



DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL SURAT
ENGLISH (Core)
COMMERCE

Roll No:

Class : XI

Marks: 80

Time Allowed : 3Hrs

General Instructions:

- Please check that this question paper contains 5 printed pages.
- Code number given on the righthand side of the question paper should be written on the title page of the answer book by the candidate.
- Please check that this question paper contains 11 questions.
- Please write down the serial number of the question before attempting it.
- This paper is divided into three Sections : A, B, and C. All the sections are compulsory.
- Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.
- Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION A: READING [20 MARKS]

- 1. Read the given passage carefully and then answer the questions based on it: [12]**
1. Appreciation is not just an ornamental word to be used skilfully in articulate situations. It's a genuine expression of heartfelt acceptance of someone's act worthy to be praised.
 2. Appreciating somebody means that we acknowledge his worthy act. It's a spontaneous opinion to applaud any task which is beyond the routine course of life. It holds its relevance, to express reference, for everyone, be they young or old. It brings pleasantness in the atmosphere and showers drops of joy on the person praised.
 3. Appreciation is displayed through a huge round of applause or a kind gesture of bestowing a gift or uttering praiseworthy words or perhaps all of them together. The intensity or quantity doesn't demean the value of appreciation. Applause may be brief, the gift might be trivial and words might be less, appreciation works wonders brightening the spirits.
 4. Always be true to your words. When you consider an act as commendable, do praise and do mean it as well. Appreciation doesn't rob one of any treasure nor does it crown the person admired. So be generous in admiration. It's the wonderful charity which can benefit both the giver and the taker. It is

an investment which swells into smiles when spent earnestly. Never lose a single chance to appreciate somebody. Make it a point to praise at least one person in a day and you will find yourself more cheerful, contented and amazed at the effect of a gesture, which seems so trivial.

5. We gain and lose nothing while praising. Although peace of mind comes when we have an atmosphere of harmony around us. Unnecessary criticism and indulging in a war of words gives us no happiness. It is easier to be sarcastic than appreciative. So why not try something tough! The consequences would be, beyond any doubt, fruitful and satisfying.
6. Suppose you begin a day with a smile and a simple 'Thank You' for anything good done to you. It would certainly make your morning worthwhile. The smile which you initiate spreads like sunshine. The stress and anxiety which grips a sullen heart disappear all of a sudden. Such is the power of a smile!
7. Never undermine the importance of praise. Consider it as the bounty which would flourish with frequent expenditure. You never know what magic your kind gesture might perform. Perhaps a disheartened heart might rejuvenate. Perhaps a dejected soul might blossom. Won't it be a satisfying act? We are simple humans and these simple gestures keep us human. Thrill yourself and the rest of the community too.
8. So, from now on let everyday be glorified with an act of praise. Let appreciation be a habit, not compulsion. Make it a part of your life and enjoy the boon of being appreciated for appreciation!!

On the basis of your understanding of this passage answer the following questions with the help of the given options: **[1x 4=4]**

- (a) In simple words appreciation
 - i. makes people happy
 - ii. makes us happy
 - iii. makes the atmosphere pleasant
 - iv. all of the above
- (b) Appreciation should
 - i. be full of praiseworthy words
 - ii. consist of giving expensive gifts
 - iii. be displayed loudly always
 - iv. be sincere and genuine
- (c) A kind word of appreciation
 - i. can refresh a disheartened heart
 - ii. cannot perform a big magic
 - iii. is not necessary always
 - iv. lets others laugh at you
- (d) Let appreciation
 - i. be a bad habit
 - ii. be a compulsion

- iii. be a necessity
- iv. be a habit, not compulsion

Answer the following questions briefly:

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- (e) Define appreciation as given in the passage.
- (f) Why does the author want us to be generous in our admiration?
- (g) How are we affected when we praise someone?
- (h) What magic can your kind gesture perform?
- (i) What is the central idea mentioned in the passage?
- (j) What makes us unhappy, according to the passage?
- (k) Find words in the passage which mean the opposite of:
 - i. fake (para 1)
 - ii. significant (para 3)

[2]

2. Read the given passage carefully:

[8]

