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SAMPLE PAPER 5-2023-24

CLASS: XII

SUBJECT: ENGLISH CORE

Time Allowed: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

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## General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, WRITING and LITERATURE
  2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part
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## SECTION A: READING SKILLS (22 MARKS)

Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

1. Read the following text.

12 m

The YouGov survey found that most of the people face the threat of being exposed to pollutants on a daily basis. Around two-third of the respondents (65 percent) said that they spend up to an hour a day in traffic.

Indian cities like Delhi, Mumbai, and Kolkata saw air pollution reach alarming levels in November. The situation in Delhi, which is reeling under the effects of stubble burning, has prompted the authorities to even consider inducing artificial rain this week to wash away toxic pollutants.

YouGov India conducted a pan-India survey of men and women and collecting data from 1,049 respondents, asking them questions on the issues faced by them due to air pollution. The survey found that over three-fourth of respondents view air pollution as a pressing concern and needs to be addressed immediately. In Delhi, 81 percent people think the air quality is unhealthy or toxic, while in Bengaluru 29 percent think the air is unhealthy or toxic, and in Mumbai 40 percent think so. Most of the people also face the threat of being exposed to pollutants on a daily basis. The survey found that around two-thirds of respondents (65 percent) spend up to an hour a day in traffic, with a little over a fourth of women (28 percent) spending less than 30 minutes. A total of 22 percent spend one to two hours in traffic every day.

Poor air quality affects both physical and mental state of a person, the survey found. Majority of the respondents (87 percent) revealed they were personally affected by rising pollution levels. Sixty four percent of the people reported irritation in their eyes, nose and throat as the most visible impact of air pollution, more so among Delhi residents compared to other states. Breathlessness (57 percent) and skin allergies (52 percent) are some of the other issues faced by people.

Close to a quarter of the overall respondents reported frequenting hospitals/doctors more often recently, while a third revealed a decrease in their outdoor activities. Due to

growing pollution problem, 21 percent people claimed to have faced mental health issues like depression, with residents of Tier 1 cities reporting more such cases than people of other citytiers. Very few respondents admitted to have acted in safety of their health in view of the rising pollution. Despite irritation of eyes/nose being a dominant concern for the respondents, only 27 percent said they have taken an allergy/ lung test of late to ensure theyare safe.

Dissatisfaction with the government's actions was reported by 45 percent of the people, while 39 percent were unsure. The highest level of dissatisfaction was seen in Delhi, with 53 percent stating their unhappiness with the government.

The respondents showed willingness to take actions to deal with the increasing pollution levels. While 71 percent of the respondents showed interest in using eco-friendly products,

70 percent said conserving energy at home can help solve the problem. A considerable proportion of people (66 percent) also proposed recycling/reusing products and choosing car pools and public transport over private cars (64 percent) to reduce pollution.

Interestingly, 39 percent of the respondents believed that investing in air pollution trackingand minimizing devices will ensure a safe and clean environment around them.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- 1) Select a suitable title for the above passage 1
  - a) Poor air quality and physical and mental health of people
  - b) Ways to deal with poor air quality
  - c) Health and cleanliness
  - d) Air pollution in Delhi
  
- 2) The ways suggested to reduce pollution in the last paragraph can be best describedas..... 1
  - a) Impractical
  - b) Persuasive
  - c) Prudent
  - d) Pleasing
  
- 3) The main idea of paragraph 5 and 6 is 1
  - a) Causes of air pollution in cities
  - b) Effects of air pollution on city dwellers
  - c) Solutions to the problem of air pollution
  - d) Life of tier 1 city dwellers
  
- 4) The purpose of the passage is to.....the readers on the topic. 1

From the options given below, select the one which is NOT a purpose of the passage.

  - a) entertain
  - b) inform
  - c) Instruct
  - d) Apprise
  
- 5) Does the following statement agree with the information given in the passage above?

