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CLASS: - XII

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

TIME ALLOWED: -3 HOURS

MAX. MARKS: - 80

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS: -

1. This paper is divided into three sections:
Section A Reading (22 marks)
Section B Writing Skills (18 marks)
Section C Literature (40 marks)
2. The paper consists of 13 main questions in total.
3. Attempt all the questions in proper sequence.
4. Read all the related instructions carefully.
5. Do not exceed the given word limits.

Section A (Reading)

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Q1. Read the given extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:

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1. Mind management is a way to control one's mind. To do this, we need to be cautious about our thinking process and also need a high level of understanding and meditation as well. Understanding is wisdom – 80 percent of people are knowledgeable, while 20 per cent are wise. Knowledgeable men take sides without reason. They feel sad seeing deprived people but jealous when they see happy people. They work in the guidance of others' inspiration, take unnecessary responsibility to keep themselves disturbed.
2. A wise person does not stand for or against any idea without concrete reason. He works according to the situation and capacity. He looks at everything intellectually. To him, failure is a stepping stone for future success. So, depression and conflict are not seen. Like the phrase 'Stop, Look, go', first one should see, and this needs patience. Meditation is necessary to control and manage mind which then becomes an easy task.
3. Unless we control or manage our mind, it is difficult to achieve success and peace. Psychologists say every interest is first born in the mind as a seed. Then it continues to grow. Later it takes its real form which everybody can see. The interest that first appears in the mind remains weak for the first three minutes and it becomes strong within the next five minutes. All the negative aspects should be deleted within the first three minutes. If not taken out, they would become stronger later and you can never throw

them out. After taking control over the mind, we can control passion, interest and unrest. Mind management is essential for a peaceful, successful and healthy life.

4. The age of computers has thrown us on the escalator of aspirations but has robbed us of simple charms like falling asleep. The compulsions of hectic schedules burden the mind and cause stress. However, the joys that elude us can be regained by practising power meditation. It creates tranquillity, simplifies life and cleanses the mind. It helps control indolence, ego and anger and builds confidence and patience. With power meditation, negative thoughts get dissipated and a sense of happiness is achieved.

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the following questions. (1×12=12)

(i) Choose the most appropriate option to complete the given below statement:

Mind management is essential _____.

1. for a well-balanced life
2. to remain deprived of the basic amenities
3. for a wealthy and healthy life
4. for having a superior position in the society

(a) option 1 (b) option 3 (c) both 3 and 4 (d) option 1 and 2

(ii) The power of meditation helps to allay the cynic perceptions. Replace the underlined word with a similar meaning word from the passage. (Para 4)

(iii) Complete the given statement with a suitable phrase/word.

Mind management helps in _____.

(iv) As per your understanding of the passage state whether the given statement is TRUE or FALSE.

When one appreciates the knowledge and learns to apply it to decision-making, he/she gains insight.

(v) A wise person's perception keeps him at par because _____.

(vi) According to the passage, the age of computers has robbed us of simple charms of life because _____.

- (a) it mandates a tight schedule to be followed
- (b) it has robbed people off their personal time
- (c) its addiction is far more superior than personal interests
- (d) it makes life and communication easy

(vii) Psychologists say that the seeds of interest germinate gradually because _____.

1. negativity of the mind affects the growth of interest initially
2. interest takes its own course for growth
3. they need first few minutes to capture the mind
4. other people gradually learn about other's interest

(a) option 1 and 2 (b) option 4 (c) option 2 and 3 (d) option 3 only

(viii) Find the word from the passage which means the same as "based on facts, not on ideas". (Para 2)

(ix) Consider the following statements:

A. ASSERTION: Success is not impossible with better understanding and self realization.

B. REASON: Success comes only when the mind is not allowed to wander unnecessarily.

Which of the following statement is correct with regard to success?

- (a) B is the correct reason for A.
- (b) A and B are not related to each other.
- (c) B is not the correct reason.
- (d) Both A and B are wrong.

(x) List one advantage of Power Meditation

(xi) Seeing others happy knowledgeable people are sometimes jealous because

(xii) All the negative aspects should be deleted in the first three minutes because

Q2.

Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

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1. Hand sanitizers are everywhere. They are cheap effective disinfectants and many are easy to carry around. But lately these products have been scrutinized for the potential harm they can have on children. - Many caregivers are unaware of the very high alcohol content present in alcohol-based hand sanitizers, which can contain up to 60% to 95% alcohol said Cynthia Santos, MD from CDC, National Centre for Environment Health. Young children may in advertently consume these sanitizers, because of their appealing scents like apple, vanilla and citrus. Number of cases reported to NDPS about exposure to alcohol hand sanitizer in children are as follows:

YEAR	ALCOHOL	NON-ALCOHOL	TOTAL
TOTAL	65,293(92.4%)	5376 (7.6 %)	70,669
2011	15,971 (92.5%)	1286 (7.5%)	17,257
2012	16,571 (92.4%)	1355 (7.6%)	17,296
2013	16,423 (92.5%)	1338 (7.5%)	17,761
2014	16,328 (92.1%)	1397 (7.9%)	17,725

2. In a new report from CDC researchers analyzed data reported to the National Poison Data System (NPDS) from 2011-14 on exposures to alcohol and non-alcohol-based hand sanitizers in children were 12 years old or younger. A total of 70,669 hand sanitizer exposures in this age group were reported to NPDS, including 65,293 (92.4%) alcohol-based exposures and 5,376 (7.6%) nonalcohol-based exposures. Adverse health effects were more likely to be reported for alcohol-based hand sanitizer exposures, and they tended to be worse than those for non-alcohol-based hand sanitizer exposures. Younger kids are more susceptible to adverse effects [from these products] because there is not as much glycogen in their liver, said Greene Shepherd, clinical professor at the University Of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy.

3. The most common type of adverse health effects for both alcohol- and non-alcohol-based hand sanitizers were ocular irritation, vomiting, conjunctivitis, oral irritation, cough, and abdominal pain. Rare effects included coma, seizure, hypoglycemia, metabolic acidosis, and respiratory depression. The researchers stratified the NPDS data

into two age groups: 0 to 5 years and 6 to 12 years. They looked only at exposures to ethanol-based sanitizers, isopropanol-based sanitizers, and non-alcohol based sanitizers—no NPDS reported calls about co-exposures to other agents were included in the analysis. Most exposures—91%— occurred in children aged 5 years or younger. Children aged 6 to 12 years had more intentional exposures, a finding the report authors said could indicate that these products are being abused among older children. Shepherd said that abuse of alcohol-based hand sanitizers can be equivalent to consuming roughly 120-proof liquor.

4. Patients, parents, and caregivers should be informed about the potential dangers associated with alcohol-based hand sanitizers. The report stated that alcohol-based hand sanitizers should be used under adult supervision with proper child safety precautions and stored out of reach of young children to reduce unintended, adverse consequences. Washing hands with soap and water when available, is currently the recommended method of hand hygiene in non-health-care settings. If soap and water are not available, use of a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol is recommended, or a non-alcohol-based hand sanitizer or wipe can be used.

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the following questions. (1x10 =10)

(i) According to the passage, National Poison Data System (NPDS) report on children under the age of 12 highlights the.....

- (a) need for using nonalcoholic sanitizer more frequently
- (b) need for using alcoholic hand sanitizers more frequently.
- (c) effective treatment for confusion, vomiting and drowsiness.
- (d) severity of even a little exposure of alcoholic hand sanitizer.

(ii) Ethanol, isopropyl alcohol and hydrogen peroxide are all _____ of alcohol-based hand sanitizers.

(iii) Pick the option that lists statements that are TRUE according to the passage.

- 1. Alcohol based hand sanitizer exposure is potentially more harmful than non-alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- 2. None of the alcohol-based hand sanitizer and non-alcohol-based hand sanitizer cause minor to major adverse health effects.
- 3. Non-alcohol-based hand sanitizer exposure is potentially more harmful than alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- 4. Both alcohol-based hand sanitizer and non-alcohol-based hand sanitizer can cause minor to major adverse health effects.

