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YEARLY EXAMINATION**Class : XI****117(APP-25)****Time : 3 Hours 15 M.]****English****[M.M. 100**

- Note- (1) All questions from all the sections are compulsory.
 (2) There are multiple choice questions from 1 to 20. which Select answer and circle the answer into the O.M.R. Sheet.

SECTIONS 'A'

Q.1-3. Read the Following passage carefully and choose the correct options to answer the questions that follow :-

Life is not a bed of roses but a bed of thorns. It is full of dangers and difficulties. They have to be overcome, if we are to succeed in life in the race of life, we should not be afraid of the risk which is but natural. Success in any work in life goes to those persons who welcome risk. Science would not have made such wonderful achievements if our scientists had not risked their lives and comforts. The more difficult a work is, the harder should be our efforts to perform it. Life is not a smooth sailing. Petty difficulties frighten a weaker heart who is not prepared to take a risk. But brave hearts achieve fame and honour because they enjoy taking risks in short risk brings success and work miracles.

1. How is man's life?

- (a) a bed of roses (b) a bed of thorns (c) a bed of flowers (d) none of these

2. What should we do to succeed in life?

- (a) take the risk (b) take the enjoy
(c) take the entertainment (d) none of these

3. What do brave hearts achieve?

- (a) fame (b) bonour (c) property (d) a and b both

Q.4-8. Choose the coorect option to answer the following.

4. Rohit has gone before his father come. Which word in the above sentence is an error

- (a) gone (b) before (c) his (d) come

5. The phrase 'On the Wane' means:

- (a) increasing (b) developing (c) decreasing (d) striking

6. The synonym of despise is:

- (a) love (b) hate (c) respect (d) select

7. The antonym of severe is:

- (a) mild (b) bold (c) fertile (d) hide

8. Undue favour to place one's relatives in lucrative posts is called

- (a) easteism (b) individualism (c) seculoarism (d) nepotism

Q.9-13 Choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow:

9. The Portrait of a Lady' is written by:

- (a) Ruskin Bond (b) Khushwant Singh (c) Naipaul (d) Vikram Bhatt

10. Who said, "We re sinking?"

- (a) his crewmen (b) Mary (c) his daughter (d) his son

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11. Who was Tutankhamun?
(a) A Geological (b) A Scientist (c) An Egyptian king (d) A Historian
12. When did Green Movement start?
(a) 35 years ago (b) 15 years ago ✓
(c) nearly 25 years ago (d) 20 years ago
13. Who is the name of the protagonist of the story the "The Adventure"?
(a) Professor Ajay Sharma (b) Professor Gangadhar Pant ✓
(c) Professor George Bush (d) Professor Gangadhar Kant Gaitonde
- Q.14-15 Choose the correct option to answer the following questions:
14. How many people were in the photograph?
(a) two girls and one boy (b) only her mother ✓
(c) one girl and one boy (d) three girls
15. What is described as engine in the poem?
(a) Laburnum Tree (b) Machine
(c) Lizard ✓ (d) None of the above
- Q.16-20 Choose the correct option to answer the following questions:
16. Where did Aram live?
(a) in the centre of the valley ✓ (b) at the edge of town of walnut Avenue
(c) Walnut square (d) in the countryside
17. In total, how many times did the author visit the given address?
(a) Once (b) Twice ✓ (c) Thrice (d) Never
18. How does the author describe Mrs Fitzgerald?
(a) Worried looking (b) Sinister looking
(c) Short tempered person ✓ (d) Both (b) and (c)
19. Who was waiting for andrew at midnight?
(a) Joe Morgan ✓ (b) Christine
(d) Dr. Edward (e) Mrs. Morgan's mother
20. Who passed the city gate?
(a) a wiseman (b) an idiot ✓ (c) a painter (d) a farmer

Part : B [Section-A : Reading]

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:
1. A conversation skill in one which many of us now seem to lack. However, one can easily learn this 'dying art', and have constructive and enjoyable conversations with others. A monologue, in either direction, is not conversation. One needs to achieve a balance between talking and listening.
2. This is where social media makes life difficult. We're used to broadcasting our views, and then responding if others comment. That can feel like the start of a conversation but, when you're face to face, it's not polite to start by broadcasting your views. Although most people can hold a conversation, only a few are smooth and charismatic when they talk. Smiling and being nice will take you a long way in conversational terms. Everyone prefers having a conversation with someone friendly and pleasant.
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If you are interested in others, and in the world you, you will be interesting to talk too. That in turn, will make conversations flow and create a rapport because you will genuinely want to know about the other person and be able to contribute to the conversation from your own interest in the world. On the other hand, if you take no interest in anything except yourself, you will be quite dull and people will not be keen to have any conversation with you.

