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CLASS - XI FIRST TERMINAL EXAMINATIONS (16-9-2016)

TIME: 3 Hrs. ENGLISH CORE

M.M.: 80

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The paper is divided into three sections: Section A, B and C. All sections are compulsory.
2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question. Read these instructions and follow them.
3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit.
4. Do neat work. Marks will be deducted for untidy work.

SECTION A - READING SKILLS - 20 MARKS

Q.1. Read the following passage carefully -

1. My dad and I both started playing tennis at the same time in 1967. Though I was small for my age, I was fast on my feet and seemed to have an instinct for where my opponent would hit his next shot. At the age of nine, I put on my shorts and shirt and started playing in tennis tournaments around the New York area. By the time I was 12, I was No.7 in the country in the under-12 category. When I was 16, I won my first national singles title.
2. Then in 1977, as a chubby-faced 18-year old with brown ringlets and a red headband, I came out of nowhere to reach the semifinals at Wimbledon. Though I wouldn't have told a soul back then, that's when I realized I had the potential to be the best tennis player in the world.
3. I worked my way up the ranks and by 1979, I was world No.3, hunting down Jimmy Connors and Bjorn Borg. I was winning a lot and I loved it - loved being the lone gunfighter. I won the US Open in both '79 and '80. Then more and more, the problem became that almost everybody was somebody I shouldn't lose to. There was so much pressure to win in the early rounds of tournaments and make it to the finals. To conquer the pressure, I tried building defences that almost nothing (and nobody) could get through.
4. But behind my defences were some very dark places. There was always a devil inside me that I had to fight against. And that devil was the fear of failure. Eventually I had made it to the finals at Wimbledon that year, earning the rematch I'd badly wanted with Borg. Though I'd beaten the great, smooth Swede in last year's US Open, Borg had won Wimbledon an incredible five times in a row, including against me. I got off to a sluggish start. I was tight, over impressed with the occasion. Borg won the first set 6-4.
5. As I loosened up, the match turned into a dog fight. I won a tie-breaker in the second set, and the third set was going in that direction too. Underneath my nerves and my certainty that I had to play every point to my utmost, a strange idea was starting to materialize: He's not quite as hungry as last year. This match is mine to take, if I can take it. After that I knew in my bones that I was going to win, and I did. The final score was 4-6, 7-6, 7-6, 6-4. When I beat Borg in the US Open, I officially replaced him as world no-1. I had thought that No.2 was a pretty big deal. But No. 1 was a very strange place indeed - the peak of the mountain, the icy winds blowing around my head. For four years I was the biggest winner in men's tennis.

(John McEnroe)

(A) Choose the correct option: (2)

a) The narrator won the match because of his

1) skills (ii) determination (iii) consistent practice (iv) all of the above

b) The top position is called a very strange place because.....

i) of high expectations of the spectators

ii) rivals

iii) happiness of leading others



(B) Answer the questions briefly:

- a) At what age, do you think, John McEnroe started playing tennis? (1)
- b) What two distinctive qualities did the author possess at a tender age? (1)
- c) How did he look when he reached the Wimbledon semi-finals? What did he realize about himself? (1+1)
- d) Which devil troubled him? (1)
- e) What helped McEnroe to win the match? How did he feel after becoming world No.1? (1)
- f) Discuss the attributes of John McEnroe briefly. (2)

(C) Find words in the passage similar in meaning to the following: (1x2=2)

- a) hidden qualities (para 2)
- b) impossible to believe (para 4)

Q.2. (a) Read the following passage carefully.

1. Scattered over 300 sq.km in the blue waters of the Indian Ocean, like a string of pearls, Maldives boasts of some of the most stunning and exotic tropical hideaways. Hundreds of Virgin Islands, with their lush green vegetation, clean, sandy beaches and the tortoise blue lagoons together offer a perfect holiday experience. Rated among the top ten diving destinations in the world, the underwater coral gardens in Maldives offer an opportunity to watch colourful marine life at their natural habitat, from close quarters.

2. Of the 1190 islands that make up the Republic of Maldives which is spread over 26 Atolls (a ring like formation enclosing a lagoon) only about 200 are inhabited. Of the remaining, 90 are resort islands and the rest are uninhabited. Some of the uninhabited islands are meant for activities like drying fish.

3. Not many details are available about the origins of the Maldivian people. The first settlers may well have been from Sri Lanka and Southern India. Some say Aryans, who sailed in their reed boats from Lothal in the Indus Valley about 4,000 years ago, probably followed them. Archaeological evidence suggests the existence of Hinduism and Buddhism before the country embraced Islam in 1153 AD.