Select any of the following based on your understanding of the passage: 1

The statement is:

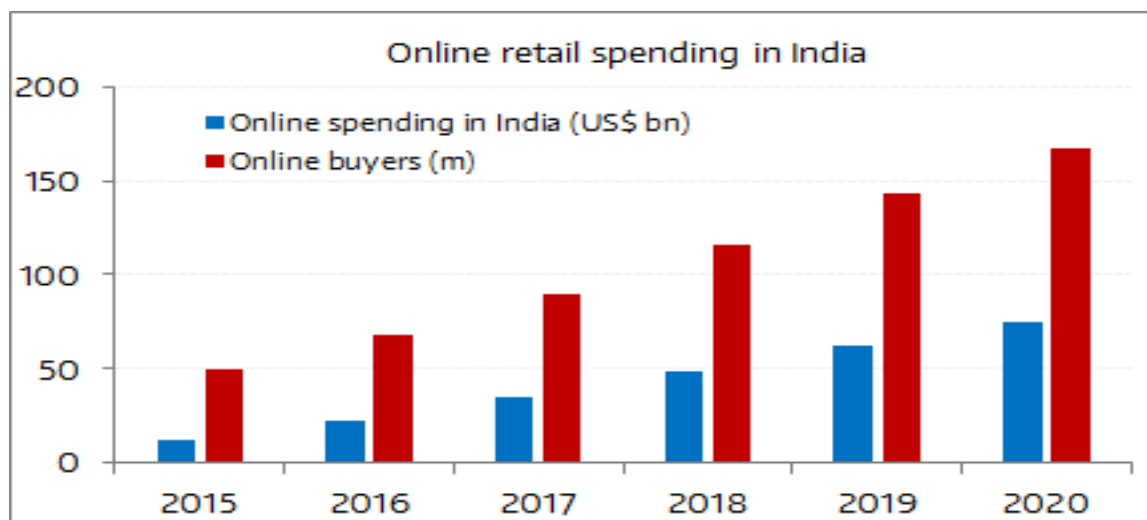
Increasing traffic is the main cause of air pollution and city dwellers are affected the most.

- a) True- if the statement agrees with the information
  - b) False- if the statement contradicts the information
  - c) Not given- if there is no information on this
  - d) All of the above- if all the 3 options given above are correct
- 6) Based on your reading of the given passage, state which fact/facts might have led thereader to make the below statement: 1
- It is high time the matter of air pollution is looked into, by the authorities concerned. This has to be given utmost priority.*
- 7) In the context of the passage, what does 'reeling under the effects of' in paragraph 1 mean: 1
- 8) Majority of the Indians consider the problem of air pollution very seriously and seek for an urgent solution to it. (Give points/statements from the passage which support the above statement) 2
- 9) How do you know that the respondents are very keen on reducing air pollution and are taking sincere efforts towards this? 2
- 10) The entire passage can be summed up in one sentence as..... 1

2. Read the following text. 10 m

1. Digital technology is pushing communications to an advanced level, resulting in the creation of virtuous data systems to transform the way we make, sell and buy. The Internet fast emerged from a modest research network to a robust commercial infrastructure with an exponentially growing number of user base. Consequently, novel business functionalities such as E-Commerce and Digital Marketing are redefining the way businesses reach and interact with customers.
2. Digital Marketing allows businesses to reinvent their marketing strategies to better connect with target customers and to stay relevant in the customer's perspective. In the process, businesses leverage the technology-enabled tools such as emails, blogs and social media to expand the reach of their offerings.
3. Digital marketing is entering deeper into the worldwide market, driven largely by innovations such as Internet of Things (IOT), extensive data integration and Big Data technologies. Businesses now realize the importance of customer behaviour information and usage data to draft new marketing strategies. Furthermore, this has reinvented the advertising approaches to providing more focused and accurate messages to customers.

4. It provides considerable cost benefits to businesses in terms of affordability. Unlike the conventional marketing media such as a print or television, using digital media such as social media or an email can convey the message to a greater number of audiences at just a fraction of the cost. Another significant advantage of it is the ease of tracking and monitoring results through customer response patterns.
5. Businesses need Digital Marketing professionals to plan and execute digital campaigning techniques. To stay competitive in this digital age, businesses should focus on hiring professionals with strategic, creative and people skills. Such professionals should possess the digital talent to tap the technology-habituated customers. The reality however mirrors a serious shortage of digital skills, even in few of the leading, well-resourced organizations.



