

Mock Board Exam

STD: XII

Maximum marks : 40

SUBJECT: ENGLISH CORE

25/3/2022 11:00 - 25/3/2022
22:30

ASSESSMENT: Mock Test

Time Limit : 150 Minutes

General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, WRITING and LITERATURE.
 2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
 3. A students has to answer a question either by typing it out, in the space provided, or writing down each answer on paper, and uploading a picture of it using the upload option.
 4. A student is advised to write the answers in a clear, legible handwriting using a blue/black ball point pen before uploading it.
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Section A

14 Marks

Read the passage given below.

8 Marks

1. A stout old lady with a basket was walking down the middle of a street in Petrograd to the great confusion of the traffic and with no small peril to herself. It was pointed out to her that the pavement was the place for pedestrians, but she replied: 'I'm going to walk where I like. We've got liberty now.' It did not occur to the dear old lady that if liberty entitled the pedestrian to walk down the middle of the road, then the end of such liberty would be universal chaos. Everybody would be getting in everybody else's way and nobody would get anywhere. Individual liberty would have become social anarchy.
2. There is a danger of the world getting liberty-drunk these days like the old lady with the basket, and it is just as important to remind ourselves of what the rule of the road means. It means that in order that the liberties of all may be preserved, the liberties of everybody must be curtailed. When the policeman at Piccadilly Circus steps into the middle of the road and puts out his hand, he is the symbol not of tyranny but of liberty. You may not think so. You may, being in a hurry, and seeing your car pulled up by this insolence of office, feel that your liberty has been outraged. Then if you are a reasonable person, you will reflect that if he did not interfere with you, he would interfere with no one, and the result would be that Piccadilly Circus would be a maelstrom that you would never cross at all.
3. In matters which do not touch anybody else's liberty, of course, I may be as free as I like. If I choose to go down the road in a dressing-gown, who shall stop me nay? And if I have a fancy for dyeing my hair, or waxing my moustache, I please myself and ask no one's leave. We have a whole kingdom in which we rule alone, can do what we choose. But just as we step out of that private kingdom, our personal liberty of action becomes qualified by other people's liberty. I might like to practice on the trombone from midnight till three in the morning. If I went on to the top of Everest to do it, I could please myself, but if I do it out in the streets, the neighbours will remind me that my liberty to blow the trombone must not interfere with their liberty to sleep in quiet.
4. It is in the small matters of conduct, in the observance of the rule of the road, that we pass judgment upon ourselves, and declare that we are civilised or uncivilised. The great moments of heroism and sacrifice are rare. It is the little habits of commonplace intercourse that make up the great sum of life and sweeten or make the journey bitter.

(Adapted from an essay 'The Rule of the Road' by A.G Gardiner)

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer **ANY EIGHT** questions from the nine given below(each question carries equal marks).

- 1 i. Cite a point in evidence that showcases that the lady with a basket had a mistaken notion of liberty. **8 M**
ii. In what scenario would liberty lead to universal chaos?
iii. State an instance of sensible behaviour on the road, as mentioned in paragraph 2.

iv. How is the metaphor of the rule of the road discussed in paragraph 2 applicable in the larger picture of life?

v. Rewrite the sentence below by replacing the underlined phrase with another one from the second paragraph that imparts a similar meaning:

The display of arrogance at work by the company officials left the employees outraged.

vi. "We have a whole kingdom in which we rule alone, can do what we choose." Which kingdom is the writer referring to?

vii. Select a suitable word from Paragraph 2 to complete the following sentence appropriately: The new year celebrations in the city were ----- due to the incidence of the new Covid variant.

viii. What message does the writer convey through the last 3 lines of the passage?

ix. Analyse what the writer wants to convey to the readers when he talks about climbing the Everest to play the trombone.

Read the following passage:

1. Gifting is part of the Indian culture, integrated into our heritage and social customs. Therefore, it shouldn't be a surprise when Technopack, India's leading Management Consultants, reports that the entire Indian gifting industry is worth about 250,000 crores.
2. The driving forces of this industry would include leading brands that indulge in increasing marketing procedures, coupled with the personalisation and customisation of gift products. Creative packaging, personalised notes, boxes with special engravings all make the gifting experience closer and more intimate, which, of course, contribute to a seamless buying experience, thus significantly boosting the gifting market of the country. Affluent lifestyles and the undeniable influence of social media have a huge impact in the field of unconventional, new age gifting.
3. The present online gifting market is estimated at \$65 million and is expected to scale up to \$85 billion by 2024. Long-term growth perspectives for India's online gifting market remain robust, despite the infinite prospects of disaster that the pandemic has rung in. Online gifting has taken centre-stage, and the idea of long-distance gifting has been made easy and accessible. Big brands have come within the reach of the middle-income groups, thanks to the special offers and easy payment options they offer on online portals.
4. A decade ago, gifting was appreciated by how well known the brand name was. Corporate gifting trends in 2021 have changed drastically. The latest corporate gifts are curated around the idea of building an emotional connection with the employees, clients and customers by giving them meaningful and intangible gifts. Employee gifting is the practice of recognizing workers and rewarding them for their continued persistence in their roles. Not only do gifts make employees feel their efforts are being seen and valued, but also benefit your business by motivating them to work even harder.



