

# SECOND TERMINAL EXAMINATION, 2017

## ENGLISH CORE

Time : 3 hrs.

Class XI

M.M. : 80

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### General Instructions-

- This paper is divided into three sections :
  - ✓ Section A Reading Skill 20 marks
  - ✓ Section B Writing Skills & Grammar 30 marks
  - ✓ Section C Literature & Long Reading Text 30 marks
- All the sections are compulsory.
- Separate instructions have been given for each section and each question. Follow these instructions carefully.
- Do not exceed the word limit.
- **Please check that this question paper contains 06 printed pages.**

### SECTION – A (Reading Skill : 20 Marks)

**Q.1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

Chocolates make the best gifts and there is a whole industry that is churning out these goodies exclusively for you. But where did chocolate originate from? We'll give you the answers. The botanical name of the cocoa tree, from which chocolate is made, is Theobroma Cacao. The first word in Greek for 'food of the Gods'. Depending on whom you believe, this seductive, substance is an effective mood lifter and good for the heart or the healer of spots, migraine, obesity and stressed-out nerves.

Now, we learn that chocolate has been around for a lot longer than it was previously thought. Traces of it have been found in pots discovered in Mayan graves in Mexico, some of which date back to 600 BC, which pushes back the earliest chemical evidence of chocolate by more than 1000 years. Chocolate is made from the seeds or 'beans' of the cocoa tree-the leathery cocoa pod contains upto 100 beans. Aztecs in Mexico and Mayans in Belize worshipped the tree and used its beans as a form of currency. They also hit upon the idea of crushing the beans, boiling them in water, then adding spices and drinking the resulting hot, frothy liquid. In the 16th century, Spaniards who landed in Mexico wrote of how the Aztec Emperor Moctezuma drank chocolate 'from pure gold cups with great reverence.'

Gradually, chocolate became a part of European life. Rich aristocrats and the privileged elite adopted the habit of drinking it during the day. Chocolate drink gained in popularity when sugar was added to it and coffee houses began to serve it. Cocoa plantations sprang up all over the world to meet the growing demand and as the export of Cocoa beans increased, chocolate became more easily available to the ordinary people in Europe.

The first attempt at making solid chocolate came in the early 1800s, when the cocoa beans were ground into a powder, heated, sweetened and pressed into a mould. The resulting product resembled the chocolate truffles we eat today but had a short shelf life.

It was a Dutch chemist and food scientist, Coenrad Van Houten, who in 1825 perfected the extraction of cocoa butter from beans, which enabled the production of solid bars we would recognise as chocolate today. In the 1880s, Rodolphe Lindt of Switzerland started adding extra cocoa to make a product that melted at 36°C. Around the same time Daniel Peter, a Swiss candy-maker, added condensed milk developed by Henri Nestle to chocolate, making a sweeter and smoother variety of what is now one of the world's favourite foods.

- a) On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, make notes on it using headings and sub-headings. Use recognisable abbreviations wherever necessary (minimum 4) and a format you consider suitable. Also supply an appropriate title to it. (5)
- b) Write a summary of the above passage in about 80 words. (3)

**Q.2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

Travel is a bug that was in me when I was born, probably inherited from my father. In 24 years of travelling widely through India, I have been most fascinated by those little islands that dot the Bay of Bengal off the East Coast of India. Yes, I am talking about the Andaman Islands. Andamans somehow seemed almost sinister, with images of being haunted, bleak and scary, until my parents actually returned from a trip to Port Blair and told us about these serene islands. We immediately awaited the first opportunity to take a break and check them out. Finally, the D-Day came and we were all ready. We boarded the aircraft and to our surprise found that there were several empty seats. On enquiry, we learnt that all supplies to the Andamans including newspaper and meat go from the mainland and so there is always more cargo and less people.

