

Roll Number

SET B



**INDIAN MUSCAT
FIRST PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION
ENGLISH CORE**

CLASS: XII

Sub. Code: 301

Time Allotted: 3 Hrs.

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Max. Marks: 80

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 - MCQs

40 Marks

Reading Comprehension

1. Read the passage given below.

1. India can really become a tourist's paradise on Earth as we have so much to offer to the visitors. No other country in the world possesses so much variety. The breathtaking beauty of the Himalayas, its valleys and rivers, the numerous wildlife sanctuaries dotted all over the country, our still un-spoilt sea-beaches, our great temples and caves and historical monuments, our music and dance, our festivals and national celebrations, would attract any tourist in the world. They are all our potential foreign exchange earners.

2. If we wish to earn more from our tourists, we must build up more infrastructure. The Government of India has intensified efforts to build more hotels in the country. Those in the hotel business are allowed to have foreign collaborations. Our hotels must offer such facilities that foreigners love: these are 24-hour service, swimming pools, tennis courts, club houses, massage centers, indoor and outdoor restaurants playgrounds for children, dance floor with live music in season and so on. These would make for an exciting tour.

3. The Government is also providing new and better facilities. It would do us good if certain irritants connected with customs formalities could also be removed.

4. But tourism is everybody's business as all benefit from it. Wealth flows from affluent countries to the less affluent. Within the country itself it moves from the developed areas to the less developed ones. It flows from the rich to the poor, thus producing a better distribution of wealth. Private agencies can do a lot to promote the tourist trade in this country. They can arrange group tours for foreigners on a large scale. Those selling goods to the tourists should not charge them higher rates. Even a humble taxi driver can do something for tourism if he does not cheat a visitor.

5. So, let us give the tourist the facilities he is used to in his own country. If he goes home irritated and unhappy, he will surely discourage others from visiting our country. We will lose a friend and also some foreign exchange. But if the tourist is satisfied with the facilities offered to him, what he tells his people back home will do publicity for us. Then others would also be tempted to come to our country when we say, "Welcome to India".

1x10=10

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the eleven given below.

(i) Better infrastructure will help in improving India's:

- (a) Collaborations
- (b) Finances
- (c) Transport
- (d) Facilities

(ii) India can become a tourist's paradise:

- (a) by flow of wealth from other countries.
- (b) by its rivers, valleys and Himalayas.
- (c) by building more hotels in the country.
- (d) by welcoming foreigners to India

(iii) Pick the option that lists the statements that are NOT TRUE according to the passage.

- (a) The breath-taking beauty of the Himalayas would attract any tourist to India.
 - (b) Taxi drivers do not cheat the visitors.
 - (c) Better tourist facilities will make the tourists happy.
 - (d) Government agencies can arrange group tours for foreigners to promote tourism.
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- (a) a and b
 - (b) b and d
 - (c) b and c
 - (d) a and d

(iv) Which word in para 1 means the same as 'many in number'?

- (a) variety
- (b) dotted
- (c) numerous
- (d) potential

(v) How is tourism everybody's business?

- (a) Flow of wealth produces its better distribution among rich and poor.
- (b) We wish to earn more from our tourists.
- (c) Because we say, "Welcome to India".
- (d) Because India is a tourist's paradise.

(vi) Good facilities for tourists will tempt people to come to visit India. Which word does not describe the underlined word?

- (a) lure
- (b) excite
- (c) repel
- (d) invite

(vii) Wealth flows from affluent countries to the less affluent. The statement shows:

- (a) Reverse distribution of wealth.
- (b) Proper distribution of wealth.
- (c) Uneven distribution of wealth.
- (d) Improper distribution of wealth.

(viii) According to the passage, does any country in the world possess so much variety as India?

- (a) Yes
- (b) No
- (c) Perhaps
- (d) None of these

(ix) Which word in para 5 is opposite in meaning to 'dissuaded'?

