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CLASS -XII**SUB: ENGLISH CORE (301)****Time Allowed: 3 Hours****Maximum Marks :80****General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION-A READING SKILLS**(22 Marks)****Reading Comprehension through unseen passages****1. Reading the following text.****12 Marks**

1. Food is an important part of our identity and culture. We are known by what we eat. It reflects the geography to which we belong and the locally available resources used in our cuisine. Adivasi food systems are deeply embedded in local culture and traditions, given that the way of life of these indigenous peoples is so closely linked to nature and its resources.
2. Jharkhand is a natural abode and home to numerous Adivasi communities constituting a little over 25% of the total population. These communities, in addition to their rich social and cultural traditions, practise immensely diverse food practices which are based on locally available resources and techniques. Such Adivasi food systems have been instrumental in maintaining the sovereignty and self-reliance of these communities. They have taken many varieties of vegetables and tubers, wild or grown, to enrich their diet and also to meet their requirements of calcium, iron, minerals and vitamins.
3. The realm of medicinal plants and herbal products is even vaster. According to the All India Coordinated Research Project on Ethnobiology, tribal communities are acquainted with the use of over 9,000 species of plants including food plants, while specifically for the purpose of healing they know the use of around 7,500 species of plants.
4. The Adivasi food of Jharkhand may be defined in terms of a few characteristic features: food is influenced by physiological needs and geographical conditions and the habit is closely associated with habitat. This means food habits are guided by locally available resources. Adivasis consume boiled food like rice, pulses, herbs or 'saag' and on some occasions, animal or bird meat is roasted on a fire. Because of these consistent food habits that are based on locally available resources, instances of serious diseases are considerably lower among Adivasis.

5. Nutrition Value: Ingredients used in Adivasi food are a great source of nutrition in addition to taste. Studies have revealed that Adivasi food provides high immunity to diseases and protection from deformities. Food like tubers, shoots, berries, nuts, etc. are a good source of protein and fat.
6. The consumption of meat, fish, egg, shellfish, etc. provides good quality protein apart from important vitamins and minerals. Widely consumed wild or grown tubers enrich their dietary requirement of calcium, iron, mineral elements and vitamins.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. Select the option that states the reason behind the statement- "Adivasi food provides high immunity to diseases and protection from deformities". 1
- A. The food of Adivasis has more protein and fibre.
B. The food of Adivasis has a rich balance of protein, vitamins and minerals
C. Adivasis grow their own food themselves.
D. Adivasis know the use of around 7,500 species of plants.
- ii. Which of the following statement(s) is/are true in the context of the passage? 1
- A. Studies have revealed that as the Adivasi food is rich in nutrients, it provides high immunity against disease and protection from deformities.
B. Most of the Adivasis have frequent cases of serious diseases due to their consistent eating habits.
C. Adivasi food provides ample amount of proteins, vitamins and minerals to boost the immune system of the eater.
D. Both (A) and (C)
- iii. Share evidence from the passage, in about 40 words to support the view that Adivasi food systems are linked to nature and its resources. 2
- iv. Complete the sentence appropriately. The sentence "We are known by what we eat" means _____. 1
- v. The writer mentions that 'food is an important part of our identity and culture'. Pick the option that closely gives the meaning of the statement. 1
- A. Culture is what makes everyone different from, who we are to where we originate.
B. Food is family treasure in a way that the recipes are passed on from one generation to another.
C. As the world becomes more globalised, it is easier to access cuisines from different cultures.
D. How we eat and talk about food is a different key part of our identities.
- vi. Explain the factors that influence the Adivasi food of Jharkhand (Answer in 40 words) 2
- vii. Food habits of Adivasis are guided by locally available resources. State their food consumption habits. 1
- viii. Adivasi systems are more medically advanced. Elaborate. 2
- ix. Identify the option, highlighting that Adivasi food systems are instrumental in maintaining self-reliance of their community. 1
- a. They maintain the sovereignty and self-dependency of their communities.
b. They give emphasis on the nutritional value of food they consume.
c. They encourage inter-dependence in a community.
d. It's a part of their identity and culture.
- A. Only (a)
B. (b) (c) and (d)
C. Only (d)
D. Both (a) & (d)

