



**INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR**  
**PRE FINAL EXAMINATION 2015-16**  
**ENGLISH (Core)**

**Class: XI**  
**Date:11.02.2016**

**Marks: 80**  
**Time:3hrs**

**Instructions:**

- *This paper consists of three sections: Section A, B, and C. All the sections are compulsory.*
- *Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.*
- *Read these instructions carefully and follow them faithfully.*
- *Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.*

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**SECTION A – READING (20 Mark)**

**1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (8 Marks)**

1. Tourism has emerged as the world's largest industry. Growing rapidly in the last two decades, today it accounts for 6% of world output and employs some 100 million people around the globe. Since the end of the Second World War, it has developed immense revenue and development potential and stands today as a unique natural renewable resource industry.

2. Tourism-the travel based recreation provides people with a change of visiting a place and a breaking from the monotony of daily life. It brings people of different nations together, allowing them to come into close contact with each other's customs and other aspects of life. It reveals the scenic beauty and past heritage of a country to people belonging to other nations. The knowledge and experience gained in the process can lead to greater understanding and tolerance and can even foster world peace.

3. The contribution of tourism can nowhere be seen more clearly than on the economic front. A study conducted by the United Nations has shown that developing countries, in particular, can reap handsome benefits out of tourism which greatly boosts national income.

4. Tourism generates employment and adds to the entrepreneurial wealth of nation. While tourism's advantages are many, its undesirable side-effects have raised fresh problems.

5. Tourism can cause social, cultural or environmental disruption. One of the greatest concern is its damage to the environment. In order to attract more tourist, sprawling resorts are built which take neither the local architectural styles nor the ecology into consideration. Natural systems come to be destroyed as a result of indiscriminate construction to provide water and waste disposal facilities and recreational arrangements to tourists. Over use of environmental wealth disturbs the ecological balance.

6. Damage is most in wildlife parks which remain the foremost sites of tourist attraction. Tourist vans and the visitor's feet destroy the ground vegetation thus affecting the feeding habits of the animals and landscape as well. Overcrowding brings about congestion, leading to environmental and health hazards.

7. The Taj Mahal, one of the seven wonders of the world, has suffered a lot of wear and tear from trampling feet of tourists.

8. Some Socio-cultural effect of tourism have been damaging. Tourism often ushers in new life styles, arrangements as desired by tourists are provided in order to them feel at home. The emergence of the 'other' culture in various places has caused dissatisfaction among the local people. The concern is that the local people tend to imitate the foreign values, breaking away from their own traditions.

9. To promote safe tourism while ensuring that it remains a profitable industry, it is imperative to understand the factors that hamper the growth of tourism and check them effectively.

10. General instability of the nation is damaging to tourism prospects. Political disturbances, in particular, pose a serious problem. The growing violence in the international scene and increasing threat of terrorism affects the flow of tourists. Countries like Sri Lanka have been a victim to terrorist threats for long and have therefore suffered set-backs in tourism.

**1.1.** On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make note on it, using an appropriate format. Use recognizable abbreviations (minimum four) and give a title to your Note-Making. **(5 Marks)**

**1.2.** Write the summary of the passage in not more than 80 words, using the notes made. **(3 Marks)**

**2. Read the following passage carefully:** **(12 Marks)**

Did you know that most of us have a few cancer cells floating around in our bodies at some point of time or the other? They keep a lookout for a weak spot where they can begin their destruction. Our defence system begins to produce antibodies to destroy them. But the moment this mechanism weakens, the cancer cells multiply rapidly and damage major body organs.

If you've been eating sensibly, you may get rid of these cancer causing cells and not even know that your body had them. Scientists say that the difference between those who don't get cancer and those who do, is a strong immune system fortified with correct food habits, intake of adequate vitamins, minerals and antioxidants. The immune system doesn't work well in anyone who is undernourished.