Port Blair airport is a small, old airport that was constructed in 1947. On my way to the hotel I noticed that there are none of the usual autorickshaws that noisily wend their way through most Indian towns. There was only one traffic signal in the entire town and the roads were more ups-and-downs than level. This was all surprising for a person like me who has lived in the coastal towns of Chennai and Mumbai. The colour of the sea was an unpolluted blue, a colour that I had not seen in any of the beaches in India. It was calm and beautiful. I was thrilled with the fact that we were going to spend 10 entire days there. All we had to do was sit in the open restaurant, look at the sea, enjoy the cool breeze and feel good.

The Andaman Islands are a group of several islands, so most of our sightseeing was by boats. There are a total of more than 356 islands there. Even the oldest boatman, Rathnarn, had seen only 200 of them. I figured that 10 days was surely not enough to get a full picture of this place, so I started to store every sight, every sound and every smell. The sound and light show at the jail sent a shiver down my spine. (This trip was before the movie 'Kalapani' was released). The realisation that those who fought for our Independence had lived, struggled, suffered and even died here left an impact.

- a) **On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following (1×6=6) questions by choosing the correct option.**
- (i) What kind of a passage is this?
- (a) Fiction
- (b) Travelogue
- (c) Persuasive
- (d) Biography

- (ii) Why was the author interested in taking a trip to Andaman Islands?
- (a) It had a haunted, bleak and scary image.  
 (b) As his parents had not recently taken a trip there.  
 (c) He loved travelling.  
 (d) He was largely fascinated by what his parents told him about the islands.
- (iii) Why was the author surprised when he reached Port Blair?
- (a) The airport was very big.  
 (b) There was no traffic signal in the entire town.  
 (c) Living in a busy city, he had never expected such a town.  
 (d) None of the above.
- (iv) What is the meaning of the phrase 'sent a shiver down my spine'?
- (a) Feel very frightened                      (b) Feel very excited  
 (c) Feel very relaxed                          (d) None of these
- (v) The synonyms of 'sinister' in the second paragraph is ...
- (a) threatening                                  (b) left side  
 (c) benign                                        (d) good
- (vi) One thing that left a major impact on the author was ...
- (a) the serenity of the place  
 (b) the wholesome experience  
 (c) vastness of the islands  
 (d) the realisation that freedom fighters had lived, struggled and died there

**b) On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions briefly. (1×6=6)**

- (i) Why were there several empty seats in the aircraft?  
 (ii) What was unusual about Port Blair?  
 (iii) How did the author describe the beaches?  
 (iv) Why was most of their sightseeing by boats?  
 (v) The word ..... in para 1 means 'provisions'.  
 (vi) The word in the passage which is an antonym of 'contaminated' is..... (para 2)

**SECTION – B (Writing & Grammar - 30 Marks)**

**Q.3** Design a **poster** in not more than 50 words emphasizing on the importance of healthy and nutritious food in our life. **(4)**

**OR**

Imagine you are a librarian of a school. The following decisions have been taken regarding the functioning of library.

- The working hours will be from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- The library will remain closed on Sunday.
- The books can be borrowed for only two weeks.

Write a **notice** informing the students and teachers about the same. Add all other necessary details.

**Q.4** You are Rita / Rohan. Write a **letter to the Editor**, The Times of India, Lucknow in not more than 150 words about your village which does not have a Primary Health Care Centre. The sick villagers have to travel a long distance for medical help. Many villagers have died due to lack of timely medical help. You can use the following clues. **(6)**

- Very distant, none in close proximity
- Many have lost lives
- Time-consuming
- Expensive

**OR**

You are Amita /Amit, the proprietor of an electronics goods shop in Noida. You have received a quotation for supply of electronic goods from a wholesale dealer, M/S Gupta & Sons, Daryaganj, Delhi. **Place an order** for the items with this dealer. Invent the necessary details. (120-150 words) You can use the following clues.

