

**O. P. JINDAL SCHOOL, SAVITRI NAGAR**  
**SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER**  
**Annual Examination - (2022 – 2023)**

**Class: XI**  
**Subject: English Core**

**MM: 80**  
**Time: 03 Hrs.**

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**(Fifteen Minutes Extra will be given for reading the Question Paper.)**

**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections - Section A-READING, Section B-GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS, and Section C-LITERATURE.
  2. Attempt all the questions as per specific instructions for each question.
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**SECTION A: READING SKILLS (26 MARKS)**

**I. Read the passage given below and the questions that follow: [1x10 = 10 marks]**

1. A beggar had been sitting by the side of a road for over thirty years. One day a stranger walked by. "Spare some change?" mumbled the beggar, mechanically holding out his old baseball cap. "I have nothing to give you," said the stranger. Then he asked: "What's that you are sitting on?" "Nothing," replied the beggar. "Just an old box. I have been sitting on it for as long as I can remember." "Ever looked inside?" asked the stranger. "No," said the beggar. "What's the point? There's nothing in there." "Have a look inside," insisted the stranger. The beggar managed to pry open the lid. With astonishment, disbelief, and elation, he saw that the box was filled with gold.
2. I am that stranger who has nothing to give you and who is telling you to look inside. Not inside any box, as in the parable, but somewhere even closer: inside yourself.  
"But I am not a beggar," I can hear you say.  
Those who have not found their true wealth, which is the radiant joy of Being and the deep, unshakable peace that comes with it, are beggars, even if they have great material wealth. They are looking outside for scraps of pleasure or fulfilment: for validation, security, or love, while they have a treasure within that not only includes all those things but is infinitely greater than anything the world can offer.
3. The word enlightenment conjures up the idea of some super-human accomplishment, and the ego likes to keep it that way, but it is simply your natural state of the 'felt oneness with Being'. It is a state of connectedness with something immeasurable and indestructible, something that, almost paradoxically, is essentially you and yet is much greater than you. It is finding your true nature beyond name and form. The inability to feel this connectedness gives rise to the illusion of separation, from yourself and from the world around you. You then perceive yourself, consciously or unconsciously, as an isolated fragment. Fear arises, and conflict within and without becomes the norm.

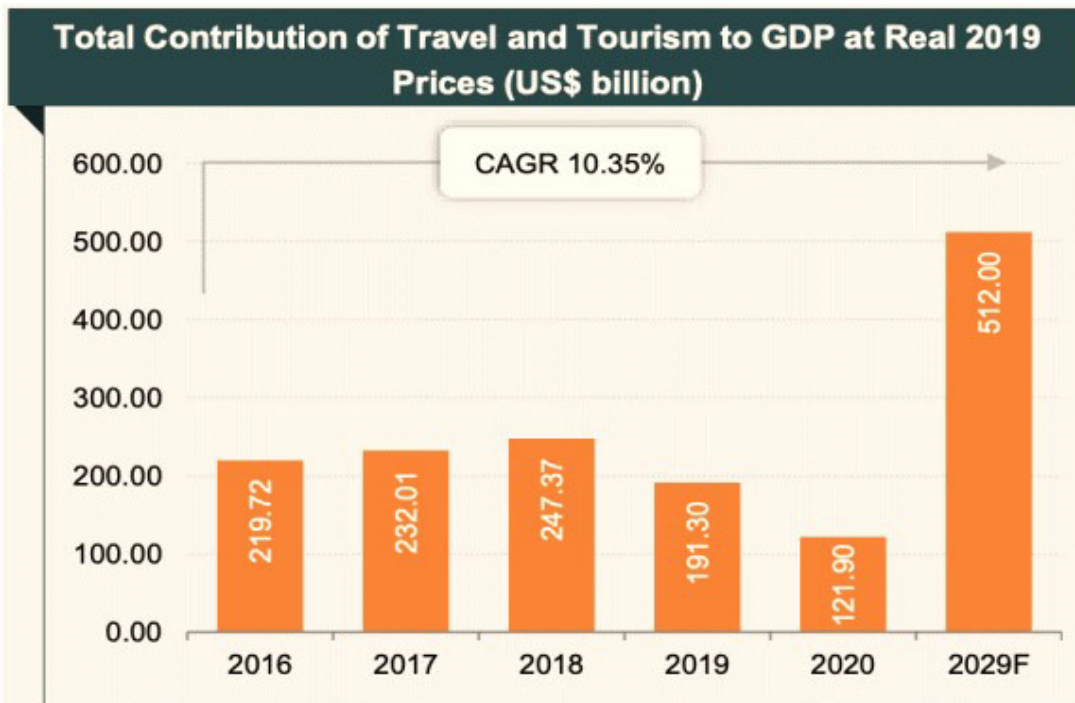
**On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the following question**

