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**CLASS- XII
SUB: ENGLISH CORE (301)**

Time Allowed: 3 Hours**Maximum Marks :80****General Instructions:**

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

**SECTION-A READING SKILLS (22 MARKS)
Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages**

1. Reading the following text.**12 marks**

1. Food is an important part of our identity and culture. We are known by what we eat. It reflects the geography to which we belong and the locally available resources used in our cuisine. Adivasi food systems are deeply embedded in local culture and traditions, given that the way of life of these indigenous peoples is so closely linked to nature and its resources.
2. Jharkhand is a natural abode and home to numerous Adivasi communities constituting a little over 25% of the total population. These communities, in addition to their rich social and cultural traditions, practise immensely diverse food practices which are based on locally available resources and techniques. Such Adivasi food systems have been instrumental in maintaining the sovereignty and self-reliance of these communities. They have taken many varieties of vegetables and tubers, wild or grown, to enrich their diet and also to meet their requirements of calcium, iron, minerals and vitamins.
3. The realm of medicinal plants and herbal products is even vaster. According to the All India Coordinated Research Project on Ethnobiology, tribal communities are acquainted with the use of over 9,000 species of plants including food plants, while specifically for the purpose of healing they know the use of around 7,500 species of plants.
4. The Adivasi food of Jharkhand may be defined in terms of a few characteristic features: food is influenced by physiological needs and geographical conditions and the habit is closely associated with habitat. This means food habits are guided by locally available resources. Adivasis consume boiled food like rice, pulses, herbs or 'saag' and on some occasions, animal or bird meat is roasted on a fire. Because of these consistent food habits that are based on locally available resources, instances of serious diseases are considerably lower among Adivasis.

5. Nutrition Value: Ingredients used in Adivasi food are a great source of nutrition in addition to taste. Studies have revealed that Adivasi food provides high immunity to diseases and protection from deformities. Food like tubers, shoots, berries, nuts, etc. are a good source of protein and fat.
6. The consumption of meat, fish, egg, shellfish, etc. provides good quality protein apart from important vitamins and minerals. Widely consumed wild or grown tubers enrich their dietary requirement of calcium, iron, mineral elements and vitamins.

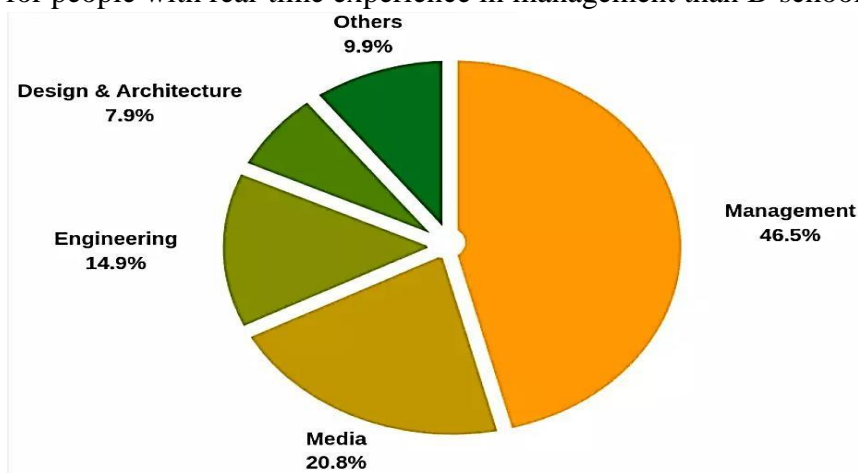
Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. Select the option that states the reason behind the statement. 1
 "Adivasi food provides high immunity to diseases and protection from deformities".
 A. The food of Adivasis has more protein and fibre.
 B. The food of Adivasis has a rich balance of protein, vitamins and minerals.
 C. Adivasis grow their own food themselves.
 D. Adivasis know the use of around 7,500 species of plants.
- ii. Which of the following statement(s) is/are true in the context of the passage? 1
 A. Studies have revealed that as the Adivasi food is rich in nutrients, it provides high immunity against disease and protection from deformities.
 B. Most of the Adivasis have frequent cases of serious diseases due to their consistent eating habits.
 C. Adivasi food provides ample amount of proteins, vitamins and minerals to boost the immune system of the eater.
 D. Both (A) and (C)
- iii. Share evidence from the passage, in about 40 words to support the view that Adivasi food systems are linked to nature and its resources. 2
- iv. Complete the sentence appropriately. The sentence "We are known by what we eat" means _____. .1
- v. The writer mentions that 'food is an important part of our identity and culture'. Pick the option that closely gives the meaning of the statement. 1
 A. Culture is what makes everyone different from, who we are to where we originate.
 B. Food is family treasure in a way that the recipes are passed on from one generation to another.
 C. As the world becomes more globalised, it is easier to access cuisines from different cultures.
 D. How we eat and talk about food is a different key part of our identities.
- vi. Explain the factors that influence the Adivasi food of Jharkhand. 2
- vii. Food habits of Adivasis are guided by locally available resources. State their food consumption habits. 1
- viii. Adivasi systems are more medically advanced. Elaborate. 2
- ix. Identify the option, highlighting that Adivasi food systems are instrumental in maintaining self-reliance of their community. 1
 a. They maintain the sovereignty and self-dependency of their communities.
 b. They give emphasis on the nutritional value of food they consume.
 c. They encourage inter-dependence in a community.
 d. It's a part of their identity and culture.
 A. Only (a)
 B. (b) (c) and (d)
 C. Only (d)
 D. Both (a) and (b)

