

PRACTICE PAPER
Class XI
ENGLISH

Time: 3 hrs.

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General Instructions:

- This question paper is divided into Three sections:
- Section A Reading Comprehension (20 Marks)
- Section B Writing Skills and Grammar (30 Marks)
- Section C Literature and Long Reading Texts (30 Marks)
- Speaking and Listening Skills (20 Marks)

Section A Reading Comprehension (20 Marks)

Q1. Read the following passage and answer the question that follow :- **(8 marks)**

1. How often do we exclaim: "That was a mistake!" That bewildered expression of regret and panic gets relayed through life. Some mistakes we forget, others we don't. The mistakes can be mundane as forgetting to turn the geyser off or to pick up your passport from the airport counter.
2. Absent mindedness, preoccupation, distraction carelessness, nervousness there are umpteen excuses to justify mistakes? However major decisions like relocations of home of an unwarranted resignation letter can cause much trouble and upheaval and lead to regrets that leave you sad and depressed. Some mistakes are irreversible then, Is there room for hope?
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 is regarded as an experience and not as a source of self condemnation. Many times people are unable to reconcile with the change grooved in the blame culture and rooted in the past, they had to realize the life time benefits they receive from changes.
4. Nature abounds in examples of flexibility and relocation in case of birds and beasts. Scientific research in the behavior of birds has confirmed these 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 source of survival: helping to group bonding and cooperation; and to explore the beauty of new space and better environment.
5. To the weak problems are stumbling blocks, to the brave, they are stepping stones." An untimely resignation and 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 an interview for a corporate job. At that point of time, he left 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!"

- (A) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it using heading and subheadings. Also use recognizable abbreviations, where ever necessary (Minimum 4). Supply a suitable title. **(5 Marks)**
- (B) Write a summary of the above passage in your own words. **(3 Marks)**
- Q2. Read the poem given below and answer the question that follow :- **(12 Marks)**

GOING DOWNHILL ON A BICYCLE

With lifted feet, hands still,
 I am poised, and down the hill
 Dart, with heedful mind;
 The air goes by in a wind.
 Swifter and yet more swift
 Till the heart with a mighty lift
 Makes the lungs laugh, the throat, cry:-
 "O bird, see; see, bird, I fly.
 'Is this, is this your joy?
 O bird, then, I, thought a boy,
 For a golden moment share
 Your feathery life in air!'
 Say, heart, is there aught like this
 In a world that is full of bliss?
 'Tis more than skating, bound
 Steel-shod to the level ground.
 Speed slackens now, I float
 A while in my airy boat;
 Till, when the wheels scarce crawl,
 My feet to the treadles fall.
 Alas, that the longest hill
 Must end in a vale; but still,
 Who climbs with toil, wheresoever's,
 Shall find wings waiting there.

-Henry Charles Beeching

- 2.1 On the basis of your reading of the poem, answer the following questions by choosing the best of the given choices. **6**

- (a) Who is the bicycle rider?
 (i) a young man (ii) a teenager
 (iii) a pre-teen boy (iv) an adult
- (b) As he rides downhill,.....
 (i) his mind is alert (ii) his heart is happy
 (iii) there is a cry in his throat (iv) All the above
- (c) The rider and the bird share.....
 (i) the joy of flying (ii) Speed
 (iii) golden moments in the air (iv) the bird's feathery life

- (d) This stanza expresses the joy of riding downhill most effectively.
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| (i) Stanza 1 | (ii) Stanza 2 |
| (iii) Stanza 3 | (iv) Stanza 4 |
- (e) The antonym of the word "toil" (line 23) is.....
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| (i) Labor | (ii) Inactivity |
| (iii) arduous effort | (iv) concentration |
- (f) The contextual meaning of the word "wings"(line 24) is.....
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| (i) rise up | (ii) progression |
| (iii) achievement | (iv) support |

2.2 Answer these questions briefly.

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- (a) On what path the bicycle rider keeps his hands unmoved and feet lifted?
 (b) Why does the poet draw parallel enjoyment of cycling and the flight of a bird?
 (c) What another name the poet has given to the bicycle?
 (d) Why does the joy of a cyclist come to an end when he paddles to climb over the hill?
 (e) What is the meaning of the term 'slacken' (line 17) in this poem?
 (g) What is the meaning of the term 'vale' in this poem (line 22)?

Section B - Writing Skills and Grammar (30 Marks)

- Q3. You are Karan/Kanika, Secretary Cultural club of your school. Your school is organizing a Dramatics workshop during the Winter Break for senior students of the school. Draft a notice for the school notice board informing the school notice board informing the students giving all relevant details **(4 Marks)**
- Q4. You are Shahid/ Shachi of B-3/230, Vivek Vihar, Delhi. Last month you bought a Samsung LED TV from Delhi Electronics, Patel Nagar. Now it is not working Properly. Write a letter to the dealer complaining about it. **(06 Marks)**
- Q5. You are Sanju/Sanjana, a member of Health club of your school. You are disturbed at the increasing instances of students facing stress due to examinations. Write a speech to be delivered in the morning assembly of your school on "How to Beat Examination related stress". (150-200 words) **(10 Marks)**
- Q6 Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate clauses in the following letter.**(1x4=4)**

Dear Pandey

I wanted to talk to you about the group project in sociology (a).....by us. You did really well on the first part with the interview. You asked the kids a lot of great questions(b).....I appreciate you on that. However, I wanted to talk to you about the data section. (c)..... we're going to lose a pretty decent amount of points(d).....Your synopsis of the kids made some really good points but there was no evidence to back up your ideas. We need more than just general observation. From what I saw in your first submission, you're really talented, so I'm not trying to bash you. See you on Wednesday.

Thanks

Govind

- Q7. Correct the following sentences

(1x3 = 3 Marks)

- (a) Please accept my thank.
 (b)They reached at Ambala at 7:30 pm
 (c)He is blind of one eye.

Q8: Rearrange the following jumbled words to make meaningful sentences. **(1x3= 3Marks)**

(a) indoor/and/ there/ are/outdoor/kinds of/ various/ games.

(b) from/the/also/ removes/fasting/body/toxins

(c) the second world war / is / as great as / it / a catastrophe

Section C- Literature and Long Reading Texts (30 Marks)

Q9: **Read the extracts given below and answer the question that follows. (1x3=3 marks)**

(a) Some twenty - thirty years later
She'd laugh at the snapshot
"See Betty and Dolly."
She'd say and look how they
Dressed us for the beach.
"The Sea holiday was her past,
Mine is her laughter both wry
With the labored ease of loss.

(1) What was mother's reaction on seeing the photograph?

(2) How long back did the beach holiday take place?

(3) Explain labored ease of loss.

Q10. **Answer the following questions in about 40 words. 3x3 =9 Marks)**

(a) Who is Elsa? What advice does she give to Albert to clear the diploma?

(b) What were the funerary treasures found in the pharaoh's tomb?

(c) Why did Ranga's homecoming create a commotion in the city?

Q11. "The earth's vital signs reveal a patient in declining health". What remedies would you suggest for "The Ailing Planet"? Answer in about 120-150 words **(6 Marks)**

Q12. : Answer the following in about 150 words **(6 Marks)**

Narrate the elaborate preparations made by the ghost to tame the twins

Q13: Answer the following in about 120 words **(6 marks)**

Why do you think the family member try to avoid talking about the ghost?

Speaking and Listening Skills (20Marks)