- i. "Spare some change?" mumbled the beggar. The beggar sounded
  - a. Dejected and not convinced of receiving help
  - b. Cold and indifferent
  - c. Weak and exhausted
  - d. Angry and hostile
- ii. What had the beggar never attempted to do?
- iii. To be not a beggar one must find\_\_\_\_\_.
- iv. By scraps of pleasure, the author means
  - A. Money and luxury
  - B. Love and security
  - C. Validation and recognition
  - D. Health and long life
 Choose the correct option:
  - a. A
  - b. B
  - c. D
  - d. B & C
- v. "They are looking outside for scraps of pleasure or fulfilment"-  
The author's words express:
  - a. Disgust
  - b. Indifference
  - c. Anger
  - d. acceptance
- vi. 'The word enlightenment conjures up the idea of some super-human accomplishment'. Means that  
Enlightenment is:
  - a. quite complicated and hard to come by
  - b. fictitious and fabricated
  - c. gives the illusion
  - d. magical and mysterious
- vii. The paradox about Enlightenment is to be:
  - a. connected and disconnected with God at the same time
  - b. essentially you and yet be much greater than you
  - c. immeasurable and indestructible
  - d. natural and deliberate
- viii. Illusion of separation, from yourself and from the world is the result of
  - a. the inability to connect with one's inner Being
  - b. the inability to perceive oneself
  - c. the inability to find one's true nature
  - d. All are incorrect.
- ix. Statement I: You then perceive yourself as an isolated fragment.  
Statement II: Fear arises, and conflict within and without becomes the norm
  - a. Statement I & II are correct but have no relation to one another
  - b. Statement I & II are true S-II is the result of S-I
  - c. Statement I is correct but Statement II is baseless
  - d. Statement I is not the cause for Statement II
- x. The word 'Elation' is used in the same as in:
  - a. The puppy was scared of the elation.
  - b. The boy secured the first prize in the elation.
  - c. The elation among the students was due to the non-availability of teachers for main subjects.
  - d. The elation after the victory in the final match made the team to dance around the stadium.

**II. Read the following passage and answer the questions:**

**[1x8 = 8m]**

Before the onset of the pandemic, the contribution of tourism sector to India's GDP had reached ~US\$ 250 billion in 2018. However, the contribution had fallen to US\$ 122 billion in 2020 due to pandemic. The share of Tourism to GDP has hovered around ~5-6%. With post-pandemic recovery, the tourism industry is expected to reach US\$ 512 billion by 2028



Tourism Sector is the third-largest foreign exchange earner for the country in 2019. The foreign exchange earnings between 2016 and 2019 increased at a CAGR of 7%, but dipped in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. By 2028, Indian tourism and hospitality is expected to earn US\$ 50.9 billion as visitor exports compared with US\$ 28.9 billion in 2018. Foreign Tourist arrivals had reached 10.9 million in 2019, before falling to 2.7 million in 2020 due to the pandemic.

India was ranked 34th in the Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Report 2019 published by the World Economic Forum. The Economic Impact 2019 Report published by the World Tourism and Travel Council (WTTC) has noted that between 2014-19, India witnessed the strongest growth in the number of jobs created (6.36 million), followed by China (5.47 million) and the Philippines (2.53 million).

In 2020, the Indian tourism sector accounted for 39 million jobs, which was 8% of the total employment in the country. By 2029, it is expected to account for about 53 million jobs. Tourism sector provides diverse opportunities for jobs like in hospitality/hotels/accommodation, transportation, tour guides, travel operations etc.

