



INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
TERM I EXAMINATION (2022-23)
ENGLISH CORE (301)

CLASS: XI
DATE: 28/09/2022

MAX. MARKS:80
TIME: 3 HOURS

General Instructions:

- The question paper comprises of THREE sections: A, B and C. All the sections are compulsory.
 - Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.
 - Read the instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.
 - Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.
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SECTION A: READING (26 MARKS)

I. Read the passage given below:

1. Have you ever failed at something so miserably that the thought of attempting to do it again was the last thing on your mind?
2. If your answer is yes, then you should understand that you are not a robot. Unlike robots, we human beings have feelings, emotions, and dreams. We are all meant to grow despite our circumstances and limitations. Flourishing and trying to make our dreams come true feels great when life goes our way. But what happens when it does not? What happens when you fail despite all your hard work? Do you stay down and accept defeat or do you get up again? If you tend to persevere and keep going, you have what experts call 'grit'.
3. Falling down or failing is one of the most agonizing, embarrassing, and scary human experiences. But it is also one of the most educational, empowering, and essential parts of living a successful and fulfilling life. Did you know that perseverance (grit) is one of the seven qualities that has been described as the key to personal success and betterment in society? The other six are curiosity, gratitude, optimism, self-control, social intelligence, and zest. Thomas Edison is an example of grit for trying more than 1,000 times to invent the light bulb. If you are reading this with the light on in your room, you will realize the importance of his success. When asked why he kept going despite hundreds of failures, he merely stated that they had not been failures, they were hundreds of attempts toward creating the light bulb. This statement not only revealed his grit but also his optimism for looking at the bright side. Grit can help you become more successful.
4. One of the techniques that help is mindfulness. Mindfulness is a practice that makes an individual stay at the moment by bringing awareness of his or her experience without judgement. This practice has been used to quieten the noise of fears and doubts. Through this simple practice of mindfulness, individuals have the ability to stop the self-sabotaging downward spiral of hopelessness, despair and frustration.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions:

(10)

i. Choose the option that best captures the central idea of the passage from the given quotes.

(1) "What is the point of being alive if you don't at least try to do something remarkable?" —John Green	(2) "Mistakes are the portals of discovery." —James Joyce	(3) "Failure should be our teacher, not our undertaker. Failure is delay, not defeat. It is a temporary detour, not a dead end." —Denis Waitley	(4) "A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new." —Albert Einstein
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- (a) Option (1)
- (b) Option (2)
- (c) Option (3)
- (d) Option (4)

ii. What is the tone of the following context: "Falling down or failing is one of the most... educational, empowering, and essential parts of living a successful and fulfilling life."?

- (a) Humorous
- (b) Optimistic
- (c) Horrifying
- (d) Solemn

iii. Which of the following sentences makes the correct use of "grit", as used in the passage?

- (a) Get rid of that grit in your shoes.
- (b) She had a bit of grit in her eye.
- (c) The road had been covered with grit.
- (d) Her grit never made her give up.

iv. What do you understand from this line, "Falling down or failing is one of the most agonising, embarrassing, and scary human experiences."?

- (a) Falling down makes us angry.
- (b) Failure can deeply affect our emotions.
- (c) Stay positive and be optimistic.
- (d) Self-control is empowering.

v. Choose the option that correctly states the meaning of 'social intelligence' as implied in the passage:

- (a) Knowing others
- (b) Knowing oneself and others
- (c) Knowing oneself
- (d) Knowing one's surroundings

vi. How are human beings different from robots?

vii. How according to the passage would you describe a person who has grit?

viii. Why is Thomas Edison a good example of Grit?

