

Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Agra Region
SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER-Session Ending Examination 2021-2022

Class XI

Subject – English Core (301)

Time: 2 hrs.

Max. Marks: 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)

Q.1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (Any Eight)

My Vision of My India

In 3000 years of our history people from all over the world have come and invaded us, captured our lands, conquered our minds. From Alexander onwards, the Greeks, the Turks, the Moguls, the Portuguese, the British, the French, the Dutch, all of them came and looted us, took over what was ours. Yet we have not done this to any other nation. We have not conquered anyone. We have not grabbed their land, their culture, their history and tried to enforce our way of life on them. Why? Because we respect the freedom of others.

That is why my first vision is that of FREEDOM. I believe that India got its first vision of this in 1857, when we started the war of independence. It is this freedom that we must protect, nurture and build on. If we are not free, no one will respect us.

My second vision for India is DEVELOPMENT. For fifty years we have been a developing nation. It is time we see ourselves as a developed nation.

I have a third vision. India must stand up to the world. Because I believe that unless India stands up to the world, no one will respect us. Only strength respects strength. We must be strong not only as a military power but also as an economic power. Both must go hand in hand.

My good fortune was to have worked with three great minds, Dr. Vikram Sarabhai of the Dept. of space, Professor Satish Dhawan, who succeeded him and Dr. Brahm Prakash, father of nuclear material. I was lucky to have worked with all three of them closely and consider this the greatest opportunity of my life. Here I am reminded of an instance -- One day an orthopedic surgeon from Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences visited my laboratory. He lifted the material and found it so light that he took me to his hospital and showed me his patients. There were these little girls and boys with heavy metallic calipers weighing over three kg. each, dragging their feet around. He said to me:" Please remove the pain of my patients". In three weeks, we made these Floor reaction Orthosis 300gram calipers and took them to the orthopedic center. The children didn't believe their eyes. From dragging around a three kg. load on their legs, they could now move around! Their parents had tears in their eyes. That was bliss to me.

I have a question:

Why is the media here so negative? Why are we in India so embarrassed to recognize our own strengths, our achievements? We are such a great nation. We have so many amazing success stories but we refuse to acknowledge them. Why?

Another question:

Why are we, as a nation so obsessed with foreign things? We want foreign TVs; we want foreign shirts. We want foreign technology. Why this obsession with everything? imported ? Don't we realize that self-respect comes with self-reliance?

I was in Hyderabad giving this lecture, when a 14year old girl asked me for my autograph. I asked her what her goal in life was: She replied: "I want to live in a developed India. "For her you, I will have to build this developed India.

You must proclaim. As an aside from yours truly: India is not an underdeveloped nation, it is highly developed nation in an advanced state of decay!(560words)

(A.P.J.Abdul Kalam)

Answer the following questions:

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i)What does author mean when he says "Yet we have not done this to other nations."?

ii)India has not conquered other nations because_____ .

- iii) When did Indians first have the vision of freedom?
- iv) Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam envisages India which is _____
- v) Why must India stand up to the world?
- vi) Why do we need to give up our obsession with foreign things?
- vii) The great scientists who inspired A.P.J. Abdul Kalam are
 - i) _____ (ii) _____ and (iii) _____
- viii) Explain briefly the statement- "That was bliss to me."
- ix) Find the synonym of "Nurse" from the above passage.

Q2) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

1. How often do we exclaim : "That was a mistake!" That bewildered expression of regret and panic gets relayed through life. Some mistakes we forget, others we don't. The mistakes can be mundane as forgetting to turn the geyser off or to pick up your passport from the airport counter.

2. Absent mindedness, preoccupation, distraction carelessness, nervousness there are umpteen excuses to justify mistakes. However major decisions like relocations of home or an unwarranted resignation letter can cause much trouble and upheaval and lead to regrets that leave you sad and depressed. Some mistakes are irreversible then is there room for hope?

