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SESSION 2017-18

Class: X	Max Marks: 80
Subject: English	Time Allotted: 3 hrs
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Instructions: Question paper is divided into three sections.	Paper - 7
Section A: Reading:	20 Marks
Section B: Writing & Grammar:	30 Marks
Section C: Literature Textbook and extended Reading Text:	30 Marks
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Section: A (Reading – 20 Marks)

Q.1. Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. [08 Marks]

1. Bubble wrap is a flexible transparent plastic material used for packing fragile items. It was invented by two engineers Al Fielding and Swiss inventor Marc Chavannes in Hawthorne, N.J. in 1957. However both of them were not trying to make a product to be used as packaging material. In fact they were trying to create textured wallpaper. They started out by sealing two shower curtains together in such a way that it would capture air bubbles which would make the textured appearance for their wallpaper. But this wallpaper idea didn't sell too well.

2. Not to be deterred, they then set about finding another use for their product. The alternate use they came up with was to use it as greenhouse insulation. While bubble wrap by itself does create somewhat of an insulating effect, this idea didn't become popular either.

3. It was three years after the initial creation of Bubble Wrap that Frederick W. Bowers, a marketer at Sealed Air, which makes Bubble Wrap, finally came up with the perfect use for their product. On October the 5, 1959, IBM announced their new 1401 variable word length computer. Bowers got the idea that Bubble Wrap could be used as a good packaging material to protect the computer while it was being shipped. He then pitched the idea to IBM and demonstrated Bubble Wrap's protective abilities. His demonstration went over well and IBM began purchasing Bubble Wrap to protect their 1401 and other fragile products they sold and shipped.

4. One of the downsides to Bubble Wrap has always been the space it takes up during shipping and storage, for customers who are just buying the Bubble Wrap. In order to get around this problem, one of the dreams of the original inventors was that they'd someday be able to create a Bubble Wrap that customers could self inflate, as needed.

5. While originally being used primarily for packaging for electronics equipment, today the vast majority of Bubble Wrap made is used for food packaging. Because bubble wrap makes a satisfying popping sound when compressed and ruptured, it is often used as a source of amusement.

1.1 Fill in the blanks:

[1x8 = 8]

- (a) Bubble wrap was, at first, thought by the two engineers to be useful to _____.
- (b) The engineers were trying to create textured wallpaper by _____.
- (c) The alternate use of their product was _____.
- (d) IBM announced their new 1401 variable word length computer on _____.
- (e) IBM purchased Bubble Wrap to _____.
- (f) What was the original use of original use of Bubble Wrap _____.
- (g) The word which means the same as 'exhibition' is _____ (para 3).
- (h) The word which means the same as 'cracking' is _____ (para 5).

Q.2. Read the passage given below.

[12]

1. Listening is the ability to accurately receive and interpret messages in the communication process. One of the greatest gifts any of us can ever receive is the gift of listening. It is also one of the greatest gifts we can ever give. Unfortunately, it appears to be a lost art. We live in a world where everyone is talking but few are listening. What often passes for listening is simply one person pausing to collect their thoughts for their next soliloquy.

2. Hearing refers to the sounds that you hear, whereas listening requires more than that: it requires focus. Listening means paying attention not only to the story, but how it is told, the use of language and voice, and how the other person uses his or her body. In other words, it means being aware of both verbal and non-verbal messages. Your ability to listen effectively depends on the degree to which you perceive and understand these messages.

3. Listening is a difficult task. Like every skill, the more you do it, the better you get. Listening can be developed through practice, or lost if not used regularly. Good listeners focus on what they are hearing. They pause to think about what they've heard before responding. They ask questions because they want to know the answers, not just to keep the conversation going

4. So often, we are distracted with other things. We try to listen while continuing to work on the computer or watch television. To be fully present means we eliminate these distractions and focus exclusively on the other person. It takes great effort to be fully in the moment, leaning forward, with your ears—and heart—open. Words are only part of the communication. Sometimes we need to experience the other person's feelings to really understand. We need to listen with our heart as well as our mind. We must repeat back what the other person has said. When we do this—and do it accurately—we communicate that we understand. It also gives us an opportunity to re-calibrate our understanding if we have misunderstood something. Plenty of people are good talkers. Few are good listeners. If you develop the latter skill, you will find yourself invited into amazing conversations that wouldn't otherwise happen.

2.1 Answer the following questions briefly:

[8]

- (a) What is listening? Why does it appear to be a lost art?
- (b) What is the difference between hearing and listening?

- (c) State any two qualities of a good listener.
(d) How can we ensure good listening?

