

Kendriya Vidyalaya, Sitapur

Unit Test-I/2024-2025

Class	: XI	Max. Marks	: 40
Subject	: English Core	Time	: 1 1/2 Hr.

General Instructions:

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

SECTION A (READING (10 marks)

I. Read the passage given below.

1. If you have grown up in the capital city which has been plagued by increasing levels of pollution, a breath of fresh air would be a welcome change any time. And if it is accompanied by lush green gardens overlooking your room, all the better. I revelled in this joyous change of scenery, sipping on a fresh filter kaapi, from the balcony of my King room at the Royal Orchid Brindavan Garden in Mysuru.

2. The journey had been arduous, with a change of flights and then, travel by road. And I had been up quite early. But the thought of the piping hot kaapi kept me going. When I finally reached the rather majestic palace, away from the bustle of the main city of Mysuru, I didn't think my weariness would wear off so easily after a refreshing welcome drink. Twelve hours of travel time is rather strenuous after all, and I was sure I'd want to snuggle under the covers for a bit, at least.

3. My fascination with the Southern part of India began during the one year I spent pursuing my higher education in Chennai. I don't say it lightly when I state that I fell in love with the city, the masala dosas, the beach, the people. I couldn't have been more delighted when I was assigned a trip to Mysuru. It was a chance to go back south, to a different location, but I could barely contain my excitement.

4. The Royal Orchid Brindavan Garden, located an hour away from the main city, is often the first choice for locals looking to escape the daily grind, albeit for a few days. Frequented equally by bird-watchers and photographers, the property provides an unmatched view of the gardens as well as the KRS (Krishna Raja Sagar) dam. All the rooms face the gardens, so you can cherish their stunning symmetry from the comfort of your room, with a cup of kaapi in your hands. The heritage property features 24 select spacious rooms with a private balcony. The canopy beds, wooden flooring and the colossal doors, all exude an old-world vintage charm. The property is also equipped with a spa, in case you want to unwind.

5. Mysuru's weather, much like close-by neighbour Bengaluru, is pleasant for most part of the day, the evenings are undeniably better. To further strengthen my belief, a quiet dinner at the open-air Elephant Bar was enough. Over a scrumptious meal, I was told of the many films that had been shot at the property, including massive hits like Linga and KGF.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions.

- (i) Which city does the writer originally belong to as mentioned in the passage?
- (ii) Which 'change' does the writer refer to in the line "I revelled in this joyous change of scenery"?
- (iii) Select the option that suitably completes the given dialogue as per the context in paragraph- 2.

X: How can I help you Sir?

Y: Please check my passport (1)

X: Which place are you visiting?

Y: (2) Going to (2).....

(a) (1) I am excited to fly to South India (2) Mysuru in Bangalore

(b) (1) I am excited to fly to India (2) Visit my hometown

(c) (1) Could you assign me a window seat? (2) South India to my hometown

(d) (1) Hope I can check in easily now (2) visit my friends at Bangalore

(iv) Which option represents the features that attracted the writer towards 'The Royal Orchid Brindavan Garden'?

1. The heritage property features 24 select spacious rooms facing the garden.
2. The rooms overlook the beautiful Brindavan Gardens as well as the KRS dam.
3. The in-house spa offers rejuvenating treatments.
4. It offers indoor and outdoor games with an entertainment zone.

(a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 and 3 (c) 3 and 4 (d) Only 4

(v) Select the option that is correct with reference to the given passage.

- (a) Bangalore and Mysore have a pleasant weather only at nights
- (b) The writer did his higher education in Bangalore
- (c) The writer travelled for less than ten hours to reach the Royal Orchid Brindavan Garden in Mysuru
- (d) The writer is fond of drinking filter coffee

(vi) What is the relationship between (1) and (2)?

1. I couldn't have been more delighted when I was assigned a trip to Mysuru.
2. It was a chance to go back to south, to a different location, but I could barely contain my excitement.

