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**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT  
HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2022  
ENGLISH CORE – (301)**



CLASS : XI  
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MAXIMUM MARKS : 80

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**SECTION – A (READING SKILLS) (26 Marks)**

**1. Read the following passage carefully.**

1. Computers are capable of doing extremely complicated work in all branches of learning. They can solve the most complex mathematical problems or put thousand unrelated data in order. These machines can be put to varied uses. For instance, they can provide information on the best way to prevent traffic accidents. They work accurately and at high speed.
2. They save research workers' years of hard work. This whole process by which machines can be used to work for us has been called 'automation'. In future automation may enable human beings to enjoy more leisure than they do today. The coming of automation is bound to have important social consequences.
3. Some years ago, an expert on automation, Sir Leon Bagrit pointed out that it was a mistake to believe that these machines could think. There is no possibility that human beings will be controlled by machines. Though computers are capable of learning from their mistakes and improving on their performances, they need detailed instructions from human beings to be able to operate. They can never lead independent lives or rule the world by taking decisions of their own.
4. Sir Leon said that in future, computers would be developed which would be small enough to be carried in one's pocket. Ordinary people would then be able to use them to obtain valuable information. Computers could be plugged into a wireless network and can be used like radios. For instance, people, going on holiday, could be informed about weather conditions. Car drivers can be given an alternative route, when there is a traffic jam. It will also be possible to make tiny translating machines. This will enable people, who do not share a common language, to talk to each other without any difficulty or to read foreign publications.
5. It is impossible to assess the importance of a machine of this sort, for many international misunderstandings are caused simply due to our failure to understand each other. Computers will also be used in ordinary public hospitals. By providing a machine with a patient's systems, a doctor will be able to diagnose the nature of his illness. Similarly,

machines could be used to keep a check on a patient's health record and bring it up to date. Doctors will, therefore, have immediate access to great many facts which will help them in their work. Book-keepers and accountants too could be relieved of dull clerical work. For the tedious task of compiling and checking lists of figures could be done entirely by machines. Computers are the most efficient servant man has ever had and there is no limit to the way they can be used to improve our lives.

**1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the best of the given choices. 10×1=10**

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  - (ii) Human beings are likely to be controlled by machines one day.
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**1.2 Answer the following.**

- (a) Sir Leon Bagrit said that in future, \_\_\_\_\_ would be developed which would be small enough to be carried in one's pocket.
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- (f) For preparing this report data for employment has been collected from \_\_\_\_\_.  
i) NSS 75th round (2017 -18)  
ii) NSS 43rd round (1987 – 88)  
iii) Periodic labour force participation (2018 -19)  
iv) (i) and (iii) above
- (g) The changing trends in the workforce could mean \_\_\_\_\_.  
i) that agriculture cannot support the rural population  
ii) that rural men and women are seeking better life for themselves in the cities  
iii) that social taboos and restrictions are easing  
iv) that in time the cities will have a sizeable rural population
- (h) 'Decline' in para 1 does not mean \_\_\_\_\_.  
i) increase  
ii) flourish  
iii) both (i) and (ii)  
iv) ebb

**3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

1. In Delhi where 80% of the people are pedestrians in some stage of their commuting, least attention is paid in pedestrian paths. Delhi's sidewalks are too narrow, very poorly maintained and full of potholes, poles, junction boxes and dangerous electrical

installation, not to speak of the garbage dumps that stink and stare at the pedestrian. Ashram Chowk is a good case in point where thousands of pedestrian change direction from the Mathura Road radial to the Ring Road.

