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Class – XI

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Wednesday

SECTION A : READING SKILLS (20 marks)

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : (12 marks)

1. In this jet age, everyone is interested in making easy money. Thanks to the advancement in science and technology, these days life has become more easy and comfortable than earlier with a lot of domestic gadgets as well as instantaneous food recipes available in the market. This has resulted in making the people develop a mind-set to have anything immediately without waiting for—even at the traffic signals.
2. A piano teacher described an interesting encounter she had with a young lady who came to inquire about music lessons. The young lady asked her, "How long will this course take? My father tells me that it is in fashion now to be able to play musical instruments and that I should learn one quickly. I want something that will be quick fast and easy like, like..." When the amused teacher explained that it would take a lifetime of meticulous practice to learn music, her face fell and, needless to say, she never came back.
3. The single most important factor that distinguishes those of us who succeed in any venture from those of us who don't is this 'instant coffee' attitude. Most of us want results quickly. We want to reach the top immediately and get worked up when things go wrong. Perseverance and patience are forgotten words. We get upset, frustrated and angry when a skill or activity requires us to put in a lot of effort and time. We get dejected and want to give it up. Things should be easy. Why should things take long? It is unfair.
4. Life is too short and there is not enough time to do all the things we want to. We tend to compare with others and get upset when they seem to be doing well—dismissing their achievement as pure luck—or think that they have support, help, approach... that God is being too kind to them and not to us. And so we give up.
5. But such thinking serves no purpose. For it doesn't solve the problem. Life is tough for those with the 'instant coffee' attitude.
6. Success, real success and happiness come to those who have a 'bread-making' attitude. Those who are willing to knead the dough, wait for hours for it to rise only to punch it down and knead some more, wait for another couple of hours for it to rise again, then bake it before it is ready to be eaten. Nothing is instantaneous. For every endeavour—whether in the area of career, academics, music, sports, relationships, physical fitness or even in spirituality—it is a long arduous journey.
7. Only if we are willing to spend time, put it painstaking effort and have faith, can we get results. If we don't accept this difficult but true fact of life, our lives will be far from being happy and fulfilling. For we may not make that extra effort which can change the course of life dramatically, for our benefit.
8. I often come across clients who have changed their doctors and do that even after they have spoken to me — because they are on the lookout for a doctor who will instantly give them relief from their problems. One who will ensure that by the time they reach home from the clinic they will have wonderfully fulfilling relationships with their families. No wonder, most of us get bitter and disillusioned with life and ourselves and look for escape routes which seem to promise quick results.
9. The major problem with these 'instant coffee' solutions is that they are invariably short-lived. If we stubbornly refuse to give up this search for quick solutions, all we do is end up on the wrong track. We never gain anything lasting from them. However, if we just pause to analyse what we are doing, we will realise how much time we are wasting searching for such magical solutions which simply do not exist. We actually save time when we stop this futile search and accept the proven methods of treading the straight and narrow path however difficult it may seem initially.

- (a) (i) Why did the young lady who wished to learn piano not go back to her teacher ? 2
(ii) What causes a person with 'instant coffee' attitude to get upset or dejected ? 2
(iii) What qualities do people with a 'bread-making' attitude have ? 2

- (iv) What will be the disadvantage if we do not accept the 'difficult-but-true' fact of life ? 2
(v) What is the major problem with the 'instant coffee' solutions. 1

(b) Pick out words from the passage that mean the same as the following : (3 marks)

- (i) happening immediately (para 1)
(ii) strenuous (para 6)
(iii) walking (para 9)

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : (8 marks)

More than a century ago, some countries had no proper police force. Local leaders devised their own method of ensuring that their orders were carried out and fulfilled. The offender was not given a second chance to repeat his mistake for he was either killed or hunted out of district.

In England, the modern police force grew largely from an unofficial body gathered together by a London-magistrate. He found that it was practically impossible to apprehend any of the criminals in his area unless he deployed some men secretly to detect and hunt the culprits. These unofficial constables had to patrol one large district. They looked upon their position largely as an honorary one and had very little power. Worse still they were sometimes corrupt men themselves for they would conveniently look the other way round in times of trouble, like theft, hooliganism and vandalism.