2. Read the following text.

10 Marks

1. In recent years, there has been a notable shift in the patterns of content consumption among individuals, with a growing interest in various entertainment mediums, including Over-The-Top (OTT) platforms, traditional television, and online shows. A comprehensive survey aimed to explore the factors influencing content preferences, recording percentage variations for ten key aspects.
2. For those who prefer OTT platforms, the primary driver, acknowledged by 55%, was the convenience of on-demand content, allowing viewers to choose what and when to watch. Following closely, 48% emphasized the appeal of a diverse range of shows and genres available on these platforms. Additionally, OTT enthusiasts valued the flexibility to binge-watch entire seasons (42%) and the absence of advertisements (34%).
3. On the other hand, individuals who lean towards traditional television often cited the sense of familiarity and routine (50%) as their primary reason. Traditional TV viewers also found comfort in channel surfing and stumbling upon shows (45%) and appreciated the communal experience of watching scheduled broadcasts with family or friends (38%).
4. Interestingly, both groups exhibited similar levels of interest in exploring new shows and genres (38% for OTT viewers, 36% for traditional TV viewers). Similarly, both groups valued the escape and relaxation provided by their chosen content (36% for OTT viewers, 34% for traditional TV viewers).
5. However, there were also notable distinctions between the two groups. OTT viewers expressed a higher interest in original and exclusive content (40%) compared to traditional TV viewers (28%). Conversely, traditional TV enthusiasts were more likely to prioritize the live broadcast of events and news (32%) compared to OTT viewers (18%).
6. Overall, the survey results suggest that the landscape of content consumption is evolving, with individuals embracing diverse platforms based on their preferences and priorities. Whether it's the flexibility and variety of OTT or the familiarity and communal aspect of traditional TV, the choices reflect the dynamic nature of entertainment consumption in contemporary times. (294 words)

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below:

- i. Infer two potential benefits of conducting a survey, similar to the one mentioned in paragraph (1), regarding changing content consumption patterns. 2
- ii. Which content preference point of the survey would influence streaming platforms to prioritize the development of diverse and exclusive shows? 1
 - A. Escape and relaxation
 - B. On-demand content availability
 - C. Familiarity and routine
 - D. Live broadcast of events and news
- iii. What do the top choices in the survey, for preferring OTT platforms and traditional television, suggest about individuals' entertainment preferences? 1
- iv. Identify the content viewer preference from the following three individuals: 1
 - 1) Aisha - I enjoy binge-watching entire seasons of shows without interruptions.
 - 2) Rahul-I appreciate the variety of genres and exclusive content offered by streaming platforms.
 - 3) Priya - I prefer the live broadcast of events and news over on-demand content.
- v. Which of the following is an example of a content preference opportunity, as mentioned in the content consumption passage? 1
 - A. Sanjay - The absence of advertisements is a significant factor in my content viewing.
 - B. Meera - I find comfort in the routine of scheduled broadcast timings on traditional TV.
 - C. Karan - I prioritize luxury and comfort while watching shows online.
 - D. Pooja -I enjoy the communal experience of watching scheduled broadcasts with family or friend.

- vi. How might the differences in content preferences between individuals favouring OTT platforms and those favouring traditional television impact the offerings and strategies of streaming platforms and television networks? 2
- vii. Complete the sentence appropriately: 1
 In the content consumption passage, the similarities in the percentage of both solo and group travelers who value the opportunity to relax and escape from the stresses of everyday life suggest _____.
- viii. State TRUE or FALSE. 1
 The title, "Streaming Revolution: Changing Content Consumption Habits Among Individuals in India," is appropriate for the content consumption passage.

SECTION B: CREATIVE WRITING SKILL

18 MARKS

3. Attempt Any ONE of two, in about 50 words. 4

A. Imagine you are the head of the Photography Club at Bali High Public School. You have decided to organize a photography workshop on campus to explore the beauty of everyday surroundings. As the Photography Club President, draft a notice for the school notice board to inform students from classes X to XII about the upcoming workshop. Encourage interested students to apply for the role of event photographer and include details on how they can submit their applications.

OR

B. You are Rani/Raj, Secretary Health Club, National Public School, Ramnagar. You find that after the lunch break the school playground and verandahs are littered with wrappers, papers/polythene bags etc. Write a notice for the Cabinet members to conduct a meeting for creating awareness among the students advising them to refrain from doing so to ensure a litter free campus.

4. Attempt ANY ONE of two, in about 50 words. 4

A. Imagine you are the Head of the Science Club at your school, and you are organizing a weekend Science Fair for students and their parents. Draft an invitation inviting Dr. Amitesh Gupta, Director of Institute of Physics, Bhubaneswar as the Chief Guest of the occasion and request him to confirm his availability.