- Place an order
- Mode of payment
- Exchange/return
- Ask for discount
- Date of delivery

**Q.5** You are Manju/Manjeet. You are much concerned about the rise in the incidents of road rage in the capital. Write an **article** on 'Road Rage-A Deadly Threat'. (150 to 200 words) You can use the following clues. **(10)**

- Ignore traffic rules
- Traffic congestion leads to road rage
- Driving stressful in cities
- Avoid reckless driving
- Obey traffic rules
- Respect other's rights
- Exercise tolerance

**OR**

You have to take part in an Inter School Speech Compt. in your school to be held on the eve of Republic Day. The topic is, 'Convicted Criminals Should Not be Allowed to Vote'. Write the **speech** in 150 to 200 words. You are Anuj / Pragya of Apoorva Public School.

**Q.6** The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the wrong word and write it with correction in the spaces given. **(4)**

|  | <b>Incorrect</b> | <b>Correct</b> |
|--|------------------|----------------|
| Persons who remained on outdoor                | a) _____         | _____          |
| shootings must be give a chance to go          | b) _____         | _____          |
| abroad. But they will have their passports     | c) _____         | _____          |
| ready. They should getting a free ticket       | d) _____         | _____          |
| for one of their family members, but only      | e) _____         | _____          |
| their passports can be arrange. The company    | f) _____         | _____          |
| should provided them spare dollars, so that    | g) _____         | _____          |
| they are take more foreign exchange with them. | h) _____         | _____          |

**Q.7 Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. (4)**

- i) as /children / vacations / can't / for fun / meant / are / compromise / they / with
- ii) on adequate / and / depends / preparation / indomitable / success / determination
- iii) because of / Delhi / earthquakes / its location / prone to / is
- iv) a / training / a / soldier / undergo / to / has / hard

**Q.8 Correct the following sentences. (2)**

- i) Do your deo leave you fragrant?
- ii) In the last ten years, the problem has almost became an epidemic.

**SECTION – C (Literature & Long Reading Text : 30 Marks)**

**Q.9 Read the extract carefully and answer the questions that follow. (1×3=3)**

“Yet have I killed  
The seed I spent or sown it where  
The land is his and none of mine?”

- i) Who does ‘I’ refer to in the above stanza?
- ii) What does the phrase, ‘the seed I spent’ mean?
- iii) Explain, ‘land is his and none of mine’?

**OR**

“Now she’s been dead nearly as many years  
As that girl lived. And of this circumstance  
there is nothing to say at all.  
Its silence silences”.

- i) About whose death the poetess is referring to here?
- ii) Why does the poet not want to say anything about her mother’s death?
- iii) Explain : Its silence silences.

**Q.10 Answer any three of the following questions.**

**(3×3=9)**

- i) George was angry that there was no tea even though he didn't want any. What does this reflect about his character?
- ii) Albert felt the medical certificate almost burning a hole in his pocket. Why?
- iii) Mr. Crocker Harris was not a sadist even though his students were scared of him. Comment.
- iv) What do you understand by this statement of Margaret Thatcher, "No generation has a freehold on this earth? All we have is a life tenancy with full repairing lease?"

**Q.11 Answer the following questions in about 120-150 words.**

**(6)**

Explain the term 'Green Movement'. What changes have come in the thinking of human beings? Discuss in relation to the chapter, "The Ailing Planet: The Green Movements Role".

**OR**

With reference to the chapter, 'Mother's Day', Explain how the problem portrayed in the story is a universal problem.

**Q.12 Answer the following questions in about 120-150 words.**

**(6)**

Though 'The Canterville Ghost' is a humorous story, it contains a message. Elucidate.

**OR**

What changes did Booker bring to initiate the process of industrial training? (Up from Slavery)

**Q.13 Answer the following questions in about 120-150 words.**

**(6)**

Why did the ghost want Virginia to pray for him? What do you think of Virginia as a person?

**OR**

Write the characteristic traits of Miss. Olivia A Davidson. Explain (Up from Slavery)

**NB – ASL (Assessment of Speaking and Listening Skills – 20 marks)**