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3. Delhi's citizens leave and want to get to their destination as fast they can. No one wants to linger on the road, no leisure walks; no one looks a stranger in the eye. It is on the pedestrian path that citizen encounters head on the poor public management and the excuse called multiplicity of authorities. One agency makes the road, another digs it up to lay cables, third one comes after months to clear up the mess and the cycle of unaccountability goes on. Meanwhile crores are spent in repairing the carriageway for vehicles and in construction of the flyovers without a care for the pedestrian below. Solution offered is to make an expensive underpass or an ugly foot over bridge, ostensibly for facilitating the pedestrian, while in reality they only facilitate the car to move faster at the expense of the pedestrian. Take Kashmiri gate, ITO, Ashram Chowk, AIIMS. or Dhaula Kuan, at all these important, at pedestrian crossover points the story is the same. They have pulled the sidewalk from the pedestrian's feet.
4. In modern cities across the world, the pedestrian is king. The floor of the city is designed and maintained as an inclusive environment, helping the physically challenged, the old and the infirm children and the ordinary citizens to move joyful across the city. Delhi aspires to be world class city. Hopefully the authorities would look once again at the floor of Delhi. The pleasure of strolling on the road is deeply connected to our sense of citizenship and sense of belonging. Pride in the city grows only on a well-designed floor of the city.

- a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make-notes on it using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations (4-5) and a format you consider suitable. Also supply a title to it. 5
- b) Write a summary of the passage in not more than 50 words using the notes made. 3

### SECTION – B

#### (Grammar & Creative Writing Skills) – (23 Marks)

4. Answer any seven questions from (i), (ii) and (iii). 7×1 = 7
- (i) Rewrite using the correct form of the verbs given in brackets.  
There (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a great rush at the counter yesterday. I (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to get a ticket for the movie. It (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) the first day of the release. The manager suddenly (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (appear) on the scene and announced that the show had been cancelled for reasons beyond control.
- (ii) Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences:  
5) extremely/a/grief/it/is/that /matter/unkindly/animals/are/of / exploited.  
6) killed/they are/beaten/chained/and/mercilessly/trained.
- (iii) Rewrite the following sentences into reported speech.  
7) He said to me, "What are you doing?"

- 8) She said to me, "Do you like chocolates?"
5. i) a) You are Suresh Patel, a resident of 25, Amar society, sector 19, Gandhinagar. You wish to sell your car bought just three years ago. Draft an advertisement providing necessary detail for the 'For Sale' section of the newspaper in not more than 50 words.

**OR**

- b) Mr. Rahul Shah, Resident of 125, Akash colony, Gandhinagar, wants to give his newly bought flat near GIFT city on rent. Draft a classified advertisement in not more than 50 words. 3
- ii) a) Design a poster in not more than 50 words for your school library on the value of books and good reading habits. You may use slogans. 3

**OR**

- b) You are the Manager of 'Excellent Coaching Centre.' Prepare a poster in not more than 50 words calling the attention of students desirous of appearing for Medical & Engineering entrance coaching to join your tuition centre.
- iii) a) You are Arjun / Fiola student of XII studying in R. K. High School, Maninagar, Ahmedabad. You have participated in an inter-house Elocution Competition. The topic of the competition is "India of My Dream". Prepare the speech in 120 to 150 words. 5

**OR**

- b) You are Anuj / Amita, the captain of 'Health and Well-being' Club of your school. You have been asked to deliver a speech on the topic 'Importance of Sleep for Good Health'. Write the same in 120 to 150 words.
- iv) a) 'Academic excellence is the only requirement for a successful career.' Write a debate either for or against the motion in 120 – 150 words. You are Anil / Anita. 5

**OR**

- b) 'Climate change disaster is the next pandemic on our hands.' Write a debate either for or against the motion in 120 – 150 words. You are Indu / Indresh.

### **SECTION – C**

**(Literature Textbook & Supplementary Reading Text) (31 Marks)**

6. i) **Read the given extract carefully and choose the correct options for the answers.** 3×1=3
- A) Now she's been dead nearly as many years  
As that girl lived. And of this circumstance  
There is nothing to say at all.  
Its silence silences.
- 1) Who does 'she' refer to?  
(a) the poet's dead aunt  
(b) the poet's dead mother  
(c) the poet's dead cousin  
(d) the poet's sister
- 2) Why is there nothing to say about the death of the poet's mother?  
(a) because the poet is confused  
(b) because the poet was not in her senses when her mother expired  
(c) because the death of the poet's mother has left a deep void in the poet's heart  
(d) because the poet did not have a good relationship with her mother
- 3) Which word in the extract means the same as 'events that change your life, over which you have no control'?

