

Roll No.

QN. CODE - S1EN1

KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA SANGATHAN, PATNA REGION

SESSION ENDING EXAMINATION, 2017-18

CLASS - XI

1461

ENGLISH CORE

Sl. No.

TIME - 3 HOURS]

[MAX. MARKS - 80

General instructions :

- This paper is divided into three sections : A, B, and C. All the sections are compulsory.
- Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.
- Read these instructions very carefully and follow them sincerely.
- Don't exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION - A (READING - 20 MARKS)

1. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow - 12

1 The role friends play in our lives has become significantly greater than at any other time in our history. Today many of us live and work great distances from where we were born or grew up and are separated from our original families. The pain we feel when we are away from our families can be significant.

2 The happiness of the individual relies on friendships which form a necessary human connection. It is perfectly normal to need and want friends and depression is more prevalent among those who lack friends. They lack the intimacy and richness friends can bring into our lives. Frequently friends reflect similar values to us. Yet these values are often different from the ones we grew up with; they are the values we created for ourselves in our adult lives.

- 3 Communication skills are fundamental in all friendships. The more friends and acquaintances one has, the greater are one's communication skills. Some call these, people skills.
- 4 Like watering a plant, we grow our friendships (and all our relationships) by nurturing them. Friendships need the same attention as other relationships if they are to continue. These relationships can be delightfully non-judgmental, supportive, understanding and fun.
- 5 Sometimes a friendship can bring out the positive side that you never show in any other relationship. This may be because the pressure of playing a 'role' (daughter, partner or child) is removed. With a friend you are to be yourself and free to change. Of course you are free to do this in all other relationships as well but in friendships you get to have lots of rehearsals and discussions about changes as you experience them. It is an unconditional experience where you receive as much as you give. You can explain yourself to a friend openly without the fear of hurting a family member. How do friendships grow ? The answer is simple. By revealing yourself; being attentive, remembering what is most important to your friend and asking them about it; putting yourself in their position; showing empathy; seeing the world through the eyes of your friend, you will understand the value of friendship. All this means learning to accept a person from a completely different family to your own or perhaps someone from a completely different cultural background. This is the way we learn tolerance. In turn we gain tolerance and acceptance for our own differences.
- 6 Friendships are made by being considerate which means all the communication skills come into play : active listening skills, questioning skills, negotiation skills, reflecting content skills, reflecting emotion skills, and editing yourself.
- 7 Friendships offer a great opportunity to learn about yourself because a friend can reflect back to you 'how you come across in the world'. They also allow you to practice skills in dealing with 'personal boundaries' by looking after yourself

as well as your friend. They help you develop resilience in relation to the wider social world beyond your family.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the best of the given choices —

(a) We live and work with people whom we know as 1

- | | |
|---------------|-------------------|
| (i) relatives | (ii) parents |
| (iii) friends | (iv) acquaintance |

(b) Friendship forms a necessary human 1

- | | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| (i) relation | (ii) happiness |
| (iii) impression | (iv) obligation |

(c) What is more important in friendship ? 1

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| (i) communication skill | (ii) money |
| (iii) understanding | (iv) status |

(d) Friendship grows by 1

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| (i) revealing yourself | (ii) helping your friend |
| (iii) playing with them | (iv) talking with friends |

(e) A real friend tells you 1

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| (i) how to make money | (ii) how to talk to people |
| (iii) your positive traits | (iv) how you can take up the world |

(f) Friends help you in making relations 1

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| (i) with school | (ii) with relatives |
| (iii) with neighbour | (iv) with society and world |

1.2 (i) Why do friends play a more significant role today than ever before ? 1

(ii) Why is friendship considered an essential human need ? 1

(iii) How is friendship different from other relationships ? 1

- 1.3 Pick out words from the passage which mean the same as each of the following:
- (i) basic/essential (Para 3)
 - (ii) mutual discussion to reach an agreement (Para 6)
 - (iii) chance (Para 7)

2. Read the passage carefully —

8

Life is an institution. We have a principal, God, who looks over the entire working of our life. He allots teacher, namely our parents, to guide us through this path. We learn lessons and it is up to us whether we want to pass or fail. Every morning we wake up and give a tick mark to the attendance file of our lives. The only difference in this school of life is you cannot play truant even for a day ! Though from time to time one may doze off and not pay heed to the message that is being given to us. From the start my parents taught me and my sister to be good human beings first. Life has been kind, sometimes harsh but mostly fair. We make many mistakes, some of which we admit and others, we conceal. But now that I'm 22 years old, I can review every step taken by me. Think positive. Yes, it's that simple. Thoughts are actions. Imagine if there are a billion good thoughts, the universe will throw back a billion good actions. Something within tells me: 'Forget the world and listen to your heart'. If we all just start listening to our inner soul maybe we won't be scratching our heads while taking the final exam. I am not at all close to being perfect but I know I want to get near to it, not by matter in the business world, not by buying perfect self. According to me, God is kind, compassionate, and empathetic. One who sees the good in people and shares the good within themselves? The true test is 'for us to examine, and to be honest to ourselves before we give a tick mark to our answer sheets. I had a lot of questions ready, my doubt all written, point by point. Since I could not get the answer from my teachers I made an appointment with God. Doubts about life, love, death, fear, sorrow. I was angry. Why can't He guide us ? God was there by my side, every minute, every step. Even though I haven't got all the answers, I know I will get all answers. He will take me there, in my own time, the same way He has brought me here, where I am now. Some say one should never pity nor envy anyone else, and I