- (a) irritate
- (b) tempted
- (c) discourage
- (d) publicity

(x) Which agencies can also play an instrumental role in promoting tourism?

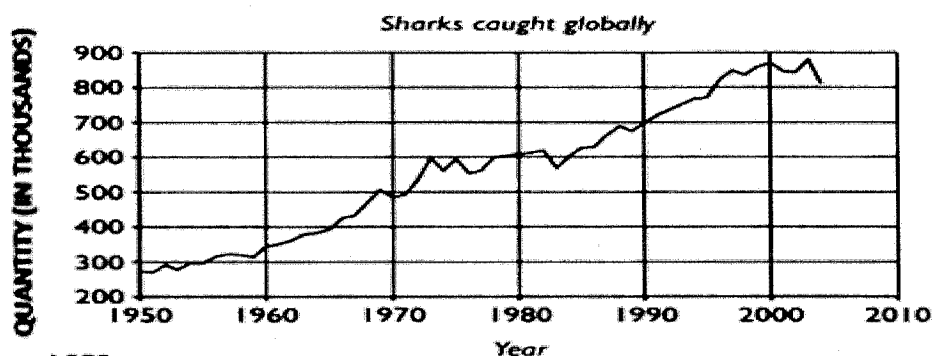
- (a) Government agencies
- (b) Private agencies
- (c) Semi- government agencies
- (d) Non-government agencies

(xi) What will the tourists do if they go home irritated and unhappy?

- (a) Urge others to visit our country
- (b) Long-awaited travel to visit our country
- (c) Dissuade others from visiting our country
- (d) They will only remain mute spectators

2. Read the passage given below:

1. Andy Dehart is a shark expert and TV presenter who lives in United States of America. He has had a lifelong interest in sharks and is always trying to look for ways to educate the public about them. Many people think that sharks have little to no intelligence, but Andy points out that recent studies have shown that many shark species possess powerful problem-solving abilities and social skills. "Sharks do not want to attack humans," he asserts. "There is no shark species that eats humans as part of its regular diet. In most shark attack cases the shark leaves after realizing that it has mistakenly bitten a human and not its intended prey"



2. In Andy's opinion, all shark fishing should be stopped until the shark population has had time to grow again. We then need to do a better job of managing the fishing of sharks. However even if the direct fishing of sharks is topped, many will still be killed when they are caught up in the nets of boats fishing for other species of fish.
3. When Andy was a boy, his father worked for a national oceanic organization, and Andy travelled with him all over the Caribbean. He grew up by the coast and he has been connected with the sea for as long as he can remember. He also lived near one of the best aquariums in America. Andy then went on to build a career working with sharks in an aquarium environment. More recently, he has been involved with television and the making of programs about the sharks.
4. Andy and his wife had their first child two years ago. They were amused and amazed to see what extent their work with animals has proved to be useful in bringing up their daughter. They know how to observe her behaviour and teach her how to do things by rewarding her.
5. Andy loves sharks and is very passionate about their survival and protection. He feels extremely lucky to have had opportunities working at the National Aquarium and the

television station which presents the Nature Channel. He never wastes a moment in either place that could be spent educating people about sharks. He does admit that it is probably not possible for everyone to love sharks as he does. However, he does hope to persuade people personally or through the media to respect sharks and the critical role they play in our environment. His main objective is to keep spreading awareness that sharks are not dangerous man-eaters but essential creatures in our oceans, as they provide ecological balance and help to control other species.