- i. The contribution of Tourism sector to India's GDP after the pandemic dipped by a margin of:
  - a. US\$ 128 billion
  - b. US\$ 150 billion
  - c. US\$ 146 billion
  - d. US\$ 120 billion
  
- ii. The forecasted growth after the recovery from the pandemic is:

- a. US\$ 391 billion
  - b. US\$ 512 billion
  - c. US\$ 121 billion
  - d. Not mentioned in the graph/ passage
- iii. Tourism in India until 2019 had the credit of being:
- a. The largest revenue earner
  - b. The second largest foreign exchange earner
  - c. The third largest foreign exchange earner
  - d. The lowest foreign exchange earner
- iv. Which of the following is not true?
- The foreign exchange earnings:*
- a. Was largely affected by the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic
  - b. Dipped from its 7% growth
  - c. Reduced as the number of visitor export diminished.
  - d. Will get the largest share of growth from the tourism Industry.
- v. Deduce the relationship:
- Statement I: Foreign Tourist arrival suffered a setback of 8 million in 2020  
Statement II: The tourism industry is expected to reach US\$ 512 billion by 2028.
- a. Statement II is correct but Statement I is baseless.
  - b. Statement I & II are true but unrelated and independent of each other.
  - c. Statement II is the reason for Statement I.
  - d. Statement I is the reason for statement II
- vi. A Ranking of 34 in the Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Report 2019 shows that India
- a. Lacks competitive edge in Tourism Industry
  - b. Is giving a fierce competition to the other 161 nations of the world.
  - c. Needs to sharpen its competitive edge
  - d. May relax its competitive policy slightly
- vii. The employment opportunities under tourism in India is soon likely to
- a. Grow sufficiently
  - b. Stagnate and come to a standstill
  - c. Suffer serious decrease
  - d. Can't say
- viii. Tourism after the pandemic will not noticeably affect:
- a. Hospitality Industry
  - b. Hotels
  - c. Schools
  - d. Transportation

**III. Read the passage and answer the question that follows:**

**[5+3 = 8 marks]**

Career choice is a significant issue in the developmental life of youths because it is reported to be associated with positive as well as harmful psychological, physical and socio-economic inequalities that persist well beyond the youthful age into an individual's adult life. The term "youth" is described by the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) as a more fluid category than a fixed age group and it refers to young people within the period of transitioning from the dependence of childhood to adulthood independence and awareness of their interdependence as members of a community (UNESCO, 2017).

The complexity of career decision-making increases as age increases. Younger children are more likely to offer answers about their ideal career which may represent their envisioned utopia and phenomenal perceptions about what they want to do when they grow up. As children get older, they are more likely to describe their career choice as a dynamic interplay of their developmental stages and the prevailing environmental circumstances. Youth career decision-making is required to go through a process of understanding by defining what they want to do and exploring a variety of career options with the aid of guidance and planning. Proper handling of the process affirms individual identity and fosters wellbeing, job satisfaction and stability.

According to the SCCT, career development behaviours are affected by three social cognitive processes - self-efficacy beliefs, outcome expectations and career goals and intentions which interplay with ethnicity, culture, gender, socio-economic status, social support, and any perceived barriers to shape a person's educational and career trajectories.

- A. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary. Supply a suitable title: **[5 Marks]**
- B. Write a summary of the above passage in about 50 words: **[3 Marks]**

### **SECTION B: GRAMMAR AND WRITING SKILLS [23 MARKS]**

#### **IV. Do as directed: [7 MARKS]**

##### **A. Fill in the blanks by choosing from the options: (any 4) [4 Marks]**

My younger brother Tinu (a)\_\_\_\_\_ off his bicycle yesterday. He (b)\_\_\_\_\_ his right ankle and (c)\_\_\_\_\_ in bed since then. The doctor has examined him and (d)\_\_\_\_\_ him complete rest for a week. He hopes that Tinu (e)\_\_\_\_\_ soon.

- (a) fall/ fell/ falling/ was falling
- (b) hurt/ hurted/ was hurted/ had hurted
- (c) had been/ has been/ have been/ is
- (d) advised/ had advised/ advise/ advising
- (e) recovers/ recover/ will recover/ recovered

##### **B. Rearrange the following to make meaningful sentences: [3 Marks]**

- i) last/ was/ the railway/ Sunday/ particularly/ platform/ busy
- ii) could not/ is/ hear anything because/ He/ he/ far away/stood
- iii) the poet began/ her/ miss/ viewing/ after/ mother/ to/ image/her

#### **V. CREATIVE WRITING SKILL [16 MARKS]**

(i) You are Mr. / Mrs. Kabir and you are planning to purchase an independent villa. Both your children like climbing walls and trees. Draft an advertisement in around 50 words, specifying your requirements especially that which would satisfy your children's thirst for adventure. **[3 Marks]**

[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' in the classified columns.

