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Class: XII **MM: 20**

Subject: English **Time: 1 Hr.**

General Instructions:

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

SECTION A- READING

Q1. Read the following passage carefully & answer the following questions: **(5 marks)**

(1) Coffee is one of the most widely consumed beverages in the world, prepared from the roasted seeds of the *Coffea* plant. Originating in Ethiopia, it gradually spread to Arabia and later to Europe, becoming a global favourite. India ranks among the top ten coffee-producing countries, with Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu accounting for nearly 90% of its total production. Coffee is known locally as *Kaapi* in the southern regions and has a rich cultural significance in households and cafés alike.

(2) The appeal of coffee lies in its rich aroma, deep flavour, and stimulating quality. The caffeine content in coffee acts as a mild stimulant that enhances alertness, focus, and mental energy. Scientists believe that moderate coffee consumption can improve concentration and even protect against certain diseases like Parkinson's and Type 2 diabetes. However, its effects vary depending on individual tolerance and lifestyle habits.

(3) Despite its energising benefits, overconsumption of coffee can cause negative effects such as insomnia, anxiety, and elevated heart rate. Nutritionists recommend a daily intake of no more than two to three cups for healthy adults. For people sensitive to caffeine, alternatives such as decaffeinated coffee or herbal beverages are suggested.

(4) The process of coffee production, from cultivation to the final brew, is highly labour-intensive. Coffee plants require a tropical climate with well-distributed rainfall and fertile soil. The cherries are hand-picked, pulped, fermented, washed, dried, and roasted before they can be ground and brewed. Each stage demands precision and expertise, often carried out by skilled workers, which adds to the cost and value of the beverage.

(5) Brazil remains the largest coffee producer globally, followed by Vietnam and Colombia. India, though smaller in scale, is well known for its premium *Arabica* and *Robusta* varieties, particularly from the Coorg and Chikmagalur regions. The Coffee Board of India has also been promoting sustainable coffee farming to ensure fair trade and environmental conservation. Thus, coffee is not merely a beverage but a symbol of global connection, livelihood, and tradition.

(i) *Coffee is one of the most preferred beverages in the world.* Support the above statement in about 40 words with evidence from the text.

(ii) Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below.

Assertion: Coffee helps increase focus and alertness.

Reason: It contains caffeine that stimulates the brain and nervous system.

A. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.

B. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.

C. A is true, but R is false.

D. A is false, but R is true.

(iii) State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:

India is among the top ten coffee-processing countries in the world, with Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu contributing to the majority of its export.

(iv) Substitute the word 'precision' with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following sentence from paragraph 4:

Each stage demands precision and expertise, often carried out by skilled workers…

(v) Complete the given sentence:

Coffee production & processing_____ which leads to an increase in the cost and value of the beverage.

SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING

Q2. Answer ANY ONE of the two questions in 120 - 150 words: **(5 marks)**

A. You came across the following advertisement in a national daily:

Required

A reputed publishing house in New Delhi requires a ***Content Editor (Trainee)****. Candidates should possess excellent communication skills in English, proficiency in computer applications, and strong editing and proofreading abilities. Fresh graduates may also apply. Interested candidates should send their application along with a detailed bio-data to* ***The HR Manager, Bright Pages Publications, 24, Connaught Place, New Delhi – 110001.***

As **Rohit/Roshni**, residing at **45, Green Park, Bhopal – 462016**, write an **application for the post of Content Editor (Trainee)**. Also prepare a **suitable bio-data**, mentioning your educational qualifications, achievements, skills, experience (if any), and other relevant details.

OR

B. As Ritika Sharma / Rohan Sharma, a concerned resident of B–78, Lake View Colony, Jaipur, you have noticed that streetlights in your locality remain non-functional for several weeks. This has caused frequent accidents and created safety concerns, especially for women and elderly residents returning home after dark. Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily, drawing attention to this issue and requesting the concerned civic authorities to take immediate action to repair and maintain proper street lighting in your area.

SECTION C- LITERATURE

Q3. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: **(4x1 = 4 marks)**

Now we will count to twelve
and we will all keep still.
For once on the face of the Earth
let's not speak in any language,
let's stop for one second,
and not move our arms so much.

I. What is the significance of 'twelve' in the first line?

II. Which of the given value does the poet emphasise by saying "keep still"?

A. To encourage people to stop all work permanently B. To promote self-reflection and inner awareness
C. To prepare people for a celebration D. To make people physically stronger

III. What poetic device do you find in the underlined words '*<u>let's</u> not speak in any language,*
<u>let's</u> stop for one second,'?

A. Enjambment B. Anaphora C. Alliteration D. Repetition

IV. Who is the poet of the above lines?

Q4. Answer ANY THREE of the following in about 40- 50 words each: **(3x2 = 6 marks)**

I. Garbage has two different meanings—one for the children and another for the adults. Comment.
II. "It is his karam, his destiny." What is Mukesh's family's attitude towards their situation?
III. "The modern world is full of insecurity, fear, war, worry and stress". What are the ways in which we attempt to overcome them?
IV. What do you infer from Sam's letter to Charley?