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Class:-X
Time- 3 Hrs.

Subject:- English
M.M-80

General Instructions:-

1. The Question paper is divided into three sections:
Section A: Reading [20 marks]
Section B: Writing and Grammar [30 marks]
Section C: Literature [30 marks]
2. All questions are compulsory.
3. You may attempt any section at a time.
4. All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

Section A- Reading

Q.1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. [8]

1. The world's first bookless library has been set up in the state of Texas in the United States.

Unlike the rows upon rows of books that are found in conventional library anywhere in the world, at the bookless library, there are high-tech gadgets that have replaced the books as found in other libraries.

2. The borrowers of books from this high-tech bookless library have a different set of rules to follow when borrowing books. Instead of taking home books for reading, the members of the library, who are registered resident of the South Taxes county of Bexar, can now access their choice, of reading matter from the bookless library for free.
3. That the services of this library have found with its readers is clearly visible from the growing readership numbers at this library. Since it starts in September, the county's 1.7 million residents have been able to check out and take home the machines for reading purposes and accessing the catalogue. They are also able to use their own devices to check out and access the catalogue of the library. This BiblioTech of 1.5 million books currently has 600 e-readers, 200 pre-loaded enhanced e-readers for children and 48 computer stations for use by its readers. In addition, there are ten laptops and 40 tablets available on the premises, for use by readers.
4. Not satisfied with simply providing e-reading services, the Biblio Tech has created a list of higher ambitions for itself. The most prominent of these include their ambition to give the county's residents the necessary tools to thrive as citizens of the 21st century. For them a well-connected citizen of this century is one who strives for enhancing his education and literacy and 'promoting reading as a recreation'.
5. As part of readers services at the Biblio Tech, its Special Project Coordinator, Laura Cola comments that the library authorities wanted to create the best and most cost-effective way of providing library services. This was especially suitable for the Texas County's residents as the

population here is geographically distanced from existing services. In fact, prior to the arrival of this digitalized service, there has never been a public library or a books store in the area. Thus, a digital alternative in the midst was an obvious, and necessary, choice. 'Geography doesn't matter if your library is in the clouds', adds Laura Cole, referring to the 'cloud' system where the books of the library are stored online.

6. Answering queries about reader's concerns that library users may feel put off by technology, Cole is proud to concur that her staffs are willing to dedicate their time to help readers and visitors, who find it difficult to handle the system on their own. Hence, readers do not feel intimidated by the gadgetry and feel empowered to be able to access books according to this novel system of procuring reading matter.
7. Even replacement costs for damages or breakdowns have been factored into the working system of the library. Thus, readers are not turned away from the library doors simply because the system is not functioning on any particular day. To prevent thefts from depleting their stocks, the devices are geared in such a way that users cannot access its internet once they leave the premises of the library.

1.1 Answering the following questions. [6x1=6]

- (a) What is the amount of reading material currently available at the Biblio Tech library?
- (b) What is the system of accessing reading matter from the library?
- (c) What is Laura Cole's opinion about the presence of the library?
- (d) How does the library help readers who are not able to handle digital methodology easily?
- (e) What provision has been made to ensure that the books are not stolen?
- (f) Explain, "Geography doesn't matter if your library is in the clouds".

1.2 Find word/phrases in the passage that mean: [1x2=2]

- (a) full of power (para 6)
- (b) refused entry (para 7)

Q.2 Read the following passage carefully: [12]

1. We come across very few students (at any age) who enjoy "studying." Most of them study because they have to complete assignments, prepare for exams or escape scolding. Students seldom study for fun. As there is no intrinsic motivation towards studies, external stimuli is sought after in order to drive students towards picking up books.
2. Though there is no harm in being driven by external persuasions, it just translates into a constant need for the environment (and people in it) to stay focused on creating enough reasons to keep students "studying". More often than not, it is during the middle and high school years that the adults start getting tired of driving the students and want to wean them off these compulsions.
3. How can parents and teachers contribute to helping students increase their motivation towards studies?
4. Having a long-term perspective is always useful. Rome was not built in a day. Getting students to initiate and sustain the act of studying is a slow and deliberate process. Adults in a hurry to fix the students are likely to end up frustrated and unsuccessful in motivating them. Creating the right environment and routines for studying also helps. In order to focus on the task in hand, it is important to have a certain amount of order and calm around us.

5. The schedules of the house/school need to encourage the act of studying. When the actions of people around the student prompt studying, it is easy to initiate the student into doing his work.
6. Another way is coupling studies with positive experiences. Make a conscious effort to associate the act of studying and related people with positive emotions, such as happiness, excitement, fun, warmth and support. This would imply that adults in charge of teaching stay calm, enthused and happy while teaching.
7. An important point to keep in mind is to stop studying before the saturation point is reached. If a student reaches the phase of being tired and bored with some activity, it is unlikely that he/she would come back to it.
8. Remember to support and close skill gaps, it is common for students to avoid studies because they are not fluent in reading, writing or mathematical skills. Therefore, it is important that the adults facilitating the student's study sessions ensure that the skill gaps are identified and addressed . In case these gaps are big, it will be important to provide enough sheltering or support so that the student has fruitful study sessions. If students face prolonged frustration, they build a chronic pattern of giving up early in the learning process.
9. Provide active feedback about how the student is doing. When he/she makes an attempt or shows initiative, it is helpful to acknowledge and tell what is correct about that attempt. If many efforts go unnoticed, the student is likely to stop trying.
10. Helping students develop effective strategies for studying is essential. Teaching students how to learn is as important as what to learn.
11. It is crucial to keep students successful at showing their learning. This would require building their background knowledge about the concepts they are about to read, helping them quickly when they struggle and keeping their response rate high.

