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BOARD SAMPLE PAPER- II (2025-26)

SUBJECT :- ENGLISH CORE (301)

Time : 03:00 Hours

CLASS - XII

M.M. 80

General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part

SECTION-A

READING SKILLS (22 MARKS)

1. Read the passage given below.

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1. As a form of expression, graffiti is famously characterized by outlaw values; the creation and display of graffiti countered societal rules and was considered by some as vandalism. Not only was it symbolic of rebel values but was also linked to destruction of property. These links between graffiti culture and rebellion were age-old and some say, were popularized by hip-hop culture.

2. Imagine waking up one morning, to see your walls smeared with black paint - names, symbols, messages. The most interesting bit is that these wall artists were never caught red-handed. It was all done stealthily. It was almost as though people were marking their territory using painted symbols and slogans. The change was creeping in. Mobile numbers and captivating phrases gradually became marketing tools for free advertising. Catchy phrases tickled the curiosity and calls were made to those numbers.

3. Over a period of time, there was a shift in perception. Blank walls beckoned invitingly and artists saw whitewashed walls as an opportunity to display their work in free and open settings. The city became one large canvas; the illegal 'gang activity' became an art form on display in walking galleries. Graffiti was gradually being replaced and the stigma of illegality was being dropped. There was a move to embrace rather than condemn.

4. The colours, shapes, and subjects became cultural themes. What was once rebellious expression is artistic talent at its vibrant best, rich in images of plants, animals and unspoiled landscapes. The painted walls encouraged by residents and governments have created their own ecosystem - a reconciliation of nature with man-made forces.

5. The monotony and uniformity of urban life is today infused with human vitality and beauty. Cities speak proudly about the painted walls and clamour to be the first to preserve culture and history through these. Graphic displays mine of social awareness issues effectively and economically reach out to the common man. Silent art speaks volumes. For Be it hygiene, conservation, education, or rights and duties - the message is conveyed in an animated, colourful manner without being an imposition.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- (a) Which textual evidence tells us that graffiti was popularised by hip-hop culture? 1
- (b) Complete the following with a suitable reason. 1
The graffiti artists were rarely caught red-handed because _____.
- (c) The writer would agree with all of the following EXCEPT: 1
- (i) Graffiti art was a paid activity.
(ii) Wall art was an age-old tradition.
(iii) Graffiti became popular as a marketing tool.
(iv) People were curious by what was scribbled on walls.
- (d) The passage states a shift in attitude. Identify the best option that indicates this shift. 1
- (i) rejection to dismissal (ii) confusion to clarity
(iii) imposition to acceptance (iv) dislike to acceptance
- (e) State a few reasons why graffiti was not popular among people. 1
- (f) Which one of the following statements best explains the phrase, "Silent art speaks volumes"? 1
- (i) To convey powerful messages and emotions without using words or verbal communication
(ii) To convey ineffective messages with the use of words
(iii) To speak loudly
(iv) None of these
- (g) Why does the writer say that the stigma of 'illegality' was dropped? 1
- (h) How did graffiti contribute to spreading social awareness? (Answer in 40 words). 2
- (i) How is wall art beneficial to the society? (Answer in 40 words). 2
- (j) Complete the following with the most suitable option. 1
The main idea of the text is _____.
- (i) graffiti is not effective in spreading social awareness
(ii) how graffiti evolved from illegal rebellion to a respected art form
(iii) graffiti is a monotonous art
(iv) silent art does not convey anything.