OR

B. Imagine you are a parent and have received an invitation for a Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) meeting at your child's school. The school has requested parent participation to discuss important matters regarding the upcoming academic year. Draft a reply expressing your appreciation for the invitation and confirming your attendance. Include any specific topics you'd like to address if applicable.

5. Attempt ANY ONE of two, in about 120-150 words. 5

A. You came across the appointment advertisement given below. You feel that you are eligible and wish to apply for the same. Write a job application attaching your detailed RESUME/BIO-DATA. You are Manan Goyal of 493-Block A, Shipra Society, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad.

Star India Constructions Pvt. Ltd., Adharshila Complex, Noida-6 invites applications for the post of Junior Engineer. The candidate must have at least a diploma in Civil Engineering from a recognised institute. He/She should have at least 6 years of experience in the relevant field. Salary not a constraint for deserving candidates who commensurate with qualification and experience. Apply to the HR, within 15 days with a detailed resume.

OR

B. You are Rekha/Rakesh, a Class-XII student of Bharti Public School. The students are required to cope with a lot of stress in today's competitive environment. Write a letter to the editor highlighting the increasing stress faced by students and suggesting ways and means to combat it.

**Dos and don'ts
FOR STUDENTS**

➤ Stress has an inverse correlation with studies. **Try to be your best and set realistic goals**

➤ One cannot master a subject in few days. **Consult your teachers when you feel you lacking in confidence**

➤ Taking periodic breaks is very important. Allow yourself a break of at least 15 to 20 minutes after each three to four hours of study. Use that time to do something that relaxes you - listening to music, watching TV, or taking a walk.

➤ Every student has a different method of remembering facts and figures. Some like to read aloud while others write things down. **Stick to what works best for you after consulting**



➤ Result of an examination is not the end of the road. **Talk about your aspirations with your aspirations with your parents and peers. Don't allow negative thoughts.**

➤ Proper diet and sleep are crucial before and during the examination period. **Set a schedule and try to follow that. Don't cut down on your sleep.**

6. Attempt ANY ONE of two, in about 120-150 words.

5

A. Adventure sports are essential for the youth to outlet their energy and interest. As the Sports Captain of your school, write an article on the topic. You are Manas/Manavi.

You can use the following clues----

- Exposure to thrilling games
- Promotes physical fitness & mental resilience
- Prepares for the challenges of life in future.
- Get ideas of geography, people and nature.
- Fosters team work & communication skill.
- Provides thrilling & unique experience

OR

B. As the representative of your school, you attended the Cyber Safety Campaign organized by the District Police Administration. Write a report for the school magazine. You are George/Mary

You can use the suggestive clues:

- Campaign overview
- Awareness initiatives
- Key speakers and experts
- Technological tools & resources
- Community engagements
- Future recommendations

SECTION C: LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY TEXT 40 Marks

7. Read the extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two given. 1 x 6 = 6

A. It is in the news that all these pitiful kin
Are to be bought out and mercifully gathered in
To live in villages, next to the theatre and the store,
Where they won't have to think for themselves anymore,
While greedy good-doers, beneficent beasts of prey,
Swarm over their lives enforcing benefits
That are calculated to soothe them out of their wits,
And by teaching them how to sleep they sleep all day,
Destroy their sleeping at night the ancient way.

(A Roadside Stand)

- i. What is the tone of the poet in the above lines? 1
 (a) aggressive (b) tolerant (c) sarcastic (d) resigned (e) sentimental
 Choose the most appropriate option.
 A. Only (a) B. (b) and (c) C. (a), (d) and (e) D. Only (c)
- ii. Identify the phrase from the extract, that suggests the following. 1
 No one bothers to take ‘their’ consent before pushing the promise of a better life, their way.
- iii. What quality of the villagers can be inferred from the above extract? 1
 A. Gullible B. Futuristic C. Hypocritical D. Ambitious
- iv. In the line, “and by teaching them how to sleep they sleep all day”, ‘they’ refers to _____. 1
- v. Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
 “Greedy good-doers” means _____.
- vi. Based on the rhyme scheme of the poem, which word would rhyme with line 4. 1

sphere

explore

tour

OR

B. ...I looked again at her, wan,
 pale
 as a late winter’s moon and felt that
 old
 familiar ache, my childhood’s fear,
 but all I said was, see you soon,
 Amma,
 all I did was smile and smile and
 smile...

