

**DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL SURAT****ENGLISH (CORE)****SET B**Roll No: 

Class: XI

Marks: 80

Time Allowed: 3Hrs

**Instructions:**

- Please check that this question paper contains 5 printed pages.
- Code number given on the right hand 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. Every Republic Day security in the city is beefed up. You can see a lot more of these four-legged, furry 'canines on duty' - everywhere from the Metro to the airport. While these trained dogs are sniffing around your bags, you might be tempted to pet them, but the CISF officials accompanying them do not approve of such behaviour on the commuters' part. As one official puts it, "People fawn over them and ask us questions, but we don't entertain anyone. Our dogs are soldiers, not showpieces." The CISF headquarters in Delhi has three breeds - German Shepherds, Labrador Retrievers and Cocker Spaniels, and the officials claim that these are the best-trained dogs in the country.
2. We have seen Metro commuters fighting, shouting and arguing for seats and space. But if you have ever seen these four-legged soldiers in the Metro, you must have noticed how they don't bark or even look at the commuters. Even in packed Metros, they never lose their cool. A CISF official says, "They won't bark at or bite people. These dogs don't bite anyone, unless given the command to attack by their trainers." Usually transported in the women's coaches of the Metro, it is not uncommon to see girls and children going crazy as soon as they make an entrance. But they just ignore everyone and move only at the handlers' command. An official says, "A dog is obedient by nature. Our dogs and their handlers share a special bond, which is so strong that if the handler is on leave, the dog won't even eat. They are trained to not touch or listen to anyone's command except their handlers'.

We train three handlers with two dogs, so that when one handler is on leave, the dog doesn't face an emotional crisis and stop eating or working.”

3. Talking about the training procedure, a CISF official says, “We procure the puppies when they are only six months old and then they are sent to the Border Security Force Academy, Tekanpur, Gwalior, for a six-month training period with their handlers (both are trained together). After the training, when the dog is a year old, he is sent for the appointed service, which he continues for the next nine years. Each dog is named by his handler and like soldiers, these dogs also have their certificates and service records.” They are trained to understand commands in Hindi and are promoted from one training classification to another based on their performance. The trainers say that by the end of their training, the dogs are so conditioned and well-trained that they won't move a muscle until told to do so by their handler. “That is how you see these dogs being so calm in crowded places, like bus terminals and Metro stations. They are like the Zen masters of the doggie world,” says one officer.
4. If you think these canines lead a dog's life, you are mistaken. Says a CISF official, “He is not a dog for us; he is a soldier who assists us in our operations.” The official adds, “All the dogs in the kennel are trained twice a day - morning and evening. They have a fixed diet and feeding time - what the dog will eat at what time of the day is decided by doctors. As these dogs have to carry out several duties and have to stand and move for hours, they need to eat healthy.” Rajesh Baidya, a trainer, tells us, “The dogs get up at 5.30 am for special physical training class that lasts for 40 minutes, including a 10 minute break, followed by specialised training for classified traits, which is also for 40 minutes. They are as different from regular dogs in terms of discipline as an Army man is from a civilian.” The dogs even have their own specialised exercise equipment - from treadmills to obstacle courses - where they participate in regular drills to hone their skills in bomb detection and surveillance.
5. Pet parents should learn how to take care of their dogs from these CISF officials, who consider the members of the dog brigade their colleagues. The CISF has four kennels in Delhi and each dog gets a separate room, which it doesn't have to share with another dog. Each dog also has its own belongings - a blanket, shampoo, towel - with its name on it. During the winter, they have heaters and during the summer, they have a personal cooler.
6. If a dog is not fit, its service has to be discontinued. Says an official, “We can't help it. If a dog becomes bulky, we can't take it for duty because it has to travel a lot and won't be fit enough for all the activities. At present, we have divided all the Metro lines in two-three sub-divisions, and each dog has a four-hour duty daily.”

**On the basis of your understanding of this passage answer the following questions with the help of given options:**

**[1x4=4]**

- (a) People are forbidden to pet sniffer dogs as
  - i they are ferocious creatures
  - ii they are their officials' pets
  - iii they are regular commuters
  - iv they are soldiers, not show pieces
- (b) These dogs do not bite anyone unless
  - i they are given a command to do so
  - ii they are hungry
  - iii someone irritates
  - iv their trainers beat them

- (c) When their handler is on leave
- i they are given a day off
  - ii they do not work willingly
  - iii they do not eat
  - iv they eat a lot
- (d) The diet and timing of meals is decided by
- i their handlers
  - ii their appetites
  - iii their duties
  - iv the doctor

**Answer the following questions briefly:**

**[6]**

- (e) How many handlers does each dog have? Why?
- (f) On what basis are the dogs promoted from one classification to another?
- (g) Why does the writer say that the sniffer dogs are like the Zen masters of the dogs' world?
- (h) What specialized training is provided to the sniffer dogs?
- (i) What personal possessions does each dog have?
- (j) Why is the service of a bulky dog discontinued?

