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MODEL PAPER
SUBJECT - ENGLISH CORE (020)
CLASS – XII

SET - V

Time- 3 hours Max.

Marks- 80

General Instructions

1. This question paper is divided into three sections.
 - Section A : Reading 20 Marks
 - Section B : Writing Skills 30 Marks
 - Section C : Literature Textbooks 30 Marks
 2. All questions are compulsory.
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[SECTION-A]

[Reading Comprehension]

Note: Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:-

Dolphins are highly intelligent marine mammals and are part of the family of toothed whales that include Orcas and pilot whales. They are found worldwide, mostly in shallow seas of the continental shelves, and are carnivores, mostly eating fish and squid. Dolphin colouration varies, but they are generally grey in colour with darker backs than the rest of their bodies. Dolphins consume a variety of prey including fish, squid and crustaceans.

It is difficult to estimate population numbers since there are many different species spanning a large geographic area.

Like bats, dolphins use echolocation to navigate and hunt, bouncing high pitched sounds off objects, and listening for the echoes. Most species live in shallow areas of tropical and temperate oceans throughout the world. Five species live in the world's rivers.

Dolphins are well-known for their agility and playful behaviour, making them a favourite of wildlife watchers. Many species will leap out of the water, spy-hop (rise vertically out of the water to view their surroundings) and follow ships, often synchronising their movements with one another. Scientists believe that dolphins conserve energy by swimming alongside ships, a practice known as bow-riding.

Dolphins live in social groups of five to several hundred. They use echolocation to find prey and often hunt together by surrounding a school of fish, trapping them and taking turns swimming through the school and catching fish. Dolphins will also follow seabirds, other whales and fishing boats to feed opportunistically on the fish they scare up or discard.

To prevent drowning while sleeping only half of the dolphin's brain goes to sleep while the other half remains awake so they can continue to breathe.

Dolphins reproduce their kin throughout the year, although in some areas there is a peak in spring and fall. The gestation period is 9 to 17 months depending on the species. When it is time to give birth, the female will distance herself from the pod, often going near the surface of the water. The number

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of offspring is usually one; twins are rare. As soon as the offspring is born, the mother must quickly take it to the surface so that it can take its first breath. The baby dolphin will nurse from 11 months to 2 years, and after it is done nursing, it will still stay with its mother until it is between 3 and 8 years old.

Questions :

[A] On the basis of your reading of the above Passage, complete the statements given below by choosing most appropriate option. [5x1=5]

- (1) Dolphins are mostly found in
 - (a) Deep seas
 - (b) Shallow seas
 - (c) All kinds of seas
 - (d) Deep rivers

- (2) Dolphins swim alongside ships
 - (a) to conserve energy
 - (b) to help ships sail faster
 - (c) in search of their prey
 - (d) to attack their prey

- (3) They use echolocation to
 - (a) find ships in the sea
 - (b) be with their group
 - (c) enjoy themselves
 - (d) find food for themselves

- (4) The dolphin's brain remains half active while sleeping to
 - (a) look at its surroundings
 - (b) save itself from ships
 - (c) prevent drowning
 - (d) find its prey

- (5) The word 'agility' used in paragraph 3 means the same as
 - (a) Slow moving
 - (b) Perfection
 - (c) Quickness
 - (d) Gracefulness

[B] On the basis of your reading of the Passage, answer the following Questions briefly. [7x1=7]

- (6) What kind of food do dolphins consume?
- (7) What is the habitat of dolphins?
- (8) What actions of dolphins make them favourites of wildlife watchers?
- (9) What is the first action of the mother dolphin when its calf is born?
- (10) Which word in paragraph 1 is the antonym of 'paler'?

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(11) Which word in paragraph 4 is the synonym of 'confining'?

(12) When does a female dolphin go near the surface of the water?

