

CLASS: X
TIME: 3 Hours

SUBJECT: English
MAX. MARKS: 80

General Instructions:

- This paper consists of three sections
 - Section A - Reading 20 marks
 - Section B - Writing and Grammar 30 marks
 - Section C - Literature 30 marks
- All questions are compulsory.
- Marks are indicated against each question.

Section A – Reading

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions carefully:

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If you are addicted to coffee and doctors warn you to quit the habit, don't worry and just keep relishing the beverage, because it is not that bad after all! In fact, according to a new study, the steaming cup of coffee can beat fruits and vegetables as the primary source of antioxidants. Some studies state that coffee is the number one source of antioxidants in the American diet, and both caffeinated and decaf versions appear to provide similar antioxidant levels.

Antioxidants in general have been linked to a number of potential health benefits, including protection against heart diseases and cancer, but Vinson, a dietician said that their benefits ultimately depend on how they are absorbed and utilized in the body. The research says that coffee outranks popular antioxidant sources like tea, milk, chocolate and cranberries. Of all the foods and beverages studied, dates actually have the most antioxidants based solely on the serving size, but since dates are not consumed anywhere near the level of coffee, the drink comes as the top source of antioxidants .

Besides keeping you alert and awake, coffee has been linked to an increasing number of potential health benefits, including protection against liver and colon cancer, type 2 diabetes and Parkinson's disease, according to some recently published studies.

The researchers, however, advise that one should consume coffee in moderation, because it can make you jittery and cause stomach pains.

Answer the following questions briefly :

1X8=8

- (a) What do doctors advise us about the habit of drinking coffee?
- (b) What are the two versions of coffee that are drunk in America?
- (c) State any two benefits of antioxidants.
- (d) What does Vinson say about the consumption of antioxidants?
- (e) Name any two popular sources of antioxidants.
- (f) How does coffee outrank dates in the level of antioxidants?
- (g) Mention any two benefits of coffee.
- (h) What do researchers warn us about the excessive use of coffee?

THE FACE OF VILLAGE INDIA

Thirteen years ago, when the then American President Bill Clinton drove down to Rampur Mani Haran village in western UP, he had come there to open a women's polytechnic, funded by a prominent NRI. Today, the Bill Clinton school stands bright and shiny on the same campus, among low slung building that, house libraries and class rooms. According to the School President Raj Kamal Saxena, there are 565 students studying under CBSE of whom 234 are girls. Besides the local folk, the affluent families across the socials spectrum sent their children to this institution.

The success story of the school in the area has given rise to a spate of educational institutions along the road from Shamli to Saharanpur. All of them promise to unlock exciting career options especially for the landed class of the area. These schools carry trendy names and have sprung up in the years after the 42nd President of the US came calling. Sitting amidst sugarcane fields and mango orchards they present a picture of society trying to change.

Despite such a positive social factor visible in the area, there is little evidence of all round changes in the area. The roads are battered and dusty. The dream of an all weather road remains a dream. Steady power supply is unthinkable and traditional industries are now on a decline. Added to these are the problems of governance such as law and order situation.

According to locals, people in the region are looking for a change. The driving force behind this urge for change are the youth. Most of the young men who have returned to the area have been educated in Delhi and have returned to work in their home town and for them the development of the region overrides all other concerns. Among the semi agrarian middle classes, the call for a change is not through the region's facilities, but through the ballot box. They are eager for a change in the very government of the state.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the questions given below: 2x4=8

- (a) What is the origin of the Bill Clinton School? What is its condition today?
- (b) How has the presence of this school affected the area?
- (c) What are the infrastructure drawbacks in the area?
- (d) What changes are the local youth and middle classes looking for?

2.2 Answer the following questions by selecting the correct options :

1X4=4

(a) Find the word from the passage that means the same as 'well off'

- (i) affable (ii) affluent (iii) afford (iv) affiliate

(b) Give the antonym of 'new'.

- (i) turbulent (ii) traditional (iii) tardy (iv) tame

(c) Find the word from the passage that means the same as 'damage'.

- (i) bargained (ii) battered (iii) benefited (iv) borrowed

(d) What does the word 'spate' mean ?