- (a) silences                      (b) circumstances                      (c) situation                      (d) circumstance

OR

B) The whole tree trembles and thrills.

It is the engine of her family.

She stokes it full, then flirts out to a branch-end

Showing her barred face identity mask.

1) What makes the tree tremble?

- a) tussle among younger ones of goldfinch
- b) noise made by the younger ones of goldfinch
- c) noise made by goldfinch
- d) the movement of lizard

2) Which poetic device has been used in 'It is the engine of her family'?

- a) metaphor                      b) alliteration                      c) simile                      d) analogy

3) What does the poet mean by 'barred face'?

- a) face marked with stripes                      b) clean and clear face
- c) expressionless face                      d) a person behind bars

ii) Read the given extract carefully and choose the correct options for the answers.

3×1=3

A. And what should I have done with them in a small rented room where the shreds of black-out paper still hung along the windows and no more than a handful of cutlery fitted in the narrow table drawer? I resolved to forget the address. Of all the things I had to forget, that would be the easiest.

1. The word 'them' stands for:

- a) friends                      b) things                      c) feelings                      d) the belongings

2. The narrator resolves to forget the address as \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) it was meaningless to visit it
- b) the belongings of her mother had lost their charm
- c) Mrs Dorling refused her to come there
- d) Mrs Dorling was too happy to receive her

3. The word that is opposite to 'abundance' is \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) hung                      b) drawer                      c) resolved                      d) handful

OR

B) One day back there in the good old days when I was nine and the world was full of every imaginable kind of magnificence, and life was still a delightful and mysterious dream, my cousin Mourad, who was considered crazy by everybody who knew him except me, came to my house at four in the morning and woke me up tapping on the window of my room.

1. The extract is from the lesson \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) The Silk Road                      b) The Adventure
- c) The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse                      d) The Address

2. The narrator of the story is \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Aram                      b) Uncle Khosrove                      c) Mourad                      d) The Owner

3. Why had Mourad come to Aram?
  - a) He wanted him to ride the horse.
  - b) He had come to take him for a walk.
  - c) He wanted to show him the horse.
  - d) He had come to take his horse.

iii) Read the given extract carefully and choose the correct options for the answers.

4×1=4

A) She hobbled about the house in spotless white with one hand resting on her waist to balance her stoop and the other telling the beads of her rosary. Her silver locks were scattered untidily over her pale, puckered face, and her lips constantly moved in inaudible prayer. Yes, she was beautiful. She was like the winter landscape in the mountains, an expanse of pure white serenity breathing peace and contentment.

1. What does the narrator mean by 'silver locks'?
  - a) lock and Key
  - b) grey Hair
  - c) attire of silver colour
  - d) locks of silver
2. Which figure of speech has been used in 'pale puckered face'?
  - a) simile
  - b) metaphor
  - c) alliteration
  - d) zeugma
3. What does the word 'hobble' mean?
  - a) walk quickly
  - b) limp
  - c) rush
  - d) hasten
4. Who is the author of this extract?

OR

B) They remain the richest royal collection ever found and have become part of the pharaoh's legend. Stunning artefacts in gold, their eternal brilliance meant to guarantee resurrection, caused a sensation at the time of the discovery — and still get the most attention.

1. 'They' in the first sentence refers to?
  - a) The archaeologists who went in search of pharaoh's pyramid
  - b) The funerary treasure found in Tut's tomb.
  - c) Tut's exploits as the ruler of Egypt.
  - d) The stories written about King Tut.
2. What does 'guarantee resurrection' mean?
  - a) To ensure that Tut would pass into his afterlife without any trouble
  - b) To make sure that the precious metals don't lose their shine
  - c) To ensure that Tut's spirit was tied down in his tomb forever.
  - d) To ensure that Tut is able to take a rebirth



3. The word 'artefacts' means?
- a) facts about art and culture
  - b) artificial objects and materials
  - c) articles of old times and of great historical importance
  - d) art and craft material

4. Who is the author of this extract?

7. **Answer any two of the following questions in 40 – 50 words.**

2×3=6

- a) 'It is the engine of her family; she strokes it full.' Explain the significance of these lines.
- b) Why does the poet get surprised when he gets an answer from the rain?
- c) What preparations did the narrator and his wife make for their round-the-world sea voyage?
- d) How does the author recount his experience at the Darchen Medical College?

