

# ENGLISH COMMUNICATION SKILLS

## STD XI (FINAL EXAMINATION)

Max. Marks: 70

Duration: 2 ½hrs

### Instructions

- 1) This paper consists of four Sections A, B, C and D. All sections are compulsory.
  - 2) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit where ever it is given.
  - 3) Figures to the right indicate marks allotted for each question.
  - 4) Choice is given only in Section C. Q. No.3.1.
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### SECTION A (30 marks)

1.1. A. Rewrite the following sentences using the correct form of the underlined word: - **04**

- i. I went to the station to confirm my reserve to Delhi.
- ii. We have inherit Mother Earth from our ancestors.
- iii. The security guards were thorough checking the passengers.
- iv. Roger is a boy of great intelligent.

1.1. B. Rewrite each of the following sentences as per the instructions given in the brackets: - **06**

- i. The students were asked \_\_\_\_\_ assemble on the playground. (Insert suitable Preposition)
- ii. This is an interesting book. (Add a Question Tag)
- iii. My mother \_\_\_\_\_(read) a book. (Use the given Verb in the Present Continuous Tense)
- iv. Mr. Fernandes teaches us English. (Change to Passive Voice)
- v. Chetan Bhagat is one of the most famous modern writers. (Change to Positive Degree)
- vi. "I am looking for my glasses," said he. (Change to Indirect Speech)

1.2. A In each of the following sentences, replace the underlined word with another word or phrase. Do not change the meaning: - **04**

- i. He impersonated himself as a police inspector. (Replace with a Synonym)
- ii. Personal hygiene is very essential. (Replace with a Synonym)
- iii. It is a dull day today. (Replace with an Antonym)
- iv. The lamb is not a bold animal. (Replace with an Antonym)

1.2. B In each of the following sentences, select the most appropriate alternative for the underlined word: -

04

- i. Police had collected substantial proof against him.
  - a. accurate
  - b. significant
  - c. financial
  - d. serious
- ii. Susan is an amateur dancer.
  - a. unskilled
  - b. immature
  - c. ineffective
  - d. incapable
- iii. The child was courteous in her behaviour.
  - a. thoughtful
  - b. generous
  - c. polite
  - d. mindful
- iv. We should help the needy and the oppressed.
  - a. scared
  - b. sick
  - c. exploited
  - d. depressed

1.3 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: -

07

Once, a Dutch boy was off his duty. After his afternoon tea, he went out to have a walk near the sea. He saw slight moisture in one spot of the protective wall. He examined it carefully with his finger and found a tiny hole.

The boy grew serious. He knew that the force of water would widen the hole and these protective sea walls would fall down in the course of time. This idea brought the scene of ruin before his eyes. He made up his mind to put a stop to such a trouble at any cost. He put his finger in the tiny hole. He could have gone home, but would not go; little did he care for food, sleep and loneliness. The day dawned. His parents grew anxious about him. They thoroughly searched him in the village, but in vain.

Later, along with the villagers, they started searching for him in the village outskirts. Suddenly, someone spotted him near the protective walls of the sea. When they

approached him they realized why he sat there. Immediately, the authorities were alerted about the problem.

The boy's mother was very happy when she understood that her son had done a great heroic deed. She was proud that he had saved the country from an immense disaster. Had he not put a stop to the water, a huge disaster would have certainly befallen on the country.

Questions:-

1. What did the boy notice when he went for a walk?
2. Why did the boy become serious?
3. Why were the boy's parents anxious?
4. How did the boy save his country from a great disaster?
5. Why was the mother proud of her son?
6. Use the word 'alert' in a sentence of your own.
7. Pick up another word in the passage which means 'immense'.

1.4 Read the following article carefully:-

**05**

Discipline is the biggest key to succeed in life. It means to follow a particular code of conduct or order. It models one's character and teaches self-control. Many toppers in various fields follow their study routine in a disciplined manner. As a result, their level of intelligence and grip on maximum subjects always remains on the top.

Discipline has got immense usefulness for us. If we labour in a disciplined way, we can make better production. For example, a disciplined army has immense advantage over an undisciplined army. A small number of disciplined soldiers can defeat a large number of undisciplined soldiers. A disciplined life helps us live a healthy and happy life. Following a healthy diet, exercising, behaving in a polite manner and self-discipline helps us become a virtuous person as discipline never admits any vice. Vice never gets a chance to creep into a disciplined man.

Question:

On the basis of your reading of the above article, write the Para-wise topic and sub-topics using the format given below. Do not write sentences. Use only meaningful phrases:

I : \_\_\_\_\_

A : \_\_\_\_\_

II : \_\_\_\_\_

A : \_\_\_\_\_

B : \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION B (15 Marks)**

2.1 Write a descriptive paragraph using the following words/ phrases: - (About 60 words) **05**

First day in higher secondary school, took admission in Vocational Stream, anxious, new surrounding, father dropped, searched classroom, saw new faces, noticed friend, smiled, relaxed.

2.2 Given below is the first line of an incident. Complete the paragraph expanding the idea specified. **05**

I looked into Jane’s eyes. There were tears rolling. She held my hand and softly said.....  
.....  
..... (About 60 words)

2.3 Life is full of incidences which have a great affect on us and at times teach us a lesson. Narrate any such incident from your life, which has touched you. (About 60 words) **05**

**SECTION C (13 Marks)**

3.1 Write an essay in about **150 words** on any **ONE** of the following topics: - **08**

- (i) My aim in life.
- (ii) Modern youth influenced by Bollywood fashion.
- (iii) Why is crime increasing in our society?

3.2 You are S.R. Khan residing at Amar Mahal, Naika Waddo, Sanguem. You need to purchase some electronic goods. Draft a letter to M/s Sonali Electricals Ltd., Mumbai Industrial Estate, Mumbai, ordering the different electrical appliances you need. (Use full Block Format) **05**

**SECTION D (12 Marks)**

4.1. A. Answer the following questions in about 10-15 words: - **02**

(i) Why did the Gond Seva Mandal decide to recruit people from various religions in its committee?

(ii) According to Haldane, what are the chief requisites needed by an amateur scientist ?

4.1. B. What reasons does Nehru state for the coal industry not expanding in India during the British rule? (30-40words) **02**

4.1. C. (i) According to John Keats, how can man serve God even with his disabilities? (On his Blindness) (30-40words) **02**

(ii) What is the message that William Wordsworth portray in his poem 'Lines written In Early Spring'? (30-40 words) **02**

4.1. D. (i) How does O'Henry bring about a twist at the end of the story 'After Twenty Years'? (30-40 words) **02**

(ii) Describe Walter Mitty as a 'modern day anti-hero'. (30-40 words) **02**

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