

Class : XI  
Subject : ENGLISH

Max Marks:50  
Time Allotted: 2 hrs

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Instructions:

1. All the questions are compulsory
  2. You may attempt any section at a time
  3. All the questions of a particular section must be attempted in the correct order
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### SECTION A- READING

**1) Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow** **12**

#### **Action But Not It's Fruits**

1. Life, that marvelous gift we enjoy day by day, makes sense to those who, at every moment try to do their very best- to those who fulfill their duties with joy, with total devotion, even when the task is difficult.
2. I want to tell you that, from a very young age, I have been obsessed with a single idea not to abandon this world with empty hands. This image of empty hands that are always filled , because they are always giving , has been with me all my life.
3. About ten years ago, a famous Indian painter asked me to select one of his paintings honouring Mother Teresa, the beloved nun, without hesitating I chose the one that represented Mother Teresa's extraordinary capacity for love and devotion to the poor and needy: a marvelous painting of her skinny but expressive hands. I tell you this because I believe that giving with generosity is what makes life meaningful.
4. There is something that we should never forget however: we must give without expecting a reward. In this regard, ancient Indian tradition is of great value because of its emphasis on detached action. This was the philosophy of life that guided Mahatma Gandhi in his struggle of peaceful resistance for the independence of his country.
5. It is only when we understand that giving is more important than receiving, loving than being loved, serving than being served, that we find ourselves on the path that leads to inner peace .
6. When the time came for me to choose a professional career, I selected teaching. There are two reasons for this : my mother wanted one of her daughters to become a teacher and ,

perhaps, without being completely aware of it at the time, I sensed that I had a vocation for teaching.

7. I have never regretted having chosen this way of life. To know things, to think about them, to investigate and finally to share your knowledge with your students is a beautiful task.

8. Like the farmer, we plant the seed in the hope that it will germinate, grow and bear fruits. But, unlike the farmer who looks forward to harvesting his crops, the teacher knows that the fruits of her labour do not belong to her. Just like children must learn to leave the parental nest and fly with their own wings, so the student must follow his or her own path.

9. As the great poet Rabindranath Tagore put it, "A teacher can only teach if he keeps on learning that a lamp cannot light up another light unless it has its own flame." The teacher plants the seeds, but she will not necessarily harvest the fruits.

10. To a certain extent, this is the duty everyone is born to fulfill: to act without any attachment to the results. This is the only way to be free. It is the only way life can achieve plenitude; the only way by which our hands may be filled with the miracle of giving.

**On the basis of your reading the passage answer the questions by choosing the best of the given choices** **1x3=3**

(a) What kind of people find life meaningful?

- (i) those who find success in life                      (ii) those who find love and happiness  
(iii) those who perform difficult duties              (iv) those who gain power

(b) Why did author choose Mother Teresa's painting with her skinny hands ?

- (i) they show her generous giving                      (ii) they symbolize her love and devotion  
(iii) they reflect that she always gave to the poor      (iv) all the above

(c) What guided Mahatama Gandhi in his struggle of peaceful resistance ?

- (i) detached action    (ii) attachment to result  
(iii) Mother Teresa's generosity                      (iv) all the above

**Answer the questions briefly** **1x6=6**

(d) What is meant by detached action?

(e) How can one lead a life of inner peace?

(f) Why did the author choose the career of teaching?

(g) How is a teacher different from a farmer?

- (h) What thought obsessed the author's youth ?
- (i) Did the author regret her choice of profession? Why?

**Pick out the words from the passage which mean the same as: 1x3=3**

- (i) extremely thin (para 3)
- (ii) disconnected (para 4)
- (iii) kindness (para 3)

**SECTION B : ADVANCED WRITING SKILLS 10**

**Q2.** You are Mr Singh, Vice Principal of St.Mary School ,Aligarh. Write a notice inviting entries for the Inter school Science Exhibition to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> August in St. Joseph School .Invent the necessary details.( Words Limit-50) 4

**Q3.** Write an article for the publication in a newspaper on the Global Rise of Terrorism. The entire world is a victim of horrendous crimes. Innocents lose their lives. Untold agony is inflicted on humanity. Terrorism for whatever cause, can have no justification. Sign the article as Varun/Varuna. 6

**SECTION C- Grammar 10**

**Q4.** The following passage has not been edited, Underline the error in each line and write the correction in the space provided. 1/2x8=4

<p>The camel is the oldest of domestic animals. It has been used since thousands of year by the desert people to supply many of their needs. Camels pulled ploughs and carry good to market. In the desert they are almost an only means of transport.This animal can adapt with life in dry lands and is often calling the ship of the desert, it could survive on dry leaves , seeds and bones.</p>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">error</td> <td style="text-align: left;">correction</td> </tr> <tr> <td>a _____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>b _____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>c _____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>d _____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>e _____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>f _____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>g _____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>h _____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </table>	error	correction	a _____	_____	b _____	_____	c _____	_____	d _____	_____	e _____	_____	f _____	_____	g _____	_____	h _____	_____
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**Q5.** In the passage given below one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it in your answer sheet ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined. 1/2x8 =4

<p>Behaviourists feel although one's style of walking is not Inherited, one unconsciously emulates mannerisms of .</p>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">before</td> <td style="text-align: center;">word</td> <td style="text-align: left;">after</td> </tr> <tr> <td>a _____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>b _____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </table>	before	word	after	a _____	_____	_____	b _____	_____	_____
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one's parents or chosen role model. According to experts, It is advisable hold upper part of the body erect. Balance the body alternately each hip without undue swaying, keep head up, shoulders back, chest out stomach in. Walk erect and easily. When you stand keep your feet comfortably together not far apart.

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**Q6. Rearrange the following sentences to form meaningful sentences. 1x2=2**

- a) reeling under/ a tsunami / at present/ the blow /is/ of/ Japan
- b) the / is / second world war /as great as / it/ a catastrophe

**SECTION D – LITERATURE**

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**Q7 . Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow.**

The sea holiday  
 Was her past, mine is her laughter. Both wry  
 With the labored ease of loss

- a)Who is 'her' in the above lines ? 1
- b) What are the two things that are " a matter of the Past" ? 1
- c)What is suggested by "the laboured ease of loss"? 1
- d) Name the poetic device used in the last line. 1

**Q8. Answer these questions in about 30 words each. 2 x 4 = 8**

- a. What has not changed over the years In "The photograph"? What is the poet suggesting here?
- b.Why was the author's grandmother unhappy about the city education ?
- c. What induced Mourad and Aram to return the horse back ?
- d.Why did it surprise Aram when he saw his cousin on a beautiful white horse ?

**Q9 Answer the question in 80-100 words 6**  
 What impression do you form of Mrs. Otis after reading the novel 'The Canterville Ghost'?

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