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Subject—English Compulsory

Class—XII (Twelfth)

Time : 3¼ Hrs.

MM. : 70

General Instructions for the Examinees :

- (1) All the questions are compulsory.
- (2) Write the answers in the given answer book only.
- (3) Write down the correct serial number of each question before attempting it.
- (4) Answer to all the parts of a question must be written together at one place.
- (5) Do not exceed the word limit while answering the questions.
- (6) The paper is divided into four sections A, B, C, D. All the sections are compulsory.
- (7) Candidate must write his/her Roll No. on the question-paper.

Section : A

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that below : 1×8=8

One of the most widely spread bad habits is the use of Tobacco, Tobacco is now smoked or chewed by men, Often by woman, even by children, almost all over the world. It was brought into Europe from America by Sir Walter Raleigh. Now tobacco is the big cause of cancer. It is extremely difficult to get rid of the habit when once it has been formed,

Alcohol is taken in almost all coal and cold climates, and to a very less extent in hot ones, Alcohol is not necessary in any way to anybody. Millions of people are beginning to live without it entirely; and once that united states of America had passed laws which forbade its manufacturing or sale throughout the length and breadth of their vast country.

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| (i) What is the extremely difficult according to the passage? | 1 |
| (ii) Which thing is the big cause of cancer? | 1 |
| (iii) How do the people use tobacco? | 1 |
| (iv) Which country forbades the manufacturing of tobacco? | 1 |
| (v) Who brought tobacco into Europe? | 1 |
| (vi) Where is Alcohol taken mostly? | 1 |
| (vii) Find the word from the passage which is opposite to "easy". | 1 |
| (viii) Find the word from the passage which means : 'To make prohibition'. | 1 |
2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

1×5=5

These days, it is not unusual to see people listening to music or using their electric devices while crossing busy roads or travelling on public transports, regardless of the risks involved, I have often wondered why they such risks, is it because they want to exude a sense of independence or is it that they want to tell the world to stop bothering them? Or is it that they just want to show how cool they are?

Whether it is a workman or an executive, earphones have become an inseparable part of lives, sometimes even, leading to tragicomic situations.

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| (i) What is not unusual to see these days? | 1 |
| (ii) Why do people take risk? | 1 |
| (iii) What leads to tragicomic situations? | 1 |
| (iv) Find the word from the passage which means : | 2 |
| (a) Surprised | (b) Freedom |

Section : B

3. Your school is going to organise "Gandhi Jayanti Function". As the principal of your school, draft a notice informing students to give their names for speech, poem etc. related to the event. 4

OR

- * You are Rekha/Rohit. You want to sell your old house. Draft an advertisement to be published in a daily newspaper. Giving necessary details.
4. An N.G.O. has organised 'a blood donation camp' in your school campus. Prepare a report, describing the event to be published in a newspaper. 4

OR

Write a paragraph in about 100 words based on given clues on "Global Warming"
(Clues - Global warming, the temperature, green house, amount of heat, green house effect)

5. Write a letter to the principal of your school complaining against the bad behaviour of the librarian of your school. 5

OR

* You are Anita/Amit. Write a job application for the post of a clerk with your resume.

6. Combine the following sentences using the connections given in brackets : $1 \times 2 = 2$

(i) The girl is coming here. She is my sister. (who) 1

(ii) She closed the door. The family had slept. (when) 1

7. Combine each set of sentences into one sentence as directed : $1 \times 2 = 2$

(i) I met an old man. he was very poor. (complex) 1

(ii) Sushil was punished. He was fined. (compound) 1

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8. Fill in the blanks with appropriate word from the brackets : 1×2=2
- (i) Get me coffee tea. (either or / too.....to) 1
- (ii) It is late to be done about it now. (too / so) 1
9. Fill in the blanks with appropriate phrasal verbs with the help of the verbs given in brackets : 1×2=2
- (i) This publisher is good novels. (Bring) 1
- (ii) The prisoner from his guards. (Break) 1

Section : C

10. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow :

$\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1, 1 \times 4 = 5$

I started for school very late that morning and was in great dread of a scolding, especially because M. Hamel had said that he would question us on participles, and I did not know the first word about them. For a moment I thought of running away and spending the day out of doors. It was so warm, so bright! The birds were chirping at the edge of the woods; and in the open field back to the sawmill the Prussian soldiers were drilling. It was all much more tempting than the rule of participles, but I had the strength to resist, and hurried off to school.