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Source: Forrester forecast  
Asia-Pacific, Business Standard

Source: <https://inurture.co.in/significance-of-digital-marketing/>

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

**Q1.** Select the option that displays the true statement with reference to Paragraph 1 1

- a) The emergence of the Internet has slowed down in E-Commerce and Digital Marketing.
- b) Digital technology is transforming the methods of manufacturing, selling and buying.
- c) The creation of virtuous data systems has complicated the way businesses have been carried out.
- d) Today's digital marketing needs a simple data source and a manually operated communication system.

**Q2.** Which of the options is correct based on the given statements? 1

I. Internet of Things (IOT), data integration and Big Data technologies are helping digital marketing.

II. To stay competitive in this digital age, businesses should focus on hiring professionals with strategic, creative and people skills.

Options:

- a) Statement I is the cause but Statement II is not the effect.
- b) Statement II is the cause and Statement I is the effect.
- c) Statement I is the cause and Statement II is the effect.
- d) Statement II is not the cause but Statement I is the effect.

**Q3.** What are the technology-enabled tools that businesses use as mentioned in Paragraph 2? 2

**Q4.** "Businesses now realise the importance of customer behaviour information and usage data to draft new marketing strategies." This statement implies that 1

- a) the businesses have already started providing more focused and accurate input to customers.
- b) customer behaviour information and usage data is essential for businesses to plan marketing strategies.
- c) Commerce and business can flourish when there are good customers and trusted business outlets.
- d) Whenever good business happens, it is due to the impact of reinvention of advertising approaches.

**Q5.** Choose the option that displays the purpose of Paragraph 4. 1

- a) Listing the advantages of conventional marketing media and the digital marketing media.
- b) Showing the cause-effect relationship between television and social media.
- c) Comparing and contrasting between conventional marketing media and digital marketing media.
- d) Sequencing the events in the growth of digital marketing media and digital marketing.

**Q6.** According to the information contained in Paragraph 5, who can have greater chances of employment opportunities in the digital marketing sector? 1

**Q7.** Choose the option that conveys the meaning of the word ‘tap’ as used in paragraph 5. 1

- a) She used to make rhythmic sounds with her fingers to the song.
- b) We heard a sudden knock at the door in the morning.
- c) We should know how to make use of the online resources for education.
- d) He bought a faucet and fixed it in the kitchen.

**Q8.** The bar chart shows that the number of online buyers in India is steadily increasing from 2015 to 2020. What can we conclude about the online business in India? 2

**SECTION B: CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (18 MARKS)**

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

A. Your school is organizing a tour to Mumbai and Goa during the winter vacation. Write a notice giving detailed information to the students. You are Rishi/ Rishita, School Pupil Leader, Sardar Patel Senior Secondary School, Ahmedabad.

OR

B. You are Pavan/ Pavani, Secretary, Cultural Club, Amma Public School, Kochi. A charity show has been arranged in your school in aid of cancer patients. Write a notice to be displayed on the school notice-board informing the students about the show and asking them to cooperate and make it a success.

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

A. You are Jimmy Shergil, the Head Boy of Bharti Public School, Delhi. Your school is holding an Inter-School Limited-Over Cricket Championship from 2 November, 2023. Write a formal invitation to Shri N. K. Trivedi, the legendary cricketer to inaugurate the championship on 2 November at 11 a.m. at your school playground.

OR

B. You are Naman / Namita. You have been invited to attend the Dusshera Celebration at your friend’s house. Write an informal reply of acceptance.

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

A. You are Anchit/Anchal of 21, Brij Nagar, Rajkot. You saw an advertisement in The Hindustan Times for the post of Marketing Manager in a reputed firm in Mumbai. You would like to apply for the same. Write a letter to the Public Relations Officer, Chahat Enterprises, Mumbai, applying for the job. Write the

letter in 100- 120 words submitting your candidature with a detailed biodata

**Chahat Enterprises Mumbai  
REQUIRES**

**MARKETING MANAGER**

**Minimum graduates with proficiency in COMPUTER & ACCOUNTS. Interested  
to WALK IN INTERVIEW on:**

**30th April, 20XX (Sunday) 10:00  
a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**At Chahat Enterprises, Galaxy Road, Mumbai**

OR

B. You are Bhoju / Bholi staying at A- 23/1, Ashok Nagar, Delhi. You find disturbing that despite a ban on smoking in public places, people are seen smoking in cities. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily expressing your concern about indifference of people to their own as well as others' health. It is harmful to the environment too. Suggest some ways to sensitize city dwellers about the safe environment.

