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SUBJECT: ENGLISH **CLASS –XII** **SAMPLE PAPER**

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Maximum Marks: 80

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General Instructions

1. This paper is divided into two parts: A and B. All questions are compulsory.
2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

Part A (40 Marks)

READING

(20 marks)

1. Read the passage given below:

(1x10=10)

1. When you grow up in a place where it rains five months a year, wise elders help you to get acquainted with the rain early. They teach you that it is ignorant to think that it is the same rain falling every day. Oh no, the rain is always doing different things at different times. There is rain that is gentle, and there is also rain that falls too hard and damages the crops. Hence, the prayers are for the sweet rain that helps the crops to grow.
2. The monsoon in the Naga Hills goes by the native name, khuthotei (which means the rice-growing season). It lasts from May to early or mid-October. The local residents firmly believe that Durga Puja in October announces the end of rain. After that, one might expect a couple of short winter showers, and the spring showers in March and April. Finally, comes the "big rain" in May; proper rainstorms accompanied by heart-stopping lightning and ear-splitting thunder. I have stood out in storms looking at lightning arc across dark skies, a light-and- sound show that can go on for hours.
3. This is the season when people use the word sezuo or sizu to refer to the week-long rains, when clothes don't dry and smell of mould, when fungus forms on the floor and when you can't see the moon or the stars because of the rainclouds. But you learn not to

complain. Rain, after all, is the farmer's friend and brings food to the table. Rituals and festivals centre around the agricultural rhythm of life, which is the occupation of about 70 per cent of the population.

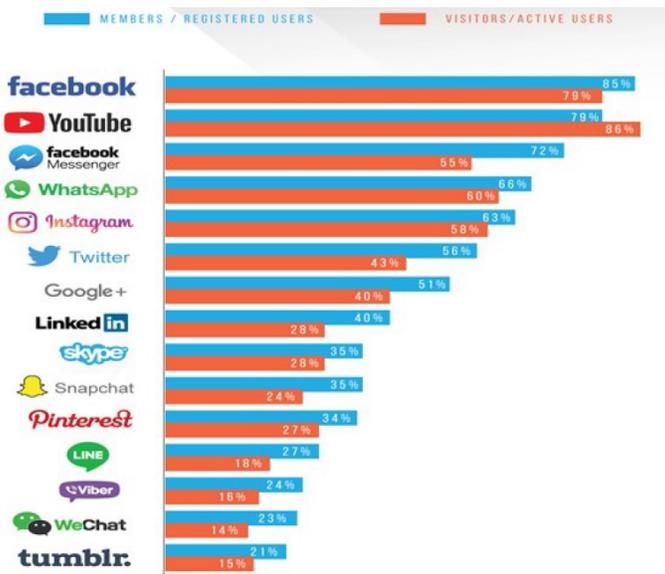
4. The wise learn to understand its ways. I grew up hearing my grandfather say, 'It's very windy this year. We'll get good rain.' If the windy season was short and weak, he worried there might not be enough rain for the crops I learned the interconnectedness of the seasons from childhood, and marvelled at how the wind could bring rain. Another evening, many rainy seasons ago, my paternal aunt observed the new moon and worried, 'Its legs are in the air, we're in for some heavy rain.' She was right. Thai: week a storm cut off power lines and brought down trees and bamboos.
5. Eskimos boast of having a hundred names for snow Norwegians in the north can describe all kinds of snow by an equal amount of names: pudder, powder snow, wet snow, slaps, extra wet snow, tight snowfall, dry snow, and at least 95 more categories of snow. Likewise, in India we have names and names for rain. Some are common, some are passing into history.
6. The rains are also called after flowering plants and people believe that the blossoming of those plants draws out rain. Once the monsoons set in, field work is carried out in earnest and the work of uprooting and transplanting paddy in flooded terrace fields is done. The months of hard labour are June, July and August. In August rain, also called phrogu, is a sign that the time for cultivation is over. If any new grain seeds are sown, they may not sprout; even if they do sprout, they are not likely to bear grain. The rain acts as a kind of farmer's almanac.
7. The urban population of school-goers and office-goers naturally dislikes the monsoon and its accompanying problems of landslides, muddy streets and periodic infections. For non-farmers, the month of September can be depressing, when the rainfall is incessant and the awareness persists that the monsoons will last out till October. One needs to have the heart of a farmer to remain grateful for the watery days, and be able to observe - from what seems to the inexperienced as a continuous downpour-the many kinds of rain. Some of the commonly known rain-wrecks are named after the plants that alternately bloom in August and September. The native belief is that the flowers draw out the rain.
8. Each rain period has a job to fulfil: October rain helps garlic bulbs to form, while kumunyo rain helps the rice bear grain. Without it, the ears of rice cannot form properly. End October is the most beautiful month in the Naga hills, as the fields turn gold and wild sunflowers bloom over the slopes, all heralding the harvest. Prayers go up for protecting the fields from storms, and the rains to retreat because the grain needs to stand in the sun and ripen. The cycle nears completion a few weeks before the harvest, and the rain does retreat so thoroughly from the reaped furrows that the earth quickly turns hard. The months of rain become a distant memory until it starts all over again.