1. The defence mechanism of human body is a gift of nature provided to human beings. The power of our body to fight against various disease-producing agents is known as defensive mechanism. This defence mechanism depends upon various factors which can be categorised mainly into two types—common factors and special factors.
2. Amongst the common factors, the most important is the health of human beings. We all know if we have a good health, our body automatically remains protected against the diseases. For keeping good health, one should have nutritious balanced diet. A balanced diet is that which contains carbohydrates, fat, proteins, vitamins in proportionate amount.
3. The skin of our body saves us against many microorganisms producing diseases, provided that it is intact. In case there are cuts or abrasions on it, the microorganisms penetrate the body through those cuts and abrasions and can cause diseases. Therefore, a cut or an abrasion should never be left open. In case there is no bandage, etc. available, it may be covered by a clean cloth.
4. Some bacteria are residing on and inside the human body. They are our friends and are useful for us. They do not cause any disease and by their presence they do not allow disease-causing organisms to settle on those places. For example, the microorganisms, present in human saliva secrete a chemical which does not allow diphtheria causing bacteria to grow inside the oral cavity.
5. The human body secretes a variety of fluids, which are killers for disease causing microorganisms. For example, gastric juice (acidic in nature) secreted by our intestinal tract kills all organisms which enter our body through food.
6. There are a few automatic activities of our body known as ‘reflex phenomenon’ which protect the body against many infections. This reflex phenomenon includes sneezing, coughing and vomiting.
7. Fever is one of the most important constituents of the defensive mechanism of our body. The organ which regulates the temperature of our body is known as hypothalamus and it is situated in the brain.

When microorganisms after entering the body release toxic products and these reach the brain through blood, the hypothalamus starts increasing the temperature of the body and the person gets fever. This fever is very useful for the human body because by the increase of temperature the microorganisms which are the root cause of the problem get killed.

- 2.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it using recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary. [5]
- 2.2 Write a summary of the passage in about 80 words. Supply a suitable title. [3]

SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS [30 MARKS]

3. You are the Secretary of the Music Club in Modern School, Noida. Your school is organizing 7th Inter-School Music Competition for the students of class XI-XII. Write a notice to be put up on the school notice board. Give all necessary details. You are Rohan/Rachna of Class XI. (50 words) [4]

OR

The Residents Welfare Society of your area is organizing a 'Bal Mela' on Children's Day. There will be food stalls, games and rides along with many attractive prizes. Extend an invitation in not more than 50 words to the residents to participate in the same.

4. The Thapar Group requires the services of a civil engineer. The candidate should have an experience of six months to two years preferably in civil projects and general purchase. Apply for this job giving all the necessary details to the Deputy Chief Manager, HRD, Thapar House, Nehru Place, New Delhi in 120-150 words. [6]

OR

As a social worker you visited some slum areas of your city. You were deeply pained to see the unhygienic living conditions. Write a letter to the Editor, The Times of India, pointing out the lack of concern on the part of the government as well as non-government organisations at such a state of affairs. You are Saurabh Dixit living at 88, SFS Flats, Hauz Khas, Delhi. (word limit:120-150 words)

5. In order to promote reading habits in students, your school has organized a Library Week. You have to speak in the morning assembly and inform the students about the 'Importance of Reading.' (150-200 words) [10]

OR

Kajal/Kamal a student of Class XI, Lovely Valley School, Shimla, feels depressed about the environmental pollution caused by vehicles, industries and people. She/he decides to write an article on the need of pollution control for a national daily. Write this article in about 150-200 words.

6. You are Ankit, the Staff Reporter of a national daily. Write a report for your newspaper on a health camp, that was organized in your neighbourhood recently. Invent the relevant details. (Word limit: 150-200 words) [10]

OR

In a debate competition, mention your views in favour or against the topic: 'One can change one's personality'. (Word limit: 150-200 words)

SECTION C: LITERATURE, TEXT BOOKS AND LONG READING TEXT [30 MARKS]

7. **Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:** [1x3=3]

I do not understand this child
Though we have lived together now
In the same house for years, I know
Nothing of him, so try to build up a relationship from how
He was when small

- Who have lived together for years?
- How is 'he' trying to build up a relationship?
- Explain 'I know nothing of him'.

OR

Who art thou? said I to the soft falling shower,
Which, strange to tell, gave me an answer, as here translated:
I am the Poem of Earth, said voice of the rain.
Eternal I rise impalpable out of the land and the
bottomless sea.

- What reply was given to the question asked?
- Where does 'it' rise from?
- Why is 'it' called 'Eternal'?

8. **Answer any three of the following in 30-40 words each:** [3x3=9]

- What is the significance of sparrows in the grandmother's life?
- The Tale of Melon city is full of irony. Give any 2 examples from the poem.
- Mourad was a kind-hearted boy who was emphatic in nature. Mention two instances to justify the above statement.
- What is the Green Movement? Why has it become popular all over the world?
- What conclusion did the poet come to about Hell and Heaven?

9. **Answer the following questions in 120-150 words:** [6]

What complexity aroused in the case of Mrs. Morgan and how did Andrew Manson resolve it?

OR

What qualities of the Captain of the ship and his crew helped them to overcome the crisis?

10. **Answer the following questions in 120-150 words:** [6]

Describe the funeral of Sir Simon, the ghost.

11. **Answer the following questions in 120-150 words:** [6]

Draw a character sketch of Virginia.

NOTE: Q.10 & 11 NOT APPLICABLE FOR 2018-19 AS PER NEW SYLLABUS

*******END OF EXAMINATION*******