(My Mother at Sixty-six)

- i. What does the phrase "late winter’s moon" imply about the situation being described in the poem? 1
 A. It is a bright and hopeful time. B. It is a time of transition and change.
 C. It is a season of warmth and comfort. D. It is a moment of solitude and loneliness.
- ii. What is the effect of the repetition of the word "smile" in the line, "all I did was smile and smile and smile..."? 1
- iii. Select the option that DOES NOT accurately describe the speaker's tone in the extract. 1
 A. Reflective B. Melancholic C. Dismissive D. Nostalgic
- iv. State whether the given statement is TRUE or FALSE. 1
 The comparison of the mother's appearance to a "late winter's moon" suggests a connection between her pallor, the dull winter moon and for her decaying condition.
- v. What emotion is most evident in the lines where the speaker says "but all I said was, see you soon, Amma," and what does this reveal about the speaker's coping mechanism? 1
- vi. Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
 The use of the word "old" to describe the speaker's childhood fear in the line "old familiar ache, my childhood’s fear" suggests that _____.

8. Read the extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two given. 1 x 4 = 4

A. "I wondered, Your Excellency, "Sadao murmured.“It was certainly very careless of me,” the General said. “But you understand it was not lack of patriotism or dereliction of duty.” He looked anxiously at his doctor. “If the matter should come out you would understand that, wouldn’t you?” “Certainly, Your Excellency,” Sadao said. He suddenly comprehended that the General was in the palm of his hand and that as a consequence he himself was perfectly safe. “I swear to your loyalty, Excellency,” he said to the old General, “and to your zeal against the enemy.” *(The Enemy)*

- i. Identify the phrase from the given extract which means, ‘a person’s purposeful or accidental failure to perform an obligation without a valid excuse’. 1
- ii. At the end of the conversation with the General, Sadao felt _____. 1
 A. rejuvenated and confident B. conceited and egotistic
 C. refreshed and self – conscious D. relieved and guilt – free
- iii. State whether the statement is TRUE or FALSE. 1
 The tone of the speaker in the line “I swear to your loyalty, Excellency” is disrespectful and derogatory.
- iv. Explain how Dr. Sadao consoles the General when he (General) justifies his failure to execute his plan. 1

OR

B. Mr Lamb: Look ,boy, look...what do you see ?

Derry: Just....grass and stuff. Weeds.

Mr Lamb: Some call them weeds. If you like, then ... a weed garden, that. There’s fruit and there are flowers, and trees and herbs. All sorts. But over there Weeds. I grow weeds there. Why is one green, growing plant called a weed and another ‘flower’? Where’s the difference? It’s all life... growing. Same as you and me.

Derry: We’re not the same.

Mr Lamb: I’m old. You’re young. You’ve got a burned face, I’ve got a tin leg. Not important. You’re standing there.... I’m sitting here. Where’s the difference? (On the Face of it)

- i. The given extract is a study in contrasts. What does Mr. Lamb seek to do by citing the example of weed garden? 1
- ii. Which of the following represents Mr. Lamb’s analysis of flowers and weeds? 1
 A. Comparison is an act of demeaning oneself.
 B. If you have a garden in your library, everything will be complete.
 C. Weeds are blots on the face of beautiful garden.
 D. The cosmos is within us. We are made of star stuff.
- iii. Write the tone of Derry when he says, “We’re not the same.” 1
- iv. Describe Mr. Lamb’s opinion on life. 1

9. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two given. 1 x 6 = 6

A. She said this in such a friendly manner that the rattrap peddler must have felt confidence in her “It would never have occurred to me that you would bother with me yourself, miss” , he said. “I will come at once.”

He accepted the fur coat which the valet handed him with a deep bow, threw it over his rags and followed the young lady out to the carriage, without granting the astonished blacksmiths so much as a glance.

But while he was riding up to the manor house he had evil forebodings. (The Rattrap)

- i. Complete the sentence with appropriate words or phrases. 1
 The peddler’s thoughts in the carriage were far from pleasant as _____.
- ii. Mention the word from the following that DOES NOT MEAN the same as “forebodings.” 1
 A. Apprehension B. Anxiety C. Calm D. Dread
- iii. The lines spoken by the rattrap peddler were _____. 1
 A. respectful B. mocking C. arrogant D. flattering
- iv. The message conveyed by the author in the extract is _____. 1
- v. Justify that the peddler was very thankful to Edla in his expressions. 1
- vi. Complete the sentence given below. 1
 The peddler accepts Edla’s invitation as she _____.