8. **Answer any one of the following questions in 40 – 50 words.**

1×3=3

- A) To which tribe did Mourad and Aram belong? Which traits of the tribe are highlighted in the story 'The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse'?

**OR**

- B) Whom did the narrator desire to meet in Holland? Why?

9. **Answer any one of the following questions in 120 – 150 words.**

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- A) The poem 'Childhood' exposes man and presents him in his true colours. All adjectives displaying negative qualities are not enough for such a man. This poem very innocently goads him to his real self. Explain.

**OR**

- B) The reaction of the crew and children gives us an insight into the human mind and how it can help us to survive any disaster. Discuss.

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- A) Describe the narrator's second visit to Mrs. Dorling's place.

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- B) Describe John Byro's meeting with his horse and the two boys. What impact did it have on him?

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b) You are Harish / Harshita of 12, Seva Nagar, Pune. You want to sell your flat as you are shifting to another city for work. Draft a suitable advertisement in not more than 50 words to be published in 'The Pune Times' under the classified columns.

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the sales of 'Starbucks Coffee', you have to design a poster detailing the vast variety of Starbucks coffee available in restaurants all over India. Design a suitable poster in not more than 50 words.

**OR**

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**OR**

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- a) hung      b) drawer      c) resolved      d) handful

**OR**

B) One day back there in the good old days when I was nine and the world was full of every imaginable kind of magnificence, and life was still a delightful and mysterious dream, my cousin Mourad, who was considered crazy by everybody who knew him except me, came to my house at four in the morning and woke me up tapping on the window of my room.'

1. The extract is from the lesson

- a) Adventure                              b) Silk Road
- c) The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse      d) The Address

2. The narrator of the story is \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Aram              b) Uncle Khosrove              c) Mourad              d) The Owner

3. Why had Mourad come to Aram?

- a) He wanted him to ride the horse.
- b) He had come to take him for a walk.
- c) He wanted to show him the horse.
- d) He had come to take him to his horse.

iii) Read the given extract carefully and choose the correct options for the answers.

4×1=4

A) She hobbled about the house in spotless white with one hand resting on her waist to balance her stoop and the other telling the beads of her rosary. Her silver locks were scattered untidily over her pale, puckered face, and her lips constantly moved in inaudible prayer. Yes, she was beautiful. She was like the winter landscape in the mountains, an expanse of pure white serenity breathing peace and contentment.

1. What does the narrator mean by 'silver locks'?  
a) lock and key      b) grey hair      c) attire of silver colour      d) locks of silver
2. Which figure of speech has been used in 'pale puckered face'?  
a) simile      b) metaphor      c) alliteration      d) zeugma
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a) walk quickly      b) limp      c) rush      d) hasten
4. Who is the author of this extract?

OR

B) 'They remain the richest royal collection ever found and have become part of the pharaoh's legend. Stunning artefacts in gold, their eternal brilliance meant to guarantee resurrection, caused a sensation at the time of the discovery — and still get the most attention.'

1. 'They' in the first sentence refers to?  
a) The archaeologists who went in search of pharaoh's pyramid  
b) The funerary treasure found in Tut's tomb.  
c) Tut's exploits as the ruler of Egypt.  
d) The stories written about King Tut
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a) to ensure that Tut would pass into his afterlife without any trouble  
b) to make sure that the precious metals don't lose their shine  
c) to ensure that Tut's spirit was tied down in his tomb forever.  
d) to ensure that Tut is able to take a rebirth
3. The word 'artefacts' means?  
a) facts about art and culture  
b) artificial objects and materials  
c) articles of old times and of great historical importance  
d) art and craft material
4. Who is the author of this extract?