(Source: <https://www.hghindia.com/eng/gifts/>)

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer **ANY SIX** questions from the seven given below.

- 2 i. Explain the phrase, 'unconventional, new age gifting' as used in Paragraph 2.

6 M

- ii. According to the passage, what effect has the pandemic had on the gifting industry?
- iii. Mention two major contributors in the exponential growth of the gifting industry in India.
- iv. Would you agree if one says that the future of the gifting industry is not quite bright? Justify your answer.
- v. What changing perception about gifting is indicated by the recent trends in corporate gifting?
- vi. Mention two reasons why we should consider online apps to purchase gifts.
- vii. Analyse and interpret the data given in the pie chart above in a sentence. (Do not repeat the information supplied in the title.)

Section B

8 Marks

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- 3 As Saurabh Jindal, the winner of a popular Music Reality Show, write a reply to the Principal of your alma mater, St. Stephen's School, Bokaro, accepting an invitation to attend a felicitation ceremony in the school in the coming month. (50 Words) **3 M**

Attempt **ANY ONE** from A and B given below.

- 4 **A.** You are Aira/Aryan, a resident of Delhi. You hold a diploma in Animation & Graphic designing and have been working in Panipat for a few years before relocating to the present station due to personal reasons. You have come across the following classified ad in The Hindustan Times and find the post suitable. Draft a job application, in response to this advertisement. (120-150 words) **5 M**

SITUATION VACANT

REQUIRED for Ad World, a Delhi based Advertising agency, smart, young and creative candidates with a minimum 3 years of experience for the post of Graphic designer. Salary Rs.15 lakhs per annum. Eligible candidates apply within 7 days with biodata to Ad World Agencies, Room.No.23, Jeevandeep Building, Janpath, New Delhi-1 .

OR

- B.** Gyan Bharti School, Patiala celebrated its silver Jubilee recently by staging its Annual Production, 'Remeniscia', a dance drama tracing the milestones crossed by the school in the past 25 years. As the staff correspondent of 'The Herald', a local newspaper, write a report of the event in 120- 150 words. **5 M**

Section C

18 Marks

10 Marks

Answer ANY FIVE questions out of the six in 40-50 words each.

- 5 The old crofter was responsible for the theft of thirty kronor, committed by the rattrap seller. Comment. **2 M**
- 6 When Derry returns to Mr.Lamb's garden, he finds the latter lying motionless on the ground. He makes a desperate attempt to revive him with a touching confession of the transformation in him due to the old man's timely help. Write Derry's confession in your own words. You may begin your answer like this:
Mr.Lamb, please wake up, I won't let you go, dear friend. Can't you see I have come back to you? I have realised that **2 M**
- 7 Discuss the universal appeal of the theme of the poem, 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers' by Adrienne Rich. **2 M**
- 8 In the course of the story, 'Should Wizard Hit Mommy?', John Updike makes the following remark about the male protagonist: Jack didn't like women when they took anything for granted; he liked them apprehensive, hanging on his words. In the light of the above statement, discuss two characteristic traits of Jack. **2 M**
- 9 Elucidate the line, 'grandeur of the doom', mentioned by John Keats with reference to the mighty dead in 'A Thing of Beauty.' **2 M**
- 10 Mention two instances in support of the statement that Evans was extremely fortunate to have been able to outsmart the vigilant authorities at the Oxford prison and execute his jailbreak. **2 M**

8 Marks

Answer ANY TWO out of the three questions given below in 120- 150 words:

- 11 Inclusion is a topic discussed widely and loudly on public forums, but society has to go a long way when it comes to practising it in letter and spirit. Comment with reference to the social alienation suffered by Derry in 'On the Face of It' and the rattrap peddler in 'The Rattrap.' **4 M**
- 12 With reference to the various strategies adopted by Gandhiji to bring justice to the sharecroppers, discuss the significance of the Champaran episode in the course of India's freedom struggle. **4 M**
- 13 Keats considers beauty as a perpetual source of joy. In this context, comment on your understanding of the term 'beauty' in its varied dimensions, with suitable instances to substantiate your views. **4 M**