2. Read the passage given below. 10

- Ratan, a global brand in Dairy products, works on a business model popularly known as, 'The Ratan Model'. This model aims to provide value for money to the customers and protect the interests of farmers simultaneously.
- The Ratan Model is a three-tiered structure that is implemented in its Dairy production: Firstly, Ratan acts as a direct link between milk producers and consumers that removes the middlemen. Secondly, farmers (milk producers) control procurement, processing and marketing. Thirdly, it is a professionally managed organisation.
- One can understand the Ratan Model better by taking cognizance of 'Ratan's Target Audience', where it has targeted the mass market of India with no premium offerings and works on providing the best quality products at affordable prices.
- So Ratan formulates its pricing policy on the low cost price strategy which has attracted a lot of customers in the past and it continues to do so.
- Another stance used by Ratan's Target Audience is based on customer-wise targeting and industry wise targeting. This strategy divides the target audience on the following two bases:

Segment wise break down of Customer-Based target Audience	
Customers	Ratan products
Kids	Chocolate, Ratan cool, Ratan milk.
Youth	Ratan Pizza Cheese, Cheese spread.
Health Conscious	Ratan Shakti, Ratan Lite, Butter.

6.

The above table showcases how Ratan has a diversified customer base.

7. Industry Based Target Audience: Ratan has segmented milk for various industries such as ice-cream manufacturers, restaurants, coffee shops, and many similar industries. Further, it has segmented butter, ghee and cheese for bakeries, snack retailers, confectioneries, and many more.
8. The target audience study tells us that Ratan has a strong presence in both Business to Business and Business-to-Customers.
9. Ratan's marketing campaigns and strategies are implemented in a very attractive way. For example, the story of the 'Ratan Girl' is a popular 'ad' icon. It is a hand drawn cartoon of a young girl

Answer the following questions, based on given passage.

- (a) On which pricing policy has the Ratan model been formulated? 1
 (i) High cost price strategy (ii) Low cost price strategy
 (iii) Medium cost price strategy (iv) No cost price strategy
- (b) Fill in the blank with the correct option from those given in brackets. 1
 Ratan's Target Audience is based on _____(customer-wise targeting/education wise targeting/accessibility-wise targeting).
- (c) Fill in the blank with reference to the given table. 1
 The health conscious audience like _____.
- (d) How does the Ratan Model ensure both customer satisfaction and farmer welfare? 1
 (i) Using middlemen to distribute products more widely
 (ii) Outsourcing its processing to international agencies
 (iii) Offering luxury dairy products for premium customers
 (iv) By maintaining low-cost pricing for customers and giving farmers control over production and marketing
- (e) How does the Ratan Model combine supply chain structure with market strategy to create a successful business? 2
- (f) What would the following be classified as? 1
 To provide the best quality products at affordable prices.
 Select the appropriate response.
 (i) Industry target (ii) Target audience
 (iii) Research objective (iv) Method of analysis
- (g) How does the Ratan model cater to different industries? 2
- (h) Select the option that is NOT discussed in the given passage about the Ratan Model. 1
 (i) Ratan's marketing strategy using age and industry based segmentation
 (ii) The elimination of middlemen in supply chain
 (iii) Ratan's low cost pricing strategy for the mass market
 (iv) Ratan's plan for international expansion into global dairy markets
 (v) Ratan's strong presence in Business to Business.

SECTION - B

Creative Writing Skills (18 Marks)

3. **Attempt ANY ONE of the two (A) or (B) in about 50 words.** 4
 (A) Your school is organizing an Education Fair in the school premises. As the Head boy / Head girl of Sunshine Public School, Agra, draft a notice informing students of Classes IX-XII about the fair. Include other necessary details. You are Muskan/Manoj.

OR

(B) Your school is organising an inter-house 'Maths Quiz' Competition. As president of the Quiz Club, draft a notice informing students of Classes IX-XII about the competition. Include necessary details regarding the number of participants, registration date, etc. You are Akila/Akhil.

4. Attempt ANY ONE of the two (A) or (B) in about 50 words. 4

(A) Create a formal invitation inviting parents of the students of B.M. Public School, Shribagh, to a book launch. The book 'Experiences' is a compilation of stories written by students of classes 6 to 10. Renowned author Janaki Pillai will be the Chief guest for the event. Invent necessary details.

OR

(B) You are Mrs. Sonali Gupta, a nutritionist. You are invited by the Principal of Radiant Public School, Jammu to address the students on 'Forming healthy Food Habits'. Write letter of reply accepting the invitation.