Based on your understanding of the above passage, answer ANY TEN of the questions given below by choosing the most appropriate option:

1x10 =10

- i. What evidence is there that sharks may be intelligent?
 - a) Their problem-solving skills and social skills
 - b) Their social skills
 - c) Eat humans
 - d) Their oceanic organization
- ii. How long has Andy been interested in sharks?
 - a) Life long
 - b) Since he was a boy
 - c) Both (a) and (b)
 - d) Neither (a) nor (b)
- iii. Why does Andy believe that sharks only attack humans by mistake?
 - a) They don't eat humans as a part of their diet.
 - b) They leave after realizing that it has mistakenly bit humans.
 - c) Human is not its intended prey.
 - d) All of these.
- iv. What does Andy expect to happen if all shark fishing is stopped for a while?
 - a) Sharks' population will grow.
 - b) They will be in great demand.
 - c) People will go for fishing of other species.
 - d) Risk of their extinction will go away.
- v. As a child, what influenced Andy's later choice of career?
 - a) His father's working for a national oceanic organization.
 - b) His travelling with his father all over Caribbean.
 - c) He was connected with sea.
 - d) All of these.
- vi. How did Andy's work help him when bringing up his daughter?
 - a) They know how to teach her things by rewarding her.
 - b) They taught her by reprimanding her.
 - c) They taught her to observe behaviour of others.
 - d) Connection of animals to the daughter's keenness.
- vii. According to the graph, how many sharks were caught in 1990?
 - a) 650,000
 - b) 700,000
 - c) 700
 - d) 800

- viii. How does Andy hope to educate people about sharks?
 - a) Through his work at the National Aquarium
 - b) Through the media
 - c) By making programs on sharks
 - d) All of these
- ix. In which decade were maximum sharks caught globally?
 - a) 1960s
 - b) 1970s
 - c) 1980s
 - d) 1990s
- x. In which ways are sharks useful?
 - a) They help to know how to bring-up children.
 - b) They play a critical role in environment.
 - c) They provide ecological balance.
 - d) All of these.
- xi. Even after the ascending trend, in which year the number of sharks caught remained the same?
 - a) 1970 b) 1975
 - c) 1980 d) 1985

Literature

3. Read the extract given below and attempt ANY TWO of the three given by answering the questions that follow. 2x4 = 8

A. 'Why not organize yourselves into a cooperative?'' I asked a group of young men who have fallen into the vicious circle of middlemen who trapped their fathers and forefathers. 'Even if we get organized, we are the ones who will be hauled up by the police, beaten and dragged to jail for doing something illegal.'

(i) To whom does 'I' refer to?

- a. Anees Jung b. Stephen spender
- c. Alphonse Daudet d. William Douglas

(ii) 'young men' refers to

- a. middlemen b. bangle makers
- c. bureaucrats d. policemen

(iii) The word 'vicious', as used in paragraph means the same as

- a. brutal b. pleasant
- c. benevolent d. inexplicable

(iv) They are beaten and dragged to jail because

- a. they are doing something illegal b. they want to get organized
- c. they violate the rules d. they flout law and order

B. *'I am Rajkumar Shukla. I am from Champaran, and I want you to come to my district'!*

- (i) Who was Rajkumar Shukla?
 - (a) Advocate
 - (b) Zamindar
 - (c) Peasant
 - (d) British official
- (ii) Whom was he addressing to?
 - (a) Mahatma Gandhi
 - (b) Rabindranath Tagore
 - (c) Kasturba Gandhi
 - (d) Kriplani
- (iii) Why did he request the addressee to come to his district?
 - (a) To sort the problems of the local advocates
 - (b) To convince others to start growing indigo
 - (c) To sort the problems of sharecroppers
 - (d) To sort India's struggle for independence
- (iv) Where does the district 'Champaran' lie?
 - (a) Foothills of Himalayas
 - (b) Gangetic Plains
 - (c) western ghats
 - (d) Thar Desert

C. Sadao stopped, Hana at his side, and turned the man's head. They saw the face. 'A white man!'. Hana whispered. Yes, it was a white man.

- (i) What did Dr. Sadao see when he turned the face of the man?
 - (a) Man with the yellow hair.
 - (b) Man with yellow beard
 - (c) Man showing signs of being tortured
 - (d) All of these
- (ii) In what state was the white man lying?
 - (a) unconscious
 - (b) dead
 - (c) sleeping
 - (d) drunk
- (iii) Which part of the body of young man had wound?
 - (a) Left side of upper back
 - (b) Head and chest
 - (c) Both the legs
 - (d) Right side of lower back
- (iv) To which of these the white man belongs to?
 - (a) US Army
 - (b) US Navy
 - (c) Japanese army
 - (d) Japanese navy

4. Read the extract given below and attempt ANY ONE of the two given by answering the questions that follow.

1x4=4

A.but soon, Put that thought away and Looked out
at young Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling Out of their homes,.....

