more important to emphasise on the importance of preventing the disease, cautions Dr. Harinarayan. Awareness regarding diabetes is increasing among educated people, but there’s still a long way to go.

- 1.(a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes using heading and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary. Suggest a suitable title for the passage. (5)
- (b) Write a summary of the above passage in not more than 80 words using the notes made by you. (3)

2. Read the poem below and answer the questions that follow :

The Road Less Travelled

—by *Kit McCallum*

How often we must bear the challenges of life;
The endless roller coaster between happiness and sorrow;
The constant ups and downs of daily strife.
And always the question remains... why?

Life is not an easy road for most;
It twists and turns with many forks in the road,

Although always, and inevitably, we are given a choice...

Do we turn to the right... or the left?
Do we take the high road ... or the low road?
Do we take the easy path ... or the difficult one?

Decisions are not easy for those struggling for direction ...
And sometimes the many choices and signs become overwhelming.

While standing at a crossroads in life,
The urge is to take the most comfortable path;
The road with least resistance ...
The shortest or most travelled route.

And yet, if we've been down that comfortable road before;
Have gleaned its lessons in life, and learned from our experiences;

Do we yet again follow the known?
Or does our destiny lie in another direction?

The fear of the road less travelled is tangible and all too real;
It manifests itself in many ways,
And tends to cloud the issues that might otherwise be clear.

It is in these times of confusion,
That we must seek peace and solitude;

Time to contemplate on our life,
Our experiences and our choices past;
Time to look back, and reflect on what we have learned
Without fear or confusion.

For only each of us knows our own personal thoughts;
Our unique past and personal history;
The experiences that brought us to the crossroads we now face.

We can always learn a small degree from others experiences,
And yet ... no one person can walk in our shoes,
Others know not, the trials and tribulations faced in private ...

For each is individual ... unique ... and personal.

And that is why ... while standing at a crossroads,
Only “we” can formulate the decision for ourselves;
The true direction that lies within;
The choices we must deliberate on with clarity and wisdom.

For it is only through personal reflection,
That we can now choose our destiny;
... Our next adventure;
... And the future we will embrace.

- 2 A. On the basis of your reading of the above poem, answer the following questions by choosing the best of the given options : (1×6=6)
- (i) Life is a roller coaster because
- (a) It is full of fun (b) It involves taking risks
(c) It is a constant strife (d) It has its ups and downs
- (ii) Which of the following statements is incorrect ?
- (a) The road of life has many turns and twists
(b) We are unable to decide easily
(c) We have a definite direction in life
(d) There are many choices in life

- (iii) We fear to travel on :
- (a) The road with least resistance
 - (b) The road less frequented
 - (c) The shortest road
 - (d) The most travelled road
- (iv) We can choose our destiny by :
- (a) Walking in others' shoes
 - (b) Learning from others experiences
 - (c) Only through personal reflection
 - (d) Through the directions given by others
- (v) The word 'resistance' in the poem means :
- (a) Cover
 - (b) Conforming
 - (c) Force
 - (d) Opposing
- (vi) Which of the following means 'real or actual' ?
- (a) Manifest
 - (b) Tangible
 - (c) Overwhelming
 - (d) Inevitably

2 B. Answer the following questions briefly : (1×6=6)

- (i) What difficulty do the people without direction face ?
- (ii) What does the author mean by 'have gleaned its lesson in life' ?
- (iii) When must we seek peace and solitude ?
- (iv) Why is it important that we must ourselves formulate our decision ?
- (v) Find a word in the poem that means : State of being alone.
- (vi) Find a word in the poem that means : Observe thoughtfully.

Section-B (Writing Skills and Grammar) (30 marks)

3. S.K. Public School, Bhopal is organising a cleanliness drive. As a student of the school, draft a poster on the importance of personal hygiene to be displayed in the classroom. (4)

OR

Your father owns a two bedroom apartment in Luz Church Road, Chennai. He has been transferred and wants to sell the apartment. Draft a suitable advertisement to be published in a local newspaper.

