



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. Fill in the blanks with the correct options given below.

*Growth gets retarded if the environment in which we live is polluted. The pollution ..... us today.*

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| i. threatens   | iii. is threatening |
| ii. threatened | iv. was threatened  |

- b. Edit the following sentence:

The boy studied when his father came home from work.

- c. Rearrange the following words or phrases to make a meaningful sentence:

result, /there /hunger /many /a terrible /of the world /as a /is /in /parts

**SECTION B: ADVANCED WRITING SKILL**

**(3 MARKS)**

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

**(3)**

- a. Prepare a poster to be displayed for the school Annual Day mentioning all the details associated with it. Solicit presence of the students and their parents to make it a grand success.

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

**(14 MARKS)**

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

**(3x1=3)**

***"We protested. But she ignored our protests. She lay peacefully in bed praying and telling her beads. Even before we could suspect, her lips stopped moving and the rosary fell from her lifeless fingers."***

- a. Complete the sentence choosing the most suitable option from those given below.

*The writer creates a..... about the whole situation through the beautiful description.*

- pathetic ambience
- peaceful vibe
- pious ambience
- happy mood

- b. What trait of the grandmother's character is highlighted here?

- c. "We protested." Who protested and why?

**4. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each:**

**(2x3=6)**

- a. And of the circumstance, there's nothing to say at all. Its silence silences' says the poetess in 'A Photograph.' What is she referring to?

- b. Which excuses were given by Aram to himself for taking a ride on the horse despite knowing fully the truth about the theft of the horse by Mourad?
- c. The grandmother has divine beauty. How does the author bring it out?

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

**(5)**

- a. **The Portrait of a Lady** and **A Photograph** deals with certain common themes even when there is a difference. Compare and contrast the way the writers deal with common themes.
- b. “As I entered this world, I would leave behind the nurturing of my family and my home, but the lessons I had learned, the feelings of groundedness and belonging that have been woven into my character there, would be my companions on the journey.”— Sidney Poitier  
It was the family values that finally led Mourad to the decision to return the horse before the end of the planned period. Comment.

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