



INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
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ENGLISH

Std.: XI

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Instructions:

- This paper is divided into three sections:
Section A: Reading (20 Marks)
Section B: Writing & Grammar (30 Marks)
Section C: Literature & long Reading Text (30 Marks)
- All sections are compulsory.
- Separate instructions are given for each section and question wherever necessary. Read the instructions carefully and follow them faithfully.
- Strictly adhere to the prescribed word limit.

SECTION A: READING

(20 marks)

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (12)

Years ago when I was a young Assistant Professor at the Harvard Business School, I thought the role of business schools was to develop future managers who knew all about the various functions of business, to teach them how to define problems succinctly, analyse these problems and identify alternatives in a clear, logical fashion and finally, to teach them to make an intelligent decision. My thinking gradually became tempered by living and working outside the United States and by serving seven years as a college president, when I added several additional traits of skills that I felt a good manager must possess.

One must have the ability to express oneself in a clear articulate fashion. Good oral and written communication skills are absolutely essential, if one is to be an effective manager. One must possess the intangible set of qualities called leadership skills. To be a good leader, one must understand and be sensitive to people and be able to inspire them towards the achievement of a common goal. Effective managers should be broad-minded human beings who not only understand the world of business but also have a sense of the cultural, social, political, historical and the international aspects life and society. This suggests that exposure to the liberal arts and humanities should be part of every manager's education.

A good manager in today's world must have courage and strong sense of integrity to draw the line between the right and the wrong. That can be agonizingly difficult. Drawing a line, in a corporate setting, sometimes involves having to make a choice between what appears to be conflicting 'rights'. It is a rough choice. Sometimes these choices involve simple questions of honesty and truthfulness. Making the right choice demands integrity and the courage to follow where one's integrity leads.

Now I wear the hat of a chief executive officer. As a result of my experience as a corporate CEO, my list of desirable managerial traits have become still longer. It now seems to me that what matters most in the majority of organizations is to have reasonably intelligent, hardworking managers, who have a sense of pride and loyalty towards their organization; who can get to the root of a problem and are inclined towards action; who are decent human beings with a natural empathy and concern for people; and who possess humour, humility and common sense. It is the ability to make positive things happen that most distinguishes the successful manager from the mediocre or

unsuccessful one. It is better to have a dependable manager who can make the right things happen in a timely fashion. The most cherished manager is the one who says 'I can do it' and then does.

Many business schools continue to focus almost exclusively on the development of analytical skills. As a result, these schools are continuing to graduate large number of MBAs and business majors who know a great deal about analyzing strategies, dissecting balance sheets and using computers – but who still don't know how to manage.

As a practical matter, of course schools can go only so far in teaching their students to manage. Only hard knocks and actual work experience will fully develop the kind of managerial traits, skills and virtues that I have discussed here. The best way to learn to manage is to manage companies such as mine; that hire aspiring young managers; that can help them by providing good role models and mentors, by setting clear standards and high expectations that emphasize the kind of broad leadership traits that are important to the organization and by rewarding the managers accordingly.

- a. Answer the following questions selecting the most appropriate options from those given below them: (6)
- i. A good manager in today's world-----
- a. must have courage
 - b. must know where to draw a line
 - c. must be difficult
 - d. both 1 & 2
- ii. The most cherished manager-----
- a. makes right things happen
 - b. believes in himself and performs the task
 - c. so good at implementing
 - d. all the above
- iii. Which word from the passage means "briefly and clearly"?
- a. integrity
 - b. agonizingly
 - c. succinctly
 - d. emphasize
- iv. What do majority of organizations seek?
- a. intelligent and hardworking managers
 - b. managers having a sense of pride and loyalty towards their organization
 - c. compassionate managers with genuine concern
 - d. all the above
- v. How should a manager express himself?
- a. proudly and clearly
 - b. in a clear and articulate manner
 - c. in a humble manner
 - d. with mannerisms
- vi. Which word from the passage can have "dourness" as its antonym?
- a. humour
 - b. humility
 - c. pride
 - d. loyalty