(a) options 1&2 (b) options 3&4 (c) options 2&3 (d) options 1&4

(iv) The word "scrutinized", as used in paragraph 1, means the same as

- (a) scout (b) search (c) inspect (d) explore

(v) Arrange the most recommended method of hand hygiene from the least favorite to the most favorite, from the following –

- 1. Use of non-alcohol-based hand sanitizer or wipe can be used.
- 2. Use of hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol
- 3. Washing hands with soap and water
- 4. Washing with plain water

- (a) 1,3,4,2 (b) 3,2,1,4 (c) 2,4,3,1 (d) 4,1,2,3

(vi) According to the passage, which below given statement is not one of the reasons for popular use of hand sanitizer as disinfectant.

- (a) Hand sanitizers are effective disinfectant.
(b) Hand sanitizers are easy to use in absence of availability of water and soap.
(c) Hand sanitizers are better than washing with soap and water.
(d) Hand sanitizers are economical disinfectant

(vii) Young children unknowingly consume hand sanitizers because they are attracted by its _____.

(viii) Findings in NDPS report suggest that "Children aged 6 to 12 years had more intentional exposures" which indicated _____ consumption.

- (a) doubtful (b) deliberate (c) accidental (d) inadvertent

(ix) CDC recommends use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers when required. It must contain at least _____ of alcohol.

(x) Consider the following statements:

A. ASSERTION: The common types of health problems like ocular irritation, vomiting, conjunctivitis, oral irritation, cough, and abdominal pain rarely occur.

B. REASON: Alcohol based sanitizers do not affect adversely.

Which of the following statement is correct with regard to the above-mentioned assertion and reason?

- (a) Both A and B are wrong.
(b) B is the correct reason for A.
(c) Both A and B are not related to each other.
(d) B is the correct reason for A.

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Section B (Writing Skills)

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Q3.

Every year on Children's Day, an exhibition of Science Projects is held at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium. Your school has received an invitation from the Education Minister of Delhi inviting the students of your school to visit it. Write a notice in about 50 words informing the students from grades IX to XII about the display, advising them to go and enjoy it. You are Sunit/Sunita Sahoo, Head Boy/Head Girl Master Minds Public School, New Delhi.

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OR

You have planned to organize an educational camp for the children of age group 13-17 years for developing their creative skills in art and craft, clay modelling and music in your school during the autumn break. Draft a notice in not more than 50 words for your notice-board giving details. Mention the last date of registration of the students. You are Reena/Rohan, Secretary, Art and Craft Club, A.V. Public School, Chennai.

Q4.

Your father, Mr. Raj Kumar Gupta, residing at K-18, 13th Virar, Mumbai wants to celebrate the success of your brother Rohit's clearing the IIT-JEE Entrance Examination and securing admission in IIT Powai, Mumbai. He wants you to draft a formal invitation card for him on his behalf. Draft the invitation for him in not more than 50 words.

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OR

You have received an invitation to preside over a workshop on 'Life Skills' conducted at St. Anne's School, Powai, Mumbai. Send a reply in not more than 50 words, confirming your acceptance. You are Mohan/Mohini.

Q5

SAPPHIRE SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL, Mira Enclave, Delhi requires one librarian, graduate with diploma in library science or bachelor in library science, experience preferable, age, pay scales and other benefits as per directorate of education rules, males/females eligible. Apply to the authorized officer along with photocopies of certificates by registered post only within ten days.

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You are Sourabh/Shweta, 15, Shashi Gardens, Ghaziabad. Read the advertisement given above and write an application, in 120-150 words, to the advertiser applying for the post. Also enclose your detailed resume.

OR

You have always been proud of being a citizen of your country which shows love and care for the elders. However, now this value is found to be disappearing. Write a letter to the Editor of a National Daily in about 120- 150 words expressing your views on the difficulties faced by senior citizens.

Q6.

The higher the rise in the scale of sophistication, the lesser is the civic sense among the people. Somewhere and somehow the society is losing its ability to maintain the cordiality in relations, in following the norms or laws, etc. The solemn situation is posing a huge threat to the society. Write an article in 120-150 words expressing your views on the grave situation.