Cancer has always been a threat to our health for a long time, and its incidence has increased in the industrial era, coinciding with our increasingly toxic environment. The reasons, it has been found, range from genetics to life style, environment, and toxins. Of the five million registered chemicals in the world, we encounter 70,000 of them on a regular basis. Of those at least 20,000 are carcinogenic (cancer causing).

As we grow older we get exposed to toxins, in the food that we eat, the water we drink, and the air we breathe. Each of the 60 trillion cells in our body faces at least a thousand 'hits' or carcinogen attacks every day. We wallow in our own hi-tech wastes of industrial pollutants, electromagnetic radiation, environmental toxins, chemicals, insect sprays, agricultural pollutants, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, mental stress and internal toxins, all of which weaken our immunity.

The human body is built from food and is also repaired by your diet. Nutritional therapy tries to re-establish 'balance' in the body by helping it to detoxify, correct its pH balance (acid based balance), build resistance and provide nourishment to enable it fight the regular toxins that it ingests. If you are eating reasonably, a standard multi vitamin pill will be sufficient.

Stress, say from work pressures causes your immune system to shut down. It is important to know that cancer cannot invade a healthy body. Keeping your body's defence mechanism in good shape is the only way to fight those terrorists within.

**2.1 From the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions briefly: (4 Marks)**

- (i) What are the possible causes for cancer?
- (ii) Give examples of 'hi tech' wastes.
- (iii) How can stress harm our body?
- (iv) Which factors weaken our immunity?

**2.2. Choose the most appropriate option: (6 Marks)**

- (i) **The weakness in defence mechanism of our body leads to \_\_\_\_\_**
  - (a) decrease in cancer cells
  - (b) multiplication of cancer cells
  - (c) floating of cancer cells
  - (d) production of antibodies
- (ii) **Nutritional therapy doesn't try to \_\_\_\_\_**
  - (a) maintain pH balance
  - (b) detoxify
  - (c) reduce stress
  - (d) provide nourishment
- (iii) **Why do most people not suffer from cancer even though cancer cells can be found in their bodies?**
  - (a) because some people take extra vitamins
  - (b) because some people exercise regularly
  - (c) because the body's immune system destroys the cancer cells
  - (d) all the above
- (iv) **How can we strengthen our body's immune system?**
  - (a) by exercising in fresh air
  - (b) by eating sensibly
  - (c) by getting regular sleep
  - (d) All the above
- (v) **"The reasons range from genetics to lifestyle". 'Lifestyle' here means \_\_\_\_\_**
  - (a) the style of our house and its contents, like furniture, cars, etc.
  - (b) the style of our dressing, hair style, make-up, etc.
  - (c) the kind of neighborhood we live in
  - (d) our personal habits of eating, resting and exercising
- (vi) **'Re-establish balance in the body' includes \_\_\_\_\_**
  - (a) controlling body weight
  - (b) detoxification
  - (c) handling work pressure
  - (d) regular exercise

**2.3. Find words in the passage which mean the same as the following. (2 Marks)**

- (a) strengthened - paragraph 2
- (b) absorbs - paragraph 5

### **SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (30Marks)**

**3. You are a photographer and wish to secure a regular job/freelance assignments. Write an advertisement in not more than 50 words for the classified column of a newspaper stating your qualifications and experience (4 Marks)**

**OR**

As the head of Physical Education Department, write a notice in not more than 50 words informing the students about the selection of athletes for the coming Zonal Athletic Meet.

**4.**Your family has to shift from Delhi to Chennai. You need the services of a professional packaging and moving company. You see the following advertisement in a newspaper. **(6 Marks)**

Decent Packers – worldwide packing, shifting, transport – road, air, sea, Insurance household/car, door to door service. Contact: The Manager, 1469, D Block, Connaught Place, New Delhi.

Write a letter in 120-150 words to the Manager enquiring about special packing for expensive glassware, electronic goods, charges for moving your entire household goods by road and the time the goods would take to reach Chennai. Sign as Krishna Kant/Krishna Kumari. Your address is 18 B, Self-Financing Flats, Alaknanda Colony, New Delhi.

