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CLASS - XII
SUBJECT - ENGLISH

Time : 3:00 Hrs.

Max Marks : 100

SECTION A : READING

1. *Read the following passage carefully and answer the following questions :* (12 M)

1. During his recent visit to India, the world golf champion Tiger Woods was all praise for the players at the Delhi Golf Club. As golf gains ground as a corporate sport in India, many top level Indian corporate will be heading for a game with professionals such as Tiger Woods. Participating in these events where amateurs play with professionals, come for a hefty fee
2. The long term advantages of these fleeting interactions on the golf course with professionals, are debatable. But for corporate, playing besides a powerhouse of talents can definitely up their game. This was the general opinion even among the spectators who watched Tiger Woods in Delhi. Munjal, the amateur playing along with him was also impressed with his game
3. But even those who cannot afford the hefty, charges of a top professional, investing in their game by hiring a professional coach has benefits. According to another golf consultants, a number of Indians are also attending 'golf clinics' abroad for specific programmes to improve their games. According to Butch Harmon the professional who had worked with Tiger Woods and have even helped five American presidents improve their game, a short course generates more power in the swing and in aligning shots. These changes though minor have long term benefits. In golf, marginal improvements are subtle and small changes like tweaking the position of the hand on the club, or learning how to aim your body before swinging the club, can be mastered during these short —term interactions, yield result.
4. Another way for Indian golfers to keep connected internationally, is through the online golf community . According to Sandeep Sarkar , who has been travelling abroad for last six years, his experience at the British coach David Leadbetter's academy was most fruitful . "they showed me a video of my game and I saw how

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bad I was in some positions".

5. As golf is a technical game, unlike football or other sports, playing every day will not necessarily improve one's game. Hence, amateur golfers are also travelling to Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore and Dubai, for session that combine a three-day course play with a professional golfer. This is a huge improvement from the standards of coaching available in India. As most Indian trainers are caddies turned coaches, they teach by trial and error. That kind of training does not work for corporates who are short on time to get as good as they want. Others, who have benefited from attending professional coaching abroad claim that their game has become consistent after training at these academies'.

6. But other caution against expecting too much from these coaching sessions. They argue that one cannot buy a golf swing and the effort that goes in remodelling it from attending a coaching session, however sophisticated and technically perfect it might be. Besides, most amateurs in India are not aiming to play like champs. They play to enjoy. Even the professionals who come to play exhibition matches such as one in Tiger's visit in India, the world champion had long wanted to make the trip to simply enjoy its sights and sounds and perhaps play a game or two on the side.

1.1. On the basis of your reading, answer the following questions.

1x4=4M

- a) For Indians corporates, the opportunity to play with professional can.....
i) up their game ii) down their game
iii) help them get coaching abroad iv) make them professional players
- b) The golf professional who has worked with Tiger Woods and helped five American presidents is
i) Eric Leadbetter ii) Subodh Sarkar
iii) Butch Harmon iv) Munjal
- c) Indian trainers coach golfers train by
i) Trial and error ii) online golfing
iii) Remodelling coaching sessions iv) championship method
- d) Which among the following reasons are enough to show the popularity of golf among people?
i) It has gained popularity as a corporate store in India.

- ii) People are hiring coaches to teach them the basics of the game
iii) Indians are joining golf club abroad.
iv) All of the above

1.2 Answer the following questions briefly:

1x6= 6M

- a) What course of action is open to those who cannot pay top professional fees in golf?
b) What changes can be bought during short term coaching courses?
c) How is golf different from the game of football?
d) What is the aim behind playing golf, among amateurs?
e) What was the purpose of Tiger Woods in visiting India?
f) What possible drawback is there with the Indian Golf trainers?

1.3 Find the words from the passage which means the same as:

- a) novice (para 1)
b) making slight changes to something (para 3)

2.) Read the following passage carefully and answer the question that follow: (10 M)

1. Brazil famed yellow football jersey belongs to the most romantic idea from the world of sport. Brazil's famed football team first wore their yellow shirts, blue shorts and white stockings on March 14, 1954, at Rio's Maracana Stadium. The match against Chile won by team in a 2-0 victory.

The uniform which was born that day continues to hold sway and has assured mythical hues over the sixty years period of its use and has gripped world's imagination in ways unimaginable. The shirt and its harmonious colours is synonymous with boldness, glamour and beauty in the game. A fleeting image of Zico in his torn yellow shirt from the 1962 World Cup, never fails to get the heartbeats of football fans racing around the world.

2. Yet like Che Guavars's famous mural, you could argue that Brazil's yellow shirt today is more ubiquitous than it needs to be. The goose bumps that every spectator felt when Brazil came on field has been constantly eroded with copies of the shirt piled on store shelves around the world. The present generation would hardly comprehend what went into creating the initial euphoria behind the yellow shirts.

