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CLASS - XI TERM 2 - EXAMINATION.
ENGLISH. - SUBJECTIVE PAPER

TIME - 2 hrs
M.M - 40

General Instructions:

1. This paper is divided into three sections A, B and C. 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.

Section A : Reading (13 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below.

- 1 Unfortunately, of late, we have not been able to recognise the concept of respecting, caring and helping older generations in a systematic way as some of the countries in the West have done. This is not to suggest that our culture and history do not recognize this phase of life. There have been many practices of caring and helping old people in our system. But, with the dismantling of the joint family system, the problem has assumed newer and complicated proportions. Although we have started recognising the needs of the young but when it comes to the old, we have blissfully chosen to ignore them and have left them to fend for themselves.
- 2 There are old age homes, residential units for lower income groups in particular districts where there is a part-time medical officer to attend to the inmates. Then there are day-care centres and mobile medicare services besides other NGOs (Non-Governmental Organisations).
- 3 Old age homes in the country are not only insufficient but are also ill-equipped to cater to old people. This should be the responsibility of the state since it needs close and regular monitoring. The social welfare departments in the Government have very little to boast when it comes to caring for older generation.

- 4 Society, too, has an important role to play. It must begin by respecting the aged and placing them before anyone else's interest. In the West, if an old person is climbing down the stairs, he or she is helped. It is this kind of mindset, that is the need of the hour. Offering seats to the old, helping them cross the roads, assisting them carry their bags, fetching them water, etc. are some gestures which increase acceptability of old people.
- 5 In the family, senior citizens deserve a better deal. They have given everything to their families and have the right to be recognised as important members. Sending old parents to deposit electricity bills, asking them to fetch children from schools and to guard the house while the rest of the family is away, are some of the many tasks which are thrust upon them. These become nothing short of enslaving the weakest class of people.
- 6 Old people are not too demanding except in cases where there may be genuine reasons of health or constraints of family environments.

On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions. (8)

- (a) What is the general attitude of the people of our country towards senior citizens?
- (b) What has added to the problems of older generations in Indian social background?
- (c) The dismantling of the joint family system has brought about _____.
- (d) The care of the old people should be the responsibility of the state because _____.
- (e) *Blissfully* in paragraph 1 means _____.
- (f) *Inmates* in paragraph 2 means _____.
- (g) Find the word which means the same as *limitations* (para 6).
- (h) Find the word which means the same as *breaking down* (para 1).

2. Read the following passage carefully.

- 1 Myanmar sits at the crossroads of Asia's great civilisations of India and China, and looks out onto the vast Indian Ocean next to Thailand. One of South-east Asia's largest and most diverse countries, Myanmar stretches from the sparkling islands of the Andaman Sea in the south right up into the Eastern Himalayan mountain range.

- 2 Myanmar offers all the traditional delights of Asia in one fascinating country—virgin jungles, snowcapped mountains and pristine beaches, combined with a rich and glorious heritage spanning more than two thousand years. Spectacular monuments and ancient cities attest to a vibrant culture that is still home to 135 different ethnic groups.
- 3 The country's tourism infrastructure boasts of five-star properties, intimate boutiques, hotels and family guesthouses in all the major centres, as well as stunning mountain and beach resorts. It also boasts of one of the lowest tourist crime records in the world. So, visitors can rest assured their holiday will be carefree from start to finish.
- 4 Wherever you go in Myanmar, whether it be cruising down the mighty Ayeyarwaddy river in style, drifting over the ancient city of Bagan by hot air balloon, or searching for that elusive tiger on the back of an elephant, there is always a feeling of adventure.
- 5 With two modern internal airlines upgrading and expanding their networks, new and exciting destinations off the beaten track are gradually being opened — from mountain trekking and rafting in the far north to world-class diving in the Mergui Archipelago. But, above all, Myanmar offers the warmest welcome in Asia. Known as the 'Land of Gold', it promises to provide one a mystical adventure full of mountains and historical places.
- 6 Yangon (Rangoon), the capital of Myanmar, lies in the fertile delta country of southern Myanmar on the wide Yangon river, about 30 km from the sea. Although the population hovers around 4 million, the city seems so full of trees and shades that some neighbourhoods are practically jungle, giving it a totally different feel from other Asian cities of comparable size. At night, Yangon's wide boulevards come alive with hordes of stalls selling delicious foods and piles of huge cigars. Yangon is home to the gold-plated Shwedagon Paya. Other sights include the colonial architecture of the legendary Strand Hotel, the colossal reclining Buddha in Chaukhtatgyi Paya and the peaceful Kandawgyi and Inya Lakes.