Magistrate Fielding enrolled a few men whom he could explicitly trust and employed them to catch the thieves and other undesirable persons. Their remuneration was poor, their work was dangerous and they were unpopular. The majority of the people resented what they thought was a threat to their liberties, intrusion on their privacies and above all spying on them. They maintained that they should have every right to drink themselves to death with any form of alcohol, as so many of them did. They thought, too, that they should be allowed to quarrel, to fight and even to kill amongst themselves. The situation was made worse by the fact that the penalties for offences were very heavy in those distant days and a man could be hanged for the theft of some unimportant thing. Arrest by the magistrate's men could bring disastrous results.

Contrary to general feeling, the authorities gradually admitted that these early policemen were vitally necessary. After much discussion, argument and persuasion, the government secretly agreed to reimburse the magistrate for the men he employed. This step was not made public lest it should be thought that the government was planting spies amidst its people. Eventually the public came to look upon the police with a more friendly spirit as the benefits became more noticeable. At long last, men and women could walk along the streets by day and even by night without fear of robbery and other acts of violence. Hitherto, the people were free to do practically anything—good or bad, irrespective of the possible consequences. As the police force was built up, the people gave up their freedom to commit evil deeds so that they might have a greater freedom to do good so as to enable one and all to enjoy life peacefully and harmoniously.

- (a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it in points only using abbreviations wherever necessary. (5 marks)**
(b) Write a summary of the above passage in 80 words using the notes made. (3 marks)

SECTION - B

3. You are Vibha Verma, a resident of B-block, Sector-19, Noida. The residents feel perturbed due to the frequent digging up of roads by various departments such as electricity, water supply, sewage. Telephone, etc. Write a letter to the Editor, The Times of India, New Delhi, Highlighting the problem and suggesting remedial measures. 6
4. Write an article in about 150-200 words for your school magazine on the topic 'value education-a remedy for social evils'.
Shilpa has to deliver a speech in the morning assembly on the topic: 'The Generation gap is destroying family life'. Write her speech in about 150-200 words. 10
5. You are the sports captain of Brilliant Public School. Write a notice to be put up on the school notice-board informing the students about the inter-school basketball match. Give all necessary details of the match to be played.

OR

You are the manager, Herbal India Ltd. draft an advertisement for your company for the post of two sales Executives. Specify your requirements, Qualifications, experience and personality of the candidates.

6. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it. (1/2X8=4)

	Before	Missing	After
In 14 th and 15 th centuries, a wealthy and	(a) -----	-----	-----
leisured society developed extremely complex	(b) -----	-----	-----
code of manners, but rules of behavior of	(c) -----	-----	-----
fashionable society had influence on the daily	(d) -----	-----	-----
life of the lower classes. Indeed of the rules	(e) -----	-----	-----
such as how to enter banquet room , or how	(f) -----	-----	-----
to use sword or handkerchief for ceremonial	(g) -----	-----	-----
purposes, were irrelevant the way of life	(h) -----	-----	-----
of the average working man, who spent most			
of life outdoors or in his own poor hut.			

7. Re-arrange the following words to make meaningful sentences. 3
- a) me/you/show/will/books/latest/some?
 - b) beautiful/really/was/ house/ a/it
 - c) done/is/ much/work/yet/to be

8. Use Determiners in the gaps 3
- a) They were bored because there was..... to do.
 - b) of the cakes had been baked the day before.
 - c) The teacher gave..... of the students a piece of paper.

SECTION-C: LITERATURE

9. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: 3
- Father and son, we both must live
On the same globe and the same land,
He speaks: I cannot understand
- i) What emotions does the father feel?
 - ii) What is he unable to understand?
 - iii) What do they both earn for?

10. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each: (Any3) 9
- a) How did the sparrows express their sorrow when the author's grandmother died?
 - b) How did Sue try to enliven the gloomy atmosphere?

- c) What sort of father-son relationship has been depicted in the poem 'Father to Son'?
- d) Why does the author agree that the growth of world population is one of the strongest factors distorting the future of human society?
- e) How do Taplow and Frank react to Millie's arrival?

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

'The Tale of Melon City' mocks at the process of fair trial and proper judgment. How far do you agree with the statement?

OR

The play 'Mother's Day' is a humorous and satirical depiction of the status of the woman in a family. Bring out briefly the elements of humour and satire.

12. Answer the following questions in 120-150 words: (any – 2) 12

- a) Describe the funeral of Sir Simon.
- b) How does Oscar Wilde justify that the place is haunted?
- c) How did the ghost terrify Washington and Mrs. Otis?

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