- (i) What thought did the poet put away?
 - (a) The impending death of mother
 - (b) The possible car accident.
 - (c) Being late for the flight.
 - (d) The thought of winter moon
- (ii) What did the poet see when she looked out of the car?
 - (a) houses
 - (b) trees
 - (c) children
 - (d) all of these
- (iii) What does the phrase 'trees sprinting' signify?
 - (a) Trees have started running
 - (b) Trees are similar to children
 - (c) Fleeting time
 - (d) Homeless children
- (iv) Which word in the passage is an antonym of 'miserable'?
 - (a) thought
 - (b) printing
 - (c) merry
 - (d) spilling

B. A thing of beauty is a joy forever
 Its loveliness increases, it will never
 Pass into nothingness; but will keep
 A bower quiet for us, and a sleep
 Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing

- (i) The lines above is an extract from the longer poem:
 - (a) An Elementary School
 - (b) My Mother at Sixty six
 - (c) Endymion
 - (d) Keeping Quiet
- (ii) How does a thing of beauty remain a joy forever?
 - (a) It has long-lasting impact
 - (b) It has an unpleasant impact
 - (c) It has a breath-taking impact
 - (d) It has no impact
- (iii) What does 'never pass into nothingness' mean?
 - (a) It is internal
 - (b) It is external
 - (c) It is sentimental
 - (d) It is eternal
- (iv) What does bower provide us?
 - (a) peaceful grove
 - (b) relaxing sleep
 - (c) both a and b
 - (d) none of these

5. Attempt ANY EIGHT questions from the ten given below.

1x8 =8

- (i) What did Mommy Skunk call the smell of roses?
 - (a) pleasant
 - (b) unusual
 - (c) heavenly
 - (d) awful

- (ii) What bothers the author Anees Jung most about the bangle makers?
- (a) The stigma of poverty and caste
 - (b) The affluence of the landlord
 - (c) The behaviour of the factory owners
 - (d) The labor laws
- (iii) The peddler's reaction to the Ironmaster was:
- (a) He made no attempt to hide his feelings
 - (b) He was angry
 - (c) He denied it completely
 - (d) He started screaming
- (iv) What does Gandhi's battle for poor sharecroppers in Champaran imply?
- (a) the authority of lawyers
 - (b) the power of effective leadership
 - (c) the power of money
 - (d) the power of unity
- (v) How did the author learn swimming?
- (a) with the help of a rope
 - (b) with the help of a friend
 - (c) with the help of his mother
 - (d) with the help of a swimming instructor
- (vi) Gandhi was summoned by....., the Lt. Governor.
- (a) Sir Edward Gait
 - (b) Sir Henry Gait
 - (c) Sir Richard Andrews
 - (d) Sir Charles Freer Andrews
- (vii) What specific things about Mr. Lamb does Derry notice?
- (a) A man of firm resolution
 - (b) Always remain happy in spite of his deformity
 - (c) Had a positive outlook
 - (d) All of the above
- (viii) 'She was mastered by' is a reference made to:
- (a) Hardships of Aunt Jennifer caused by Uncle
 - (b) She was a slave to Uncle
 - (c) She has a rude master in the form of an Uncle
 - (d) Uncle taught her to create tigers on the tapestry

- (ix) What does the map in the slum school represent?
- World of the rich and powerful
 - World of the poor
 - World of the slum school children
 - World the poet wants for the slum children
- (x) What can be a cure or antidote to violent actions, as highlighted by Pablo Neruda?
- speaking practice
 - wise words
 - polished language
 - practice silence

PARTB – DESCRIPTIVE WRITING

40 Marks

WRITING SKILLS

6. An International Book Fair is being held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from 25th to 28th February 2021. As Librarian, Goodwill Public School, Maurice Nagar, Delhi, write a notice informing the students about the fair. Give all the necessary details 3

OR

As General Manager, Golden Software Solutions, New Delhi. You need a Software Engineer for your organization. Draft an advertisement for a national newspaper stating your requirements regarding age, qualifications, experience and salary offered.