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

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(A) While reading about new places and searching for them online has its merits, the advantages of actually travelling to various destinations far exceed them. Write an article in 120-150 words for the magazine Travel Times, evaluating both these options. You may use the cues given below along with your own ideas. You are Amrit/Amrita.

- ◆ Builds confidence
- ◆ Experience new cultures

- Make friends and memories
- Expands knowledge

OR

(B) Ranikhet district, Uttarakhand, on the occasion of Basant Panchami celebrations had organized a three-day cultural festival. You are Bhupinder/ Priyanka Bhisht. Your newspaper had deputed you to cover the inaugural event of this festival. As a newspaper reporter, use the given cues along with your own ideas to write a report about the same in 120-150 words.

- ◆ Big crowds - main grounds of the marketplace
- ◆ Colourful decorations
- ◆ Inauguration-local panchayat member to inaugurate
- ◆ Folk dance and songs
- ◆ Speeches

**SECTION C: LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT 40 M**

7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for **ANY ONE** of the two, given. 6

A. It would be an exotic  
moment without rush,  
without engines, we  
would all be together  
in a sudden strangeness.

- (a) What will happen if there will be no rush or running of engines?  
(i) it will be boring (ii) people will suffer a lot  
(iii) it will be a moment of tranquility (iv) all the animals will come on the road
- (b) Why the moment is called 'exotic'?  
(i) there will be pollution free environment (ii) as we all will be enveloped in quietness  
(iii) flora and fauna will grow (iv) there will be heavenly flow of wind
- (c) What is the poetic device used in the phrase 'we would'?  
(i) imagery (ii) alliteration  
(iii) antithesis (iv) repetition
- (d) Which strangeness is the poet talking about?  
(i) feeling of loneliness  
(ii) feeling of oneness with their fellow human beings  
(iii) feeling of depression  
(iv) terrible feeling of strangeness
- (e) Which moment has been described as exotic ?  
(i) When everyone is still and quiet  
(ii) When everyone is praying  
(iii) When everyone is pleading others to be quiet  
(iv) Listening to the poet.
- (f) Explain : 'without rush, without engines'.  
(i) Presently everyone seems to be in hurry  
(ii) Mad noise of engines coming from different types of vehicles  
(iii) Everyone is involved in multiple activities for material gains  
(iv) All of the above

OR

B. The little old house was out with a little new shed  
In front at the edge of the road where the traffic sped  
A roadside stand that too pathetically pled,  
It would not be fair to say for a dole of bread,  
But for some of the money, the cash, whose flow supports,



The flower of cities from sinking and withering faint.

I Name the poetic device as used in the third line of the extract.

Ii Which of the following words as used in the extract represents movement?

- a) Pled
- b) Shed
- c) Faint
- d) Sped

Iii The purpose of making the roadside stand is .....

- a) To extend the existing house
- b) To get something free of cost
- c) To reduce speed of traffic
- d) To earn some money

Iv Answer in ONE word.

In the line “the flower of cities from sinking and withering faint”, the words ‘flower’ refers to .....

V Where was the new shed put up ?

- a) Behind the house
- b) In front of the house
- c) Besides the house
- d) At he door of the house

Vi Which of the following is an apt title for the extract?

- a) People of cities
- b) The old house
- c) Hope to earn
- d) Things for sale

8. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for **ANY ONE** of the two, given. 4

A. Now Sadao remembered the wound and with his expert fingers he began to search for it. Blood flowed freshly at his touch. On the right side of his lower back Sadao saw that a gun wound had been reopened. The flesh was blackened with powder. Sometime, not many days ago, the man had been shot and had not been tended. It was bad chance that the rock had struck the wound.

(a) Who was wounded?

- (i) Sadao
- (ii) Hana
- (iii) soldier
- (iv) Yumi

(b) Which word best suits ‘trained’ in the extract?

- (i) touch
- (ii) tended
- (iii) expat
- (iv) expert

(c) What kind of wound the man had?

- (i) it was a knife stab
- (ii) it was an injury
- (iii) it was a gun shot
- (iv) it was due to spikes on rocks

(d) How old was the wound?

