



**INDIAN SCHOOL DARSAIT**  
**SAMPLE PAPER – ANNUAL EXAMINATION- FEBRUARY 2019**  
**ENGLISH CORE (301)**



Class: XI

Max.Marks: 80  
Time: 3 hrs.

**General Instructions:**

- (i) All the sections are compulsory.
- (ii) Read the instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.
- (iii) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.
- (iv) Attempt all questions of a section without mixing them with another section.

1	<p><b>Section A –Reading—20 Marks</b></p> <p>Read the following passage carefully :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Right from childhood, a human being starts enjoys the pleasure of reading. As a child, he learns the ways of life through reading and writing. He is thrilled by going through new little things and learning through them. Any new lesson that comes his way, excites his emotions by giving his little mind freshness of knowledge. A little poem about an animal, a little prose about the toys and a little sentence about society he lives in , give him strange pleasure.</li><li>2. The pleasure one derives from reading, is indeed recreative as well as instructive. The mental effects of reading create a strange sense of pleasure. Reading provides an ecstasy and intellectual exertion. Reading of novels or their interesting literature makes a person forget the worries and cares of life. The reading of a newspaper, periodical , journal etc which is light reading, gives the reader knowledge about human life around and solves his curiosity for knowledge about the world. Newspapers and journals give information about the events taking place in the world and happenings in the state and the locality a person lives in. The newspapers also publish important news and views in the fields of economics, politics and science. Reading of newspaper is indispensable for even a little educated citizen in modern society.</li><li>3. The reading of novels is the most popular pastime of a large number of people. The attraction of novel lies in its ability to create interest, to sustain it and take the reader to the heights of imagination and luxurious fiction. All fictions are somewhat connected with life and give in words the pictures drawn from real life or from imagination. As such, of all forms of literature, novels are the most popular and interesting. They portray pen pictures from our real life and society and present the character of the people we see around or wish to see. A novel inspires the interest and intention of a reader because in it scenes rapidly shift and change and there are unexpected turns of events giving shocks and shakes to the mind.</li><li>4. Next, we come to the books of travel and adventure. The spirit of adventure is in the very blood of man. A man wants glamour and romantic life, full of adventure and the</li></ol>	
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	<p>material spirit. Books of travel and adventure infuse a spirit of fearlessness which the travellers who are heroes of the books, may inspire in us. Among the books of adventure lies the best literature of the world.</p> <p>5. Whatever type of books one reads, the reading is always a source of pleasure and enjoyment, the habit of reading is a sign of good culture. It is a source of knowledge and the best means of making use of one's leisure. Books are, after all, a gold mine of knowledge, art, literature and science. Books are not only useful, instructive but also entertaining and recreative.</p>	
1.1	On the basis of the above passage answer the following questions with the help of the given options:	1x6=6
	<p>(a) How does a child learn the ways of its life?</p> <p>(i) By imitating his elders</p> <p>(ii) By observing</p> <p>(iii) Through reading and writing</p> <p>(iv) Through school education</p>	
	<p>(b) What are the two salient features of reading?</p> <p>(i) Recreative and instructive</p> <p>(ii) Pleasure and intellectual exertion</p> <p>(iii) Information and views</p> <p>(iv) All the above</p>	
	<p>(c) How does the reading of a novel inculcate the interest of a reader?</p> <p>(i) Novels take the reader to heights of imagination and give pen pictures from real life</p> <p>(ii) Novels create interest and sustain it.</p> <p>(iii) Novels present the characters of people we see around us.</p> <p>(iv) Scenes in novels shift and change and unexpected events take place.</p>	
	<p>(d) Why is the reading of books of travels and adventure, a source of immense pleasure and thrill?</p> <p>(i) These books provide glamour and romance.</p> <p>(ii) These books inspire us to be like heroes depicted in them.</p> <p>(iii) They are the best literature in the world</p> <p>(iv) These books infuse fearlessness in the reader.</p>	
	<p>(e) Choose the synonym of the word 'unavoidable' from the following:</p> <p>(i) Indispensable</p> <p>(ii) Avoidable</p> <p>(iii) Urgent</p> <p>(iv) Foremost</p>	
	<p>(f) Find the antonym of the word 'rest' from the options given:</p> <p>(i) Ecstasy</p> <p>(ii) Pleasure</p> <p>(iii) Exertion</p> <p>(iv) Curiosity</p>	
1.2	Answer the following questions briefly:	1x4=4
	(a) How does the reading of a novel inculcate the interest of a reader?	

