

SEMESTER-TWO

ENGLISH

Grade XI

Sample Paper—1

Max. Marks: 50

Time Allowed: 90 minutes

1. Each question given below is followed by four alternatives. One of these alternatives provides the suitable answer to the given question. Spot it. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct numbers. Attempt ANY FIVE. 5

a. **Absurd** means

(i) silly (ii) sluggish (iii) nonsense (iv) simpleton

b. One of the following means **sufficient**. Figure out the word.

(i) proper (ii) adequate (iii) fit (iv) brimful

c. One of the following words means **sure**. Which is it?

(i) confident (ii) confederate (iii) confidant (iv) conscious

d. The synonym of **adversity** is

(i) blemish (ii) tumult (iii) misfortune (iv) fret

e. One of the following words means **happy**. Find out the word.

(i) jubilant (ii) agreeable (iii) judicious (iv) none of the above

f. **Imminent** means

(i) certain (ii) immaterial (iii) impending (iv) unlawful

2. Each question given below is followed by four alternatives. One of the alternatives provides the suitable answer to the given question. Spot it. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct numbers. Attempt ANY FIVE. 5

a. The antonym of **prosperity** is

(i) inprosperity (ii) disprosperity (iii) windfall (iv) adversity

b. What is the antonym of the word **liberty**?

(i) deliverance (ii) freedom (iii) slavery (iv) shackles

- c. **Diligent** has as its opposite
(i) coward (ii) peaceful (iii) lazy (iv) active
- d. What is the antonym of **genuine**?
(i) avaricious (ii) mean (iii) spurious (iv) humane
- e. The opposite of **few** is
(i) many (ii) numerous (iii) countless (iv) none of the above
- f. The antonym of **for** is
(i) since (ii) against (iii) opposite (iv) obscure

3. Fill in the blanks with correct words. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Attempt ANY FIVE. 5

- a. I didn't ___ what she said. (*hear/here*)
- b. They forgot to take ___ printouts. (*there/their*)
- c. Venison is the meat from a ____. (*deer/dear*)
- d. The house is by the ____. (*see/sea*)
- e. She held the ___ in her hand. (*rains/reigns*)
- f. The ___ looks unpredictable today. (*weather/whether*)

4. Use the following words in your own sentences, indicating two different meanings of each word. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct numbers. Attempt ANY FIVE. 5

Example: bat

My bat broke yesterday.

Don't go there. Some bats are flying there.

- a. park
- b. bass
- c. minute
- d. crane
- e. fear
- f. bow

5. Add suitable suffixes to the words in the brackets to fill the words in the following sentences and write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Attempt ANY FIVE. 5

- a. The garden looked really ___ with flowers and birds. (*cheer*)
- b. Don't be ____. The earrings will be found. (*misery*)
- c. ___ is the greatest of all virtues. (*kind*)

- d. While giving ___ to his secretary, the manager also looked over papers. (*dictate*)
- e. Unless ___ is made for the outstanding balance, the court start against him. (*pay*)
- f. Have a ___ journey. (*peace*)

6. Add suitable *prefixes* to the words in the brackets to form their opposites and then fill in the blanks with them. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Attempt ANY FIVE. 5

- a. John, though extremely good at chess, was ___ of the new rules and lost the match. (*aware*)
- b. The conditions in the prison camps in World War II were so ___ that many people died. (*human*)
- c. It is ___ to bring gold into the country without paying duty on it. (*legal*)
- d. His ___ attendance in school may not allow him to appear for the exams. (*regular*)
- e. If Anne had not ___ in the class, the teacher might have taken a lenient view of the whole episode. (*behave*)
- f. Why do you always look ___? (*happy*)

7. For each word in Column A there is a *homonym* in Column B. Write the number of *homonym* next to each word in Column A. Attempt ANY TEN out of FIFTEEN. 10

Column A

Column B

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| a. wait | _____ | 1. sighed |
| b. ceiling | _____ | 2. whether |
| c. piece | _____ | 3. weight |
| d. side | _____ | 4. choose |
| e. threw | _____ | 5. sealing |
| f. vain | _____ | 6. eight |
| g. weather | _____ | 7. peace |
| h. no | _____ | 8. heard |
| i. chews | _____ | 9. break |
| j. brake | _____ | 10. Pear |
| k. ate | _____ | 11. through |
| l. herd | _____ | 12. know |

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| m. hire | _____ | 13. vein |
| n. pair | _____ | 14. higher |
| o. bare | _____ | 15. bear |

8. Write a short note on library skills in 50 words. 2

9. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. 8

Some people moan about poverty as a great evil and it seems to be an accepted belief that if people had plenty of money, they would be happy, and get more out of life. As a rule there is more genuine satisfaction in life and more is obtained from life in the humble cottage of the poor man than in the palace of rich men, who are attended by servants and governesses at a later stage. At the same time I am glad to think they do not know what they have missed. It is because I know how sweet and happy and pure the home of honest poverty is, how free from perplexing care and social envies and jealousies, how loving and united the members are in the common interest of supporting the family that I sympathize with the rich man's boy and congratulate the poor man's son. It is for these reasons that from the ranks of the poor so many strong eminent self-reliant men have always sprung. If you read the list of the "Immortals who were not born to die" you will find that most of them have been poor.

- a. What is the accepted belief in the passage?
- b. Where can one get more genuine satisfaction in life?
- c. Why does the author pity the rich man's boy?
- d. Who is sympathized in the passage?
- e. Find the word in the passage with similar meaning to 'confusing'.
- f. Who are not born to die?
- g. In the passage where does one get satisfaction?
- h. What type of satisfaction does in the passage talk about?