(ii) Shruti/ Smith, a student of class XI observes that although their school premises is quite clean, outside the gate it is dirty and untidy. Draft a poster in about 50 words, on behalf of Shruti / Smith to educate the local residents so that they dispose the garbage and plastic wrap and waste appropriately. **[3 Marks]**

[OR]

As Secretary of the Science Club of your school, design a poster to inform the students about the importance of giving up on crackers during Diwali and celebrating a green Diwali. Design the poster as Sheetal/ Shivam.

(iii) Mental health of the students is a grossly neglected area and needs to be taken seriously. Write a speech to be presented in the morning assembly in 120-150 words. You are Raj/ Raji. **[5 Marks]**

[OR]

You are Anshu/ Anita. You have secured 95 per cent marks in English. Your English teacher has persuaded you to share the secret of your success with your schoolmates. You decide to deliver a speech 'English is an extremely scoring subject' in the morning assembly. Write the speech in about 120-150 words.

(iv) "The students who studied through online classes are smarter and better equipped for the current times than those who studied offline." Write a debate on this motion in 120-150 words. You are Aaroh/ Aarohi. **[5 Marks]**

[OR]

Write a debate in 120-150 words on the topic- "Examination merely stresses the students and does not serve any purpose, hence it should be abolished." You are Nimesh/ Nimisha.

### **SECTION C: LITERATURE [31 MARKS]**

#### **VI. Reference to the context:**

##### **1. Read the given extract and answer the following questions briefly:**

**[3x1=3 Marks]**

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.

- i. Silence surrounds us because
  - a. They believed in staying quiet.
  - b. They stressed upon meditation.
  - c. The communication between them had broken down.
  - d. They couldn't hear each other.
- ii. I would forgive him to: has what tone

- a. Kind
  - b. Patronising
  - c. Sad
  - d. Regret
- iii. The son is smarting under:
- a. The father's love
  - b. The father's possessive nature
  - c. Father's dominating personality
  - d. Father's control over his life

[OR]

When did my childhood go?  
 Was it the time I realised 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!

- i. The poem has a tone of:
  - a. Desperation and regret
  - b. Joy and satisfaction
  - c. Anger and frustration
  - d. Sadness and resignation
- ii. What is the element of hypocrisy in the behaviour of the adults:
  - a. They preach one but practice the other
  - b. They teach righteousness but treat others unfairly themselves
  - c. They show the way and choose to walk a different path
  - d. They appear faultless but are full of faults.
- iii. The name of the poet and the poem is:
  - a. Father to Son by Elizabeth Jennings
  - b. A Photograph by Shirley Toulson
  - c. Childhood by Markus Natten
  - d. The Laburnum Top by Ted Hughes

**2. Read the given extract and answer the following questions briefly: [3x1=3 Marks]**

These shaggy monsters, blacker than the darkest night, usually wore bright red collars and barked furiously with massive jaws. They were completely fearless of our vehicle, shooting straight into our path, causing Tsetan to brake and swerve.

- i. What are the shaggy monsters? Why are called 'shaggy'?
  - a. The heavy muscled yaks guarding the pastures
  - b. The ferocious Tibetan mastiffs guarding the tents.
  - c. The scary dogs straying the Tibetan plains.
  - d. The wild dogs of the hills of Kailash.
- ii. Which word in the passage indicates high speed?

- a. Shaggy
  - b. Furiously
  - c. Swerve
  - d. shooting
- iii. Where is the narrator heading?
- a. To Lake Mansarovar
  - b. To Mount Kailash
  - c. To the foothills of the Himalayas
  - d. To do the Kora

[OR]

I rushed on deck and gazed with relief at the stark outline of Ile Amsterdam. It was only a bleak piece of volcanic rock, with little vegetation — the most beautiful island in the world!