7. Answer any two of the following questions in 40 – 50 words.

2×3=6

- a) 'It is the engine of her family; she strokes it full.' Explain the significance of these lines.
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- c) What preparations did the narrator and his wife make for their round-the-world sea voyage?
- d) How does the author recount his experience at the Darchen Medical College?

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1×3=3

- A) To which tribe did Mourad and Aram belong? Which traits of the tribe are highlighted in the story 'The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse'?

OR

B) Whom did the narrator desire to meet in Holland? Why?

9. Answer any one of the following questions in 120 – 150 words.

1×6=6

A) The poem 'Childhood' exposes man and presents him in his true colours. All adjectives displaying negative qualities are not enough for such a man. This poem very innocently goads him to his real self. Explain.

**OR**

B) The reaction of the crew and children gives us an insight into the human mind and how it can help us to survive any disaster. Discuss.

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

**1×6=6**

A) Describe the narrator's second visit to Mrs. Dorling's place.

**OR**

B) Describe John Byro's meeting with his horse and the two boys. What impact did it have on him?

**\*\*\*END OF THE QUESTION PAPER\*\*\***



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**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT  
HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2022  
ENGLISH CORE – (301)**



CLASS : XI  
DATE: 23.11.2022

TIME ALLOTTED : 3 HRS.  
MAXIMUM MARKS : 80

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

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3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

**SECTION – A (READING SKILLS) (26 Marks)**

**1. Read the following passage carefully.**

1. Computers are capable of doing extremely complicated work in all branches of learning. They can solve the most complex mathematical problems or put thousand unrelated data in order. These machines can be put to varied uses. For instance, they can provide information on the best way to prevent traffic accidents. They work accurately and at high speed.
2. They save research workers' years of hard work. This whole process by which machines can be used to work for us has been called 'automation'. In future automation may enable human beings to enjoy more leisure than they do today. The coming of automation is bound to have important social consequences.
3. Some years ago, an expert on automation, Sir Leon Bagrit pointed out that it was a mistake to believe that these machines could think. There is no possibility that human beings will be controlled by machines. Though computers are capable of learning from their mistakes and improving on their performances, they need detailed instructions from human beings to be able to operate. They can never lead independent lives or rule the world by taking decisions of their own.
4. Sir Leon said that in future, computers would be developed which would be small enough to be carried in one's pocket. Ordinary people would then be able to use them to obtain valuable information. Computers could be plugged into a wireless network and can be used like radios. For instance, people, going on holiday, could be informed about weather conditions. Car drivers can be given an alternative route, when there is a traffic jam. It will also be possible to make tiny translating machines. This will enable people, who do not share a common language, to talk to each other without any difficulty or to read foreign publications.
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machines could be used to keep a check on a patient's health record and bring it up to date. Doctors will, therefore, have immediate access to great many facts which will help them in their work. Book-keepers and accountants too could be relieved of dull clerical work. For the tedious task of compiling and checking lists of figures could be done entirely by machines. Computers are the most efficient servant man has ever had and there is no limit to the way they can be used to improve our lives.

**1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the best of the given choices. 10×1=10**

- (a) Write out the correct option:
- (i) There is no possibility that human beings can be on their own with no need of machines.
  - (ii) Human beings are likely to be controlled by machines one day.
  - (iii) There is no possibility that human beings will ever be controlled by machines.
  - (iv) Machines can replace humans.
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  - (ii) Computers can't solve any mathematical problems.
  - (iii) Computers can solve the most complex mathematical problems.
  - (iv) Computers can solve only simple mathematical problems.
- (c) Computers can be used \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) to find treatment for the patient's illness
  - (ii) to prescribe a medicine for the patient
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- (i) ourselves.
  - (ii) other nations.
  - (iii) our friends.
  - (iv) each other.
- (e) The antonym of the word 'complicated' is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) difficult
  - (ii) simple
  - (iii) easy
  - (iv) strange
- (f) The verb form of the word 'alternative' is \_\_\_\_\_.
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  - (ii) alter
  - (iii) late
  - (iv) elate