3. In fact, there are no mistakes, only experiences. There are no problems only challenges. Every experience teaches us something in life. Every mistake inspires retrospection and introspection. The experience is humbling and it makes us wiser. That is, if every mistake is regarded as an experience and not as a source of self condemnation. Many times people are unable to reconcile with the change grooved in the blame culture and rooted in the past, they had to realise the life time benefits they receive from changes.

4. Nature abounds in examples of flexibility and relocation in case of birds and beasts. Scientific research in the behaviour of birds has confirmed this. Birds, animals and even nomads, travel miles and miles in search of better food, congenial climate and safety. These relocations may cause some amount of stress, no doubt, but they are the source of survival: helping to group bonding and cooperation; and to explore the beauty of new space and better environment.

5. To the weak problems are stumbling blocks, to the brave, they are stepping stones." An untimely resignation and or termination letter is certainly traumatic and disturbing. But think of possibilities it can throw open for you. A young man felt disappointed when he failed an interview for a corporate job. At that point of time, he left dejected. Today, looking back he says, "It was a blessing in disguise. I would have never reached this far." Some mistakes bring in a very important message. "Believe and achieve! And in order to do so, faith is essential. It is the triple faith that men need today. faith in one self, faith in oneself faith in the world around us, and above all faith in God!"

(A) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it using heading and subheadings. Also use recognisable abbreviations, wherever necessary (Minimum 4). Supply a suitable title. (3 Marks)

(B) Write a summary of the above passage in your own words. (2 Marks)

SECTION B WRITING & GRAMMAR

Q.3 You are the Principal of an English medium Primary school. Design a catchy poster to instill habit of cleanliness in the children which can be put up in the classroom. 3

Q.4 Attempt any one from A and B

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A. You have just passed your CBSE examination of class X and wish to seek admission to class XI in another school. Write a letter to the Principal of St. James School, 29, Saket Road, New

Delhi. Indicate the subjects that you would like to offer and mention the achievements that you consider will help you gain admission.

B. Are celebs responsible for the products they endorse? Taking a cue from the headlines given below and using your own ideas, write a debate for or against the topic. (about 150-200 words)

- **Amitabh Bachchan steps back from promoting Pepsi after a school girl questions the health impact of the drink.**
- **Brief ban on Maggi noodles causes trouble for its celebrity Brand ambassadors.**

Q.5 A. Replace the underlined words with correct option:

1/2X4=2

A. A Book I read last week was a interesting one.

- i) A book, an ii) The Book, an iii) These book, an iv) No correction

B. An festival of Baisakhi is celebrated with the lot of joy and enthusiasm.

- i) The, a ii) A, an iii) The, the iv) No correction

C. He _____ in the States but he still does not have a command over the English language.

- i) have been living ii) has been living iii) have lived

D. There are so _____ ways of entertainment in life.

- i) much ii) many iii) more iv) lot of

Q.6. Rearrange the following words/phrases to make meaningful sentence

2X1=2

i) the / sparrow / from / city / it / disappeared / house / has / seems / common / the / that

ii) factors / and / pollution / herbs / native / important / the / responsible / are / loss / shrubs / of / and

SECTION C LITERATURE

Q. 7. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

1X3=3

I am the Poem of the Earth, said the voice of the rain

Eternal I rise impalpable, out of the land and the bottomless sea.

- i) What do you mean by 'I am the Poem of the Earth'?
- ii) Explain, "Eternal I rise Impalpable out of the sea"?
- iii) What is the literary device used in 'the bottomless sea'?

Q.8 A. Answer (any one) of the following questions in 20-40 words

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- i) What is the concept of sustainable development?
- ii) Why did Taplow stay back at school ?

B. Answer (any one) of the following questions in 20-40 words:

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- i) How was George Pearson treated at the club?
- ii) What were the reasons for expelling Albert from school?

Q.9. Answer (any two) of the following in 120-150 words:

4X2=8

- i) Describe the difficulties and disillusionment faced by Nick Middleton during his journey to Mount Kailash?
- ii) Justify that we all should be the Chief Environment Officers, then only can we save the Earth from disaster.
- iii) The story “Birth” reflects the sincerity of a professional to profession and that is the only factor that makes one successful. Comment.

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