Note : Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it:

The problem of unemployment is a serious problem in our country. If millions of people are without any jobs, its effect is very bad. A man without any employment is a burden on others. If he has got to maintain a family, the situation is worse. Such unemployed persons are reduced to poverty. It demoralizes them and they are forced to do undesirable things. They may commit crimes. They may create trouble and spread discontent. In fact, they are a source of danger to society and the state.

The causes of unemployment are mainly the rapid growth of population, the prevailing system and underdevelopment of industry and trade. The population of India is growing very rapidly. It is very difficult to get jobs for all who are in need of it. The British Government had introduced a system of education in this country for carrying on administration only. It is being continued in free India also with very slight changes. The system of education prepares most young men to be clerks. But neither the Government nor private firms can absorb all the educated unemployed persons in their offices for clerical work. Industry and trade have not yet properly developed.

Cottage industries in the villages have been ruined owing to the establishment of large mills and factories in towns. Consequently, many artisans have been thrown out of employment. There has been great pressure on agricultural land because of the growth of population; consequently, many cultivators have got no land for cultivation. All these are mainly responsible for this acute problem of unemployment.

The acute problem of unemployment is a cause of unrest in the country. So the Government is seriously thinking over the matter and trying to find out a remedy. The remedy is to find work for the people. The Government had earlier undertaken five-year plans for the material prosperity of the country. For carrying out these plans many mills and factories had been set up both by the Government and by industrialists. Many new offices had been started. Many educated young men were absorbed in offices as clerks and in mills and factories as skilled workers. Uneducated and unskilled men were being absorbed in mills and factories as labourers. But these measures have been proved inadequate.

Our government is now encouraging the revival of cottage industries in the villages. This will help many villagers to earn a living. Our Government is also trying to develop agriculture. But as yet, it has not been able to cope with the situation fully. The number of unemployed persons is increasing. So our Government should allow establishment of a large number of large and small technical and vocational institutions in the country. Only a limited number of bright young men should try to get higher education in the universities. Most young men try to enter technical or vocational institutions.

After coming out of these, they may find jobs in factories and commercial firms. For this, of course, more factories must be set up throughout the country. Unskilled labourers should be taught various

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traits in technical institutes. They may find jobs in factories as skilled labourers. They may also set up cottage industries in their villages. Government will have to help them with loans to start their work. It is heartening to find that our Government has already taken some steps in this direction. Nationalised banks are now giving lump sum loans to intending young persons under self employment schemes.

Q.13. On the basis of your reading of the above passage make a note on it using heading and sub-headings. 4M

Q. 14. Write a summary of the passage in not more than 80 words and also suggest a suitable title. 4M

SECTION-B**(WRITING SKILLS)**

Q.-15. Write an article in about 250 words on any one of the following topics. [10X1=10]

- (i) How to control over population.
- (ii) How can we promote Clean India Mission?
- (iii) Sound mind lives in healthy body.
- (iv) Importance of games and sports in one's life.
- (v) Covid-19- your thoughts.

Q.16. Do as directed 10M

- 1) Jayashree was speaking to a boy who had blue eyes. (pick out the relative clause.)
- 2) He is too weak to walk. (Convert the sentence using so...that)
- 3) It was true. I hoped it. (Combine the sentences into a noun clause)
- 4) This is the village. I was born here. (Combine the sentences to make a clause)
- 5) Who did this? (Change into passive voice)
- 6) The teacher said, "The sun rises in the east". (Change into indirect speech)
- 7) He is singing a song. (Change into passive voice)
- 8) Someone has stolen your book (change into passive voice)
- 9) The teacher said to the students; don't waste your time in idle gossip". (Change into indirect speech).
- 10) My father said, "Bring a glass of water" (change the narration)

Q.17. You are student editor of your school magazine. Write a notice for the school notice board inviting articles/ sketches from the students for magazine.

Or

[1x4=4]

You have a three bedroom flat, which you want to let out on rent, draft an advertisement to be published in a local news paper..

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Q. 18. You are Abhinav / Akriti, You have received a letter from your close friend, inviting you to attend the marriage ceremony of his brother. But unfortunately you cannot attend due to prevailing Covid19. Write a letter regretting your inability to attend the marriage.