	(b) Why is the reading of books of travel and adventure, a source of immense pleasure and thrill?	
	(c) Why is the habit of reading regarded as a sign of good culture?	
	(d) What kind of pleasure, reading provides to the readers of books?	
1.3	Find words in the passage mean the same as the following: (i) Excited with joy (para 1) (ii) Educative(para 2)	1x2=2
2.	<p>Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:</p> <p>1.How often do we exclaim: “ That was a mistake !” That bewildered expression of regret and panic gets replayed through life. Some mistakes we forget, others we don’t. The mistakes can be as mundane as forgetting to turn the geyser off to pick up your passport from the airport counter.</p> <p>2. Absent mindedness, preoccupation, distraction, carelessness, nervousness..... There are umpteen excuses to justify mistakes. However major decisions like relocations of home or an unwarranted resignation letter can cause much trouble and upheaval and lead to regrets that leave you sad and depressed. Some mistakes are irreversible—is there room for hope?</p> <p>3. In fact, there are no mistakes, only experiences. There are no problems only challenges. Every experience teaches us something in life. Every mistake inspires retrospection and introspection. The experience is humbling and it makes us wiser. That is, if every mistake regarded as an experience and not as a source of self-pity or self-condemnation. Many times people are unable to reconcile with change grooved in the blame culture and rooted in the past, they fail to realise the lifetime benefits they receive from changes.</p> <p>4. Nature abounds in examples of flexibility and relocation in case of birds and beasts. Scientific research in the behaviour of birds has confirmed this. Birds, animals and even nomads, travel miles and miles in search of better food, congenial climate and safety. These relocations may cause some amount of stress, no doubt, but they are the sources of survival: helping to group bonding and cooperation; and to explore the beauty of new space and better environment.</p> <p>5. “To the weak, problems are stumbling blocks, to the brave, they are stepping stones”. An untimely resignation or termination letter is certainly traumatic and disturbing. But think of possibilities it can throw open for you. A young man felt disappointed when he failed in an interview for a corporate job. At that point of time he felt dejected. Today, looking back he says, “It was a blessing in disguise. I would have never reached this far”.Some mistakes bring in a very important message. Believe and achieve! And in order to do so, faith is essential. It is the triple faith that men need today—faith in oneself, faith in the world around us, and above all faith in God!”</p>	
a)	Make notes on the above passage in an appropriate format using recognizable abbreviations (minimum four) wherever necessary. Give a suitable title to your notes.	5
b)	Write a summary of the passage based on your notes in about 80 words.	3
<b>Section B-Writing&amp; Grammar—30 Marks</b>		
3.	You have recently constructed a house with all the facilities in a posh area to give it on rent. Draft a suitable advertisement for the ‘To Let’ column of a local daily. Invent all the necessary details, including the contact address. (50 words)	4

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	You are Rohit/Rohini, President of the Students' Council of V.K.N School Bhopal. You have invited a visiting Russian Ballet troupe to give a performance in your school on the occasion of its Golden Jubilee Celebrations. Write a notice in about 50 words informing the students about this event.																																					
4.	<p>You are Rajan/Raji, Tour-incharge of KMS School Mumbai. During the summer vacation your school is planning to organize a tour to Kashmir. Write a letter to the National Travel Agency, Mumbai enquiring about the charges, facilities and all other necessary details. (150 words)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>You are Prem/Priya Hostel Warden, Excellence Public School Delhi. Write a letter to the Sales Manager of Bharat Electronics and Domestic Appliances Limited, Delhi placing an order for a few fans, microwave ovens and geysers that you wish to purchase for the hostel specifying the details. Also ask for the discount permissible on the purchase. (150 words)</p>	6																																				
5.	<p>Write an article on 'Health Problems Involved in Fast food Items' in about 150-200 words to be published in a newspaper. You are Aman/Amina of Springdale School Agra .</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>You are Sanjay/Sanjana of Apex School Hyderabad. Prepare a speech to be delivered in the morning assembly on 'Advantages of Tree Plantation for a Clean Environment'. (150-200 words)</p>	10																																				
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7.	<p>Complete the following passage by filling in the blanks with suitable words.</p> <p>One bright day, a thief broke (a)----- a rich merchant's house.He had made a (b)----- in the wall and sneaked in and as (c)----- was carrying out his loot, the wall of the old house collapsed(d)----- his head and killed him (e)-----the spot. His brother ran (f)----- the king and complained.</p>	1/2x6=3																																				
8.	<p>Rearrange the following words and phrases to make meaningful sentences:</p> <p>(a) the/had/crying/been/child/the/hours/two/last/for  (b) fly/to escape/south/starvation/to/chill/and/they  (c) has a/range/Hyde Park/wide/of/facilities</p>	1x3=3																																				
<b>Section C –Literature—30 Marks</b>																																						
9.	Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.	1x3=3																																				

	<p>Till the goldfinch comes, with a twitching chirrup  A suddenness, a startlement, at a branch end.  Then sleek as a lizard, and alert and abrupt,  She enters the thickness, and a machine starts up  Of chitterings, and of tremor of wings, and trillings-  The whole tree trembles and thrills.</p> <p>(a) What happens to the laburnum when the goldfinch arrives?  (b) Why does she enter the thickness?  (c) What is the bird's movement compared to?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>The seed I spent or sown it where  The land is his and none of mine  We speak like strangers, there's no sign  Of understanding in the air.</p> <p>(a) What does the word 'seed' signify?  (b) What 'land' does the speaker refer to?  (c) Why do they speak like strangers?</p>	
10.	<p>Answer any <b>three</b> of the following questions in 30-40 words each.</p> <p>(a) Who was Professor Gaitonde and where was he going?  (b) 'Shahid's gregariousness had no limit.' Explain.  (c) How did the architect plead his case before the king?  (d) What was the happiest moment of the day for the grandmother?</p>	3x3=9
11.	<p>Answer the following question in 120-150 words.</p> <p>(a) Discuss the suitability of the title, 'Discovering Tut: the Saga Continues'  OR  (b) 'No generation has a freehold on this earth. All we have is a life with a full repairing lease'. Explain with reference to 'The Ailing Planet: the Green Movement's Role'.</p>	6
12.	<p>Answer the following question in about 120-150.</p> <p>(a) Describe the second visit of Mrs. S's daughter to the house of Mrs. Dorling. Why did she not wait to meet Mrs. Dorling?  OR  (a) What was the crisis that Andrew faced at No.12 Blaina Terrace? How did he handle it?</p>	6
13.	<p>Answer the following question in about 120-150 words.</p> <p>(a) Mr. Crocker Harris is the subject of the conversation between Taplow and Frank. What kind of a picture emerges of Mr. Crocker as a teacher and as a person?  OR  (b) What do you understand by 'outsider art'? Write a note on worldwide recognition of Nek Chand's contribution to outsider art.</p>	6