### PRE BOARD EXAMINATION 2020-2021

### CLASS XII ENGLISH –CORE

TIME ALLOWED 3 HRS.

### MARKS 80

### **General Instructions:**

- 1. The paper is divided into two parts: A and B. All questions are compulsory.
- 2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
- 3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

# Part A [40 Marks]

READING [20 marks]

1-Read the passage given below:

[1x10=10]

- 1. It is rather the self-importance of man that he thinks he owns this world. Theories have developed since the very beginning of cultural and religious development on these lines. There is an Adam and Eve. There is an Adam and Hava. There is a Manu having brought life to this planet after pralaya. All religious preceptors have preached that the world is meant for man. They talk of communion between Man and God. But Science has exploded such myths. It was not really so that man owned the world in the beginning. Man developed Physically to the form as we find him now over a period of time, at a very late stage. The planet started with micro life and the huge dinosaur who owned the world and ruled over it.
- 2. 2.But nature has been rather cruel to this animal world for whom actually, everything in the world was meant. Nature bestowed man with a developed brain that it did not develop in any other creature. This partiality of nature made him Homo Sapiens. It was only man who could think and plan about his existence and welfare, polluting in the process, the land, the space and the seas that nature had made for all. His own creation may one day go against him. But now he owns the world and is the master of all that he surveys. He feels that all the creatures on the earth and even beyond the earth are meant for him.
- 3. 3. The ego of ownership has made man the most cruel animal in the world. He builds palatial buildings and big cities on the abodes of small creatures like ants and other burrow dwellers. They are all meant to die for his facilities. Nature made vegetation that is meant

for all living beings. But man felt that all animals are meant for him. He killed elephant for its tusks, deer for his horns, a large number of animals for their hide for shoes, decoration and dresses. He killed musk deer to have the musk from its stomach. He killed a large number of animals for his food. His number is increasing in such a way that he will have no fear, ever of animals, owning the world again.

- 4. Man uses monkeys, rabbits, rats, dogs, cats and other small animals for experiments in laboratories. He tortures and kills thousands and Thousands of animals to prepare medicine, nail polish, lipstick, floor polish etc. Medicine worlds has made its mansions on the blood and torture of these mute creatures whom man thinks, his property.
- 5. Man justifies his killing of animals by a strange theory, "One living being is the food of another living creature." Who will remind him of the doomsday after which the animals world would claim back from man their due right and man may then become "meant" for animals.
  - 1.10ne the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any 10 questions from the eleven given below.
  - 1). What has been taught by the religious preceptors-?
  - a. world is not meant for man.
  - b. world is meant for Adam and Eve
  - c. world is meant for man.
  - d. world is meant for religious activities.
  - 2). What the planet has started with.
  - a. man and woman
  - b. micro life and huge dinosaur
  - c. dinosaurs only
  - d. efforts made by preceptors
  - 3). Nature bestowed man with a developed brain-suggests that
  - a. man can think
  - b. man can create things
  - c. man can laugh and talk
  - d. all the above
  - 4). Building palatial size structures and big cities, on the abode of small creatures shows:
  - a. benevolence of man

c. kindness towards animals and insects				
d. his egoism and cruelty	d. his egoism and cruelty			
5). Give the right sequence to the passage paragraph wise:				
1 selfish approach of man				
2 justifying his killings of animal	s			
3 evolution of civilization				
4 small animals and insects used	d for experimentation			
a. 3,1,2,4				
b.4, 2 , 1, 3				
c.2, 3, 4, 1				
d.3, 1, 4, 2				
6). Man has become cruel because of his				
(a) self respect	(b) ego			
(c) fashion	(c) fashion (d) trust			
7). The world of medical science is responsible for animal's				
(a) devastation	(b) happiness			
(c) extinction	(d) plight			
8). clarify the statement: "who will remind him of the doomsday"				
a. man will claim for his right				
b. animals will claim for their rights				
c. religious leaders				
d. no one				
9). select the right word in para 1 means, Fallacy.				

b. adjustment with all flora and fauna

A .preceptors	
b. pralaya	
c. really	
d. myth	
10). select the right word in pa	ara 2 means, Biasedness.
a. actually	
b. bestowed	
c. existence	
d. partiality	
11).select the right word in p	para 5 means , the last day of the world.
a. justify	b. claim
c. killing	d. doomsday
Read the passage given	[1x10=10]
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A journey towards wellness is what everybody is following. Weight gain, obsessive compulsive disorder, frenzy allergies and vicious ailments are no more being ignored of treated lightly. After exhausting the benefits of allopathic treatments, people these days are turning to holistic medicine.