2. Read the following text.

10 marks

1. Over the last five years, more companies have been actively looking for intern profiles, according to a 2018-19 survey by an online internship and training platform. This survey reveals that India had 80% more internship applications — with 2.2 million applications received in 2018 compared to 1.27 million in the year before. The trend was partly due to more industries looking to have fresh minds and ideas on existing projects for better productivity. What was originally seen as a western concept, getting an internship before plunging in to the job market is fast gaining momentum at Indian workplaces.
2. According to the survey data, India's National Capital Region has been the top provider of internships, with a total of 35% internship opportunities, followed by Mumbai and Bengaluru at 20% and 15%, respectively. This includes opportunities in startups, MNCs and even government entities.
3. The survey also revealed popular fields to find internships in the given Figure. There has been growing awareness among the students about the intern profiles sought by hiring companies that often look for people with real-time experience in management than B-schoolmasters.



4. The stipend has been an important factor influencing the choice of internships. The survey data reveals that the average stipend offered to interns was recorded as ₹7000 while the maximum stipend went up to ₹85,000. According to statistics, a greater number of people considered virtual internships than in-office internships. Virtual internships got three times more applications than in-office, since a large chunk of students were the ones already enrolled in various courses, or preferred working from home.
5. Internship portals have sprung up in the last three to four years and many of them already report healthy traffic per month. Reports suggest that on an average, an internship portal company has around 200,000-plus students and some 8,000 companies registered on it. It gets around two lakh visits online every month. The Managing Director of a leading executive search firm says that though these web platforms are working as an effective bridge between the industry and students, most established companies are still reluctant to take too many interns on board for obvious reasons.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

- i. Select the correct inference with reference to the following. 1
Over the last five years, more companies have been actively looking for intern profiles.
A. The past five years have seen active applications by interns to several companies.
B. The activity for intern profiling by the companies has reached a gradual downslide over the past five years.
C. There were lesser companies searching for intern profiles earlier, as compared to those in the recent five years.
D. Several companies have initiated intern profiling five times a year in the recent past.

- ii. The central idea of paragraph no. 2 could be _____ . 1
- iii. Mention the option that displays the correct cause-effect relationship. 1
- A. Cause-Several students had academic courses to complete.
Effect-Students applied for online internship.
- B. Cause-A large chunk of students preferred in-office internships.
Effect-Applications were three times more than for virtual internships.
- C. Cause-A greater number of students wanted to work from home.
Effect-Several students had courses to complete.
- D. Cause-Students applied for online internship.
Effect-An equal number of students applied for work-from-home.
- iv. According to the survey statistics, mention the sizeable difference between the lowest and the highest stipend that the interns were offered. 2
- v. The phrase 'healthy traffic' in paragraph no.5 refers to the _____ . 1
- vi. State TRUE or FALSE. 1
- The choice of internship is determined by the stipend offered.
- vii. Complete the sentence appropriately with one/ two words. 1
- Virtual internships had an upper hand over _____ .
- viii. Cite evidence in support of the statement given below 2
- A greater number of people preferred virtual internship to in-office internships.