OR

B. Saul Bellow, who has consented to be interviewed on several occasions, nevertheless once described interviews as being like thumbprints on his windpipe. Yet despite the drawbacks of the interview, it is a supremely serviceable medium of communication. “ These days, more than at any other time, our most vivid impressions of our contemporaries are through interviews, “ Denis Brian has written. “ Almost everything of moment reaches us through one man asking questions of another. Because of this, the interviewer holds a position of unprecedented power and influence.”
(*The Interview*)

i. The fact that Saul Bellow’ consented’ to be interviewed can lead to a few possible inferences. List any one inference. **1**

ii. Complete the sentence appropriately. **1**

Saul Bellow uses the phrase “ thumbprints on the windpipe”, as a metaphor to emphasize -----.

iii. Select the option that best displays the appropriate reason/s why according to Denis Brian, the interviewer holds a position of unprecedented power and influence. **1**

1. Interviews offer an insightful and accurate depiction of our peers.

2. Interviews are a serviceable medium of communication.

3. Interviews uncover people’s secrets and hidden information.

4. Interviews contribute to the preservation of oral history and cultural narratives.

5. Interviews elevate the status of the interviewee to that of a celebrity.

A. 1 and 5 B. 2, 3 and 4 C. Only 1 D. 1 and 3

iv. Select the option that DOES NOT correspond with the view that an interview is “ a supremely serviceable medium of communication”. **1**

A. Highly effective B. A tool for training C. Versatile D. Impactful

v. Complete the sentence with ONE WORD only.

The phrase “everything of moment”, refers to things or events that are **1**

vi. State one merit of the inclusion of this excerpt in Silvester’s ‘Introduction to the Penguin Book of Interviews’. **1**

10. Answer ANY FIVE of the following six questions, in about 40-50 words. **5 x 2 = 10**

i. The chapter, The Last Lesson reflects the flaws in human character that led to the sad plight of people in Alsace. Substantiate your answer in the light of the narration of the text.

(*The Last Lesson*)

ii. Seemingly small everyday wins are actually the greatest learning of life. Comment on the statement with reference to the chapter ‘Deep Water’. (*‘Deep Water’*).

iii. Give reasons why even if we experience things of beauty only for a short moment, still, they make a lasting impression on us. (*A Thing of Beauty*)

iv. How do symbols in the poem, 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers' help us understand her plight?
(*'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers'*)

v. Sophie is caught between the world she lives in and the world she wants to live in. Elucidate. (*Going Places*)

vi. Estimate the positive traits of Subbu that the writer admired. (*Poets and Pancakes*)

11. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. **2 x 2 = 4**

i. It’s all relative ‘Beauty and the Beast’. What does Mr. Lamb mean by this statement?
(*On The Face of It*)

ii. Antarctica is unlike any other place on Earth. Justify the statement.
(*Journey to the End of The Earth*)

iii. State the way the Tiger King celebrated his victory over killing the hundredth tiger.
(*The Tiger King*)

12. Answer ANY ONE of the following questions, in about 120-150 words.

5 x 1 = 5

A. 'Let's not speak in any language and let's stop for one second / and not move our arms so much' (Keeping Quiet). In this context we may refer to Mahatma Gandhi's (Indigo) ideologies when it comes to changing the world. Gandhi was an influential advocate of pacifism. Can we say the same for Neruda? Justify. *(Keeping Quiet)*

OR

B. "It takes longer to build a school. Education is simply the soul of society as it passes from one generation to another."-G.K. Chesterton.

After reading the sad story of Saheb, you must have realised that you are among the privileged ones in the society. Moreover, it's your responsibility towards children like Saheb. You can contribute by teaching street children who are unable to attend school. Write an article for your school magazine talking about the virtues of a literate society urging young people to take on the onus of educating at least one or two children. *(Lost Spring)*

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13. Answer ANY ONE of the following questions, in about 120-150 words

5 x 1 = 5

A. Imagine after several years Zitkala Sa and Bama meet each other at a Literature Conclave. They exchange their personal views about the social dogma and prejudices prevailing during their childhood days and the message they conveyed to the present generation. Develop a dialogue between them. *(Memories of Childhood)*

OR

B. "The modern world, as has been said, is full of stress, anxieties and worries for innumerable things. In the face of these stresses, we want an escape as did Charley from the story 'The Third Level'. Charley's escape, however, is to the past." *(The Third Level)*

You read the given lines in a journal. Write what do you think about the given opinion.

You can begin like this:

The modern world is full of fear, insecurity, war, worry and stress....