3. It was the young nation 1950, when Brazil had faced defeat at the hands of a tiny yet plucky Uruguay on their own home ground. The young nation was plunged into a crisis of confidence after the defeat which they had never conceived as possible. In the 1950 final, Brazil had been overconfident and thus were humbled in their own liar. The episode has simply come to be known as

the defeat. Then as reasons for their catastrophe were being exhumed; it was felt that their uniform, which had consisted of white shirts with blue collars, had suffered from a psychological lack of symbolism.

4. Search was on for the days leading up to the 1954 world cup for a news strip that would come in handy. The Rio newspaper Correio da Manhã commissioned and open contest for designing the team's shirts, using the national flag's colours. The 19 year old illustrator, Gracia Schlee, beat 300 other entries to win the contest. By the strange twist, Schlee was an ardent supporter of the Uruguayan team! Hailing from the small town of Montevideo, he had definite learnings for the side. Even his palette for colours did not strictly follow the flag's tints. Instead of the flag's sky blue, he substituted it with cobalt blue for the shorts. In any case the uniform gave a predominantly yellow distinction and the authorities happily adopted it for the Brazilian football team.

5. Sixty years on, the uniform continues to be the most enduring symbol of their culture and football. For the forthcoming 2014 World cup the kit designers collaborated with the Rio based designer and artist Bruno Big, to come up with a strip that will combine tradition with modernity. It will feature a small yellow small yellow canary motif representing Canarinho the nickname given to the team when they wear their yellow home jersey.

6. In the changes made to the yellow shirt design the unique creativity of Brazil will be visible through motifs that reflect the country's unique and distinct cultures, while staying on board with the yellow. The Brazilian crest too, has been updated. A gold colour metallic weave has been added for a shimmering effect and, overall, the crest has been made slightly larger. Behind the crest, there is a printed slogan that reads: *Nascido para jogar futebol* — which in Brazilian tongue means Born to play Football. Sixty years on, the saying still holds currency.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions: 1x2 = 2 M

- Brazil's football colours were first worn
 - at Maracana Stadium on 14 March 1954
 - in Uruguay in 1950
 - in the 1962 world cup
 - in the 2014 World cup
- the earlier uniform of the Brazilian football team was
 - white shirts and blue pants
 - white shirts with a strip of modernity

iii) white shirts with blue collars

iv) with the symbol of 'Canarinho' written on it.

2.2 Answer the following questions briefly:

- What was the incident linked to Zico?
- How is the present day reaction different from the earlier one?
- Who is Garcia Schlee?
- What is the slogan of the newly designed Brazilian team's uniform?
- What reasons were there behind the defeat of Brazil in their own liar?
- What changes were made to the Brazilian uniform for the 2014 World cup?

2.3 Find the words from the passage that mean the same:

- renowned (Para 1)
- lasting for a long time (Para 5)

3.) Read the passage carefully and answer the question that follow: (8M)

i) Had it not been for an alert and environmentally conscious judiciary, changes are that we would have literally been swallowing in our filth. Once again, the supreme court has intervened decisively to prevent the further degradation of the Yamuna by asking industries discharging effluents into the river to install treatment plants by November 1 or face closure. The river, once Delhi's lifeline, is now 'Dead' for a stretch of around 32km around the capital. The courts have been forced into this sort of judicial activism time and again in the face of blatant violation of environmental norms both by industries and citizens. Over the last few years, the courts have facilitated the introduction of lead-free petrol, order the phasing out of automobiles which are over 15 years old and made pollution checks for all vehicle mandatory. The apex court has been relentless in its opposition in any move which effects the environment adversely. From banning polythene bags in cities to censuring pollution shrimps farms in Tamil Nadu and chemical units in Rajasthan, it has always upheld the principle that pollution prevention is better than control. The courts have laid down rigorous standards for industries right from the inception stage. Indian industries has been particularly indifferent to preserving the environment and the health of those in and around industrial units.

ii) The Central Pollution Control Board has come up with a number of positive suggestions on enforcing the green agenda. But the response from industries has been tardy. one was a scheme which sought to pool the resources of industrial units so as to fund a common effluent treatment plant. But, the industries find it more convenient to discharge their waste any which way,

endangering the lives of those in the vicinity and degrading common resources like land and water. Proposals to levy commercial rates on water supply to industries have been overlooked so far, leaving industries with little incentive to treat and reuse water. Now the government itself has agreed to foot part of the cost to set up effluent treatment plants in the hope that this will motivate industry to take action. The common refrain that the technology required for waste management is expensive is valid, but industries have to realise they can't indulge in any poisonous practices in the pursuit of profit to the detriment of the greater common good. It is this attitude that the polluter will not pay that has led the courts to step in. An example of the good efficacy of judicial activism is the manner in which Agra has been rid of highly polluting industries which were destroying the fabled Taj. The Indian experience has shown that when faced with censure, industries prefer to shut shop rather than invest in clean technology. Many do so in order to cash in or burgeoning real estate prices as in the Mumbai mills story. In this context, the courts insistence that environmental norms be built into project proposals is commendable. Denying permission to set up shop is hitting industry where it hurts the most. This will, in the long run, force it up to stop taking green agenda so lightly.

