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SECOND PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION (2018-2019)

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

CLASS : X

Time : 3.00 hours

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General instructions-

This question paper consists of three sections:

Section A - Reading (20 marks)

Section B - Writing and Grammar (30 marks)

Section C - Literature (30 Marks)

1. All the questions are compulsory.
2. Do not write anything in the question paper.
3. You may attempt any section at a time.
4. All answers must be numbered correctly.
5. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.

SECTION -A- READING

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Marie was born in 1867 in Warsaw, Poland, where her father was a Professor of Physics. At an early age, she displayed a brilliant mind and a blithe personality. Her great exuberance for learning prompted her to continue with her studies after high school. She became disgruntled, however, when she learned that the university in Warsaw was closed to women. Determined to receive a higher education, she defiantly left Poland and in 1891 entered the Sorbonne, a French university, where she earned her master's degree and doctorate in physics.

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Marie was fortunate to have studied at the Sorbonne with some of the greatest scientists of her day, one of whom was Pierre Curie. Marie and Pierre were married in 1895 and spent many productive years working together in the physics laboratory. A short time after they discovered radium, Pierre was killed by a horse-drawn wagon in 1906. Marie was stunned by this horrible misfortune and endured heartbreaking anguish. Despondently, she recalled their close relationship and the joy that they had shared in scientific research. The fact that she had two young daughters to raise by herself greatly increased her distress.

Curie's feeling of desolation finally began to fade when she was asked to succeed her husband as a physics professor at the Sorbonne. She was the first woman to be given a professorship at the world-famous university. In 1911 she received the Nobel Prize in chemistry for isolating radium. Although Marie Curie eventually suffered a fatal illness from her long exposure to radium, she never became disillusioned about her work. Regardless of the consequences, she had dedicated herself to science and to revealing the mysteries of the physical world.

Answer the following questions:

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- (a) What character traits were displayed by Marie at an early age?
- (b) Why didn't Marie continue her education in Warsaw?
- (c) What was Marie's qualification?
- (d) Who discovered Radium?
- (e) When and how did Marie's husband die?
- (f) What helped Marie reduce distress after her husband's death?
- (g) What was Marie's greatest achievement?
- (h) What were the consequences of her work?

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2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:
(12 Marks)

1 It is rare to find someone with good technical and communication skills. People will judge, evaluate, promote or block you based on your communication skills.

Communication skills are required for maintaining relationships also. When with friends and relatives, good communication skills are needed to avoid confusion, misscommunication and fights etc. Since habits formed by repeating both good and bad forms of communication, learn to observe great communicators and adopt their styles and traits — in written and verbal forms. The art of listening and learning from each and every interaction, is another secret recipe. Develop the subconscious habit of listening to yourself as you speak and know when to pause.

2 Learning what not to say is probably more important than learning what to say. As your career develops, you will realize that the wise speak less. Speak when you have value to add, else refrain. Poorly constructed emails with grammatical errors are acceptable between friends, but they should be seriously avoided while communicating formally with your seniors. Avoid any communication in an emotional state when you might say things you will regret later. One unnecessary word uttered at the wrong time or place can ruin a relationship, career or even your life. Such is the power of words. If such a thing happens, you should immediately apologise, else it may haunt you for life.

3 Another problem to overcome is speaking too fast. Since our minds are working faster than our speech, we are inclined to speak fast. This does not necessarily mean that the person hearing it will get it any faster. On the contrary, it is always the reverse. So slow

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down, and think before you speak. "When I get ready to speak to people," Abraham Lincoln said, "I spend two-thirds of the time thinking what they want to hear and one-third thinking what I want to say." Adding humour and wit is also essential. But realize that not all jokes are funny and observe certain boundaries. Never say anything that could offend. Remember you are not a comedian who must offend as many people as you can to be witty.

4. Effective communication skills are very important, for sustaining in the society. Most people judge another person on the basis of his/her body language and form an opinion based on their perception. Hence, effective communication skills are as important to humans as growling is to a dog, to communicate and express himself. What the spoken language fails to express, that is easily expressed with certain hand and facial gestures.
5. Communication does not refer only to articulating words. Using sign language and the sense of touch to express and feel are also important modes of communication. Ultimately, communication should be effective. As long as there is clarity in communication, the goal of communication will be accomplished.

Attempt the following questions.