5. Attempt ANY ONE of the two in about 120-150 words. 5

(A) You have been making documentaries on how rivers, the lifelines of our nation, are under serious threat due to river pollution. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily, examining the reasons for this pollution and suggesting ways of tackling the issue. Use the given cues along with your own ideas to compose this letter. You are Srishthi/Suraj, a concerned student.

Reasons	Solutions
* Pollution	* Strict laws
* Industrial waste	* Monitoring committees
* Agriculture runoff	* Waste handling process
* Human sewage	* Educate the masses

OR

(B) Pankaj Das of 95, Dehu Road, Pune sees an advertisement for the post of a supervisor and decides to apply for the job. The requirements for the job are graduation in any science subject, knowledge of English and possession of computer skills. Write an application along with the bio-data to the Personnel Management, Light Sight Chemists, Dehu Road, Pune.

6. Attempt ANY ONE of the two, in about 120-150 words: 5

(A) Parents want their children to excel in academics and due to this physical activity is compromised. Sports is an important aspect of education and is deeply connected with the physical, physiological, mental, and intellectual health of the students.

Write an article for your school magazine stressing on the value of sports in education. You may use some of the cues given along with your own ideas to compose the article.

You are Anil Vij of XII-G.

* Helps in maintaining physical and mental fitness.
* Brings motivation, discipline, and concentration.
* Enhances confidence levels and leadership qualities.
* Role of school in promoting sports.

OR

(B) You have recently visited an island on the Pulicat Lagoon in Tamil Nadu. Write a report in 120-150 words on how children go to school by boat from this island taking cues from the given box.

* Purpose of the visit- its importance
* Activities that took place? Who attended?
* How were school children encouraged to join the visit?

SECTION-C

LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT (40 Marks)

7. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any one of the given two-A or B.

1 x 6 = 6

(A) Therefore, on every morrow, are we wreathing

A flowery band to bind us to the earth,

Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth

of noble natures, of the gloomy days,

of all the unhealthy and o'er-darkened ways

Made for our searching: yes, in spite of all,

(a) Which aspect has been highlighted in the given extract?

(b) Select the option that is NOT true about the lack of punctuation at the end of last second line of the given extract.

(i) Creates a sense of continuity and flow that connects the line with the last line.

(ii) Encourages the reader to continue reading

(iii) Creates a sense of anticipation and expectation from the readers.

(iv) None of these

(c) Complete the sentence by filling in the blank with a suitable phrase.

Even though life is filled with despair and darkness, each day we find hope by _____.

(d) Select the correct option from those given in brackets to fill in the blank.

Noble natures include _____ (enthusiasm/aggression/lackness).

(e) What central idea is conveyed in the given extract?

(i) Human life is meaningless in the face of suffering.

(ii) Each day brings gloom and hopelessness.

(iii) Nature is not a healer.

(iv) Nature offers beauty that helps us ensure life's hardships.

(f) Choose words from the extract that is the suitable example of alliteration.

OR

(B) 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) Select the phrase that suggests the following.

Aunt Jennifer faced numerous difficulties and hardships during her married life.

(b) Which of the following options does the given extract NOT represent?

The Aunt embroidered tigers on the panel to _____.

(i) show her suppressed feelings

(ii) to express her strengths

(iii) to express her fighting spirit of a warrior

(iv) to express her love bond with her lovable husband

(c) Complete the following suitably.

The tigers that she made in the panel show her strength and her ability of _____.

(d) Select the correct option from those given in brackets to fill in the blank.

The poet tries to convey through Aunt Jennifer's tigers the _____ (female/male) dominance in the society.

(e) What does the phrase 'still ringed with ordeals she was mastered by' imply?

(i) Aunt Jennifer was proud of her ordeals.

(ii) She was physically strong.

(iii) She was burdened and controlled by difficult experiences.

(iv) She was proud of her ordeals.

(f) What message does the extract highlight about Aunt's life?

8. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any one of the given two, (A) or (B). 1 x 4 = 4

(A) I saw that I was the only one seated, and all the rest at our table remained standing. Just as I began to rise, looking shyly around to see how chairs were to be used, a second bell was sounded. All were seated at last, and I had to crawl back into my chair again. I heard a man's voice at one end of the hall, and I looked around to see him. But all the others hung their heads over their plates. As I glanced at the long chain of tables, I caught the eyes of a paleface woman upon me. Immediately, I dropped my eyes, wondering why I was so keenly watched by the strange woman. The man ceased his mutterings, and then a third bell was tapped. Everyone picked up his knife and fork and began eating. I began crying instead, for by this time I was afraid to venture anything more.

But this eating by formula was not the hardest trial in that first day. Late in the morning, my friend Judewin gave me a terrible warning. Judewin knew a few words of English; and she had overheard the paleface woman talk about cutting our long, heavy hair.

(a) Complete the following suitably.

The phrase 'dropped my eyes' suggests that _____.

(b) List the theme present in the given extract

(c) What was the narrator unable to understand in the dining hall?

(i) Eating by formula

(ii) Standing by formula

(iii) Crying by formula

(iv) Overheard by formula

(d) Why were the others standing in the dining hall?

OR

(B) The Maharaja and the dewan held deliberations over this issue. As a result, a telegram was despatched forthwith to a famous British Company of jewellers in Calcutta. 'Send samples of expensive diamond rings of different designs.' Some fifty rings arrived. The Maharaja sent the whole lot to the British officer's good lady. The king and the minister expected the duraisani to choose one or two rings and send the rest back. Within no time at all, the duraisani sent her reply: "Thank you very much for your gifts.'

In two days, a bill for three lakh of rupees came from the British jewellers. The Maharaja was happy that though he had lost three lakh of rupees, he had managed to retain his kingdom.

(a) Complete the following suitably.

The narrator's purpose of using the phrase 'good lady' in this extract was _____.

(b) On which issue did the Maharaja and dewan hold deliberations?

(c) In the given extract, what emotions does the Maharaja have when he sent diamond rings to the British's good lady?

(i) Fear of losing his kingdom

(ii) Selfish act

(iii) Humiliation

(iv) Unease

(d) What does the line, "Within no time at all, the duraisani sent her reply: 'Thank you very much for your gifts' " mean?

9. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the given two (A) or (B). 1 x 6 = 6

(A) The next day both men got up in good season. The crofter was in a hurry to milk his cow, and the other man probably thought he should not stay in bed when the head of the house had gotten up. They left the cottage at the same time. The crofter locked the door and put the key in his pocket. The man with the ratraps said good bye and thank you, and thereupon each went his own way. But half an hour later the rattrap peddler stood again before the door. He did not try to get in, however. He only went up to the window, smashed a pane, stuck in his hand, and got hold of the

pouch with the thirty Kronor. He took the money and thrust it into his own pocket. Then he hung the leather pouch very carefully back in its place and went away. (The Rattrap)

(i) Select the correct option from those given in brackets, to fill in the blank.

The behaviour of the peddler as described in the above extract is an act of _____.
(deceit/ obedience)

(ii) "Both men got up in good season". The author uses the expression 'good season' to denote that

(a) They slept for a long time. (b) They got up in a good mood.

(c) They got up early and timely. (d) They got up hurriedly.

(iii) State the irony in the peddler's response. "The man with the rattraps said good bye and thank you".

(iv) Choose the correct option:

The flaw in the peddler's character as reflected in the above extract is _____.

(a) He is jealous of rich people.

(b) He indulges in self-pity.

(c) He can rob his benefactor.

(d) He can sleep anywhere without any hesitation.

(v) Complete the following sentence:

The role of cow in the crofter's life is _____.

(vi) Choose one instance from the above extract to show that peddler acted like a well mannered person.

OR

(B) "It takes longer to build a school." I say, embarrassed at having made a promise that was not meant. But promises like mine abound in every corner of his bleak world.