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer any ten of the given eleven questions by choosing the most appropriate option:

- (a) **The rains are called after flowering plants because**
(i) heavy rains kill plants.
(ii) flowers grow in the rainy season.
(iii) it is believed that the plants bring the rain.
(iv) flowers grow all the year round.
- (b) **The rain is like a calendar for farmers because**
(i) it tells them when to sow and when to harvest.
(ii) it tells them the birthdays of their children.
(iii) each month has a time for plantation.
(iv) different kinds of rain tell different things.
- (c) **People who live in cities don't like rain because**
(i) it brings mud and sickness with it.
(ii) they are not bothered about the farmers.
(iii) they don't like the plants that grow during the rain.
(iv) going shopping becomes difficult.
- (d) **People pray asking the rain to retreat because**
(i) the fungus and mould to dry.
(ii) children don't get a chance to play.
(iii) the crops need the sun and heat to ripen.
(iv) they like to pray.
- (e) **People learn not to complain because.....**
(i) they have become better and wiser
(ii) rain is the farmer's friend and brings food to the table
(iii) they cannot satisfy the rain gods
(iv) they can't change the weather cycle
- (f) **The synonym of 'flowering' as used in para 6 is**
i) Blossoming
ii) Blooming
iii) Sprouting
iv) Transplanting
- (g) **Name the synonym of 'harm something' as used in para 1**
i) acquainting
ii) ignorant
iii) damage
iv) falling
- (h) The native name for the monsoon in the Naga hills is 'Khudhotei' (True/ False)

- (i) During week long rains, fungus forms on the floor and clothes smell mouldy. (True/False)
- (j) Periodic infections happen during the ----- season.
- (k) The ----- rain helps the ears of the rice form.

Q2. Answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option: (10 marks)



The DSM-V included IAD (internet addiction disorder) in 2013

Isolation from the real world as a result of Social Media addiction causes anxiety and depression.

"Facebook addiction" is searched 350x more than "cigarette addiction"

internet addicts have 10-20% smaller brain areas responsible for speech, memory, motor control, emotion, sensory and other information

81%

of parents believe children are more susceptible to mental health problems due to social media

41%

Only 41% of students get 8 or more hours of sleep

29%

of teens have posted mean information, embarrassing photos, or spread rumors about someone

24%

of teens have had private or embarrassing info made public without their consent

On Average most people spend 8.5 hours looking at a screen vs 20 minutes reading a printed page

There is a dopamine rush given when one receives verification and support via social media platforms

Recommended Treatment for Internet and Social Media Addiction is working directly with an experienced therapist.

"Smartphones have reduced in-person interactions. Technology has made it easier for people to communicate, and harder for people to connect... As we become more disconnected from the world around us, we often lose our psychological support systems... It's time we put technology to work for us, as a tool to help people connect with others who can help."

Shawn Kernes, CEO of LARKR

1. Which social media, out of the four given above, can be used without a person registering himself/herself/themselves on it?
 - A. Facebook
 - B. Twitter
 - C. You Tube
 - D. Snapchat

2. 81% of parents believe that children are more susceptible to mental health problems due to social media. Why do you think they believe so?
 - A. Social media spreads rumors, makes embarrassing comments, damages reputation, emits negative values and makes personal information public.
 - B. Social media is interesting, free, liberal, full of entertainment and children spent more hours with social media.
 - C. Their children spent less time with them and more time on internet.
 - D. None of them.