- b. Answer the following questions briefly: (4)
- i. What did the author think about the business schools in the beginning?
 - ii. What qualities should an efficient manager have?
 - iii. How can the companies help their managers to be effective?
 - iv. Why does a good manager in today's world require courage?
- c. Find the words from the passage which mean the following: (2)
- i. policies and tactics (Para 5)
 - ii. qualities and characteristics (Para 6)

2. **Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (8)**

The scope of democracy needs to be widened and deepened for people to have a real voice to influence decisions that shape their lives, and the power to hold decision-makers accountable, not only through elections but in the periods between elections. While formal institutions of democracy have become a universal norm, it is important to develop and sustain the core values of inclusiveness, participation and accountability, before institutions can be seen as truly democratic.

It has been seen that a lasting solution for eradicating poverty and shaping human progress can be found much through politics as through economics. Politics matters in a large way; because it is through this mechanism that the rights of the citizen in any country are determined. It decides whether the people should be allowed to participate in the decision making process that impacts their lives.

In the last two decades, the politics has witnessed a sea change. There are innumerable instances across the world, of the opening up of political systems and increased rights and power to the people. The world can be labeled as much more democratic, but there are several underlying problems to be dealt with. According to a UN report, 140 countries hold multi-party elections, out of which only 81 have taken significant steps towards democracy, out of the nearly 200 countries, people still do not enjoy their rights in the rest and their freedom is also curbed.

The democratic system of voting in the elections had added crucial element of governance from the human development stand point, because elections symbolize enforceable accountability. When a government fails to live up to the needs and desires of the people, they can simply vote it out of the office the next time. There can be no stricter form of accountability, no more egalitarian form of participation. The right to vote itself has given every individual a choice.

However, it would be a grim mistake if one equated democracy with regular ritual of elections. A vibrant democracy requires functioning institutions- for instance a legislature that does not do a specific individual's bidding; a judiciary that is independent and understands the importance of equal treatment of all through the eyes of the law; a free, independent and unbiased media and security forces that carry out their duties without specific political allegiances. It also requires an active and alert civil society that can ensure that the government works in the general public interest, and also keeps giving its inputs wherever required. An independent judiciary provides the necessary checks and balances between the democratic institutions of governance. The UN report emphasizes accountability at national and international level. Accountability is central to democratic governance. It ensures the holders of public trust are acting effectively and fairly. In the presence of a free press and an active civil society, people have several ways of participating in the policy decisions and debates.

- a. On the basis of your reading make notes on the above passage using headings and sub-headings and recognizable abbreviations. Give a suitable title for it. (5)
- b. Write a summary of the above passage in about 80 words (3)

SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR

(30 Marks)

3. Your father, a resident of 15 B, Vasant Vihar is transferred to Mumbai. He wants to sell the electronic goods like T. V., A.C. and refrigerator. Write an advertisement for the sale in the columns of the Times of India. (4)

OR

Your school will be visited by a group of language experts from the U.K. to interact with the students of senior secondary classes. Write a notice, in about 50 words, giving all the essential details of the visit. You are Vishnu, the Secretary of the English Club of your school. (4)

4. You are Stanley / Steny. Read the advertisement given below and write a letter to the advertiser, applying for the job. Also give your detailed curriculum-vitae, which you would send along with your letter of application for the job. (6)

SITUATION VACANT

MBA Candidates with minimum 5 years experience in marketing field, below 35 years age, may apply with bio-data for the post of Asst. Manager, before 31 / 12 / 2009. Forward your application and curriculum-vitae to M/s INFOTECH ASSOCIATES, CK Road, Cochin. Ph: 123584627.

