

— SCHOOL SECTION —

STD : X CBSE

PRE EXAM - V

TIME : 3:00 Hrs

SUB : ENGLISH COMM.

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General Instructions:

Read the following instructions carefully and follow them:

1. This question paper has 12 questions. All questions are compulsory.
2. This question paper contains four sections:
 - Section A: Reading Skills,
 - Section B: Writing Skills
 - Section C: Grammar
 - Section D: Literature.
3. Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number and part thereof in your answer sheet.
4. Separate instructions are given with each question/part, wherever necessary.
5. Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION A : READING SKILLS (22 marks)	
1	<p>Read the text carefully and answer the questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Choice of profession and career is of great importance. Success depends on the right and timely choice of a career. There are a great variety of careers and professions. The lack of proper counselling worsens the situation. It also results in unemployment and frustration which means a lot of waste of money, time and energy. The students should take the help of elders, teachers and professionals in deciding their careers. They should choose their career according to their aptitude and resources. 2. Young people are ambitious, impatient and eager to achieve good positions. They want to become high officials, executives and have top positions without considering their qualifications, skills, etc. This is a wrong attitude. One should be realistic. One may dream of becoming a super film star and end up as a mere casual artist. Such high ambitions lead to disillusionment and unhappiness. 3. It is better to choose a career at the high school level than go for higher studies aimlessly. One should go for a vocational course at this stage. There are many careers, professions and vocations to

choose from. There are teaching, engineering, medicine, law, technology, business, trade, computer application career, government employment, positions in the police and army etc. But each of these requires special aptitude, training, and resources. One may have proper qualifications and aptitude for a career of a doctor or engineer. But if there are no financial resources to train for it, one cannot choose it as one's career.

4. Choice of a career is not simply a matter of likes and dislikes. Financial resources play a very important role in deciding to choose a profession. For lack of funds, one will have to choose a far humbler career. One can take to politics if one has an aptitude for public life. It is a profession of hard labour and perseverance. If you have strong optimism, ambition for fame and are prepared to face the worst, you are best suited for politics. If you have enough money and resources and want to grow very rich, you can choose business as your career. Therefore, be practical, logical and reasonable in choosing your profession. This is a crucial choice.
1. What leads to disillusionment and unhappiness among young people?
 - a) Monotonous lifestyle
 - b) Lack of success
 - c) Gap between qualifications and achievements
 - d) Unrealistic ambitions
2. State the factors that can help young people decide their career.
3. What are the qualities needed to become a politician?
 - a) Oratory skills
 - b) Funds
 - c) Aptitude for public life
 - d) Fame
4. What is the right time to make a career choice? Why?
5. Why are financial resources important while choosing a career?
6. Substitute the underlined word in the sentence with the word from the passage which means the same.
We need the help of the elders to solve this riddle.
7. What are the qualities associated with the young people?
 - a) Ambitious
 - b) Educated
 - c) All of these
 - d) Impatient
8. Complete the sentence appropriately.
One's success in life depends on _____.
9. Complete the sentence appropriately.
Lack of proper counselling leads to _____.

2 **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:** Read the following table displaying how Millets are processed and prepared for consumption. [10]

Processing Common Steps	Activities Involved	Effects on the Millets and their nutrients
Removing the Husk	Removing the husk from the grains because it is composed of cellulosic matter that the human body cannot digest.	As per a study, when this is done to pearl millets, their phytic acid and polyphenol contents drop. As per a paper published in 2021, millet husk can be briquetted and used as household fuel, and potentially alleviate energy poverty in north Nigeria.
Decorticating the grain	Decorticating the grain, that is, to remove any other outer covering and expose the seed.	Mechanical and hand-worked decortication do not have significant effects on the grain. Both remove crude and dietary fibre. They make the grain more edible and visually attractive, which are favourable factors when marketing them to urban centres.
Milling and Grinding	Milling to grind the grains into flour. Sieving to remove large 'impurities' including bran.	Whole-flour has a high content of 'total polyphenols and flavonoids.' Sieving makes the flour more digestible and its nutrients more accessible to the body. But it also reduces the nutrient content due to the loss of bran.
Germination and Fermentation	Grains are soaked in water for an extended duration.	A positive improvement in the overall nutritional characteristics of millets.

Polishing	Polishing is the process whereby brown rice, for example, is changed to white rice by rubbing off the bran and the germ.	As per a 2012 study, barnyard millet can be polished with a rice polisher for up to three minutes without significant nutrient loss. Polished millets are preferred by- (i) customers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for the resulting taste and texture • shorter cooking time (ii) retailers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • longer shelf life that is achieved by removing the bran
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1. Which processing step can be linked to the fulfilment of energy requirements of households? Give reason in support of your answer.
2. Identify the main purpose of sieving the millets.
 - a) Rubbing off the bran
 - b) Removing the outer covering of the millets
 - c) Removing the impurities from the millets
 - d) Exposing the seeds of the millets
3. Why are polished millets popular among the people? Mention any two reasons.
4. Select the correct option to fill the blank and complete the analogy.
____ : positive effect on millet nutrition :: decorticate : remove dietary fibre
5. State whether the given statement is True or False:
Sieving has only favourable effects on millet's nutritive values.
6. Complete the following sentence appropriately.

It is necessary to remove the husk from the grains because _____.

7. When grains are decorticated, their marketing to the urban centres becomes easy. What does it suggest about the urban population?
8. Select the option that correctly matches the millets processing steps with the related activities.