3. Rohan's medical report says that his brain size has reduced by 15.5%. This means
 - A. He is an addict to internet.
 - B. He lives in isolation.
 1. If A is true.
 2. If B is true.
 3. IF A and B both are true.
 4. IF none of them are true.

4. Has social media addiction reduced the importance of print media? Social media spreads rumors, makes embarrassing comments, damages reputation, emits negative values and makes personal information public.
 - A. Yes, people spend more time in front of the screen than in front of the print media.
 - B. No, newspaper and other print media have shown increase in circulation and readership.
 1. Option A is true.
 2. Option B is true.
 3. Both A and B are true.
 4. None of them are true.

5. Mean informatics are being posted on social media. The % is as intimidating as :
 - i) 49%
 - ii) 83%
 - iii) 29 %
 - iv) none of the above

6. Isolation from the real world as a result of social media addiction causes –
 - i) self retrospection
 - ii) anxiety and depression
 - iii) embarrassment
 - iv) loss of memory

7. 81% of parents believe children are more susceptible to mental health problems due to :
 - i) friends
 - ii) telephone
 - iii) social life
 - iv) social media

8. Which of the following statement is true in today's world :
 - i) smartphones are a bane
 - ii) it is easy to communicate and harder to connect
 - iii) joint families should become a practice again
 - iv) we need to be disconnected at times

9. In case of problems found due to social media addiction one should rush to :
 - i) friends
 - ii) parents
 - iii) other social medias
 - iv) experienced therapist

10. To avoid social media addiction that could lead to depression, one must exercise?
 - i) social/ real contact
 - ii) virtual connect
 - iii) control over addiction
 - iv) get into other pastime hobbies

LITERATURE

(20 marks)

Q3. Refer to the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Attempt any two of these given extracts. (8x1=8 marks)

(A) Under an ancient arrangement, the Champaran peasants were sharecroppers. Rajkumar Shukla was one of them. He was illiterate but resolute. He had come in the Congress session to complain about the injustice of the landlord system in Bihar, and somebody had probably said, "Speak to Gandhi".

- a) What do you understand of the term 'sharecroppers'?
 - i) Owner of the land
 - ii) A farmer who gives a part of the crop as rent to the owner of that piece of land that he cultivates.
 - iii) The tenant of the land
 - iv) The middle man who works as a link between the landlord and the tenant

- b) Champaran is a place in the State of _____
 - i) Bengal
 - ii) Bihar
 - iii) Gujarat
 - iv) Uttar Pradesh

c) Where did Rajkumar Shukla meet Mahatma Gandhi for the first time?

- i) In 1917, in Calcutta
- ii) In 1916, at his Ashram
- iii) In 1916, in Lucknow
- iv) In 1917, in Champaran

d) Find the word that means the same as 'resolute'

- i) Upright
- ii) Genuine
- iii) Determined
- iv) Indecisive

(B) The world had, of course, never been very kind of him, so it gave him unwanted joy to think ill of it in this way. It became a cherished pastime of his, during many dreary ploddings, to think of people he knew who had let themselves be caught in the dangerous snare, and of others who were still circling around the bait.

a) Who does 'him' refer to in the extract?

- i) The author
- ii) The rattrap seller
- iii) The old man
- iv) None of the above

b) Why has the world never been kind to 'him'?

- i) Because his job was petty and he was poor
- ii) Because he didn't have a home
- iii) Because he was a thief and a beggar
- iv) Because he was unsuccessful in life

c) Why does the protagonist like to think ill about the world?

- i) He's a pessimistic person
- ii) He's not a kind-hearted person
- iii) He gave back to the world what he received from it
- iv) He never cared about people around him

d) What are the baits having offered to the people by life?

- i) A good meal
- ii) A beautiful home
- iii) Expensive possession
- iv) All of the above

C) 'To make sure, I walked over to a newsboy and glanced at the stack of papers at his feet. It was The World; and The World hasn't been published for years. The lead story said something about President Cleveland. I've found that front page since, in the Public Library files, and it was printed June 11, 1894.'