2. A

Growing at a rapid pace the wellness industry now stands at 10 billion. Unhealthy lifestyle habits which lead to serious health concerns are now being treated by holistic experts. Bach Flower Therapy is being widely used nowadays by psychiatrists. Non toxic wild flowers are used to heal a person emotionally and psychologically. The flowers are either boiled or dried and then mixed with alcohol and used on the patient. The therapy encourages positive energy in the body.

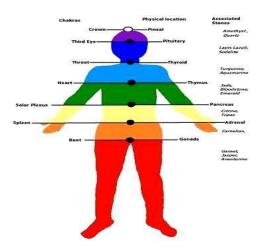
Colour therapy is another alternative technique which is also used to treat patients suffering from disorders such as depression or personality disorder. This therapy involves healing techniques using different colours and symbolism with our lives. The desire to have a fit body has pushed up the demand for fitness trainers. To be successful in this field one needs to be expert in nutrition and human body.

Nutritionists are in much demand with the growing concern for health among urban Indians. Being chubby is a phenomenon which has long been forgotten. "Prevention is better than cure" is the sole idea behind this thought.

Human body needs detoxification in the present unhealthy atmosphere. This has increased the demand for spa. A spa is not just a massage with oil but a complete effect holistic treatment that cleanses one's system naturally. To prevent people from any ill effect hampering their health, the therapies people use are nothing but a journey towards wellness. We have witnessed a big jump in the number of wellness centers situated in India. With the increase in wellness centers the demand for expertise and professionals is increasing. The urge to stay healthy and fit is sure to go a long way in future.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any ten questions from the eleven that follow.

## i. which option represents the picture given:



## a. Unhealthy life style

c.	c. Detoxication			
d.	d. Colour therapy			
(ii)	ii) After exhausting the benefits of allopathic treatments people turn to			
	(a) naturopathy (b) homeopathy			
		(c) home medicine	(d) holistic medicine	
	(iii) Bach flower therapy makes use of			
		(a) toxic flowers	(b) nontoxic flowers	
		(c) nontoxic wild flowers	(d) nontoxic sun flowers	
	(iv) Patients suffering from depression are treated by			
		(a) water therapy	(b) colour therapy	
		(c) acupressure	(d) spa therapy	
( v ) now holistic experts are treating				
		(a) People who are very healthy		
		(b) Emotionally weak people		
		(c) People who suffer from unhealt	hy life style	
	(d) People who take a lot of homeopathic medicines			
(vi) in present unhealthy atmosphere human body needs.				
	(a) Much more money			
	(b) A successful career			
	(c) Professional skills			
	(d) Detoxification			
	(vii) Journey towards wellness suggests:			

b. Flower therapy

(b) To have more opportunities for jobs			
(c) Living a very healthy, fit and fine body			
(d) Depending a lot on medicines			
(viii) find out the most suited word for, Fast from para 2			
(a) Concern			
(b) Rapid			
(c) Expert			
(d) Serious			
(ix) find the most suited word for, Fatal used in para 1			
(a) weight			
(b) holistic			
(c) exhausting			
(d) vicious			
(x) find the synonym of the word ,Dejection from para 3			
(a) healing			
(b) symbolism			
© disorder			
(d)depression			
(xi) which proverb fascinates the young?			
(a) the urge to stay healthy			
(b) turning to holistic medicines			
(c) prevention is better than cure			
(d) positive energy in the body			

(a) An inferior life to lead

LITERATURE 20 MARKS

3 A. Read the extracts given below and attempt any two of the three given answering the questions that follow. (4+4=8)

From the beginning, however, I had an aversion to the water when I was in it. This started when I was three or four years old and father took me to the beach in California.

He and I stood together in the surf. I hung on to him, yet the waves knocked me down and swept over me. I was buried in water. My breath was gone. I was frightened.

Father laughed, but there was terror in my heart at the overpowering force of the waves.

1. The word aversion refers to:

a. passionb. dedicationc. hatredd. like

2. Identify the name of the writer of this lesson:

a. Asokamitranb. Anees Jungc. William Douglasd. Louis Fischer

3. Which line suggests that he was about to die?

a. I had an aversion to water b. the waves knocked me down

c. my breath was gone d. there was terror in my heart

4. Father seems to be;

a. supportive b. ambitious

c. discouraging d. cruel

В.

They have lived here for more than thirty years without an identity, without permits but with ration cards that get their names on voters' lists and enable them to buy grain. Food is more important for survival than an identity. "If at the end of the day we can feed our families and go to bed without an aching stomach, we would rather live here than in the fields that gave us no grain," say a group of women in tattered saris when I ask them why they left their beautiful land of green fields and rivers.