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OR

Prabhu Dayal Senior Secondary School, Noida, recently organized a four-day Personality Development and Leadership Training Camp for the students aspiring to be leaders/prefects/monitors of their school. Write a report about the same in 120-150 words for the school magazine. You are Tejinder/Simran

Q7.

Section--C (Literature)

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Read the given extracts carefully. Attempt ANY ONE extract out of the two and answer the questions that follow:

(6x1=6)

- A. The polished traffic passed with a mind ahead,
Or if ever aside a moment, then out of sorts
At harming the landscape marred with the artless paint
Of signs that with N turned wrong and S turned wrong
Offered for sale wild berries in wooden quarts,
Or crook-necked golden squash with silver warts,
Or beauty rest in a beautiful mountain scene,
You have the money, but if you want to be mean,
Why keep your money (this crossly) and go along

- (i) The 'polished traffic' refers to _____
- (a) the rich and soulless motorists
 (b) the artless paint.
 (c) the thoughtless customers
 (d) the shop harming the beauty of the landscape
- (ii) What is understood by the phrase 'with a mind ahead'?
- (iii) The confidence of the roadside vendor is shaken due to the _____
- (iv) Which phrase in the extract employs transferred epithet to highlight the insensitivity of the passers-by?
- (v) What is meant by the expression 'out of sorts'?
- (a) Compassionate feeling (b) Waiting (c) Insane (d) Feeling upset
- (vi) What does the poet expect the passers-by to do?
- (a) Complain about the landscape.
 (b) Keep the money with themselves and go along.
 (c) Buy everything from the roadside stand.
 (d) Pass with a mind ahead.

✓ B. Life is what it is about
 I want no truck with death.
 If we were not so single-minded
 about keeping our lives moving,
 and for once could do nothing,
 perhaps a huge silence
 might interrupt this sadness
 of never understanding ourselves
 and of threatening ourselves with death.

- ✓ (i) The sadness referred to in this poem is about lack of mutual understanding and the threat of death among mankind. **True OR False?**
- ✓ (ii) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.
1. People have been threatening themselves with death by their activities.
 2. People are jealous and envious.
- (a) 1 can be inferred from the extract but 2 cannot.
 (b) 2 can be inferred from the extract but 1 cannot.
 (c) Both 1 and 2 can be inferred from the extract.
 (d) 2 is the reason for 1 and can be inferred from the extract.
- ✓ (iii) What does the poet mean by 'single-minded'?
- (a) selfless (b) focused (c) self-centered (d) meditative
- ✓ (iv) The line 'Life is what it is about', means _____.
- ✓ (v) If we did nothing, a huge silence would _____ the sadness of our current world.
- ✓ (vi) By being involved in constant activity, what destruction are the human beings bringing upon themselves?

Q8. Read the given extracts carefully and answer the questions that follow. Attempt ANY ONE extract out of the two: (4x1=4)

A. It won't make my face change. Do you know, one day, a woman went by me in the street. I was at a bus stop. She was with another woman, and she looked at me and she said.....at that, that's a terrible thing. That's a face only a mother could love.

(i) Who has been referred to as 'my' in the first line?

- (a) Mr. Lamb (b) Derry (c) Derry's mother (d) Mr. Lamb's friend

(ii) The 'terrible thing' mentioned in the extract is _____

(iii) What do the given lines tell us about the speaker?

- (a) He is shy
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(c) He hates the world
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- (a) He feels insulted.
(b) He feels terrible.
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B. His old American professor of anatomy had seen to that knowledge. "Ignorance of the human body is the surgeon's cardinal sin, sirs!" he had thundered at his classes year after year. "To operate without as complete knowledge of the body as if you had made it anything less than that is murder".

(i) Who have been referred to as 'sirs' in the given extract?

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- (a) A student of surgery should have superficial knowledge.
(b) A student of surgery should have knowledge of human anatomy
(c) A student of surgery should have complete knowledge of human heart.
(d) A student of surgery should be strong and healthy.

(iii) Ignorance or the superficial knowledge of the human body leads to _____.