When I passed the town hall there was a crowd in front of the bulletin board. For the last two years all our bad news, had come from there - the lost battles, the draft, the orders of the commanding officer - and I thought to myself, without stopping, "What can be the matter now?"

Then, as I hurried by as fast as I could go, the blacksmith, wachter, who was there, with his apprentice, reading the bulletin, called after me. "Don't go so fast, bub; you'll get to your school in plenty of time."

- (i) Franz was fearful of : $\frac{1}{2}$
- (a) Fire (b) Sports
- (c) Scolding due to participles (d) Soldiers

- (ii) Who is 'I' in the above passage? ½
- (a) M. Hamel (b) Franz
(c) A villager (d) None of these
- (iii) Wachter was a : 1
- (a) Carpenter (b) Blacksmith
(c) Potter (d) Apprentice
- (iv) M. Hamel had said that he would ask questions on : 1
- (a) Pronoun (b) Adjective
(c) Tense (d) Participles
- (v) Which of these words from the passage means : 'oppose'? 1
- (a) stop (b) plenty
(c) resist (d) apprentice
- (vi) Find the word from the extract : Which is antonym of "quiet"? 1
- (a) fast (b) loud
(c) unison (d) ears

11. Answer any one of the following two long answer type questions in about 60 words. 3

Why should child labour be eliminated and how? (Last Spring)

OR

What makes the city of Firozabad famous and mention the hazards of working in the glass bangles industry? (Last Spring)

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12. Answer the following questions in about 20-30 words :

2×2=4

(i) Why was Douglas determined to get over his fear of water? (Deep Water) 2

(ii) Why is Rajkumar Shukla describe as being resolute? (Indigo) 2

13. Explain anyone of the following stanzas with reference to context: 5

A thing of beauty is a joy for ever,
 It's loveliness increases; it will never
 Pass into nothingness; but will keep
 A bower quiet for us, and a sleep
 Full of sweet dreams, and health, and
 quiet breathing

OR

Fishermen in the cold sea
 would not harm whales
 and the man gathering salt
 would look at his hurt hands.

14. Answer anyone of the following two long answer type questions in about 60 words: 3

Why has the mother been compared to the 'late winter's moon'?

(My Mother at Sixty Six)

OR

What is the 'Childish longing' that the poet refers to? Why is it vain?

(A Roadside Stand)

15. Answer the following questions in about 20-30 words :

2×2=4

- (i) How are the tigers described by the poet? (Aunt Jennifer's Tigers) 2
 (ii) What is the kind of pain and ache that the poet feels? 2
 (My mother at Sixty Six)

16. Answer anyone of the following two long answer type questions in about 60 words: 3

How is Antarctica a crucial element in the debate over climate change?
 (Journey to the End of the Earth)

OR

Give a character sketch of Dr. Sadao? (The Enemy)

17. Answer the following questions in about 20-30 words :

2×2=4

- (i) What does the third level refer to? (The Third Level) 2
 (ii) What prediction was made at the tiger birth? (The Tiger king) 2

18. Select the correct option for each of the following questions : $\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1, 1 \times 4 = 5$

- (i) The hundredth tiger was killed in real by : $\frac{1}{2}$
 (a) The king (b) The dewan
 (c) The hunters (d) The police
- (ii) Derry was suffering from : $\frac{1}{2}$
 (a) fever (b) typhoid
 (c) inferiority complex (d) physical disability
- (iii) Mr. Lamb was : 1
 (a) an optimistic man (b) a pessimistic man

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- (c) a naughty man (d) a cruel man
- (iv) Zitkala -Sa was an Indian in : 1
- (a) England (b) France
- (c) Russia (d) America
- (v) One day Bama saw an elderly person carrying : 1
- (a) a bucket of water (b) a milk pot
- (c) a food packet (d) a sweet box
- (vi) The stamp had the picture of president : 1
- (a) Washington (b) Kennedy
- (c) Johnson (d) Ganfield