a) On the basis of your reading the passage, make notes using the headings and subheadings. Use recognisable abbreviations where ever necessary. Also give an appropriate title. (5 M)

b) Write a summary of the passage in about 80 words. (3 M)

SECTION B — WRITING SKILLS

4.) You have three bedroom flat in Dwarka, which you want to let out on rent. Draft an advertisement to be published in 'The Times of India', under the classified column. (Word limit :50) (4 M)

OR

You are Shailini / Shailesh, in charge of the NSS club of St. Andrew's School, Bhopal. Write a notice about the charity being organised by the club to collect money for people affected by earthquake in Nepal. Write the notice in 50 words, including relevant details such as purpose of the show, kind of events, tickets, show timings, etc.

5.) You are Anika/ Dhruv of 25/A, Defence colony, New Delhi. You are deeply concerned about the growing apathy of people towards eve — teasing in local buses. Write a letter to the editor of the newspaper expressing your concern and suggesting ways in which women can

ensure their own safety. (120-150 words) (6 M)

OR

You are Saumya / Sahil from G-7 Anand Vihar, Delhi. You have come across an advertisement in a national daily for the post of PGT (English). You are a postgraduate in English from a recognized university with 5 years of experience in a reputed school. Apply for the same giving detailed resume.

6.) Every day you read in the newspaper about the increasing rate of crimes in Delhi. You live in Delhi and feel really bad about it. As Rishi/Rehana write an article for your school magazine on the topic. (150-200 words) (10 M)

OR

You are Vineet/ Vishi , a student of class XII of Sarvodaya School. You feel disturbed to read the news about increasing cases of honour killing. You feel that such attitude of some elders in the society deprives children of their freedom. Prepare a speech in 150-200 words on the topic, 'Honour Killing —A Blot on Modern Society'

7.) You have been asked to join the debate on the topic : India is a foreign tourists nightmare. Write For or Against the notion in 150-200 words. (10 M)

OR

Around the exam time, one observes that children are stressed, panicky and some resorting to using unfair means.' This observation sets you thinking and you decide to deliver a speech on 'Beating the Examination stress'. (Word limit- 150-200).

SECTION C - LITERATURE AND LONG READING TEXT (40 MARKS)
8.) Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow: 4M

Surely, Shakespeare is a wicked, the map a bad example,
With ships and sun and love tempting them to steal-
For lives that slyly turn in their cramped holes
From fog to endless night? On their slag heap, these children
Wear skins peeped through by bones and spectacles of steel
With mended glass, like bottle bits on stones.
All of their time and space are foggy slum.
So blot their maps with slums as big as doom

- Why does the poet refer Shakespeare as 'wicked' and map 'a bad example'?
- What does 'from fog to endless night' imply ?
- What does the poet suggest by saying these children wear skins 'peeped through by bones'?
- What does the poet compare skeleton of slum dwelling children with glass pieces?

4M

OR

Those who prepare green wars,
Wars with gas, wars with fire,
Victory with no survivors,
Would put on clean clothes
And walk about with their brothers.

- a) Explain : 'wars with gas, war with fire'.
- b) Why does poet call it 'victory with no survivors'?
- c) Who will put on clean clothes? What does the poet want to convey?

- d) What does the poet want these people to do?

(4x3=12 M)

9.) **Answer the following questions (any 4):**

- a) What is ironical about the Tiger King's death?
- b) What made peddler think that he had fallen into a rattrap? ✕
- c) What was the order from Berlin and what changes did it cause in the school that day?
- d) What was Saheb full name? Why was it ironical?
- e) What makes Jack feel caught in the ugly middle position?
- f) Do you think the poet, Pablo Neruda, advocates total activity and death? Why/ Why not?

- 10.) "If we surrender to our fears, they overpower us; if we face them, they fade away. Do you agree? Why/ Why not? Discuss with reference to the lesson "Deep Water." (6M)

OR

People tend to ignore important things until they are denied those things. When they realise the importance it is too late. Elucidate the statement with reference to the story 'The Last Lesson'.

- 11.) What is more important — loyalty to your country or saving a person's life no matter who they are? Comment with reference to 'The Enemy'. (6M)

OR

Man is a social animal. He can survive but not live in isolation". How does the story focus on the need to bond with others. Do you agree? Justify your answer with reference to the lesson 'The Rat Trap'.

- 12.) Marvel tells that the invisible man is "as artful as the devil". Write the character sketch of Griffin in the light of this statement? (6M)

OR

What incident showed that the sap of affection in Silas Marner was not all gone? Discuss the events which led to this?

- 13.) Within a few days of his arrival in Iping, people became suspicious of Griffin. Why? (6 M)

OR

What kind of character was Squire? Describe his character on the basis of his conversation with Godfrey on the issue of borrowed money?

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