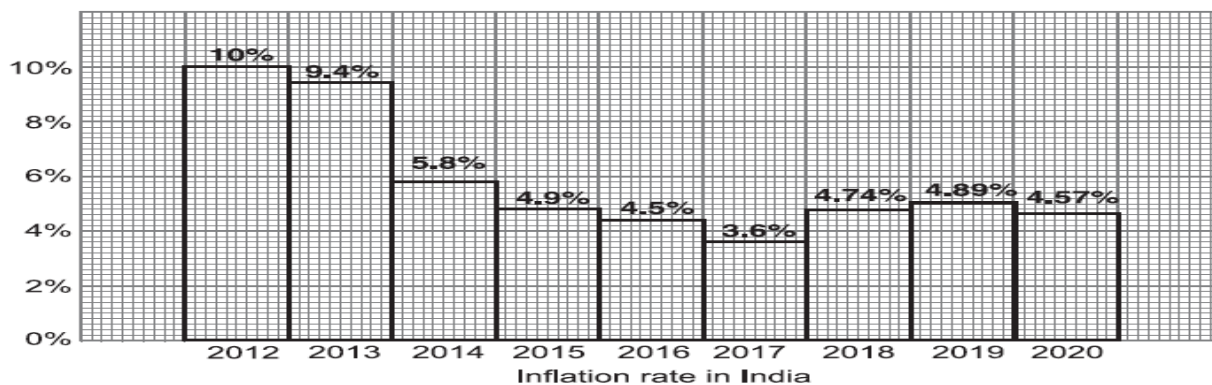
ix. How does mindfulness help?

x. What is the message conveyed in the last paragraph of the passage?

II. Read the passage given below:

Inflation refers to the rise in prices of most goods and services of daily or common use, such as food, clothing, housing, recreation, transport, etc. Inflation measures the average price change in a basket of commodities and services over time. The opposite and rare fall in the price index of this basket of items is called 'deflation.' Inflation is indicative of the decrease in the purchasing power of a unit of a country's currency. This is measured in percentage. The purchasing power of a currency unit decreases as the commodities and services get dearer. This impacts the cost of living in a country.

When inflation is high, the cost of living gets higher as well, which ultimately causes deceleration in economic growth. A certain level of inflation is required in the economy to ensure that expenditure is promoted and hoarding money through savings is demotivated. Generally money loses its value over time, so people must invest money to ensure the economic growth of a country.



Inflation is measured by two main indices in India—WPI (Wholesale Price Index) and CPI (Consumer Price Index), which measure wholesale and retail level price changes, respectively. The CPI calculates the difference in the price of commodities and services such as food, medical care, education, electronics, etc. which Indian consumers buy for use. WPI calculates the goods or services sold by businesses to smaller businesses for selling further. Some main reasons for the increase in prices—high demand and local production or supply of multiple commodities create a demand-supply gap, which causes a hike in prices. Moreover, excess circulation of money causes inflation as money loses its purchasing power. Apart from this, the people having much money tend to spend more which causes increased demand and hike in prices. Inflation exists when money supply exceeds available goods and service or inflation is attributed to budget deficit financing.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions: (8)

i. In the line “..... inflation is required”, the word “inflation” refers to:

- (a) rise in the prices of goods
- (b) rise in the prices of services
- (c) sale of goods
- (d) Both (a) and (b)

ii. The year 2018 shows an increase in inflation rate in India as compared to 2017.

What happens when inflation gets higher?

- (a) The income of people gets higher.
- (b) The cost of things remains intact.
- (c) The cost of things gets higher.
- (d) The cost of things gets lower.

- iii. What is NOT one of the reasons for the increase in prices?
 - (a) high demand
 - (b) local production
 - (c) services like medical care
 - (d) supply of multiple commodities
- iv. Choose the option that lists the statement that is NOT TRUE.
 - (a) Excess circulation of money in an economy is one of the primary causes of inflation.
 - (b) Deflation in an economy indicates deteriorating conditions.
 - (c) Inflation is measured in units.
 - (d) Inflation exists when money supply exceeds available goods and services.
- v. In India, which index measures retail price change?
- vi. According to the graph, what was the inflation rate in 2015 in our country?
- vii. What is/are the main factor(s) that cause a hike in prices?
- viii. What is the reason for deceleration in economic growth?