(A) Germination	(1) Removing the husk
(B) Milling	(2) Rubbing off the bran
(C) Decortication	(3) Grinding the grain into the flour
	(4) Soaking the grains in water
	(5) Removing the outer covering

- a) A - 4; B - 2; C - 4
- b) A - 4; B - 3; C - 4
- c) A - 2; B - 4; C - 4
- d) A - 4; B - 3; C - 5

SECTION B : WRITING SKILLS (22 marks)

3 Write an application to the principal for arranging music classes in your school. [3]

4 Write a descriptive paragraph based on the visual clue given below. [4]



5 You are Aryan/Amrita of C/43, Hauz Khas, New Delhi. You have read a report in a magazine mentioning that there are 12 million child workers in your country. It is a national problem. Write a letter to the editor 'The Indian Express', giving your views on why child labour exists and how it can be abolished. [7]

OR

You are Aruna/Arjun C.C.A. incharge of St. Joseph's High School. You have read an advertisement in a newspaper regarding admission into a foreign languages institute.

	<p>Write a letter in about 100 - 120 words to the Director of the institute Lingua for All making relevant inquiries:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eligibility 2. Duration of Course 3. Time Schedule 4. Fee Structure 5. Faculty 6. Placement 																
6	<p>Write an article titled Free and Fair Print and Electronic Media - The Need of the Hour.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>You are the editor of a local newspaper. Write an article, in about 150 words, on why Cricket has become more popular in India than Football. You can take hints from the MCB unit Health and Medicine . You are Naresh.</p>	[8]															
	<p>SECTION C : GRAMMAR (10 marks)</p>																
7	<p>Fill in the blanks (a) - (c) with the appropriate option from those in the brackets.</p> <p>Delivering his inaugural address (a) _____ (on/at/over) the first Agricultural Science Congress here today (b) _____ (an/a/the) Prime Minister said efforts (c) _____ (can/will/should) be made to increase the production of food grains by at least three times in the next decade.</p>	[3]															
8	<p>The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the space provided against the correct blank number:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="192 1516 833 1854"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Error</th> <th>Correction</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Have you ever learn from a mistake you have made?</td> <td>(a)</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Many shouldn't admit doing so. For those who do,</td> <td>(b)</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>there was no need to feel guilty. We often make mistakes</td> <td>(c)</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>while taking risks, but all brush them aside and learn.</td> <td>(d)</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Error	Correction	Have you ever learn from a mistake you have made?	(a)	_____	Many shouldn't admit doing so. For those who do,	(b)	_____	there was no need to feel guilty. We often make mistakes	(c)	_____	while taking risks, but all brush them aside and learn.	(d)	_____	[4]
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9	<p>Do as directed.</p>																
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1. Rearrange the following jumbled words/phrases in the given dialogue to create a meaningful sentence.

Life is a precious gift to us from God. We should be thankful to God for it. Some people remember God only in distress.
some/believe/in/do not/unfortunately/God

2. Read the conversation given below. Based on your reading, fill in the blanks appropriately.

Wife: Our new servant has run away.

Husband: Is anything missing?

Wife: Yes, I can't locate my watch.

Husband: Where did you keep it? Wife Near the kitchen sink.

The wife informed her husband that their new servant had run away He asked her (a) _____. She replied in the affirmative and added that she could not locate her watch. He asked her (b) _____. She replied that she had kept it near the kitchen sink.

SECTION D : LITERATURE TEXTBOOK (26 marks)

10 **Read the given extract and answer the questions briefly, for any two extracts of the three, given.** [8]

1. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions.
And the ticket office gross
Crashed, and she grew more morose -
For her ears were now addicted
To applause quite unrestricted,
And to sing into the night
All alone gave no delight.
 - a. How did the ticket office gross crash?
 - b. What were the ears of nightingale addicted to?
 - c. Why did she sing all alone in the night?
 - d. Identify the rhyme scheme of the given stanza.
2. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions.
I can't exactly call everything to mind, but I remember I was a bit dazed, like I couldn't move an inch, hand or foot.
 - a. Who is the speaker of the above line?
 - b. Why does he say these lines?
 - c. Why is the speaker dazed?
 - d. What difficulty did he experience?
3. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:

	<p>In a world that is supposed to be chiefly swayed by hunger and by love, Mrs. Packletide was an exception; her movements and motives were largely governed by dislike of Loona Bimberton.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> By what were Mrs. Packletide's movements and motives governed? Why was Mrs. Packletide different from other people? What had Mrs. Packletide planned to outshine Loona Bimberton's achievement? The word _____ in the extract is a synonym of influenced . 	
11	<p>Answer ANY FIVE of the following six questions in about 30 - 40 words each</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Why were the mariners angry with the Ancient Mariner? What led the boys to dislike the Germans? Why did Lavinia decide to leave John Hallock in the story, A Shady Plot ? What does the expression Counting your chickens before they're hatched mean? In what context was it spoken in the chapter Patol Babu ? How did Sebastian enter the game in the story, Virtually True ? What reason does Amelia give for not getting another doctor to examine Mr. Merryweather? 	[10]
12	<p>Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in about 150 words.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What does Antony say in his speech? Why is it more effective than that of Brutus? The postmaster is ridden by a sense of remorse at what he had done to Ali and he decides to write a letter to his friend. Imagine yourself as the postmaster and write a letter on his behalf. 	[8]

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