- 1. The word they comes here for
  - a. Voters

b. group of women

	b. slum dwellers	d. sahukars		
2.	Who is I here ?			
	a. A child of the area	b. the writer		
	c. A woman	d. one of the villagers		
3. (	3. Clarify the line: Food is more important than identity			
	a. they are so greedy	b. they are so egoist		
	c. they are very poor	d. very introvert		
4. find the word from passage meaning, old and torn				
	a. tattered	b. aching		
	c. survival	d. identity		
C-Y	ou could lock yourself up	in a room and never leave it. There was a man who did that. H	łе	
was	afraid, you see. Of every	thing. Everything in this world. A bus might run him over, or a ma	ın	
mig	ht breathe deadly germs	onto him, or a donkey might kick him to death, or lightning migl	ht	
stril	ke him down, or he mig	t love a girl and the girl would leave him, and he might slip on	а	
ban	ana skin and fall and ped	ple who saw him would laugh their heads off. So he went into th	is	
room, and locked the door, and got into his bed, and stayed there.				
1).C	thoose the option that be	st demonstrates the relevant traits of the speaker;		
a. a	pessimist and down to e	arth b.an optimist and reluctant		
c. w	ricked and care taking	d. patient and practical		
2). why did the speaker tell the story to the listener?				
a. to	o make him more fearful	b. to make him ready to face the realities		
c. to	o make him his follower	d. to make him realize his shortcomings		
3).v	which attitude of the mar	has been told here?		

a. so outspoken	b. not apprehensive	
c. frightened of all the things	d. chivalric	
4). who is the writer of this lesson from which	ch the extract is taken?	
a. Jack Finney	b. Pearl s. buck	
c. John updike	d. Susan hill	
4- A. Read the extracts given below and att	tempt Any One of the two given by answering the	
questions that follow.	(1x4=4)	
It would be an exotic moment without rush, without engines; we would all be together in a sudden strangeness.		
Fishermen in the cold sea would not harm whales and the man gathering salt would not look at his hurt hands.		
1. What will be an exotic moment for a	all.	
a. To journey together		
b. To go to the sea and enjoy fishin	g	
c. Gathering salt together		
d. Keeping still, no activities		
2. What would everyone feel at that exotic moment?		
A) happy B) content C) dancing D) strange blissful oneness		
3.What is the poet expecting from fishermen?		
<ul><li>A) to find more fish</li><li>B) to go deeper into the sea</li><li>C) to think and stop harming the fish</li></ul>		

4. While gathering salt, what will happen to the man if he keeps silent for a moment?

D) none

A) he will stop dropping it
B) he will look at the ground
C) he will walk carefully

- D) he will think of the harm the salt is doing to his hands
- B. When Aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie Still ringed with ordeals she was mastered by The tigers in the panel that she made Will go on prancing, proud and unafraid
- 1. Ordeals refers to-
- a. happy times b. hardships
- c. joy and splendour d. party times
- 2. the tigers in the panel that she made, means
  - a. the tigers she sent to the zoo.
  - b. the tigers embroidered by Jennifer
  - c. the tigers that killed her husband
  - d. none of the above
- 3. ' proud and unafraid' these two adjectives have been used for
  - a. the uncle b. the males in the society
  - c. the tigers on the panel d. aunt Jennifer
- 4. the attitude of the poet towards aunt Jennifer is that of
  - a. hatred b. love
  - c. sympathy d. casual
- 5. Attempt Any Eight questions from the ten given below: (1x8= 8)
- 1. What made Franz forget M.Hamel's ruler and crankiness?
- A) Police Patrolling
- **B) Strange Quietness**
- C) Bustle on the streets
- D) The idea of his going away
- 2. Franz thinks- will they make them sing in German- even the pigeons? What could this mean?
- (a) German would use brutal force over everyone
- (b) harsh orders will be passed
- (c) when people are deprived of their essence even the surroundings are affected.
- (d) the Germans will rob France of its language.
- 3. One explanation which the author gets about children choosing to remain barefoot is
- (a) they have no money

- (b) tradition
- (c) no matching pairs
- (d) like to wear only chappals
- 4. What does the narrative style of the poem, my mother at sixty six signify?
- A) differing thoughts
- B) many thoughts
- C) contrasting thoughts
- D) a single thread of thought mixed with harsh realities
- 5. How did Gandhi behave with the officials outside the court?
- (a) demonstrated his power
- (b) was firm and resolute
- (c) he said that he would disobey the order
- (d) cooperated with them
- 6. The tramp manners will fall away from him with the tramp clothes. who is the speaker and who is the listener
- a. Edla to her father
- b. The rattrap seller to Edla
- c. Iron master to his daughter
- d. the crofter to the seller
- 7 Why did Jo think that Roger Skunk was better with new smell?
- A) because she was able to bear him now
- B) she was able to be with him now
- C) because of pleasant smell now people were able to be friends with him
- D) All these
- 8. What is the moral of the story, should wizard hit mommy?
  - A)Parents are wise and know what is best for them
  - B) mothers should not interfere in their children's affairs
  - C) mothers are cruel
  - D) children are cute and right
- 9. All lovely tales that we have heard or read, here Keats celebrates some of the things'
  - A) thunder and storm
  - B) children and their notorious activities
  - C) tales of fairies
  - D) tales of brave and powerful people
- 10. Where did the poet and Endymion live?
- A) in a hut
- B) on a hill