SECTION B: CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (18 Marks)

- 3. Attempt ANY ONE of two, in about 50 words. 4**
- A.** You are Josely Mathew, the President of the School Book Club. The club is organising a drive for promoting reuse of study materials and books. Draft a notice for the school notice board, addressing students of classes X-XII, informing them about the drive and urging them to contribute to the endeavour. Mention how the donated books would benefit a charitable cause.
- OR**
- B.** A severe storm is expected to hit the coastal districts of Odisha in the next 72 hours. As Kritika/Bharat, Secretary Disaster Management Cell, Odisha, write a notice warning fishermen, tourists and general public to take all safety precautions. Invent the necessary details.
- 4. Attempt ANY ONE of two, in about 50 words. 4**
- A.** You are the Cultural Secretary of Moulana Abdul Kalam Azad Public School, Uddampur. Your school is organizing the school Annual Exhibition and Fete to raise funds for the flood victims of Uttarakhand. There will be stalls of eatables, gift items, books and exciting games. Draft an invitation for parents, students and teachers to attend. Mention any other relevant details required for an invitation.
- OR**
- B.** You are Geetika, a celebrated poet and writer. You have been invited by the Literary Club of Rotary Public School, Jalandhar on the occasion of Literature Conclave to enlighten children on literature and life. However, due to sudden illness you are unable to attend the same. Draft a suitable reply expressing your inability addressing to the Principal.
- 5. Attempt ANY ONE of two, in about 120-150 words. 5**
- A.** You are Ram/Rajani, living at Street No-01, Ranapratap Marg, New Delhi. Read an advertisement given below and apply for the job giving your Bio-Data separately.

Sun University requires Lecturer in English for its new campus at Panipat.
Candidates with a minimum of 5 years of experience can apply.
Excellent command of English is a must.
Excellent package for experienced and deserving candidates.
Those interested may send the application to the Dean of the University within 15 days.

OR

B. Lack of Job opportunities in the rural area is leading to migration of people to cities. As a result, every big city is suffering from the problem of slums. Life in these slums is miserable. Write a letter to the editor of a national newspaper on how we can provide support to these people in the slums and improve their lot. Use the given cues along with your own ideas to compose this letter. You are Manjit Kaur.

Clues:

- cities getting over crowded
- more competition in job market
- city lifestyle getting compromised
- unemployment is on rise in cities

Suggestions:

- Govt. to provide homes for them
- loans to be provided
- new job opportunities to be created

6. Attempt ANY ONE of two, in about 120-150 words.

5

A. You are Raman/Rameena. The residents of your city are troubled by the frequent power cuts. You strongly feel that it's time to explore for an alternative which you think is solar power. Write an article on "Solar Power-The Only Solution for World Power Crisis." Use the given cues along with your own ideas to compose this article.

- Renewable energy
- Reduces energy bill
- No pollution, no carbon emission
- Low maintenance cost

OR

B. Globally, the lack of basic first aid knowledge is found to be endangering many lives. A free one-day workshop was conducted by 'Lend a hand', an NGO in Calicut, Kerala to sensitize people on its usage on the occasion of 'World First-Aid Day', 2023. You were asked to cover this event as the correspondent of a local daily. Write a **report** covering this event. Support your ideas with outline cues given below, to craft your newspaper report.

One-Day Workshop programme

Talks by experienced trainers	Meaning of First-Aid
Types of Injuries	First-Aid Kit
Roles and responsibilities of First-Aiders	Assessing Agencies
Demonstration and partner practice	Vote of Thanks
Audience Feedback	

SECTION C

(LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT)

40 Marks

7. Read the extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two given.

1 x 6 = 6

A. It is in the news that all these pitiful kin
Are to be brought out and mercifully gathered in
To live in villages, next to the theatre and the store,
Where they won't have to think for themselves anymore,
While greedy good-doers, beneficent beasts of prey'
Swarm over their lives enforcing benefits
That are calculated to soothe them out of their wits,
And by teaching them how to sleep they sleep all day
Destroy their sleeping at night the ancient way
(A Roadside Stand)

- i. The tone of the poet in the above lines is 1
(a) aggressive (b) tolerant (c) sarcastic (d) resigned (e) sentimental
Choose the most appropriate option.
A. Only (a) B. (b) and (c) C. (a), (d) and (e) D. Only (c)
- ii. Identify the phrase from the extract, that suggests the following. 1
No one bothers to take 'their' consent before pushing the promise of a better life, their way.
- iii. What quality of the villagers can be inferred from the above extract? 1
A. gullible B. futuristic C. hypocritical D. ambitious
- iv. In the line, "and by teaching them how to sleep they sleep all day", 'they' refers to _____. 1
- v. Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
"Greedy good-doers" means _____.
- vi. Based on the rhyme scheme of the poem, which word would rhyme with line 4. 1

sphere

explore

tour

OR

B. ...I looked again at her, wan,
pale
as a late winter's moon and felt that
old
familiar ache, my childhood's fear,
but all I said was, see you soon,
Amma,
all I did was smile and smile and
smile...