Anybody can talk about the news or express basic opinions. But good talkers can frequently tell you things you didn't know and that you'll find fascination. This is why it's good to have knowledge in fields such as psychology or sociology, and bring such knowledge out at the right moments in a conversation. Constantly develop your vocabulary and practice communicating as accurately as possible. It will help you develop a way with words and allow you to express yourself more easily.

Answer the following questions.

1. What are the basic needs of good conversation? 2
2. What should be avoided in good conversation? 2
3. How can conversation be made effective? 2
4. What role does vocabulary play in honing one's conversation skills? 2

Or

Pick out the words from the passage which mean the same as :

- (a) lack 1
- (i) be without (ii) miss (iii) devoid (iv) empty
- (b) charismatic 1
- (i) pleasing (ii) cute (iii) glossy (iv) magnetically attractive

SECTION : 'B' [Writing]

2. Write an article (Essay) on any one of the following topics in about 100-150 words : 10
 - (a) Health is Wealth
 - (b) Problem of Pollution
 - (c) Cricket Match
3. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper complaining about the frequent breakdowns of electricity in your locality. 7

Or

Write a letter to the District Magistrate about the nuisance caused by the use of loudspeakers at the night.

SECTION : 'C' [Grammar]

4. (a) Change any one of the following sentences into indirect speech : 2
 (i) You said to me, "I am much tired."
 (ii) The Master said to the servant, "Don't you ever try to cheat me."
 (b) Combine any one of the following as directed : 2
 (i) This soup is very Cold. I will not taste it. (Simple Sentence)
 (ii) This is an old building. I lived here. (Complex Sentence)
 (c) Change any one of the following as directed : 2
 (i) My dress is the most beautiful of all dresses. (Positive degree of Comparison)
 (ii) Who can hate small children ? (Affirmative Sentence)
 (d) Correct any one of the following sentences : $2 \times 1 = 2$
 (i) This is a blunder mistake. (ii) If he will ask me I will help him.
 (e) Use any one of the following pairs of words in your own sentences to make the difference in their meanings clear- 2
 (i) bear, bare (ii) fate, fete
5. Translate the following into English : 5
 भारत के पवित्र धार्मिक साहित्य में आध्यात्मिक उन्नति के लिए भारत के ऋषियों, महाऋषियों तथा विद्वानों ने जो नियम निर्धारित किए हैं वे संसार के इतिहास में अद्वितीय हैं। भारत का साहित्य हरिश्चन्द्र, युधिष्ठिर तथा दशरथ जैसे महापुरुषों के चरित्रों से भरा पड़ा है जिन्होंने सत्य की वेदी पर अपने जीवन की बलि दे दी थी। उन्होंने स्वार्थ की भावना का पूर्ण रूप से परित्याग कर वास्तविक सभ्यता के द्योतक 'वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम्' के उच्च सिद्धान्त को अपना लिया था। यह वह समय था जब भारतवर्ष समस्त संसार को न केवल अपनी धार्मिक तथा आध्यात्मिक शिक्षाओं द्वारा अपितु विज्ञान, कला-कौशल तथा उद्योग-धन्यों द्वारा उपकृत करता था। भारतीय विद्वता का पौधा, जिसको प्राचीन विद्वानों ने अपने परिश्रम से सींचा था, आज दिनों-दिन सूखता जा रहा है। <https://www.upboardonline.com>

SECTION : 'D' [Literature]

6. Answer the following questions in about 40 words : $4+4=8$
 (a) Why could the grandmother not walk straight ?
 Or How did they celebrate the Christmas holidays ?
 (b) Which movement does Nani Palkhivala refer to ?
 Or What plan of action had professor Gaitonde arrived at ?
7. Answer any one of the following questions in about 80 words ? 7
 (a) Write a character sketch of Khushwant Singh's grandmother.
 (b) Give a short account of the exploration of Tut's mummy.
8. Answer the following questions in about 40 words : $3+3=6$
 (a) What does the word cardboard denote in the poem ? Why has this word been used ?
 Or Why is the image of the engine evoked by the poet ?
 (b) What does the phrase strange to tell mean ?
 Or What is the poet's feeling towards childhood ?
9. Write the central idea of any one of the following poems : 4
 (a) A Photograph (b) The Laburnum Top (c) The Voice of the Rain