D) on mount Latmos

Part B - (40 marks)

Writing (16 marks)

6 Attempt any one of the following

(1x3)

Points- analysis, using appropriate format and fluency, appropriacy of style and tone

(A) You have been invited as a judge for a debate competition by D.P.S. school. Draft a formal refusal in about 50 words.

OR

- (B) Your school is hosting the CBSE All India Basket Ball Tournament. Draft a notice for your school notice board asking the students to attend the tournament to cheer the participants. You are Amit/ Anita ,Sports secretary of Atulya Public School, Jabalpur.(word limit- 50)
- 7. Attempt Any One of the following

(1x3)

Points – analysis, using appropriate format and fluency ,appropriacy of style and tone

(A) You are the Secretary of the Old Students' Association, Mayo School, Ajmer. The 20th Alumni Meet will be held on Monday, the 28th Dec.. 20XX at 8.00 p.m. at Palace Hotel. Write invitation letters to all the old students of the school to attend the meet.

OR

- (B) Draft a formal reply accepting an invitation to be present on the occasion of the wedding of Ankush S/o Mr & Mrs Shankar of 24, Green Park Road, Kanpur. You are Vikram Gaur of Raja Ki Mandi, Agra.
- 8 .Attempt Any one of the following:

(1x5)

Points-analysis, using appropriate format and fluency, appropriacy of style and tone

(A) Write a letter to the Editor of The Hindu on the fear that is spreading among people due to their anxiety over the widespread terrorism in the world. Give suggestions to curb such anti-social activities. You are Vikram/Varsha.



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B You are Chetan Sharma, a commerce graduate from Delhi University. You are seeking a suitable job. You came across an advertisement in The Times of India, inviting young and dynamic fresh graduates as sales assistants in a reputed company. Apply for the said job to Box No. 8365, C/o The Times of India, New Delhi.

9..Attempt Any one of the following. (1X5)

Points- evaluation, using appropriate format and fluency, appropriacy of style and tone.

(A).India is a land of diversity. One way in which it makes us feel proud of it is the number of festivals we enjoy. Write an article in 150-200 words on 'Festivals of India'. You are Karuna/Karan.



OR.

B.] Cultural Society Sunshine Public School, Nellore organized an adult literacy camp in its neighborhood. Write a report in 150-200 words on the camp for your school newsletter. You are P.V. Sunitha, Secretary.

Use the following clues: no. of volunteers – hours spent in teaching – location of the class – chairs, blackboards – no. of people attending the camp – benefit.

## Literature:

- 10. Attempt any five of the six questions given below, in 30-40 words each.(2x5=10)
- 1. What change did the order from Berlin cause in school that day?

- 2.Did the peddler respect the confidence reposed in him by the crofter?
- 3. Gandhiji was involved in a 'conflict of duties'. What did he decide in the end?
- 4 .What was the reaction of the two servants and Yumi when they were told about the wounded American?
- 5 .What precautions and arrangements were made for the smooth conduct of the examination and providing Evans with no means of escape?
- 6. What lies heavily on Aunt Jennifer's hand? How is it associated with her husband?
- 11 .Attempt any two out of the three questions given below in 30-40 words each.(2x2)
- 1.Do you think that the third level was a medium of escape for Charley?
  - 2. What help did Dr. Sadao seek from Hana while operating on the wounded white man?
  - 3. What evidence do you get from the text to show that Mr. Jackson and Evans "had already become warm enemies"?
  - 12. ATTEMPT ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN 120-150 WORDS. (1X5=5)
- A. Describe the efforts made by Douglas to overcome his fear of water. Give some instances from the lesson showing his courage.

OR

- B. The life of bangle-makers of Firozabad was full of obstacles which forced them to lead a life of poverty and deprivation. Discuss with reference to 'Lost Spring'
- 13. Attempt any one of the following questions in 120-150 words. (1X5=5)
- A.Individuals who belong to enemy countries tend to hate each other even if they do not know each other personally At times it is seen that some of them rise above such prejudices. What makes a human being do so?

B. A child's standpoint invariably is different from that of an adult. Justify the statement with reference to the story, Should Wizard Hit Mommy.