OR

Indian woman is yet to be emancipated despite efforts made by social workers like Raja Ram Mohan Roy. Her liberty and welfare continues to be plagued by endless problems. The society, law, media and intelligentsia continue to be helpless spectators. Taking ideas from the visual, together with your own ideas, write a letter to the editor of a national daily in 120-150 words on the topic "Woman Bears and Others Stare". (6)



5. You are Avinash / Anandi. Wildlife Week is being celebrated in your school. The press note given below inspires the Student Council to host an exhibition to highlight the urgent need for protecting wild life and to draw people's attention towards it. Write a report about it for your school magazine in not more than 200 words. (10)

SPCA (The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals)

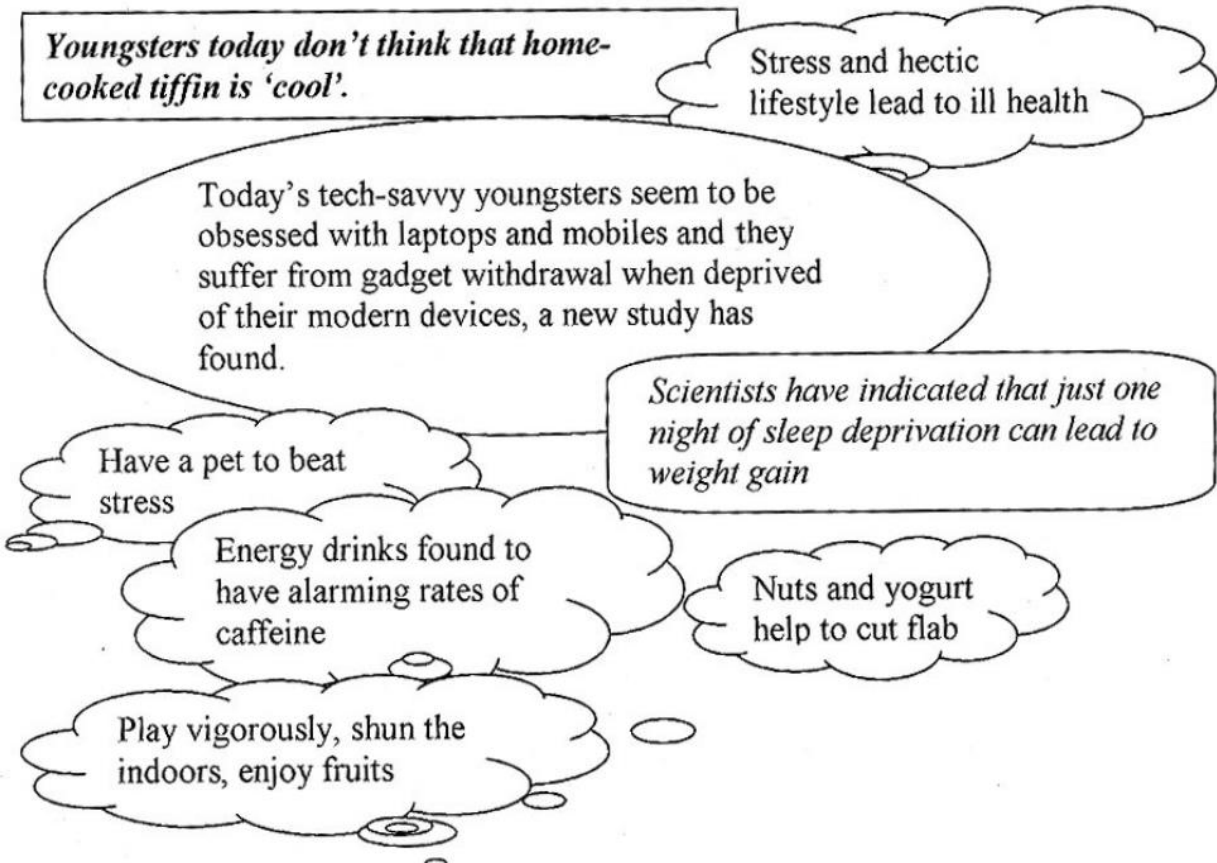
"The time will come when men such as I will look upon the murder of animals as they now look upon the murder of men."

- Leonardo Da Vinci, Italian Painter, Sculptor, Architect, Musician, Engineer and Scientist

"This year's List once again highlights the inhumanity meted out on the innocent and defenceless. Despite the Animal Welfare Act being extremely clear about the duty of care of owning animals, this year, we have cases of extreme neglect and failure to provide veterinary treatment," says Robyn Kippenberger, National Chief Executive of the Royal New Zealand SPCA. "And once again there are cases of violence to animals being used to exert power and control over the families that love them. Most disturbingly there are also incidents of young men wantonly killing and injuring animals without apparent reason."