(My Mother at Sixty-six)

- i. What does the phrase "late winter's moon" imply about the situation being described in the poem? 1
A. It is a bright and hopeful time. B. It is a time of transition and change.
C. It is a season of warmth and comfort. D. It is a moment of solitude and loneliness.
- ii. What is the effect of the repetition of the word "smile" in the line, "all I did was smile and smile and smile..."? 1
- iii. Select the option that DOES NOT accurately describe the speaker's tone in the extract. 1
A. Reflective B. Melancholic C. Dismissive D. Nostalgic
- iv. State whether the given statement is TRUE or FALSE. 1
The comparison of the mother's appearance to a "late winter's moon" suggests a connection between her pallor, the dull winter moon and for her decaying condition.
- v. What emotion is most evident in the lines where the speaker says "but all I said was, see you soon, Amma," and what does this reveal about the speaker's coping mechanism? 1
- vi. Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
The use of the word "old" to describe the speaker's childhood fear in the line "old familiar ache, my childhood's fear" suggests that _____.

8. Read the extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two given.

1 x 4 = 4

A. How would it be if Antarctica were to become the warm place that it once used to be? Will we be around to see it, or would we have gone the way of the dinosaurs, mammoths and woolly rhinos? Who's to say? But after spending two weeks with a bunch of teenagers who still have the idealism to save the world, all I can say is that a lot can happen in a million years, but what a difference a day makes!
(Journey to the End of the Earth)

- i. What is the significance of the teenagers' idealism in the context of the changing climate and potential transformation of Antarctica? **1**
- ii. "A lot can happen in a million years, but what a difference a day makes!" This phrase highlights the contrast between _____. **1**
- iii. The potential transformation of Antarctica into a warmer environment described as a concept that raises questions about the survival of human civilization in future. This portrayal reflects: **1**
 - A.** A concern that human adaptation strategies might be insufficient to cope with extreme climate shifts.
 - B.** An emphasis on the historical records of past climate changes and their effects on ecosystems.
 - C.** A belief that Antarctica's transformation is inevitable and will lead to human extinction.
 - D.** A recognition of the insignificant role of human activities in influencing global climate patterns.
- iv. The text is vividly factual. How does it impact the understanding of Antarctica? **1**

OR

B. The next day, infection flared in the Maharaja's right hand. In four days, it developed into a suppurating sore which spread all over the arm. Three famous surgeons were brought in from Madras. After holding a consultation, they decided to operate. The operation took place. The three surgeons who performed it came out of the theatre and announced, "The operation was successful. The Maharaja is dead." In this manner the hundredth tiger took its final revenge upon the Tiger King.

(The Tiger King)

- i. The significance of the surgeons' announcement, "The operation was successful. The Maharaja is dead," lies in its ability to ----- **1**
 - A.** confuse the readers about the outcome of the operation.
 - B.** highlight the incompetence of the surgeons.
 - C.** convey the irony of the situation and reveal the ultimate fate of the Maharaja.
 - D.** provide a conclusive ending to the story.
- ii. What does the phrase "The hundredth tiger took its final revenge upon the Tiger King" symbolize in the context of the passage? **1**
- iii. The central theme of the extract revolves around the concept of _____, where the Tiger King's obsession with hunting tigers leads to an ironic and tragic end. **1**
- iv. How does the author's use of foreshadowing in "The Hundredth Tiger" contribute to the narrative's impact and the reader's understanding of the Tiger King's fate? **1**

9. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

1 x 6 = 6

A. She said this in such a friendly manner that the rattrap peddler must have felt confidence in her. "It would never have occurred to me that you would bother with me yourself, miss", he said. "I will come at once."

He accepted the fur coat which the valet handed him with a deep bow, threw it over his rags and followed the young lady out to the carriage, without granting the astonished blacksmiths so much as a glance.

But while he was riding up to the manor house he had evil forebodings. *(The Rattrap)*

- i. Complete the sentence with appropriate words or phrases. **1**
The peddler's thoughts in the carriage were far from pleasant as _____.
- ii. Mention the word from the following that DOES NOT MEAN the same as "forebodings." **1**
 - A.** Apprehension
 - B.** Anxiety
 - C.** Calm
 - D.** Dread

- iii. The lines spoken by the rattrap peddler were _____. 1
 A. respectful B. mocking C. arrogant D. flattering
- iv. The message conveyed by the author in the story “The Rattrap” _____. 1
- v. Justify that the peddler was very thankful to Edla in his expressions. 1
- vi. Complete the sentence given below. 1
 The peddler accepts Edla’s invitation as she _____.