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

It's headache having a headache. Almost all of us have suffered from a headache at some time or the other. The most important step to cope with headaches is to identify the type of headache one is suffering from. In tension headaches (two hand headache), a feeling of a tight band around the head exists along with pain in the neck and shoulders. It usually follows activities such as long stretches of driving, typing or sitting at the desk.

A headache is usually caused due to spinal misalignment of the head, due to poor posture. Sleeping on the stomach with the head turned to one side and bending over positions for a long time make it worse. Migraines are often preceded by an aura—changes in sight and sensation. There is usually a family history of migraine.

In a headache the pain originates not from the brain but from irritated nerves of muscles, blood vessels and bones. These send pain signals to the brain which then judges the degree of distress and relays it at appropriate sites. The pain may sometimes be referred to sites other than the problem areas. This is known as referred pain and occurs due to sensation overload. Thus, though most headaches start at the base of the skull the referred pain is felt typically behind the eyes.

Factors causing headaches are not fully understood but it is known that a shift in the level of body hormones and chemicals, certain food and drinks and environmental stress can trigger them.

If headaches trouble you often, visit the doctor, who will take a full health history relating to diet, lifestyle stresses, the type of headache, triggering factors and relief measures. You may be asked to keep a "headache diary" which tells you to list the time the headache started, when it ended, emotional, environmental and food and drink factors which may have contributed to it. The type and severity of pain and the medications used which provided most relief, are also to be listed.

Immediate relief can be obtained by certain medications and a few simple self-care techniques. Using ice against the pain site, covering eyes with dark glasses, drinking plenty of fluids and lying down in a dark and quiet room, provide relief in a migraine attack. Pain killers should be taken with caution and under medical supervision, if used for long periods and large quantities they can cause many side effects.

- a. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it, using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary (minimum four) and a suitable format. Also, supply an appropriate title to it. **(5)**
- b. Write a summary of the passage in not more than 80 words using the notes made and also suggest a suitable title. **(3)**

SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (23 MARKS)

IV. Do as directed:

- i. David drinks coffee every morning. (Identify the type of the tense.)
(a) Simple Present Tense (b) Simple Past Tense
(c) Present Perfect Tense (d) Present Continuous Tense
- ii. At this time tomorrow, I _____ my favourite juice.
(a) would have drunk (b) will have drunk
(c) will be drinking (d) would have drank
- iii. Rearrange the words to make a meaningful sentence:
she/was/by/the/threats/Malala /issued /by nature /was /on /her as /not/ deterred /courageous
- iv. Old people were usually more conservative than young people. (Edit the sentence)
- v. He wanted to know more about the job. (Change into simple present)
- vi. Anil said to his sister, "Please don't tell mother I broke the vase."
(Complete the sentence beginning with - 'Anil begged his sister not.....')
- vii. The labourers _____ (demand) a rise in their salary for a year. (Rewrite the sentence in the past perfect continuous.)

V. (A) Answer any TWO of the following questions in 50 words each: **(6)**

- i. You wish to sell your old car. Draft a suitable advertisement putting the car on sale. Give relevant details.
- ii. Your school needs a few new teachers in English, Physics and Business Studies. On behalf of the Principal draft an advertisement inviting candidates to attend an interview.
- iii. Your cousin is a software engineer working for a multinational company. Draft a suitable matrimonial advertisement for her. Invent all necessary details.

(B) Answer any TWO of the following questions in 120-150 words each: **(10)**

- i. As the Sports Captain of your school, you are asked to deliver a speech on the value of sports and games in life. Draft a speech for the morning assembly.
- ii. On the occasion of a career counselling session in your school you have to speak on the topic: 'Importance of Counselling in Schools'. Write a speech to be delivered on the occasion.

iii. Children usually come to school without having breakfast in the morning and prefer eating junk food during the breaks. This habit affects adversely the performance of students in academics and sports. Draft a speech to be delivered in your school assembly on 'Health is Affected by Lifestyle'.