I turned toward the ticket windows knowing that here – on the third level at Grand Central – I could buy tickets that would take Louisa and me anywhere in the United States was wanted to go. In the year 1894. And I wanted two tickets to Galesburg, Illinois.

- a) Who does 'I' refer to in the above extract?
- i) Sam
 - ii) Charley
 - iii) Charley's wife
 - iv) None of the above
- b) 'The World', the news about President Cleveland – what do they hint at ?
- i) The narrator used to like to read newspaper
 - ii) The narrator fantasises about the things related to the past
 - iii) The narrator wants to escape to a world that was unaffected by the two world wars
 - iv) The narrator has issues with his power of memory
- c) What does the year 1894 hold so much importance in the lesson?
- i) The year represents the time without miseries and insecurities
 - ii) The narrator reminisces the memories of that year
 - iii) The narrator feels like travelling back in time to have an unusual experience
 - iv) The family ties used to be very strong during that time
- d) Why does the narrator resort to wishful day dreaming and want to travel back in time?
- i) This shows his tendency of escapism
 - ii) This shows discontentment with the present times
 - iii) This shows the narrator can't keep up with the pace of the modern life
 - iv) This shows that the narrator needs counselling

Q4. Read the extracts given below and attempt any one of the given two by answering the questions that follow. (1x4=4 marks)

When Aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie
Still ringed with ordeals she was mastered by
The tigers in the panel that she made
Will go on prancing, proud and unafraid.

- a) Who is the aunt afraid of ?
- i) The Tigers
 - ii) Her husband
 - iii) The death
 - iv) None of the above.
- b) What do the tigers represent here?
- i) Fearlessness and freedom
 - ii) Size and strength

- iii) Pack mentality
 - iv) Violent nature
- c) What does Mrs Jennifer long for ?
- i) Becoming an embroiderer
 - ii) Having a constraint free married life
 - iii) Conducting a research on tigers
 - iv) Living in woods
- d) Name the figure of speech used in the second line?
- i) Alliteration
 - ii) Hyperbole
 - iii) Metaphor
 - iv) Symbolism

Or

It would be an exotic moment
 without rush, without engines,
 we would all be together
 in a sudden strangeness.
 Fishermen in the cold sea
 would not harm whales
 and the man gathering salt
 would look at his hurt hands

- a) Which 'exotic' moment does the poet refer to?
- i) a moment of complete silence and introspection
 - ii) a moment of spirituality
 - iii) a moment of rest and recoup
 - iv) a moment of entertainment
- b) Poetic device used in lines 3 and 4
- i) simile
 - ii) alliteration
 - iii) metaphor
 - iv) assonance
- c) The 'sudden strangeness' will instill a sense of _____ within us :
- i) brotherhood
 - ii) mutual understanding
 - iii) unity
 - iv) all of the above
- d) What message do you get from the given extract?
- i) Pause, self analyse and act wisely !
 - ii) Take a break, pause and enjoy !
 - iii) Pause, rest and restart !
 - iv) Stop, look around and refresh !

Q5. Answer any eight out of the ten given questions:

(8x1 marks)

- a) Why guarding our language is important as explained by M. Hamel
- as a habit
 - key to freedom
 - style quotient
 - necessity
- b) Firozabad is famous for :-
- gold jewellery
 - glass industry
 - silver ware
 - ragpickers
- c) The excerpt “Deep Water” is taken from:
- Of Men and Mountains
 - My Experiences with Truth
 - Autobiography by Louis Fischer
 - My Years with Boss
- d) The poor rattrap seller was also known as _____
- The Thief
 - The ragamuffin
 - The companion
 - The chief
- e) Rajkumar Shukla was :
- a politician
 - a delegate
 - a landlord
 - a sharecropper
- f) In the lesson ‘Going Places’, we see Danny Cassey as a famous
- Hockey player
 - International swimmer
 - Irish football player
 - Scooba diver
- g) ‘An Elementary School Classroom in a slum ‘ is penned by-
- Michael Madhusudan Dutta
 - Stephen Spender
 - John Keats
 - Pablo Neruda
- h) The skunk visits the wizard where he had to pay
- 30 kroners
 - nothing
 - 6 pennies