**1.2 Answer the following.**

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**1.3 Find the synonyms of the following words from the passage.**

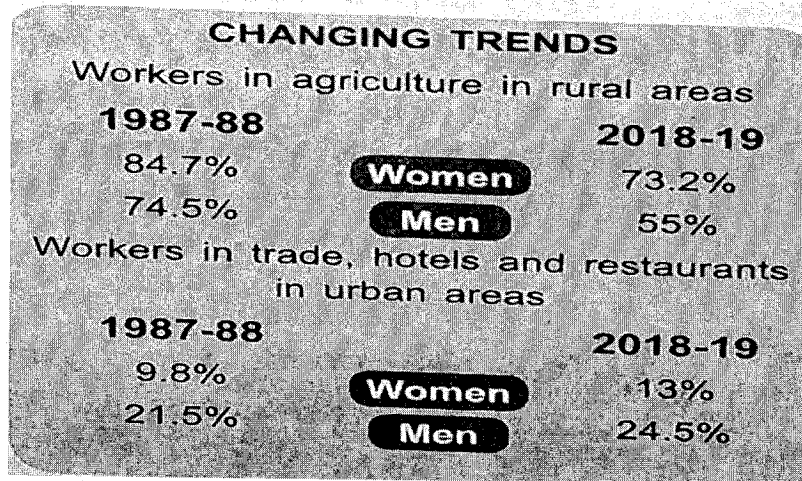
- (a) results (para 2)
- (b) monotonous (para 5)

**2. Read the passage given below.**

1. In a reflection of the changing socio-economic dynamics, the report on 'Women and

Men in India 2020' shows that while share of male and female workers in agriculture has shown a steady decline from 1987-88 till 2018 -19, there is an increasing trend for both in trade, hotel and restaurant sectors.

2. The report released by the ministry of statistics and programme implementation draws upon available nationally representative data sources to give an insight into the gender dynamics and shifts across sectors ranging from employment, education, health and decision making.



3. The report also dedicates a chapter to the impediments in the way of empowerment.
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5. Among the never enrolled persons of 3-35 years age group, 13.6% females and 14.9% males were never enrolled in education due to financial constraints, whereas 11.7% females and 1.5% males were never enrolled due to their engagement in domestic activities.
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8. The labour force survey 2018 -19 data is cited in the report to highlight that on the whole, results indicate that in the rural sector, the worker - population ratio (WPR) was 19.0 for females and 52.1 for males. In urban sector, the ratio is 14.5 for females and 52.7 for males. As per PLF survey (2018-19), 59.6 female and 57.4 % male workers were self - employed in rural areas. In urban sector, 54.7 % females and 47.2% males were regular wage/salaried employees.

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**8×1=8**

- (a) The report mentioned in the passage covers information about \_\_\_\_\_.  
 i) population migration and work  
 ii) education and work in rural and urban areas  
 iii) industry and agriculture  
 iv) impediments in education
- (b) Look at the chart in the report. The trend that is clearly visible is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 i) that men and women in 2018 -19 work in cities in larger numbers than in 1987  
 ii) that women have given up agriculture and have taken up more glamorous jobs like working in restaurants and hotels in 2020  
 iii) men like to work in cities  
 iv) women have become educated and do not wish to live in villages in 2020
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 iii) a change brought about by changing circumstances  
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 i) that the village economy is strong enough to support its population  
 ii) that village arts and products are doing well in the market  
 iii) a sign of backwardness  
 iv) a sign of lack of education
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 i) of social dictates  
 ii) of family circumstances  
 iii) of laziness  
 iv) they have to work at home or in fields to earn money
- (f) For preparing this report data for employment has been collected from \_\_\_\_\_.  
 i) NSS 75th round (2017 -18)  
 ii) NSS 43rd round (1987 – 88)  
 iii) Periodic labour force participation (2018 -19)  
 iv) (i) and (iii) above
- (g) The changing trends in the workforce could mean \_\_\_\_\_.  
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 iv) that in time the cities will have a sizeable rural population
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OR

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- c) Mrs. Dorling refused her to come there
- d) Mrs Dorling was too happy to receive her

3. The word that is opposite to 'abundance' is \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) hung                      b) drawer                      c) resolved                      d) handful

**OR**

B) One day back there in the good old days when I was nine and the world was full of every imaginable kind of magnificence, and life was still a delightful and mysterious dream, my cousin Mourad, who was considered crazy by everybody who knew him except me, came to my house at four in the morning and woke me up tapping on the window of my room.