- i. Why was the narrator scared while rushing out to the deck?
- a. He thought there was another storm ahead
  - b. He thought that the damaged boat was sinking
  - c. He thought that they had missed the island
  - d. He thought Mary was in trouble at the wheels
- ii. The island is described as bleak as
- a. It had no vegetation
  - b. It was a volcanic rock
  - c. It was hard to find
  - d. It saved their life
- iii. Ile Amsterdam became beautiful to the eyes of the adventurers as
- a. It was small and remote
  - b. It was not a wilderness
  - c. It offered them safety of life and rest
  - d. It had a beautiful name.

**3. Read the given extract and answer the following questions briefly: [4x1=4 Marks]**

Beaten, despairing, having laboured in vain for half an hour, he still persisted in one last effort, rubbing the child with a rough towel, crushing and releasing the little chest with both his hands, trying to get breath into that limp body.

- i. Dr Andrew was despairing as
- a. he had disappointed the family
  - b. the child born under his care was born lifeless
  - c. his frantic effort to revive the child was in vain
  - d. all of the above
- ii. Dr Andrew was trying to:
- a. Revive the flaccid woman, Mrs Joe Morgan
  - b. Pacify the grandmother who had lost her hopes of a grandchild
  - c. Comfort the disappointed Joe Morgan



- d. Revive the still born child of Joe Morgan
- iii. For half an hour Andrew had
  - a. Sat with the child and observed him
  - b. Plunged the baby into hot and cold water alternately
  - c. Blown air into his nostrils and lungs
  - d. Not been able to decide what to do
- iv. Dr Andrew used
  - a. Unconventional ways to revive the still born baby
  - b. Prescribed methods from his medical books
  - c. Devised his own ingenious method
  - d. Took the advice from the elderly women

**[OR]**

**MRS FITZGERALD:** No doubt about it at all. Who's the better for being spoilt— grown man, lad or girl? Nobody. You think it does 'em good when you run after them all the time, take their orders as if you were the servant in the house, stay at home every night while they go out enjoying themselves? Never in all your life. It's the ruin of them as well as you. Husbands, sons, daughters should be taking notice of wives an' mothers, not giving 'em orders an' treating 'em like dirt. An' don't tell me you don't know what I mean, for I know more than you've told me.

- i. Mrs. Fitzgerald is trying to reason it out with:
  - a. Mrs. Annie Pearson
  - b. Mr. George Pearson
  - c. Mr. Cyril Pearson
  - d. Ms. Doris Pearson
- ii. We understand that Mrs. Pearson, the mother
  - a. Severely strict with her children and husband
  - b. Too indulgent that her family treated her as a pushover
  - c. Cares only about her comfort and recreation
  - d. Indifferent towards the comfort of her family
- iii. "for I know more than you've told me." Mrs. Fitzgerald is
  - a. Intuitive and clever
  - b. Sluggish and slow to understand
  - c. Naïve and easy to fool
  - d. Old and indifferent
- iv. "not giving 'em orders an' treating 'em like **dirt**." The meaning of the word 'dirt' is as in the following sentence:
  - a. He washed away the dirt on his boots under running water.
  - b. Put some dirt in the planter before putting the seeds
  - c. Some movies may fill our minds with dirt and violence
  - d. Treat your elders not as dirt but with respect.

**VII. Answer any TWO of the following (One from Prose and One from Poetry) in 40-50 words each: [3x2=06]**

- (a) How does the words in the brackets add to the meaning of the poem 'The Voice of the Rain'? What is the

literary device used here?

(b) What is the theme of the poem 'Father to Son'?

(c) How did reaching Darchen affect the author Nick Middleton's health?

(d) What frightening event followed the 'Ominous Silence'?

**VIII. Answer any ONE of the following questions in 40-50 words: [3x1=3]**

(a) Why do you think the King in the Melon city was quite unsuited to be the king?

(b) What real thing was Dr Andrew able to carry out which made him feel incredulous?

**IX. Answer any ONE of the following questions in 120-150 words: [6m]**

(a) Though Carter's discovery was a sensation. Why did he suddenly become unpopular among Egyptians?

(b) How did meeting Norbu prove to be a fortunate chance occurrence for Nick Middleton?

**X. Answer any ONE of the following questions in 120-150 words: [6m]**

(a) How is 'The Address' a suitable title to the story?

(b) There lies a great difference between textbook medicine and the world of a practising physician. Discuss with reference to the story, Birth.

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