- (a) (2) is the cause of (1) (b) (1) and (2) are independent of each other
(c) (1) elaborates upon the premise of (2) (d) (1) sets the stage of (2)

(vii) "The first choice for locals looking to escape the daily grind, albeit for a few days." What does the word 'albeit' mean in the context of the passage?

- (a) Unless (b) Instead (c) And (d) Though

(viii) What attracts the people towards the Royal Orchid Brindavan Garden as described by the writer in the passage?

(ix) Which quote best summarises the writers' description about the love for the South Indian food?

- (a) The body becomes what the foods are, as the spirit becomes what the thoughts are –Kemetic Proverb
- (b) If you don't love South Indian cuisine, you are either an alien or your taste buds are spoiled –An Indian Citizen
- (c) The only thing I like better than talking about food is eating –John Walters
- (d) I've never been in love before. But I can imagine it's similar to the feeling you get when you see your waiter arriving with your food –Zach Galifianakis

(x) "Twelve hours of travel time is rather strenuous after all." What does the writer mean to say in this statement?

- (a) His journey has been memorable and comfortable
- (b) His journey was quite hectic and exhausting
- (c) His travel route was very long and pleasant one
- (d) His journey was like a marathon and required lots of energy

Section B - (Creative Writing & Grammar)

II. Answer the following

1x3=3

1. A.You are Ram / Ranjani. Draft a classified advertisement, in not more than 50 words, to be published in a popular daily for the sale of a used motor car giving all the necessary details.

OR

1.B. You are the General Manager of Tata Motors. You need a Chartered Accountant for your office. Draft an advertisement to be published in The Times of India, New Delhi, under the classified columns.

2. Fill in the blanks with appropriate Tense forms of the verbs given in the brackets. **4x1 = 4**

My younger brother, Tinu, (a) _____ (fall) off his bicycle yesterday. He (b) _____ (hurt) his right ankle and has been in bed since then. The doctor (c) _____ just (examine) him and advised him complete rest for a week. He hopes that Tinu (d) _____ (recover) soon.

Section C - (Literature)

III. Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow.

2x4=8

A. I would tell her English words and little things of western science and learning, the law of gravity, Archimedes' Principle, the world being round, etc. This made her unhappy. She could not help me with my lessons. She did not believe in the things they taught at the English school and was distressed that there was no teaching about God and the scriptures.

(a) Why grandmother of author could not help author with his lessons?

- (i) She did not want to. (ii) She did not know the subjects.
(iii) Author did not want her to help him (iv) Author did not talk to her.

(b). Grandmother was unhappy with school because _____

(c) According to the extract, what was the medium of instructions in the school?

(d) Which word in the extract is synonym of 'coached'?

- (i) Learning (ii) Distressed (iii) Believe (iv) Taught

B. *"Now she's been dead nearly as many years
As that girl lived. And of this circumstance
There is nothing to say at all. Its silence silences."*

a. Who does 'she' refer to?

b. Why is there nothing to say about the death of the poet's mother?

- (i) Because the poet is confused
(ii) Because the poet was not in her senses when her mother expired
(iii) Because the death of the poet's mother has left a deep void in the poet's heart
(iv) Because the poet did not have a good relationship with her mother

c. Which word in the extract means the same as "events that change your life, over which you have no control"?

- (i) Silences (ii) Patience (iii) Situation (iv) Circumstance

d. The phrase "this circumstance" refers to _____

IV. Answer any three of the following in 40-50 words.

3x3=9

1. How did the sparrows express their sorrow when the author's grandmother died?

2. Why does the poet feel nostalgic? (A Photograph)

3. Mourad said, "I have a way with a horse". Do you agree? Give an example to prove your point.

4. What traits of the Garoghlanian family are highlighted in the story 'The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse'.

V. Answer any one of the following in 120-150 words.

1x6=6

1. The poet has paid a tribute to her mother. Similar instances can be seen in 'The Portrait of a Lady'.

This made you think that writing about a loved one is much better than building their statues or drawing their portraits. Comment.

2. The narrator's uncle Khosrove was known to be a crazy fellow. Give a few instances of his craziness.