(iv) Opposite of ignorance is:

- (a) deep information (b) acquaintance (c) callousness (d) benightedness

Q9. Read the given extracts carefully. Attempt ANY ONE extract out of the two and answer the questions that follow: (6x1=6)

A. The make-up room had the look of a hair-cutting salon with lights at all angles around half a dozen large mirrors. They were all incandescent lights, so you can imagine fiery misery of those subjected to make-up.

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True OR False?

(ii) The word _____
make up

shows how the performers were exposed to layers of

- (a) fiery (b) salon (c) incandescent (d) subjected

(iii) The word closest in meaning to incandescent is

- (a) bright (b) intensely hot (c) dim (d) yellow toned

(iv) Why did the make up rooms look like hair cutting salons?

(v) Who does 'those' refer to?

- (a) The poets of Gemini studio
(b) Make up boys
(c) Actors and actresses
(d) The workers

(vi) Which quality of make up has been highlighted through the extract?

B. We walked down stinking lanes choked with garbage, past homes that remain hovels with crumbling walls, wobbly doors, no windows, crowded with families of humans and animals coexisting in a primeval state. He stops at the door of one such house, bangs a wobbly iron door with his foot, and pushes it open. We enter a half-built shack. In one part of it, thatched with dead grass, is a firewood stove over which sits a large vessel of sizzling spinach leaves.

(i) Where did the speaker go to pay a visit?

(ii) Who is 'he' in the above extract?

- (a) Saheb (b) Mukesh (c) Mukesh's elder brother (d) Saheb's friend

(iii) What is understood about the house mentioned in the extract?

- (a) It was a well-built structure.
(b) It was very close to a sheiling.
(c) It was about to be renovated.
(d) It was a humble and comfortable dwelling.

(iv) Why did 'he' want to take the author to his home?

(v) How did the author find the ambience of the house mentioned in the above lines?

(vi) The word _____ in the last line of the extract means the same as:

- (a) Covered (b) Stuffed (c) Decorated (d) Ignited

Q10. Answer ANY FIVE out of the six given questions in 40-50 words each:

(5x2
=10)

(i) Why do you think the peddler put his signature as Captain Von Stahle?

(ii) Why didn't the "polished traffic" stop at the roadside stand?

(iii) Do you think the mother tongue is important to a person? What does M. Hamel, the teacher say about it to the people of France in the chapter 'The Last Lesson'?

(iv) Aunt Jennifer represents women all over the world wedged under the tyrannical hand of a patriarchal society. Do you sympathize with her? Why/Why not?

(v) Why, to some celebrities, interviews are like 'thumbprints on their windpipe'?

(vi) "A thing of beauty is a joy forever." This is what John Keats says in the poem. Do you think in the present times of acute stress and violence, proximity to beautiful things can lead man to everlasting happiness? Discuss briefly.

Q11. Answer ANY TWO out of the three given questions in 40-50 words each:

(2x2=
4)

(i) What are the similarities in the lives of Bama and Zitkala-Sa though they belong to different cultures?

(ii) The theme of racism has been highlighted through the story 'Enemy'. Do you agree with the statement.

(iii) 'From that day onwards it was celebration time for all the tigers inhabiting Pratibandhpuram.' Discuss the use of irony in the statement.

Q12. Answer ANY ONE out the two given questions in 120-150 words each:

(1x5
=5)

(i) Most of us turn a blind eye towards the suffering of the underprivileged. We do not raise our voice against injustice in our society and tend to remain mute spectators. Annes Jung in her story 'Lost Spring' vividly highlights the miserable life of street children and bangle makers of Firozabad. She wants us to act. Which qualities does she want the children to develop?

(ii) "This is another of your wild stories. One of these days you're going to talk yourself into a load of trouble," her father said aggressively. How would you describe the character and temperament of Sophie's father?

Q13. Answer ANY ONE out the two given questions in 120-150 words each:

(1x5
=5)

(i) Good human values are far above any other value system". How did Dr. Sadao succeed as a doctor as well as patriot?

(ii) Discrimination based on caste and social status brings indignities and endless humiliations. Validate the statement on the basis of Bama's experience.