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Class: XI
Subject: English

MM: 20
Time: 1 Hr.

General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, CREATIVE WRITING & LITERATURE.
2. Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION A- READING

Q1. Read the following passage:

- (1) Increasing traffic congestion every year is causing increasing air pollution, wasting time and productivity and diverse respiratory diseases. Moreover, the cost of solving or reducing traffic congestion is enormous. However, neglecting the traffic jam problem would increase the social problems among citizens.
- (2) The number of vehicles has increased considerably in the city in the past five years. Due to this increase, the city roads witness frequent traffic congestions, but above all, the vehicles emitting pollutants are affecting the environment adversely.
- (3) The Capital's vehicular population saw an addition of more than five lakh vehicles last year, registering an increase of over 4%, according to the Delhi Economic Survey 2020-21.
- (4) In spite of the largest road network, through metro and bus services in major cities the transport system is not being able to keep pace with the growing demand. Consequently, more and more people use their private vehicles, leading to increased congestion on the roads. In spite of these challenges people in India prefer road travel over air and other means of travel. Citizens of Delhi/NCR have, time and again, pondered over the possibilities of how to reduce the traffic congestion in the city, especially during the peak hours. People should use public transport, the government must increase the facilities of public transport, people should avoid the unnecessary collection of vehicles and should use carpool and vehicle sharing.
- (5) What is required is proper implementation of corrective measures by citizens to get an organized traffic management system.

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage: (4 Marks)

- (i) Infer one reason for the following, based on information in paragraph 1.
 Reducing traffic congestion is not easy.
- (ii) Select the appropriate option to complete the following sentence. The reasons for increased traffic congestion are _____.
 1. use of private vehicles
 2. increase in demand for cars
 3. inability to keep pace with population control
 4. travelling by public transport
 5. emission of pollutants

(a) 4, 5 (b) 1, 5 (c) 1, 2 (d) 2, 3

(iii) The vehicles emit pollutants which affect _____ badly.
(iv) Complete the following sentence.
Use of public transport will reduce _____.

SECTION B- GRAMMAR & CREATIVE WRITING

Q2. Rewrite the following by placing the words in the correct order. (2 Marks)

- i) comes from / the / most of / flavour / its / of / aroma / food.
- ii) grew up / of the / amidst / Siddharth / pleasure / the / at / royal court / Kapil-vastu

Q3. Attempt any one in about 50 words. (3 Marks)

You are looking to sell your old car, a Honda City model 2015. Draft a classified advertisement for the newspaper, including all relevant details such as the car's condition, mileage, features, and your contact information.

OR

You are Mohan / Mohini, General Manager of P.K Industries, Hyderabad. You need an accountant for your company. Draft in not more than 50 words an advertisement to be published in THE HINDU classifieds.

SECTION C- LITERATURE

Q4. Read the following extract and answer the questions: (1x2 = 2 Marks)

The sea holiday

Was her past, mine is her laughter. Both wry
With the laboured ease of loss.'

- i) Who is 'her' referred to here?
- ii) What does the expression 'Laboured ease of loss' mean?

Q5. Answer the following in 40 to 50 words each: (3 x 3 = 9 Marks)

- i) Give three reasons why the author's grandmother was disturbed when he started going to the city school.
- ii) How did the sparrows express their grief over grandmother's death in the chapter 'The Portrait Of A Lady'?
- iii) Bring out the contrast between "terribly transient feet" and the sea in 'A Photograph' by Shirley Toulson.