



CLASS: XI

MAX. MARKS: 20

DATE: 20.5.2024

TIME: 40 minutes

**General Instructions:**

- Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
- Write the correct question number in your answer sheet to indicate the option/s being attempted.

**SECTION A: GRAMMAR**

**(3 MARKS)**

**1. Do as directed:**

**(3)**

- a. Read the following and fill in the blanks with the correct form of verb from the options given.  
 Driving is big fun. However, obedience to traffic rules ..... it more enjoyable and safer.
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| i. makes | iii. will make |
| ii. made | iv. make       |
- b. Correct the following sentence:  
 I shall have left the place by the time she will come.
- c. and /functioning /police / efficient /can help /curbing /the /rate /in / crime /society /impartial/ of the /in

**SECTION B: CREATIVE WRITING SKILL**

**(3 MARKS)**

**2. Answer the following in 50 words:**

**(3)**

- a. Department of Science and Technology, Government of India is organizing a Science Exhibition in your school. Create an attractive poster announcing the event and inviting the general public to visit it.

**SECTION C: LITERATURE TEXT BOOK & SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT**

**(14 MARKS)**

**3. Read the extract and answer the questions given below:**

**(3x1=3)**

..... *And of this circumstance  
 There is nothing to say at all. Its silence silences.*

- a. Which of the following themes is best represented in the given extract?
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| i. The beauty of death     |
| ii. The finality of death  |
| iii. Love for mother       |
| iv. The poignancy of death |
- b. "There is nothing to say at all" This expresses the poet's .....
- c. What circumstance is referred here?
- 4. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each:**
- (2x3=6)**
- a. "Next morning the sweeper swept the bread crumbs into the dustbin." How does the line serve to illustrate the birds' response and emotional connection to her?
- b. "Change is an essential and inevitable part of life." How does the poet reflect upon this thought in "A Photograph"?

c. How did the dog at John Byro's vineyard behave? What reason does Mourad give for that?

5. Answer EITHER ONE of the following in about 120 words:

(5)

a. *"Are you telling the truth? I said.*

*Of course not, he said, but if we are found out, that's what you 're to say. I don't want both of us to be liars. All you know is that you started riding this morning?"*

Do you think we must always speak the truth without worrying about the consequences? Give reason in support of your answer.

b. *"We have been cut off, the past has been ended and the family has broken up and the present is adrift in its wheelchair. ... That is no gap between the generations, that is a gulf. — Wallace Stegner*

But through "The Portrait of a Lady" Khushwant Singh ascertains that generation gap is not an unsurpassable gulf and we should take note of those steps the old ones take to make our lives comfortable. Elucidate.

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