4. The Maldives gained independence on 26 July, 1965. Three years later, a republic was declared with Prime Minister Ibrahim Nasir as the first President. In 1978, President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom became President and has been re-elected since then.

4. A coup attempt in 1998 by Sri Lankan mercenaries was successfully repelled. Small as it is, the Maldives has always maintained independence and strong unity, despite influences and threats from outside. They are now an internationally renowned country, a member of the UN, WHO, SAARC < Commonwealth, the Non-Aligned Movement and others, and play an important role in advocating the security of small nations and the protection of the environment.

5. The language of the Maldivians is Dhivehi. This language is influenced heavily by the Arabic language since the advent of Islam in 1153 and English in more recent times, especially since the introduction of English as a medium of education in the early 1960s.

6. The first resort opened in 1962. Since then Maldives tourism has developed into one of the most important activities in the country. Each resort has its own island but the construction activities have been restricted to 20 per cent of the total landmass by law.

8. Besides the height of the buildings should not reach more than the tallest tree on the island. The house reef that encircles each island is another unique feature of the resort islands in Maldives. The shallow waters that get enclosed by the reef wall serve as a natural swimming pool. All the resort islands are carefully landscaped so that the natural vegetation is preserved. The approach of Maldives to environmental issues stays in harmony with the concept, "think globally and act locally".

(A) On the basis of your reading of the passage make short notes on it in points only, using abbreviations (minimum five) wherever necessary. Supply a suitable title. (5)

(B) Write a summary of the passage in 80 words. (3)

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR - 30 MARKS

Q.3. Mr. Shubh Marwah residing at M-25, Neel Kamal Apartment, Rajkot wishes to sell his two bedroom apartment as he is moving to New Zealand. Draft a suitable advertisement for publication in a national daily in not more than 50 words. (4)

Q.4. Last weekend Dhruv Gupta went to see an evening show with his family at a local circus. During the intermission he was curious to see their habitats. Having got permission from the circus Manager, he was escorted around by a worker. As he walked around, he was horrified to see the miserable and apathetic conditions in which the animals were kept. Most of them were caged, starved or fed on strange food besides other problems. He was greatly affected by this sight and decided to write an article for a local magazine. As Dhruv, write this article in not more than 150-200 words. (10)

Q.5. You are Mohanto Das, a resident of Parampara Apartments, Pusp Vihar, New Delhi. There is no bus stop within a radius of 3 km from the apartments. It causes a lot of inconvenience to the residents. Write a letter to the Chairman, Delhi Transport Corporation, drawing their attention to the problem, how it affects the residents and requesting extension of the existing bus routes. (6)

Q.6. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Find the error and write the correct word in your answer sheet as given below. (5)

Incorrect - Correct

is - was

0. India is once considered a land of knowledge and enlightenment. Inn ancient times scholars from all over Asia and Europe flock to Taxila, Nalanda and other Indian centers of learning. Apart from a arts, culture, philosophy and religion, scholars come to study medicine, law and martial sciences. Despite have a vastly expanded university systems and historical advantages, modern India had yet to provide international or even regional leadership to higher education. From a surrounding countries off Africa and Asia only students come too India for higher education.

Q.7. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. (5)

1. America / immigrate / many / States / the / of / Indians / to / United
2. There / in / a bit / curry / quite / the / salt / of / is
3. sister / speak / who / six / my / linguist / languages / is a / fluently / can
4. his / mechanic / down / but / repaired / broke / the / car / yesterday / it
5. police/ new/ the/ the/ launched/ to/ safety/ has/app/ of its/ Delhi/ a / ensure/ citizens

SECTION C - TEXTBOOKS AND LONG READING TEXTS (30 MARKS)

Q. 8 Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow - (3)

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.

- i) Who is the speaker? What is he speaking about?
- ii) Why does silence surround 'he' and the speaker?
- iii) What does the speaker want 'he' to do?

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Q.9 Answer the following in 40-50 words: (3X3=9)

- a) Why did Mr. Crocker Harris call Taplow to do extra work on the last day of school ?
- b) " You are the best daddy and the best captain in the world " - Who said these words and why?
- c) Why was King Tut's body subjected to repeated scrutiny ?

Answer the following in 120-150 words: (3X6=18)

- Q.10. With reference to the poem ' The Tale of Melon City', explain how and why did the just and placid king get executed?
- Q.11. Who insulted the Ghost? How did it happen? What was his reaction after being insulted?
- Q.12. The Otis family is modern in its views towards Ghosts and other supernatural things. Substantiate with reference to the novel 'The Canterville Ghost'.