SECTION C: LITERATURE (31 MARKS)

VI. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow: (10)

i. " *The first indication of impending disaster came at about 6 p.m., with an ominous silence. The wind dropped, and the sky immediately grew dark. Then came a growing roar, and an enormous cloud towered aft of the ship. With horror, I realised that it was not a cloud, but a wave like no other I had ever seen. It appeared perfectly vertical and almost twice the height of the other waves, with a frightful breaking crest.*" (3)

(A) Which word in the extract means 'forthcoming'?

(a) growing (b) impending (c) ominous (d) immediately

(B) Why was the author horrified?

(C) Describe the wave according to the extract.

ii. "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." (3)

(A) What does the poet mean by 'smile through their hair'?

(a) It means that a smile was painted on the hair of the photographed girls.

(b) It means that the photographed girls were wearing a mask.

(c) It means that the hair of the photographed girls were covering their face when they were smiling.

(d) It means that the hair of the girls in the photograph was smiling too.

(B) What has not changed over a period of time?

(C) Find a word from the extract which means "lasting only for a short time"?

iii. "Good morning, son of my friends, he said. What is the name of your horse? My Heart, my cousin Mourad said in Armenian. A lovely name, John Byro said, for a lovely horse. I could swear it is the horse that was stolen from me many weeks ago. May I look into his mouth? Of course, Mourad said. The farmer looked into the mouth of the horse. Tooth for tooth, he said. I would swear it is my horse if I didn't know your parents. The fame of your family for honesty is well known to me. Yet the horse is the twin of my horse. A suspicious man would believe his eyes instead of his heart." (4)

(A) 'Tooth for tooth,' he said. What is the context of this statement?

(a) The horse had nice white teeth.

(b) The horse was similar to John Byro's horse.

(c) John Byro wanted to take revenge on the boys for stealing his horse.

(d) Mourad's horse had similar teeth as it was the twin of John Byro's horse.

(B) Read the assertion and reason given below and choose the option that rightly interprets them.

ASSERTION: John Byro swore that it was his horse.

REASON: The horse was the twin of John Byro's horse.

- (a) Both A and R are true and R is the explanation of A.
- (b) Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- (c) A is true but R is false.
- (d) Both A and R are false.

(C) Write the synonym of 'wary' from the extract.

(D) Why did Byro not doubt the boys?

VII. Answer any TWO of the following questions in about 40-50 words each: (6)

- i. The poet talks about a particular cardboard in 'A Photograph'. How is it special to her?
- ii. Why did the narrator want to convey when he said, "As for my grandmother being young and pretty, the thought was almost revolting." (The Portrait of a Lady)
- iii. "I didn't want to worry you when you were trying to save us all." Said Sue. What had happened to her and why did she say this? (We're not Afraid to Die....)
- iv. Explain 'Its silence silences'. (A Photograph)

VIII. Answer either ONE of the following questions in about 40-50 words: (3)

- i. How did Mourad's "I have a way" turn out to be real in many cases? Give two examples from the story.
- ii. What was the concept of stealing according to Aram and Mourad and how according to them had they not stolen the horse?

IX. Answer either ONE of the following questions in about 120-150 words: (6)

- i. Khushwant Singh's grandmother was kind to animals. "Mankind's true moral test, its fundamental test, consists of its attitude towards those who are at its mercy: animals." Explain with reference to the grandmother in 'The portrait of a Lady'
- ii. The children braved the situation more maturely than their years. Elucidate the statement. (We're not Afraid to Die.....)

X. Answer either ONE of the following questions in about 120-150 words: (6)

- i. How does the story 'The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse' deal with family reputation, moral duty and temptation?
- ii. Bring out the humour in Uncle Khosrove's attitude and his meeting with John Byro.

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