am happy to be me. The first important teaching to learn, count your blessings. We all stand to be a little more aware about what life is really trying to teach us, and for some, to be aware that life is trying to teach us something. Money is like our grades in school, it helps us move to the next steps. But after that, who remembers what we scored in math in the third standard? People forget that when we die, money won't come along with us. It becomes like our grades, we don't remember how much we earned or how much we lost. Families fight, friendships are ruined; parent child bonds are broken. Isn't that a waste? Why would anyone choose money over love? Here's plea for everybody reading this - let us all try and be the best pupils in this school called life. Be true.... love not only others but also yourself. Love God wholeheartedly because that's all He wants, and you know what they say. "Be in his good books and you will go to the head of the class."

- 2.1. On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it using heading and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations, wherever necessary. Give the passage a suitable title. 5
- 2.2. Write a summary of the notes prepared in not more than 80 words. 3

SECTION - B (WRITING SKILL AND GRAMMAR - 30 MARKS)

3. As the Cultural Secretary of your school write a notice for your school notice board, inviting the students to participate in Regional Level Dance Competition. Invent other details like the Chief Guest, timing, date, schedule etc. Write in not more than 50 words. 4

OR

1. You want to sell your newly built house as you are going abroad. Draft a suitable advertisement in not more than 50 words to be published in classified columns of "The Hindu". Give necessary details. You are Shakti/Shital, 25, Defence Colony, Patna.
4. Write an application to the Principal of your school, requesting him to provide bus facility for your class as you, with your friends are going to take Medical

Tests for Inter State Games and Sports Tournament. Write the letter in 150-175 words. 6

OR

Write a letter to the Station Master, Patna Jn. informing him about the loss of your suitcase which you realized only on your arrival at Station. You travelled by Rajdhani Express from New Delhi to Patna . You are Gaurav/Garima of 10, Defence Colony, New Delhi.

5. You were felicitated for scoring 10 CGPA in class X Board Examination 2016 by Hon'ble Governor of Bihar along with 45 other students. Write a report in not more than 200 words to be published in your school magazine. You are Aniket/Ankita, Cultural Secretary, Sarvodaya Viyalaya, Patna. 10

OR

You are Ajay/ Nalini, Head boy/Girl of your vidyalaya. You are very much impressed with the cleanliness drive at national level. You have seen some students of junior classes littering the school compound and verandahs with tiffin leftovers. It makes the school look unclean and untidy. Write a speech in 150-200 words to be delivered in the morning assembly, advising such students to keep the school neat and clean.

6. Correct the following sentences : $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$

- (a) I am liking it very much.
- (b) Ravi is working in this office for ten years.
- (c) These students prepare for their exams these days.
- (d) If you will go to Delhi, buy a Parker pen for me.

7. Complete the following sentences with proper clauses - $1 \times 2 = 2$

- (a) who help themselves.
- (b) You should act.....

8. One word is missing in each of the lines given below. Write the correct word in the space provided – 1×4=4

Prevention better than cure

And it common sense that

The only way eradicate

Malaria is to rid of

the mosquitoes which causes it.

9. Frame meaningful sentences with the following jumbled words – 1×2=2

(a) has come/the/the/is glad/baby/that/mother

(b) feels/ her/ mother/the / with/ baby/ safe

SECTION – C (LITERATURE AND LONG READING TEST/NOVELS– 30 MARKS)

10. Read the extracts below and answer the questions that follow:- 1×3=3

“When did my childhood go ?

Was it the time I realized that adults were not

All they seemed to be,

They talked of love and preached of love,

But did not act so lovingly,

Was that the day !”

- (a) What does the stanza expose ?
- (b) According to the poet when did his childhood go ?
- (c) What contrast did he find in adult’s behaviour ?

OR

“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.”

- (a) Name the poem and the poet.
- (b) What does the father want now ?
- (c) What kind of relation does the poet have with his son ?

11. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words. (any three) — $3 \times 3 = 9$

- (a) What does the sparrow's behaviour highlight ? (The Portrait of A Lady)
- (b) Why does Taplow say Mr. Crocker Harris cannot be a sadist ?
- (c) Ranga's home coming was an important event for the villagers. Give reasons.
- (d) What was the dilemma that Andrew faced after the baby was born ?
- (e) On the basis of your study of the first two lines of the poem "The Tale of Melon City" how do you think a King should be ?

12. Answer in about 125-150 words — 6
Describe the efforts that Andrew made in order to bring the still born baby back to life.

OR

Throw light on Mrs. Fitzgerald's efforts to reform Mrs. Pearson's family.

13. Attempt the following questions in 125-150 words. $6 \times 2 = 12$

- (a) What are the attempts made by the Ghost to terrorize the Otis family ?
- (b) How did the Ghost get rid of his sufferings ?