1. The extract is from the lesson
  - a) Silk Road
  - b) Adventure
  - c) The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse
  - d) The Address
2. The narrator of the story is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) Aram
  - b) Uncle Khosrove,
  - c) Mourad
  - d) The Owner
3. Why had Mourad come to Aram?
  - a) He wanted him to ride the horse.
  - b) He had come to take him for a walk.
  - c) He wanted to show him the horse.
  - d) He had come to take his horse to his house.

iii) Read the given extract carefully and choose the correct options for the answers.

4×1=4

A) She hobbled about the house in spotless white with one hand resting on her waist to balance her stoop and the other telling the beads of her rosary. Her silver locks were scattered untidily over her pale, puckered face, and her lips constantly moved in inaudible prayer. Yes, she was beautiful. She was like the winter landscape in the mountains, an expanse of pure white serenity breathing peace and contentment.

1. What does the narrator mean by 'silver locks'?
  - a) lock and key
  - b) grey hair
  - c) attire of silver colour
  - d) locks of silver
2. Which figure of speech has been used in 'pale puckered face'?
  - a) simile
  - b) metaphor
  - c) alliteration
  - d) zeugma
3. What does the word 'hobble' mean?
  - a) walk quickly
  - b) limp
  - c) rush
  - d) hasten
4. Who is the author of this extract?

**OR**

B) They remain the richest royal collection ever found and have become part of the pharaoh's legend. Stunning artefacts in gold, their eternal brilliance meant to guarantee resurrection, caused a sensation at the time of the discovery — and still get the most attention.

1. 'They' in the first sentence refers to?
  - a) The archaeologists who went in search of Pharaoh's pyramid

- b) The funerary treasure found in Tut's tomb.
- c) Tut's exploits as the ruler of Egypt.
- d) The stories written about King Tut.

2. What does 'guarantee resurrection' mean?

- a) to ensure that Tut would pass into his afterlife without any trouble
- b) to make sure that the precious metals don't lose their shine
- c) to ensure that Tut's spirit was tied down in his tomb forever.
- d) to ensure that Tut is able to take a rebirth

3. The word 'artefacts' means?

- a) facts about art and culture
- b) artificial objects and materials
- c) articles of old times and of great historical importance
- d) art and craft material

4. Who is the author of this extract?

7. **Answer any two of the following questions in 40 – 50 words.**

**2×3=6**

- a) 'It is the engine of her family; she stokes it full.' Explain the significance of these lines.
- b) Why does the poet get surprised when he gets an answer from the rain?
- c) What preparations did the narrator and his wife make for their round-the-world sea voyage?
- d) How does the author recount his experience at the Darchen Medical College?

8. **Answer any one of the following questions in 40 – 50 words.**

**1×3=3**

- A) To which tribe did Mourad and Aram belong? Which traits of the tribe are highlighted in the story 'The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse'?

**OR**

- B) Whom did the narrator desire to meet in Holland? Why?

9. **Answer any one of the following questions in 120 – 150 words.**

**1×6=6**

- A) The poem 'Childhood' exposes man and presents him in his true colours. All adjectives displaying negative qualities are not enough for such a man. This poem very innocently goads him to his real self. Explain.

**OR**

- B) The reaction of the crew and children gives us an insight into the human mind and how it can help us to survive any disaster. Discuss.

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

**1×6=6**

- A) Describe the narrator's second visit to Mrs. Dorling's place.

**OR**

- B) Describe John Byro's meeting with his horse and the two boys. What impact did it have on him?

**\*\*\*END OF THE QUESTION PAPER\*\*\***