(4x2=8)

- (a) Why is it necessary to have good communication skills?
- (b) How can communication skills be developed?
- (c) What, according to the writer, should be avoided while communicating?
- (d) How can we overcome the problem of speaking too fast?

2.2. Attempt the following questions: -

(1x2=2Marks)

- (a) It is rare to find.....
- (b) Hand and facial gestures express what the

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2.3. Choose the most appropriate meanings of the given words from the passage:- (1x2=2Marks)

- (a) characteristics (para 1)
- (b) avoid (para 2)

3. Your school requires books for classes IX and X for the coming session. You are Shanker Mohan/ ShaliniMohan , Librarian of Modern school, 97, Najafgarh ,New Delhi. Write a letter to the store Manager, M/S Full Marks pvt. Ltd., 4238 A /1, Ansari Road, Daryaganj, New Delhi, placing order for the specific books required by you. 8 MARKS

OR

You are Deepak Singh, a student of class X from 27, Mall Road Bilaspur, HP. Recently you came across an advertisement of coaching for IIT-JEE. Write a letter to the director of Bright Coaching Academy asking for details.

4. Write a story in 200-250 words with the following beginning and give it a suitable title. 10MARKS

It was a dark night .I was alone on the guard duty. I noticed a dim light from the windows of factory and some men talking inside.....

OR

A navy commander Abhilash Tomy Participates in a circumnavigation race. Before setting out on his voyage , he thinks.....

5. Fill inthe following blanks choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number 1x4=4MARKS

Before arriving (a)_____ Mumbai, Shivam lived in a town called Indore. He(b)_____ to be a young man(c)_____ exemplary life and ardent faith. He was very well (d)_____ by people around him.

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| (a) i) at | ii) on | iii) with | iv) in |
| (b) i) is thought | ii) was thought | iii) thought | iv) has thought |
| (c) i) with | ii) of | iii) in | iv) at |
| d) i) liking | ii) like | iii) a like | iv) liked |

6. The following passage has not been edited. One word has been omitted in each line. Mark the place with a '/' where you think the word has been omitted and write the missing word in the space provided. The first one has been done for you as an example:

(1X4=4 Marks)

Soon after terrorist attacks the World Trade Centre in New York and the Pentagon Washington, Osama Bin Laden began be talked about as the man the attack.

eg. After the terrorist

(a) _____

(b) _____

(c) _____

(d) _____

7. Rearrange the following to form meaningful sentences. First one has been done as an example. 1x4=4 MARKS

Eg. Most/library/or/in/school/one/is/important/places/a/of/college/the
Library is one of the most important places in a school or college.

- (a) Well-stacked/good/must/institution/a/every/library/possess
- (b) To/should/this/be/accessible/teachers/alike/students/and/easily
- (c) Storehouse/acts/library/as/a/the/knowledge/of
- (d) Is/place/school/reading/good/a/in/culture/to/it/develop

SECTION C

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

1x4=4MARKS

" I could be well moved ,
If I were as you

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If I could pray to move, prayers would move me
But I am constant as the northern star."

- (a) Who is the speaker?
- (b) Who is he speaking to?
- (c) Why does the speaker compare himself to the northern star?
- (d) What is the issue being talked about?

OR

Gainst death and all-oblivious enmity
Shall you pace forth; your praise shall still find room
Even in the eyes of all posterity
That wear this world out to the ending doom.

- (a) Whom does 'you' refer to in line 2?
- (b) What is meant by oblivious enmity?
- (c) How long would 'you' be remembered?
- (d) Who all would be remembering 'you'?

9. Answer any four of the following questions briefly in 30-40 words each. 2x4=8MARKS

- (a) What change did the grandfather make to his will?
- (b) How do the two boys in 'Two Gentlemen of Verona' give hope to the society?
- (c) Why did the mariners hail the albatross as a Christian soul?
- (d) Why does PatolBabu walk away before getting paid for his work? What does it tell about his character?
- (e) 'Sebastian Shultz was the game.' What is meant by this statement?

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10. Compare and contrast the funeral speeches of Marcus Brutus and Mark Antony. 8MARKS

OR

At the end of the day, Mrs. Packletide writes a diary entry in 100-120 words highlighting the important lesson the big game shooting incident has taught her. As Mrs. Packletide, write the diary entry.

11. Describe Helen's early childhood before she got ill. 10MARKS

OR

Write a brief character sketch of Kate Adams Keller.