OR

The newspaper headlines below remind you of a modern teenager, addicted to the T V, computer and other modern gadgets. In addition, they love to consume junk food and energy drinks. You are worried how these habits are going to affect them physically and academically. So write an article in not more than 200 words about the adverse effects of junk food / energy drinks and addiction to modern gizmos. (10)



6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheets. (4)

<p>The passenger were waiting at the station when five policemen rushing into difference compartments of a train. After sometimes one of them comes out with two young men and soon another policeman joined her. The men which had been arrested wasbeen caught for the theft. They had stealed two cars.</p>	<p>e.g. passenger passengers</p> <p>a. _____</p> <p>b. _____</p> <p>c. _____</p> <p>d. _____</p> <p>e. _____</p> <p>f. _____</p> <p>g. _____</p> <p>h. _____</p>
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7. Complete the following passage by filling the blanks with appropriate words: (4)

Road safety is essential (a)_____ young people because (b)_____ a time, they (c)_____ the cause as well as the victim of serious road accidents. They risk (d)_____ own lives by driving at breakneck speed. They become a potent source (e)_____ danger to others. (f)_____ root cause of accidents are haste, rash or reckless driving (g)_____ flouting the traffic rules. Drunk drivers are also responsible for (h)_____ kind of accidents.

8. Rearrange the following jumbled words to form meaningful sentences: (2)

- all/ die/ many/ snake-bite/ over/ people/ India/ in/ year/ of/ and/ the/ every/ world.
- of/ because/ it/ superstition/ treated/ not/ is/ ignorance/ properly/ victims/ and/ that/ are/ the.
- snake/ unmixed/ source/ but/ is/not/ the/ a/ fear/ of/ and/ harm.
- man/ benefits/ it/ also/ as/ poison/ controlling/ made/ from/ medicines/ its/ are/ for/ burning pain.

SECTION D: LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT (30Marks)

9. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow: (3)

I am the Poem of the Earth, said the voice of the rain,
 Eternal I rise impalpable out of the land and the bottomless sea,
 Upward to heaven, whence, vaguely form'd, altogether changed, and yet the same,
 I descend to have droughts.....

- What is the figure of speech used in "I am the Poem of the Earth"?
- Explain: "altogether changed, and yet the same".
- How are the rain and song similar?

OR

All three stood still to smile through their hair
 At the uncle with the camera. A sweet face
 My mother's, that was before I was born.

- Who does 'their' in these lines stand for?
- What characteristic of life is depicted in this poem?
- What is the poet talking nostalgically about?

10. Answer **any three** of the following in about 40 words each: (9)
- Which details in the story “The Portrait of a Lady” support the idea that the grandmother was a very religious lady?
 - “*The mummy is in a very bad condition because of what Carter did in the 1920s.*” Who was Carter and what did he do to the mummy?
 - What factors made Einstein’s life in Munich miserable?
 - Why did the farmer, John Byro, leave the narrator’s house in disgust?

11. Answer the following in 120 - 150 words: (6)

a. “The Address” is a story of human predicament that follows war. Comment on it.

OR

b. “...my thoughts were full of Larry and Herbie, cheerful and optimistic under the direst stress, and of Mary who stayed at the wheel for those crucial hours..... I thought of a seven-year-old girl, who did not want us to worry about a head injury ...and of a six-year-old boy who was not afraid to die”

Motivated by the account, you decide to write a letter to your friend telling him about the importance of keeping one’s calm in times of adversities, of being courageous and of being optimistic, which in turn would help one to endure the direst stress and come out successful. Write the letter.

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

- Discuss “The Canterville Ghost” as a ghost story with a difference.
- What disheartened the ghost at Canterville chase after the arrival of the Otis family? Describe the elaborate preparations he made to tame the twins?

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