2.2. Do as directed.

[4]

- (a) The antonym of 'interpret' is:
(i) refer (ii) defer (iii) prefer (iv) infer
(b) The word 'soliloquy' means:
(i) monologue (ii) satisfaction (iii) dialogue (iv) dissatisfaction
(c) The word 'eliminate' means:
(i) eradicate (ii) predicate (iii) dedicate (iv) terminate
(d) The word 'calibrate' means:
(i) pretend (ii) amend (iii) suspend (iv) mend

Section: B (Writing & Grammar – 30 Marks)

Q.3. The decline in number of forests can cause a lot of problems in the environment. Protecting nations forest will not only save animals, but will also ensure the country's economic stability, as forests mitigate the impact of floods, droughts and cyclone. Using the given inputs, ideas from your MCB unit 'Environment' and your own ideas, write a letter to the Editor of a national newspaper in about 100-120 words, expressing your concern for the depleting forests and the need to conserve them. You are Pragya/Pushkar. [8]

Or

Q.3. You are Deepak/Deepika. Your friend is an active volunteer of 'Helpage India'. He has been helping an organization 'Helping the Old' and visiting the old homes and meeting senior citizens there. Inspired by his noble gesture you joined him to help the aged. Taking cue from the following hints, write a letter to the Editor of a news paper in 100-120 words talking about your experience and the need to help motivate the neglected old to start afresh. [8]

Hints:- Parents old – left homeless at old age homes – pitiable state – long to met their children – some have their spouses separated from them – financially and physically dependent – get old people aware their rights – organise fun activities & day outs to get them a fresh air – restore lost confidence & zeal to these senior citizens.

Q.4. Write a short story in about 200-250 words using the hints provided. [10]

Anna and her friends were playing on the beach when they saw footprints and started following them. But the footprints were growing bigger and bigger.....

Or

An old man had two daughters. He loved both of them. Once he asked them.....

Q.5. Read the following passage and fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. Write the answer in your answer sheet against the correct blanks. Do not copy the passage. [4]

The high-tech gadgets are now a part and parcel of our life. Some of them proved to be very useful, happy and comfortable. They (a) ___ opened up new vistas of knowledge (b) ___ provided rich sources (c) ___ entertainment and learning. The internet is perhaps (d) ___ best discovery of our age.

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| (a) (i) have | (ii) has | (iii) are | (iv) had |
| (b) (i) or | (ii) and | (iii) have | (iv) had |
| (c) (i) for | (ii) with | (iii) on | (iv) of |
| (d) (i) a | (ii) the | (iii) some | (iv) as |

Q.6. The following passage has been edited. There is an error in each of the lines. Write the error word and correction next to it. [4]

	Error	Correction
Schools lay great stress about testing.	<u>about</u>	<u>on</u>
Tests and examinations is not confined	(a) _____	_____
to school alone. They are widely use in	(b) _____	_____
various government or non-government offices.	(c) _____	_____
Business and industries two are using tests.	(d) _____	_____
Tests are for a selection of	(e) _____	_____
Candidates and at some cases, they are	(f) _____	_____
one of the criteria of selection	(g) _____	_____
The success of a doctor are tested by his skills.	(h) _____	_____

Q.7. Read the dialogue and complete the passage given below. Write the correct answer against the correct blank number. Do not copy the passage. [4]

Yash: Do you need something?

Rita: Can you show me the way to the post office, please ?

Yash: Yes, please come along with me.

Rita: Thank you! You are very kind.

Seeing Rita looking for something , Yash asked her (a)_____. Ritu asked him (b) _____ to the post office. Yash agreed and requested her (c) _____ (d) _____.

Section: C (Literature & Extended Reading – 30 Marks)

Q.8. Read the extract given below and answer the question that follows. [4]

'And every tongue, though utter drought

Was withered at the root;

We could not speak, no longer than if

We had been choked with soot'.

- (a) Whose tongues were parched?
- (b) Why was there utter drought?
- (c) Explain the literary device used in the extract.
- (d) Explain – 'Choked with soot'.

Or

Not marble, nor the gilded monuments

Of princes, shall outlive this powerful rhyme;

But you shall shine more bright in these contents

Than unswept stone, besmeared with sluttish time.

- (a) What will the poet's friend outlive?
- (b) Who shall shine more and in whose comparison?
- (c) Where will the poet's friend shine?
- (d) Identify the literary device used in the last line.

Q.9. Answer any four of the following questions in about 30-40 words each. [8]

(a) Why did the ghosts organise 'The writer's inspiration bureau'? What was their mode of working?

(b) What was the fact that Ms. Mebbin brought to Mrs. Packeltide's attention? What was the effect of this discovery on Mrs. Packeltide?

(c) How does the poet bring out the insignificance of human beings in his poem 'Ozymandias'?

(d) Give some examples to prove that the nightingale was really unaware of her talent and ability?

(e) What did Nishikanto Ghosh tell Patol Babu one morning? Why?

Q.10. Attempt the following in 100-120 words.

[8]

- **Emotions play a vital role in person's life. It makes him/her behave impulsively and regret later. Discuss it in the context of the poem 'The Rime of the ancient mariner'.**

Or

- **Describe the role of Henry in the play. Do you think he is equally to be blamed for his acts like his cunning and crafty wife?**

Q.11. Answer the following questions in 200-250 words each.

[10]

Based on the reading of the novel 'The story of My Life', describe Helen Keller's early life before the arrival of her teacher, Miss Sullivan.

[10]

Or

Q.11. Write a brief character sketch of Peter.

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