- 7 Bagan, another popular tourist destination, is a deserted city of fabulous pagodas and about 5,000 temples on the banks of the Ayeyarwaddy. It is one of the wonders of Asia.
- 8 During the Mon dynasty, Bago was a fabulous city, a major seaport and capital of Lower Myanmar. The city was destroyed by the Burman in 1757 but partially restored in the early 19th century. When the Bago river changed its course and cut the city off from the sea, Bago failed to return to its previous grandeur. Sights include the Shwemawdaw Pagoda, which dominates the town, the Hintha Gone Pagoda and the 55 m long (180 ft) reclining Shwethalyaung Buddha.
- (a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes using headings and subheadings. Use recognizable abbreviations, wherever necessary. And also suggest a suitable title to it. (3)
- (b) Write a summary of the above passage using the notes made. (2)

Section B : Creative Writing Skills and Grammar (12 Marks)

3. You don't approve of the ways of the people as they waste a lot of water. Water being an essential ingredient of life needs to be utilized judiciously. Design a poster in not more than 50 words informing people to employ various methods to conserve water and avoid wasting it. (3)
4. As the Head Boy of your school, write a letter to the Principal requesting him to allow commercial advertisements to be included in the school magazine. The revenue could be used to ensure the continued publication of the magazine. (5)
(Word limit: 120-150)

Or

Citizens above 65 should compulsorily be made to reside in care homes. Write a debate either for or against the motion in 120-150 words. You are Tarun/Taruna Shah.

4.

5. A. Choose the correct option to complete the passage. (2)

(a) _____ festival of Baisakhi is celebrated with (b) _____ lot of joy and enthusiasm in the northern states of Punjab and Haryana. It marks the time of harvest and so the farmers celebrate (c) _____ day as (d) _____ thanksgiving day to express gratitude to the Almighty for the bountiful harvest and pray for prosperity and good times in future.

- (a) (i) A (ii) An (iii) The (iv) No article
(b) (i) a (ii) an (iii) the (iv) no article
(c) (i) that (ii) their (iii) those (iv) this
(d) (i) a (ii) an (iii) the (iv) no article

B. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete the sentences. (2)

Kate Middleton may (a) _____ looked dainty and fairy-like in her wedding gown but (b) _____ doing the rounds (c) _____ that the dress bore a striking similarity with Grace Kelly's wedding outfit. Royal wedding fans couldn't (d) _____ noticing that both the brides wore dramatic gowns with similar V-shaped necklines and long white lace sleeves at their respective weddings, reports the New York Daily.

- (a) (i) have (ii) has (iii) had (iv) will have
(b) (i) talks (ii) is talking (iii) will talk (iv) has been talking
(c) (i) are (ii) is (iii) was (iv) has been
(d) (i) helped (ii) help (iii) helps (iv) helping

Section C : Literature (15 Marks)

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

*I am the Poem of Earth, said the voice of the rain,
Eternal I rise impalpable out of the land and the bottomless sea,*

- (a) What do you mean by: "I am the Poem of Earth"?
(b) What do you mean by: "Eternal I rise Impalpable out of the land"?
(c) What is the literary device in "the bottomless sea"?

7. Answer any one of the following questions in 20-40 words. (2)

- (a) What is the concept of 'sustainable development'?
(b) Taplow had to stay back at school. Why?

8. Answer *any one* of the following questions in 120–150 words. (4)

(a) Describe the difficulties and disillusionment faced by Nick Middleton during his journey to Mount Kailash.

(b) Justify that we all should be the Chief Environment Officers, then only can we save the Earth from disaster.

9. Answer *any one* of the following questions in 20–40 words. (2)

(a) How is George Pearson treated at the club?

(b) What were the reasons for expelling Albert from school?

10. Answer *any one* of the following questions in 120–150 words. (4)

(a) Keeping the whole story in mind, briefly discuss Einstein's character as it is revealed here.

(b) The story 'Birth' reflects the sincerity of a professional to his profession and that is the only factor that makes one successful. Comment.