- (i) occur (ii) outpouring (iii) orient (iv) oblivious (iv) honesty

Section –B (Writing and Grammar)

3. You are Shiv/Shiva of C-12, Rajouri Garden, Delhi, you wish to make a pilgrimage to Badrinath, Kedarnath and Haridwar with your family of five. Write a letter to S.S. Travels Station Road, Delhi enquiring about the schedule of their conducted tour by Deluxe buses to these places. Ask about the charges, boarding and lodging arrangements and the total time needed for the tour. (Word limit 100 -120 words) **8**

OR

Write an article in 100-120 words on *'Use of Technology in Education'* for your school magazine. You are Ram/Rama.

4. Complete the story in 150-200 words which begins as:

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Ram and Mohan, two brothers, studied in a village school. One day they were returning from the school. On the way there was a forest

OR

Write a story in 150-200 words based on the following outline:

two cats — hungry — a loaf of bread — can't divide — each greedy — wants more — a clever monkey — offered to help — bit by bit — ate the bread — his fee — bread finished — cats foolish — still hungry.

5. Fill in any four of the blanks in the paragraph given below with the help of options that follow:

1 X 4 = 4

Today a good (a) _____ varieties of tea and tea brands are available in the market. Green tea is popular (b) _____ China and the Far East. In Japan, the tea ceremony is a traditional way of greeting guests, (c) _____ is a social occasion. Indians (d) _____ real tea-lovers. (e) _____ varieties of green tea are very exotic.

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| (a) (i) very | (ii) many | (iii) much | (iv) more |
| (b) (i) on | (ii) at | (iii) in | (iv) for |
| (c) (i) and | (ii) it | (iii) both | (iv) this |
| (d) (i) is | (ii) were | (iii) am | (iv) are |
| (e) (i) a | (ii) an | (iii) the | (iv) some |

6. In the following passage one word has not been edited in each line .Write the incorrect word along with the correct word in the space provided. Do any four

1 X 4 = 4

	Incorrect	correct
In Himalayas ,the desert is turning green .	e.g. the	a
Climate change in a Indian region of	a) _____	_____
Ladakh has shrunk glaciers or has made rainfall	b) _____	_____
and temperature unpredictable. Water has	c) _____	_____
needed to irrigating the fields .	d) _____	_____
Farmers may requiring aid from the government.	e) _____	_____

7. Rearrange the following words/phrases to form meaningful sentences. Do any four.

1 X 4 = 4

- in/the cactus/very hot,/grows/dry /and/ places
- do not/leaves/have/they/but/spiny needles
- flowers/and/bloom/some of them/cacti/at night/are big
- absorb/from fog/water/in the air/cacti can
- is/plant/aloe vera/a/common/cactus

Section –C (Literature)

8. Read the following extract and answer the following questions given below:

1 X 4 = 4

The moon was coming up in the east, behind me, and stars were shining in the clear sky above me. There wasn't a cloud in the sky. I was happy to be alone high up above the sleeping countryside.

Questions:

- i. Who narrates the above lines?
- ii. Which type of weather conditions are being discussed in the above lines?
- iii. Explain the term 'the sleeping countryside'?
- iv. Why is the narrator happy?

OR

Belinda was as brave as a barrel full of bears,
And Ink and Blink chased lion down the stairs .
Mustard was as brave as tiger in a rage.
But custard cried for a nice safe cage .

Questions:

- a. What is Belindas' bravery compared to ?
- b. Ink and Blink chased lions....."What does this line imply ?
- c. Why did Custard cry for a cage ?
- d. Pick the line which is an example of simile.

9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each:

2x4 = 8

- i. Hari Singh is both a thief and a human being. Explain.
- ii. How does the necklace change the course of Loisel's life?
- iii. Explain the qualities of the post office employees.
- iv. Why would you not agree with Lencho calling them 'a bunch of crooks'?
- v. Bholi's heart was overflowing with a 'New hope and a new life'. What does the phrase 'the new hope and the new life' mean?

10. Attempt any one out of two long answer type questions in 100-120 words :

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In life, people who easily trust others are sometimes made to look foolish. One should not be too trusting. Describe how Oliver Lutkins made a fool of the young lawyer.

OR

What lesson on death and suffering did the Buddha teach Gotami in the chapter, 'The Sermon at Benaras'?

11. Answer the following question in 200-250 words :

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What problems do Margot and Anne face with regard to the way their parents treat them?

OR

Describe the importance of diary in Anne Frank's life.

OR

As a child, Helen was mischievous. Quote some of the incidents from her life to elucidate.

OR

What role does Anne Sullivan play in the life of Helen Keller.