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<p style="text-align: center;">GATEWAY TRAVELS We offer the best travel packages We provide the widest range of services Special discounts for students For all your holiday needs contact : The Manager, Gateway travels 32/12 M.G. Road, Bengaluru</p>

You have come across the above advertisement in a leading daily. You, as the student in-charge of excursions in your school decide to get more information about the tour packages offered. Write a letter to the Manager seeking details. You are Ronit/Ramita of Sunshine Public School, Pune. (6)

OR

You are Rajan/Ranjana, a resident of 14 WEC Flats, J.P. Nagar, Ludhiana. The roads around your locality are ill-maintained. There are open manholes which pose a great threat at night time. Write a letter to the Editor, Times of India drawing attention of the concerned authorities to this problem. (120 words)

5. You are Varun/Varuna. You are much concerned about the growing trend of old age homes in your country. You feel that these are a blemish on the people of a country that is known for its values and respect for elders. Write an article for your school magazine expressing your views in about 150 words. (10)

OR

You are a contestant for an inter-school declamation contest. The topic given to you is 'Responsibility of the Media in a Democracy'. Write the speech in 150 words.

6. Read the following passage. Each line contains an error. Find the error and write the correct word in the space provided. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$)

	Incorrect	Correct
Technology have changed lives across the world.	e.g. have	has
Ther is, however a few disturbing trends	(a) _____	_____
which needs immediate attention.	(b) _____	_____
Students have started moving away to science.	(c) _____	_____
Those who did join sciences	(d) _____	_____
keep looking for the move to	(e) _____	_____
much lucrative disciplines.	(f) _____	_____

7. Read the dialogue given below and complete the passage. (½×6=3)

Vani : When is the cultural fest going to be held in your school ?

Sonam : It is after two weeks.

Vani : Are you taking part in it ?

Sonam : Yes, I am performing in the group dance.

Vani : When do you rehearse ?

Sonam : A specific period is allotted for that.

Vani asked Sonam (a) _____. Sonam replied that (b) _____.

Vani enquired whether (c) _____. Sonam said that (d) _____.

Vani asked (e) _____. She answered (f) _____.

8. Re-order the following sentences in a meaningful sequence:- (1×4=4)

(a) One can view the marine life through an under-water observatory.

(b) The Great Barrier Reef has many islands, each with a different appeal.

(c) There are splendid beaches along the Australian coastline.

(d) The world's largest reef structure is situated in Australia.

Section-C (Literature and Long Reading Text) (30 marks)

9. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

“..... The sea holiday (1×3=3 marks)

Was her past, mine is her laughter. Both wry

With the laboured ease of loss.”

(i) Whose past is the speaker referring to ?

(ii) What does ‘Both’ stand for ?

(iii) What is the poetic device in the phrase ‘laboured ease’ ?

OR

“When did my childhood go ?

Was it the time I realised that adults were not

All they seemed to be,

They talked of love and preached of love,

But did not act so lovingly,

Was that the day!”

- (i) What did the poet realize about adults ?
- (ii) What is the poet's state of mind ?
- (iii) What trait of the adults is expressed in the line "..... All they seem to be" ?

10. Answer any three of the following four questions in about 40 words each : (3×3=9)

- (i) In the poem 'Father to Son', why is there no understanding between the father and son ?
- (ii) How do Sue and Jonathan prove to be the driving force behind the Captain's efforts to save the Wavewalker ?
- (iii) In what way can the industries play a crucial role in the 'Era of Responsibility' ?
- (iv) What made the narrator visit 46 Marconi Street twice ?

11. (a) Khushwant Singh has reminded the readers of the growing distance between the older and younger generation in "The Portrait of a Lady". Present your views on this issue. (120 words) (3)
- (b) Do you agree that the school and the atmosphere were responsible for Einstein's lack of interest in studies ? Give reasons for your answer. (120 words) (3)

12. Answer the following questions in 120-150 words :

Describe Virginia as the harbinger of love and peace in the novel 'The Canterville Ghost'. (6)

OR

Describe Booker T. Washington's mother as a great influence in his life.

13. Narrate how the Canterville Ghost's attempts to frighten the Otis family were in vain. (150 words) (6)

OR

Education is the key focus in the novel 'Up with Slavery'. Elucidate. (150 words)