



INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
UNIT TEST (2019- 20)
ENGLISH (CORE) 301

CLASS: XI
DATE: 16/05/2019

MAX. MARKS: 50
DURATION: 2 HOURS

General 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.*

SECTION A - READING (10 Marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (10)

1. Humility is a funny thing. In fact, my grandfather used to tell us that he won a medal for his humility, but it was taken away when he began to wear it.
2. Humility is the act of being modest, reverential, even politely submissive. It is the opposite of aggression, arrogance, pride, and vanity. And on the surface, it appears to empty its holder of all power. But on the contrary, it grants enormous power to its owner.
3. Humility offers its owner complete freedom from the desire to impress, be right, or get ahead. Frustrations and losses have less impact on a humble ego and a humble person confidently receives opportunity to grow, improve, and reject society's labels. A humble life results in contentment, patience, forgiveness, and compassion.
4. Humility understands individual limitations. Humans, by definition, are finite and thus, limited in our understanding. Our talents are different, our minds are different, and our experiences vary from one another. Individually, we comprehend only a small, unique fraction of the world. But together, we arrive at a far-grander view of the Universe. Humble people realize their understanding is limited and embrace it. As a result, they wisely look for answers outside of themselves.
5. Humility appreciates others. All human life carries inherent value. Our souls hold no more value or importance than the person sitting next to us, no matter where we may be sitting. A humble person appreciates the fact that the world does not revolve around him or her. It accepts their position as just a tiny piece in the giant puzzle. Humility respects others and their opinions. Just because an opinion is different doesn't mean it is always wrong.
6. Humility listens more and speaks less. It spends more time understanding... and less time being understood. Humility withholds judgments over intentions as much as possible. The quickest way to win an argument in your mind is to make sweeping judgments concerning the intentions of others. It is the easiest way to discount any valid, opposing argument. It is also one of the most damaging. In fact, in my opinion, it is one of the primary reasons that humility has completely vanished from our political discourse. Humility helps others and promotes others. Joy is not found in being right and arriving at the top. Instead, joy is found in helping others grow and succeed. Humility realizes that in those cases, both win.
7. Humility always begins in our heart. As a result, it offers significant control over attitude, outlook, and actions. It has nothing to prove, but everything to offer.

1.1 On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option: (2)

a) A humble life results in:

- (i) talent (ii) forgiveness (iii) judgment (iv) human

b) Humility helps to:

- (i) give opinions (ii) have a bad attitude (iii) take actions (iv) respect others

1.2 Answer the following questions briefly: (6)

- a) How has the writer defined the term 'humility'?
b) What is the fastest way to win an argument?
c) What reason does the author attribute to discipline vanishing from political discourse?
d) What makes humble people look for answers outside of themselves?
e) Where does humility begin and how does it affect our life?
f) How can one find joy in life?

1.3 Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following: (2)

- a) respectful (para 2)
b) noteworthy (para 7)

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (17 Marks)

2. You are Roshan/ Farheen. As the Secretary of the Cultural Club of your school you have organized a Cultural Evening as thanks giving programme on the last day of your school. Write a notice giving necessary information about this event in not more than 50 words. (4)

3. Write an article in about 150 to 200 words for your school magazine on the topic "Value Education- A Remedy for Social Evils". You are Sumit/ Sharmila of Chennai. (8)

4. Fill in the blanks with suitable words by choosing the most correct option: (3)

Loudly knocking (a) _____ the gate, someone demanded admission into my room. It is not my habit to keep someone out (b) _____ long. I immediately (c) _____ the door as I believe it is decent to give a (d) _____ reception to guests. I saw a man carrying a basket of flowers in his hand. (e) _____ asked him to come in (f) _____ he agreed to accept my hospitality and came in.

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| (a) (i) for | (ii) at | (iii) to | (iv) with |
| (b) (i) any | (ii) but | (iii) and | (iv) for |
| (c) (i) opens | (ii) open | (iii) opened | (iv) opening |
| (d) (i) better | (ii) good | (iii) new | (iv) beautiful |
| (e) (i) You | (ii) We | (iii) I | (iv) He |
| (f) (i) but | (ii) both | (iii) still | (iv) and |

5. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences: (2)

- a) of mankind / the habit / reading is / one of / resources / of / the greatest
b) the hand / a library / should be / as well as / free / accessible / to / to the eye / and

SECTION C – LITERATURE & SUPPLEMENTARY READER (23Marks)

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

*"The cardboard shows me how it was
When the two girl cousins went paddling,
Each one holding one of my mother's hand,
And she the big girl- some twelve years or so."*

- a) What does the 'cardboard' show the poet?
- b) Why did the two girl cousins hold one of the poet's mother's hands?
- c) How old was the oldest girl among the three cousins?

7. Answer the following in 30-40 words each: (8)

- a) Would you agree that grandmother was a lady strong in character? Elucidate. (The Portrait of a Lady)
- b) Justify the title 'We're Not Afraid to Die...if We Can All Be Together'.
- c) What happened when the farmer John Byro accidentally met the two boys with his horse in their custody?
- d) What was the effect of the huge wave on the ship on 2nd January? (We're Not Afraid to Die...if We Can All Be Together)

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

Describe the unique relationship of the grandmother with the dogs and the sparrows. Do you think it is believable and desirable? (The Portrait of a Lady)

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

Mourad was the natural descendant of the crazy streak of uncle Khosrove. Explain the statement giving instances from the story, 'The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse'?

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