- iv) 2100
- i) Dr Sadao was known for his –
i) Patriotism
ii) Patriotism and Medical ethics
iii) Dutifulness
iv) Anti-National habits
- j) Evans is described as a :
i) congenital kleptomaniac
ii) murderer
iii) law – breaker
iv) wrestler

PART B (40 marks)

WRITING

(16 marks)

Q6a As the Literary Club Head draft a NOTICE inviting students for a Virtual Interactive Session with one of the famous writer of the day, Mrs. Sudha Murthy. Mention all details. (50 words) (3 marks)

OR

b) You want to rent your newly built flat. Draft a suitable ADVERTISEMENT giving all necessary details. You are Gaurang, resident of R 496, Sector 20, Kavi Nagar Agra. (50 words) (3 marks)

Q7a) As Shri Dheeraj Ved, draft an INVITATION for 50 near and dear ones for your daughter's marriage. Mention all details keeping the pandemic times in mind. (50 words) (3 marks)

OR

b) As the Head of Operations, Rotary Club, draft a REPLY to the Principal Shri Ram School accepting/denying the invitation for the Silver Jubilee online celebrations of the Community Outreach Club of School. Invent all details. (50 words) (3 marks)

Q8a) A 72-year-old Municipal Councillor of your area expired Last Friday and as she had desired, her body was donated to Army Medical College. It would be a second life for some persons receiving some vital organs retrieved from her body. Write a letter to the Editor, 'India Times', Chennai, highlighting the importance of donation of eyes and other organs to persons in need. You are Navita/Namit, 125, Sohna Road, Kodaikanal. (120-150 words). (5 marks)

OR

b) Fire broke out in one corner of the auditorium when your school's annual day function was going on. Latha/Lalith, Headgirl/Headboy took command of the situation and got all the doors opened at once, used fire extinguishers, vacated the auditorium, provided first-aid and called the ambulance. Imagine you are the Principal of M.V. Public School. Write a letter to the Director of Education, recommending your student's name for a bravery award. (120-150 words). (5 marks)

Q9a) During the season of marriages you have seen people spending a lot of money only to satisfy their ego. The fat Indian weddings are talk of the town and people who spend money on getting the arrangements done, take pride when they get to know that the wedding was a hit! Marriages have become grand affairs., full of pomp and show. All the money thus wasted can be put to some constructive use. Write an Article in 120-150 words on 'Simple Marriages'. You are Anu/Anup. Also add a few sentences on how this waste has temporarily come to a halt due to pandemic. (120-150 words). (5 marks)

OR

b) Sports events act like cool breeze on a hot sunny day. They break the monotony of the school routine and fill the players and audience with undying enthusiasm and fervor. A one-day cricket match was played between your school ACE Public School and DFG Public School, Lampur. DFG team won the match by 10 runs. Write a REPORT in 120-150 words on the same for your school magazine. You are Sapna/Sridhar. (5 marks)

LITERATURE

(24 marks)

Q10. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each? (5x2=10 marks)

- What sort of pain does the poet feel in 'My Mother at Sixty-six'?
- How did the peddler show his gratitude to Edla?
- What made the Lieutenant-Governor drop all charges against Gandhiji?
- How is 'A Thing of Beauty a Joy forever'?
- Why did the narrator want to skip school on the day of the last lesson? Was he aware that it was going to be the last lesson for French?
- How was Gandhiji treated at Rajendra Prasad's house?

Q11. Answer any two questions in about 30-40 words: (2x2=4 marks)

- What story did Jo want to hear the next day and why? What was father's reaction to it?
- Reflecting upon the story, what do you feel about Evans having the last laugh?
- What do you think troubles a disabled person more than anything else? Why?

Q12. Answer any one of the following questions in 120-150 words: (5 marks)

- 'The Rattrap' focuses on human loneliness and the need to bond with others. Comment.
- OR
- The childhood experience of terror of Douglas made him stronger and more determined. Elucidate the above statement supporting it with evidence from the text.

Q13. Answer any one of the following questions in 120-150 words: (5 marks)

- The servants of Sadao and Hana reflect a particular mindset of the general public in society towards the thinking and broad minded human beings. Elaborate with the help of the story "The Enemy".

OR

- Optimism in one's attitude helps deal with all the challenges in life. Prove the statement by referring to the character of Mr Lamb from the chapter "On the Face of It".