- (i) few days old
- (ii) a month old

(iii) a week old

(iv) many days old

OR

B. DERRY: And no one'll kiss me, ever. Only my mother, and she kisses me on the other side of my face, and I don't like my mother to kiss me, she does it because she has to. Why should I like that/ I don't care if nobody ever kisses me.

MR LAMB: Ah, but do you care if you never kiss them.

- i) What kind of attitude Derry has towards life?
  - a) Positive
  - b) Optimistic
  - c) Balanced
  - d) Pessimistic
- ii) Select the option that best describes the tone of the speaker in the first line.
  - a) Displeasure
  - b) Inquisitive
  - c) Anxious
  - d) Pleasure
- iii) Derry says, "... I don't like my mother to kiss me, she does it because she has to do." What does Derry think of his mother, as per the extract?
- iv) Who are the two persons mentioned in the extract and what is the difference between them?

9. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for **ANY ONE** of the two given. 6

- A. "You do preach worse than a parson", said the ironmaster. " I only hope you won't have to regret this".
- (a) Who was the ironmaster talking to?
    - (i) to his workers
    - (ii) to the peddler
    - (iii) to his daughter
    - (iv) to his companion
  - (b) Identify the figure of speech used in the phrase "preach worse than a parson"?
    - (i) simile
    - (ii) metaphor
    - (iii) personification
    - (iv) symbolism
  - (c) What was she preaching?
    - (i) the holy Bible
    - (ii) to be kind to the employees
    - (iii) to be kind to the people around
    - (iv) not to chase away the peddler
  - (d) Why did the ironmaster ask her not to regret in future?
    - (i) because the peddler was a thief
    - (ii) because he was mistaken and took him to be his old acquaintance
    - (iii) because his daughter didn't know the ways of the world
    - (iv) because his daughter was persuading him to allow the peddler to stay
  - (e) Why did Edla still plead with her father not to send the vagabond away ?
  - (f) Why did the iron master invite the peddler home ?

OR

- B. Gandhi told Shukla he had an appointment in Cawnpore and was also committed to go to other parts of India. Shukla accompanied him everywhere. Then Gandhi returned to his ashram near Ahmedabad. Shukla followed him to the ashram. For weeks he never left Gandhi's side. "Fix a date," he begged.
- (a) Why was Gandhiji going to Cawnpore?
    - (i) to attend his relatives
    - (ii) to attend some family function

- (iii) due to some appointment (iv) to his ancestral house
- (b) What does Shukla's following Gandhiji everywhere reflect about his nature?
- (i) sheer determination (ii) obstinate nature  
(iii) obsequiousness (iv) shamelessness
- (c) Where was Gandhiji's ashram?
- (i) near Cawnpore (ii) in Lucknow  
(iii) in Champaran (iv) near Ahmedabad
- (d) For how long did Shukla remain with Gandhiji?
- (i) for several weeks (ii) for few months  
(iii) for a year (iv) for few days
- (e) Where did Shukla planned to take Gandhiji ?
- (f) What was the reason did Shulka sought Gandhiji's appointment ?

10. Answer ANY FIVE of the following six questions in about 40-50 words. 5X2=10

- (a) Why was Franz not scolded that day when he reached late without being prepared for participles?
- (b) Why was the crofter so talkative and friendly with the peddler?
- (c) How did Douglas make sure that he had conquered the terror of water?
- (d) According to the poet Keats, what are the things that cause pain?
- (e) Why are the tigers of aunt Jennifer described as denizens of a world of green?
- (f) How did Kamala Das put away the thought of her mother's old age?

11. Answer ANY TWO of the following questions in about 40-50 words. 2X2=4

- (a) Why did the messenger come to Dr. Sadao ? What did Hana think about it ?
- (b) How did Mr. Lamb pass his leisure time?
- (c) What is being inferred from Sam's letter to Charley?

12. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions. 5

- A. 'I crossed to oblivion and the curtain of the life fell'. Explain this statement with reference to the lesson "Deep Water".

OR

- B. Sophie's personality is a slave of her imagination. Justify on the basis of your reading of the story, 'Going Places'.

13. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions. 5

- A. How did the Maharaja devise a new avenue to fulfil his ambition to kill one hundred tigers ? How far did he succeed ?

OR

- B. 'We too are Human Beings' highlights high caste – low caste discrimination in society. How do low caste peoples suffer on the account this ? What advice is given to Bama to overcome this problem ?