Or

[1x6=6]

You are Abdul, living at 5, Krishna Vihar apartments, Durg there is frequent power cut and voltage fluctuation in your area causing great inconvenience and damaging electrical appliances. Write a letter to the assistant Engineer of the Electricity Board complaining about the difficulties you face, seeking quick action.

(SECTION-C)

LITERATURE TEXT BOOK

(FLAMINGO)

I. Read the given extracts and answer the questions that follow:-

One winter morning I see Saheb standing by the fenced gate of the neighbourhood club, watching two young men dressed in white, playing tennis. "I like the game," he hums, content to watch it standing behind the fence. "I go inside when no one is around," he admits. "The gatekeeper lets me use the swing." Saheb too is wearing tennis shoes that look strange over his discoloured shirt and shorts. "Someone gave them to me," he says in the manner of an explanation. The fact that they are discarded shoes of some rich boy, who perhaps refused to wear them because of a hole in one of them, does not bother him. For one who has walked barefoot, even shoes with a hole is a dream come true. But the game he is watching so intently is out of his reach. This morning, Saheb is on his way to the milk booth. In his hand is a steel canister. "I now work in a tea stall down the road," he says, pointing in the distance. "I am paid 800 rupees and all my meals." Does he like the job? I ask. His face, I see, has lost the carefree look. The steel canister seems heavier than the plastic bag he would carry so lightly over his shoulder. The bag was his. The canister belongs to the man who owns the tea shop. Saheb is no longer his own master!

Questions:

Choose the correct answer :

- Q.19. Saheb saw two young men playing? 01
(a) Cricket (b) Football (c) Tennis(d) Hockey
- Q.20. Does the doorkeeper allow Saheb to swing? 01
(a) Yes (b) No (c) Can't say (d) Not given
- Q. 21. Saheb was a 01
(a) student (b) rag picker (c) officer (d) teacher.
- Q.22. What was on his shoulders? 01
(a) a container (b) a bag (c) a box (d) a steel container and a bag

II. Note : Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions given below:

My mother at sixtysix

Driving from my parent's home to Cochin last Friday morning,

I saw my mother, beside me, doze, open mouthed,

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her face ashen like that of a corpse and realized with pain that she was as old as she looked but soon put that thought away, and looked out at Young Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling out of their homes, but after the airport's security check, standing a few yards away, 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.....

Q. 23. The theme of the poem is 01

- (a) separation from friends
- (b) separation from relatives
- (c) fear of separation from the mother
- (d) love and hatred

Q.24. 'Sprinting' means 01

- (a) short fast race
- (b) rowing a boat
- (c) playing tricks
- (d) running around trees

Q.25. Kamala Das has successfully drawn comparisons between the 01

- (a) children and her mother
- (b) father and mother
- (c) uncle and aunt
- (d) nephew and niece

Q26..The childhood fear was the fear of 01

- (a) separation from mother
- (b) exams
- (c) medical check-up
- (d) dental treatment

NOTE- Answer the following questions in about two sentences each. [2x3=6]

Q.-27 What was Franz expected to be prepared with for school that day?

Q.-28 Mention the hazards of working in the glass bangles industry?

Q.-29 .What made the big boy throw Douglas into the YMCA pool?

Note- Answer the following question in about 80 words. [6x1=6]

Q.-30 Draw the character sketch of the Crafter. How he treat the peddler?

[OR]

Justify the title of the lesson 'The Lost Spring'.

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Note:-Answer the following questions in about two sentences each:- 2x2= 4M

Q.31.What did the royal infant grow up to be?

Q.32. What does the Third level refer to?

Note:-Answer the following in about 80 words:-

6M

Q.33 “The Tiger king’s quest for tigers was full of hurdles and challenges” justify the statement?

Or

‘The modern world is full of insecurities, fear, war, worry and stress.’ What are the ways in which we attempt to overcome them?