7. You are Faiz/ Falak Mazumdar living at 39, Udampur Colony, Shimla. You decide to hold a dinner party to celebrate the birthday of your grandson. Draft a formal invitation in not more than 50 words to all family members to attend a grand dinner 3

OR

You are Amita/Amit Kapoor. You have been asked by Akshit Tandon to give a special felicitation at your friend Amaya/Aman's wedding. Draft a letter of acceptance in not more than 50 words for the same.

8. The main park in your locality is in a state of utter neglect. The gates of the park are broken and the greenery has almost vanished. The employees responsible for the upkeep of the park are seldom seen doing their assigned duties. Write a letter to the editor of Times of India, Meerut expressing your concern towards the problem and requesting the concerned authorities to take appropriate action. You are Brij Kishore/ Goba, a resident of Kishore Nagar, Meerut. (120 – 150 words) 5

OR

You are Apoorva, living at B-120, Malviya Nagar, Chennai. Read the advertisement given below and write a letter to the advertiser applying for the job. Also give your detailed resume which you would send along with your letter of application for the job.

SITUATION VACANT

WANTED experienced, trained postgraduate teacher in Chemistry to teach classes XI and XII in a reputed CBSE affiliated residential school. Fluency in English is a prerequisite. Working knowledge of computers is preferable. Please apply to: Box No. 9001, C/o The Hindu, Chennai-2

9. Our performance in the last Olympics has told us that we do not pay enough attention to athletics and outdoor games, and that it is time we revised our attitude. Sports should be an important part of school's daily routine. Write an article in 120-150 words on 'Importance of Outdoor Games'. You are Sreeja/Thomas. 5

OR

You are Brinda / Bharath. You worked as a volunteer in the literacy campaign organized in your city. Write a report for the school magazine in about 120-150 words on the effectiveness of the program highlighting the methods used and the role played by the government and the non-government agencies.

LITERATURE

10. Answer ANY FIVE out of the six questions given below in 30 – 40 words each. 2x5=10
- (i) Why did M. Hamel blame the parents for their children's poor performance at school?
 - (ii) How did Douglas remove his residual doubts his fear of water?
 - (iii) What was the content of the letter written by the peddler to Edla?
 - (iv) When Gandhi got the whole-hearted support of the lawyers, he said '*the battle of Champaran is won*'. What was the essence behind his statement?
 - (v) How has Aunt Jennifer created her tigers? What traits of tigers do they reveal?
 - (vi) What is the sadness that the poet refers to in poem 'Keeping Quiet'?
11. Attempt ANY TWO of the following three questions given below, in 30-40 words each. 2x2=4
- (i) Why did Charley suspect that Sam had gone to Galesburg?
 - (ii) Why does Jo insist that her father should tell her the story with a different ending?
 - (iii) Comment on the ending of the play 'On the Face of It'.
12. Attempt ANY ONE of the following questions in 120-150 words? 1x5=5
- (i) How does the peddler respond to the hospitality shown to him by the crofter?
- OR
- (ii) "For the children, it is wrapped in wonder, for the elders, it is a means of survival." What kind of life do the ragpickers of Seemapuri lead?
13. Attempt ANY ONE of the following questions in 120-150 words. 1x5=5
- (i) How did Charley reach the third level of Grand Central? What makes his description sound very realistic? Support your answer with close reference to the text.
- OR
- (ii) What impression do you form of Jack as a father? (Should Wizard Hit Mommy?)

End of the Question Paper