- 2.1 Read the given questions and write the answers in 30 - 40 words. [2x4=8]
- (a) Why do students not like studying?
 - (b) At what stage do external stimuli become difficult for adults to sustain?
 - (c) Mention one of the important aspects for sustaining interest among students.
 - (d) How can gaps in skill be reduced?
- 2.2 Find the word/words from the passage that is closest in meaning to the words given below. [1x2=2]
- (a) withdraw (para. 2)
 - (b) to keep going (para. 4)
- 2.3 Answer the following questions: [1x2=2]
- (a) What do you understand by 'motivating students towards studies'?
 - (b) What is the significance of the proverb- 'Rome was not built in a day' in the context of the passage?

Section - B [Writing And Grammar] [30]

- Q.3 Your school has opened a new wing for the kindergarten students for which you require play equipment. Write a letter to the manager, Play House, 3/2 Church Complex, Ranchi, in about 100-120 words placing an order for educational toys and other play equipment.

You are Neera/Naresh , Headboy/ Headgirl, Delhi Public School, Ranchi. [8]

OR

Yesterday you went to Sunrise Hospital, Bariatu Road, Ranchi taking with you the victim of a hit and run accident. There were chaotic conditions in the casualty department.

The injured was attended to after a lot of precious time been lost. Write a letter of complaint in 100-120 words to the Medical Superintendent. You are Karan/Karuna . M/114, Mall Road, Ranchi. [8]

- Q.4 'Enjoying a cup of tea while sitting in my balcony on a Sunday morning, suddenly I felt a deep pain in my chest. I thought that this was my last moment of life. I wanted to call my daughters, my husband and everybody to say the final Good Bye, but couldn't do so
Imagine what happened after this.
Write an imaginary story with a suitable title in 200-250 words. [10]

OR

Students mostly think that their teachers exaggerate their bad qualities. But it is not at all true. They love their students and have their best interests at heart. With the help of the following story line, write an imaginary story in about 200-250 words with a suitable title. [10]

- Q.5 Fill in the following blanks choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below. Write the answers in your answer -sheet against the correct blank numbers. [1x4=4]

The truck had travelled south, where Manik (a) a deserted spot to hide it. We would be fine so long as no one found the truck, or connected it (b) the robbery. It would be (c) mystery why black market thieves (d) simply abandoned such precious booty.

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| (a) | (i) finds | (ii) found | (iii) has found | (iv) had found |
| (b) | (i) with | (ii) by | (iii) on | (iv) in |
| (c) | (i) the | (ii) an | (iii) a | (iv) one |
| (d) | (i) have | (ii) had | (iii) had had | (iv) have had |

- Q.6 One word is omitted in each line in the following passage. Write the missing word along with the word coming before it and the word coming after it. [1x4=4]

	Before	Word	After
The old owl said, " It is someone your	(a)
neighbours ." Kutkut with surprise,	(b)
" How you so sure?" The old owl	(c)
looking thick glasses replied rudely.	(d)

- Q.7 Rearrange the following words / phrases to make meaningful sentences. [1x4=4]

- (a) the depressed / laughter / soul / relieves / and / amuses.
- (b) a good exercise / it is/ facial muscles / for toning / up.
- (c) gives us joy / of / friends / in making / a lot /laughter / and helps.
- (d) infectious / emotions / of /the most / of / is / one / laughter / expressions.

Section - C [Literature]

[30]

- Q.8 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answer in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. [1x4=4]

"And you , too. Are you such a poor creature that you must do every dirty thing."

- (a) Who is the 'poor creature'?
- (b) Why is he / she being called a 'poor creature'?
- (c) What 'dirty things' are being talked about?
- (d) Which characteristic traits are revealed of 'you' for doing every dirty things?

OR

"Was it cowardice, that I dared not
kill him

Was it perversity, that I longed to talk
to him?

Was it humility , to feel so honoured!"

- (a) Why did the poet feel honoured?
- (b) Explain , 'was it perversity that I longed to talk to him?'
- (c) Why is the poet so baffled here?
- (d) Was the poet a cowardice because he didn't dare to kill the snake?

Q.9 Answer the following questions (any four) in 30 to 40 words. [2x4=8]

- (a) " Louisa Mebbin had a protective elder-sister attitude towards money in general". How?
- (b) Why does Patol Babu's wife tell him that he is counting his 'chickens before they're hatched'?
- (c) How will the poet, William Shakespeare's friend dwell in lover's eyes?
- (d) Why has the Albatross been described as a 'Christain Soul'?
- (e) How did Decius Brutus reinterpret Calpurnia's dream?

Q.10 Loyalty is inherent in friendship. A friend is expected to avenge the hurt caused to his friend. Describe how Antony proves his loyalty to Julius Caesar by bringing the conspirators to justice.

(Word limit 100-120 words.) [8]

OR

'One day, however, trouble came to the postmaster. His daughter lay ill in another town, and he was anxiously waiting for news for her. The post was brought in , and the letters piled on the table. Seeing an envelope of the colour and shape he expected, the postmaster eagerly snatched it up. It was addressed to coachman Ali, and he dropped it as though it had given him an electric shock.'

"Parents possess an unconditional love for their children whatever may be their status or the economic condition". Justify this with instances from the text and your own viewpoint. (Word limit 100-120 words.)

Q.11 Why does Helen say, "College is not the universal Athens, I thought it was?" (200-250 words) [10]

OR

Give the pen picture of Bishop Brook. (200-250 words)