OR

B. Saul Bellow, who has consented to be interviewed on several occasions, nevertheless once described interviews as being like thumbprints on his windpipe. Yet despite the drawbacks of the interview, it is a supremely serviceable medium of communication. “These days, more than at any other time, our most vivid impressions of our contemporaries are through interviews, “Denis Brian has written. “ Almost everything of moment reaches us through one man asking questions of another. Because of this, the interviewer holds a position of unprecedented power and influence.”

(The Interview)

i. The fact that Saul Bellow ‘consented’ to be interviewed can lead to a few possible inferences. List any one inference. 1

ii. Complete the sentence appropriately. 1

Saul Bellow uses the phrase “thumbprints on the windpipe”, as a metaphor to emphasize ----- .

iii. Select the option that best displays the appropriate reason/s why according to Denis Brian, the interviewer holds a position of unprecedented power and influence. 1

1. Interviews offer an insightful and accurate depiction of our peers.

2. Interviews are a serviceable medium of communication.

3. Interviews uncover people’s secrets and hidden information.

4. Interviews contribute to the preservation of oral history and cultural narratives.

5. Interviews elevate the status of the interviewee to that of a celebrity.

A.1 and 5 B. 2, 3 and 4 C. Only 1 D.1 and 3

iv. Select the option that DOES NOT correspond with the view that an interview is “ a supremely serviceable medium of communication”. 1

A. Highly effective B. A tool for training C. Versatile D. Impactful

v. Complete the sentence with ONE WORD only.

The phrase “everything of moment”, refers to things or events that are 1

vi. State one merit of the inclusion of this excerpt in Silvester’s ‘Introduction to the Penguin Book of Interviews.’ 1

10. Answer ANY FIVE of the following six questions, in about 40-50 words. 2 x 5 = 10

i. “We have all a great deal to reproach ourselves with.” Why did M. Hamel make this statement?

(The Last Lesson)

ii. What method did the instructor use to teach the author how to swim? *(Deep Water)*

iii. The massive weight of Uncle’s wedding band metaphorically condemns the patriarchal chauvinism. Enumerate. *(Aunt Jennifer’s Tigers)*

iv. The poem ‘Keeping Quiet’ is a case study in silences. Validate. *(Keeping Quiet)*

v. What thoughts came to Sophie’s mind as she sat by the canal? *(Going Places)*

vi. The writer is sympathetic towards the professional fate of the actress. Enumerate.

(Poets and Pancakes)

11. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 2 x 2 = 4

i. Though the servants rebelled, they remained loyal. Support the statement. *(The Enemy)*

ii. Comment on Charley’s experience at the ticket counter. *(The Third Level)*

iii. “I felt like sinking to the floor”. Briefly explain the reason why Zitkala Sa said so?

(Memories of Childhood)

12. Answer ANY ONE of two, in about 120-150 words.

5 x 1 = 5

A. Mukesh in 'The Lost Spring' and Sophie in 'Going Places' are daydreamers. Daydreaming can affect our lives positively as well as negatively.

Imagine yourself as a motivational speaker who has to address high school students. Write this address elaborating on occurrences from the two texts highlighting realistic and unrealistic types of daydreaming.
(The Lost Spring & Going Places)

Dear young friends

I am sure all of you dream. Do you know the difference between dreams and daydreaming?

OR

B. The Lesson 'Indigo' records how Gandhi showed patriotism as not merely proclaiming love for the nation in slogans and songs; it entails respect for the values and the laws of a nation and above all love for its people in deeds. Express your views regarding the need for inculcating patriotism in youth today and how it has changed in its essence.
(Indigo)

13. Answer ANY ONE of the following questions, in about 120-150 words.

5 x 1 = 5

A. Imagine Tom reaches home safely. He has fully recovered and the war has now come to an end.

He owes his life to Sadao and Hana and is forever indebted to them. Years later, he has been invited on a radio show as a war hero where he recounts his tribulations and experience of being blessed with a new life by a Japanese couple.
(The Enemy)

As Tom, narrate your experience.

OR

B. You are Robert, a childhood friend of Derry, whom you met him after a very long time and had a long chat. But what pained you the most was your own spontaneous reaction on seeing him which was of pity. Write a diary expressing your thoughts and views on the treatment that is meted out to people like Derry.
(On The Face of it)

You may begin like this;

Dear Diary

Today I met my childhood friend, Derry, after a very long time and naturally felt sorry for him and started pouring my words of sympathy on him. I could observe his discomfort with my weird (natural for me) treatment and then realised that he must have had to go through this pain every single day.