- (k) Find words in the passage which mean the same as the following:

**[1x2=2]**

- i. enticed/attracted (para 1)
- ii. order (para 3)

**2. Read the given passage carefully.**

**[8]**

- 1 To make our life a meaningful one, we need to mind our thoughts, for our thoughts are the foundation, the inspiration, and the motivating power of our deeds. We create our entire world by the way we think. Thoughts are the causes and the conditions are the effects.
- 2 Our circumstances and conditions are not dictated by the world outside; it is the world inside us that creates the outside. Self-awareness comes from the mind, which means soul. Mind is the sum total of the states of consciousness grouped under thought, will and feeling. Besides self-consciousness we have the power to choose and think. Krishna says: "no man resteth a moment inactive". Even when inactive on the bodily plane, we are all the time acting on the thought plane. Therefore if we observe ourselves, we can easily mould our thoughts. If our thoughts are pure and noble, naturally actions follow the same. If our thoughts are filled with jealousy, hatred and greed, our actions will be the same.
- 3 Karmically, however, thought or intent is more responsible and dynamic than an act. One may perform a charitable act, but if he does not think charitably and is doing the act just for the sake of gain and glory, it is his thoughts that will determine the result. Theosophy teaches us that every thought, no matter how fleeting, leaves a seed in the mind of the thinker. These small seeds together go to make up a large thought seed and determine one's general character. Our thoughts affect the whole body. Each thought once generated and sent out becomes independent of the brain and mind and will live upon its own energy depending upon its intensity.
- 4 Trying to keep a thought from our mind can produce the very state we are trying to avoid. We can alter our environment to create the mood. When, for instance, we are depressed, if we sit by ourselves trying to think cheerful thoughts, we often do not succeed. But if we mix with people who are cheerful we can bring about a change in our mood and thoughts. Every thought we think, every

act we perform, creates in us an impression, like everything else, is subject to cyclic law and becomes repetitive in our mind. So, we alone have the choice to create our thoughts and develop the kind of impressions that make our action more positive.

5 Let us choose the thought seeds of right ideas, noble and courageous aspirations that will be received by minds of the same nature. Right introspection will be required of us to determine what we really desire to effect. Everything in the universe is inter-related and inter-dependent, that we live in one another and by accepting the grand principle of universal brotherhood we shall be in a position to appreciate what a heavy responsibility is ever ours to think right. Let us reflect and send loving and helpful thoughts and lighten the load of the world's suffering.

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 [30MARKS]**

3. You are the HR Manager of Green Bio-Products Ltd, Sector 18, Industrial Area, Faridabad. You need an efficient clerk for your office. Write an advertisement for the column of a local newspaper in 50 words.

**OR**

You have the honour of being invited as the chief guest at a public function. However, due to sudden illness, you are unable to attend the same. Draft a suitable reply in 50 words. [4]

4. You are Amit/ Veera. Write a letter placing an order with Confectioners for a programme organized in your company. Write the letter in 120-150 words.

**OR**

You are Amit/ Veera. You have lost your original certificates of Grade 12 and are facing difficulty in getting admission to university. You want to get the duplicate copies of them but do not know the procedure for the same. Write a letter to the Principal, Jindal Public School enquiring about the procedure in 120-150 words. [6]

5. Your city has just witnessed an Auto Fair and you attended it with your friends. You have now been asked to contribute an article on 'The World of Autos'. You are Amit/Veera. (150-200 words)

**OR**

You are Amit/ Veera of RK Public School, Agra. As a part of Community Wellness Programme, you visited a school for differently abled students and witnessed a programme performed by them. You were impressed by their performance and emotionally touched. Highlighting the main attractions of the event, write a report for your school magazine in 150-200 words. [10]

6. You are Amit/ Veera of R K Public School, Agra. Your class has just seen a street play enacting the changing face of society with a fall in human values. Draft a speech on 'The Changing Value Systems- A Need for Re-orientation' in 150-200 words.

**OR**

You are Amit/ Veera of R K Public School, Agra. Write a debate for/against the topic 'Multinationals – help or hindrance' in 150-200 words. [10]

**SECTION C: LITERATURE [30 MARKS]**

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

Eternal I rise impalpable out of the land and the bottomless sea,  
Upward to heaven, whence, vaguely form'd, altogether  
Changed, and yet the same,

- a) From where does the rain originate?
- b) Explain 'altogether changed, and yet the same'.
- c) Find the antonym of the word 'tangible'.

**OR**

Silence surrounds us. I would have  
Him prodigal, returning to  
His father's house, the home he knew  
Rather than see him make and move  
His world. I would forgive him too,  
Shaping from sorrow a new love.

- a) Why does silence surround them?
- b) What is the father's deep desire?
- c) Find a word from the extract that means 'wasteful or extravagant'.

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

- a) Comment upon the criteria of selection of the wisest man and the quality of counsel he offered.
- b) How did the grandmother celebrate the homecoming of her grandson?
- c) Who is Elsa? What does she think is enough to pass the examination?
- d) "Don't fret, mother, I'll not run away". Why did Andrew say so?

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

What damage did 'Wavewalker' suffer as a result of bad weather?

**OR**

"He was the last of his family line." What do you learn about Tut's dynasty from the chapter 'Discovering Tut: The Saga Continues'?

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

Give a brief account of the narrator's first visit to 46, Marconi Street.

**OR**

The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse' throws light on the Garoghlanian, an Armenian tribe. Discuss the traits of the tribe with reference to the characters in the story.

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

Do the two youth in the story exemplify typical youth of their age groups? What is your opinion regarding the treatment meted out to them by Mrs. Fitzgerald as Mrs. Pearson? Explain in context of the chapter 'Mother's day'.

**OR**

There pervades a kind of passionate nostalgic yearning in the mind and heart of Shahid Ali for Kashmir which may be in the case of Indian diaspora abroad. Explain the statement. Do you think the tide of patriotism rises in an individual when he remains away from his nation?

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