After months of knowing him, I ask him his name. 'Saheb-e-Alam', he announces. He does not know what it means. If he knew its meaning lord of the universe he would have a hard time believing it. Unaware of what his name represents, he roams the streets with his friends, an army of bare feet boys who appear like the morning birds and disappear at noon. Over the months, I have come to recognise each of them. "Why aren't you wearing chappals?" I ask one.

" My mother did not bring them down from the shelf." He answers simply.

"Even if she did he will throw them off," adds another who is wearing shoes that do not match.

(Lost Spring)

Select the option from those given in brackets, to fill in the blank.

(i) The intention of the speaker in the first line of the extract is one of _____.
(clarification/confusion)

(ii) What is implied by the expression 'he would have a hard time believing it'?

(a) Saheb is too innocent to believe everything.

(b) Saheb is living upto his name.

(c) Saheb's living condition is contrary to the meaning of his name.

(d) Saheb is not used to anyone calling his name.

(iii) Select the correct option from those given in brackets to fill in the blank:

"Promises like mine abound in every corner of his bleak world."

The above statement of the speaker reveals the fact that people like Saheb are _____
(deluded/empowered) by such promises.

(iv) State one reason for the boy was wearing shoes that did not match.

(v) The speaker describes Saheb's life as a 'bleak world' because _____.

(a) he lives in a house without electricity. (b) his world is his friends.

(c) his life is devoid of hope. (d) he belongs to the world of illiterates.

(vi) "Why aren't you wearing chappals?" I asked one. The conversation between the speaker and the boys reflects the _____ of the speaker.

- 10. Answer ANY FIVE of the following six questions in about 40-50 words each. 5×2=10**
- (a) What can be inferred from the chapter The Rattrap where the people are craving for human company and dealing with loneliness?
- (b) "Importance of freedom or education is understood only when it is felt with intensity." What can you conclude from the given statement? (The Last Lesson)
- (c) The author Ashokamitran has literary inclinations from the account in the lesson, 'Poets and Pancakes'. Give some evidences from the text
- (d) With fear and ache inside her heart and words of assurance on lips and smile on the face, the poet presents two opposite and contrasting experiences. Why does the poet put on a smile?
- (e) The events in the lesson, 'Indigo' illustrate Gandhi's method of working. Identify some instances of this method and link them to his ideas of satyagraha and non-violence.
- (f) Some sort of terror seized Douglas as he went down the water with a yellow glow. How could he feel that he was still alive?

- 11. Attempt ANY TWO of the Three in about 40-50 words. 2×2=4**
- (a) 'The manner of the Tiger King's death is a matter of extraordinary interest' Comment
- (b) 'It's important to be a good human being than being a professional or a true patriot' Elaborate with reference to the character of Sadao in 'The Enemy'.
- (c) Answer the question in the context of the following lines from 'On the Face of It'.
'Inclusive education' is a step to bring the people with deformities into the mainstream so as to build up their confidence and morale.
To what extent do you consider the importance of 'inclusive education'?

- 12. Attempt ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 120-150 words. 1×5=5**
- (A) Umberto Eco himself says that he started writing novels by accident. He essentially considers himself a university professor who writes novels on Sundays. But when it comes to Eco's academic work, one has to admit that it has a certain playful and personal quality about it. Comment on this with reference to the lesson, "The Interview".
- OR
- (B) Obstacles determine the quality of life. Hermits feel convinced that sweet are the uses of adversity. Problems are opportunities. Elucidate the saying taking ideas from the given lines: "Events justified Gandhi's position. Within a few years, the British planters abandoned their estates, which reverted to the peasants. Indigo sharecropping disappeared."

- 13. Attempt ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 120-150 words. 1×5=5**
- (A) 'The modern world is full of insecurity, fear, war, worry, tension and stress.' Discuss with reference to "The Third Level"
- OR
- (B) Justify the title of the story "Journey To The End Of The Earth" as a metaphor for devastating climate change. In 120-150 words, mention another reason for the title of the text