**OR**

You are Ganesh/Gunjan Mehta, a software engineer, residing in 21C, MIG Flats, Ashok Vihar . You read an advertisement seeking web designers for a private company called Infinite Solutions, C-320, Greater Kailash. Apply for the post, with complete biodata, to the Personnel Manager of the company.

**5.** The world that we are living in is under a great threat of extinction. Large scale pollution, deforestation, industrialization is suffocating the environment. You, as a concerned citizen, want to share the causes and effect of global warming. You would also like to give a few suggestions on how to contribute towards the making of a better world. As Vivek/Vineeta, Head Boy/Girl of the school, prepare a speech in 150-200 words for the morning assembly under heading “The Hazards of Global Warming.” **(10 Marks)**

**OR**

You are Punit/Pooja the secretary of Cultural Club of ABC School, Sarojini Nagar New Delhi. Write a report in 150-200 words on Children’s Day Celebrations in your school for the school magazine with all necessary details about the programme, chief guest and participation.

**6. Look at the following words/phrases. Rearrange them to form a meaningful sentence. (2 Marks)**

- (a) the / sparrows / from / city / it / disappeared / has / seems / common / the / that
- (b) factors / and / pollution / herbs / native / important / the / responsible / are / loss / shrubs / of / and

**7. In the following passages, one word has been omitted in each line against which a blank is given. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it in the space provided. Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined. (4 Marks)**

A good paragraph is group of sentences that together deal with single idea. In paragraph writing, paragraph should talk about a specific idea. When author wants to talk about thing other than this specific idea, he switches over to the paragraph. But there is logical development between the paragraphs. The sentences in a paragraph argue about idea and they also revolve around idea. This is called the unity of the paragraph.

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| e.g. | is    | <u>a</u> | group |
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**8. Complete the following paragraph using suitable modals**

**(4 Marks)**

Father : (a) ..... you go to the post office just now and send these letters by registered post?  
Son : There (b) ..... be a rush at this hour.  
Moreover, I (c) ..... not go to the post office on foot.  
Father : But why (d) ..... you go on foot? What happened to your scooter?

**SECTION C - LITERATURE AND LONG READING TEXT (30Marks)**

**9. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:**

**(3 Marks)**

*The seed I spent or sown it where  
The land is his and none of mine ?  
We speak like strangers there's no sign  
Of understanding in the air.  
This child is built to my design  
Yet what he loves I cannot share*

- (a) Whom does 'I' refer to? **(1 Mark)**  
(b) What does 'We speak like strangers' means? **(1 Mark)**  
(c) What does the 'seed' refer to? **(1 Mark)**

**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.  
And the sea, which appears to have changed less,  
Washed their terribly transient feet.*

- (a) Name the poet and the poem these lines have been taken from. **(1 Mark)**  
(b) Who are the three mentioned in the first line? **(1 Mark)**  
(c) Explain "terribly transient feet." what poetic device has been used in the last line ? **(1 Mark)**

**10. Answer any three of the following in 30-40 words each:**

**(3x3=9 Marks)**

- (a) How has archeology changed substantially in the modern times ?  
(b) Describe Aaram's experience when he rode on the white horse alone for the first time.  
(c) What was the impact of the torrent on the narrator and the Wavewalker?  
(d) What plan did Albert Einstein make to avoid going to school?

**11. Answer any one of the following in about 120-150 words:**

**(6 Marks)**

Compare and contrast Andrew's emotional, mental and physical state at the beginning of the story and at the end.

**OR**

"Mockery is found in the process of fair trial and proper judgement". Comment with reference to 'The Tale of Melon City'

**12. Answer the following in about 120-150 words:**

**(12 Marks)**

- (a) Why did Lord Canterville refuse to accept the jewels and what reasons did he give for that?  
(b) How can you say that 'The Canterville Ghost' is an inverted ghost story with horror genre?

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