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**MONTHLY TEST SEPTEMBER (2024-25)**  
**ENGLISH – CORE (301) CLASS-XII**

**Time allowed: 90 MIN.**

**Maximum Marks: 40**

**SECTION A – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (18 Marks)**

1. You are a student of Laxmi Public School, Model Town, Delhi. The School is holding its Annual Function at 5.30 p.m. on 24th August, 2022. The Education Minister has consented to be the Chief Guest. Design an invitation card to be sent to the parents and other invitees. (50 Words) **(4 Marks)**
2. New Adarsh School, Jaipur is organising a Career Counselling session for the students of class XI and XII of your school. Write a notice giving details of it to be displayed on your school notice board. (50 words.) **(4)**
3. You have noticed many stray animals on the road during the busy hours of the day. These animals have caused traffic jam as well as accidents. You have already written to the concerned authorities but no action has been taken so far. So write a letter to the Editor of a leading newspaper telling him about the nuisance created by the stray animals. Sign your name as Preeti Krishnan, C/5, Dispur Road, Assam. **(5 Marks)**
4. Independence Day was celebrated in your school. District Magistrate, Ms. Indu Bala Sharma was the Chief Guest. Write a report on the function in 120 – 150 words describing all the activities that took place. You are Suresh/Sarita Head boy/Head girl. **5 Marks)**

**Section B - Literature Section**

**5. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (4 Marks)**

*But Champaran did not begin as an act of defiance. It grew out of an attempt to alleviate the distress of large numbers of poor peasants. This was the typical Gandhi pattern — his politics were intertwined with the practical, day-to-day problems of the millions. His was not a loyalty to abstractions; it was a loyalty to living, human beings. In everything Gandhi did, moreover, he tried to mold a new free Indian who could stand on his own feet and thus make India free.*

**i Choose the option listing the sentence that is the most appropriate example of an 'act of defiance', from the following:**

- A) She picked up the telephone terrified of what was about to come. She could hear nobody on the other side.
- B) Meanwhile, there was a thud at the door loud enough to scare her.
- C) Curious as she was, she wanted to open it as soon as possible.
- D) Her mother tried to stop her several times but she went ahead nevertheless.

**ii Choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.**

**Statement 1:** His was not a loyalty to abstractions; it was a loyalty to living, human beings.

**Statement 2:** Gandhi was a humanitarian at heart.

- A) Statement 1 is the cause of Statement 2. B) Statement 2 is the effect of Statement 1.
- C) Statement 2 can be inferred from Statement 1. D) Statement 1 and Statement 2 are independent of each other.

**iii The given extract DOES NOT talk about**

- A) details of the daily problems faced by human beings. B) efforts to relieve suffering of the common people.
- C) the reason for the occurrence of Champaran. D) Gandhi's principles in the field of politics.

**iv Which option showcases an example of action (A) -result (R), from the passage?**

- (1) A= defiance R= poor peasants (2) A= free Indians R= free India
- (3) A= free India R= defiance (4) A= defiance R= free Indians
- A) Option 1 B) Option 2 C) Option 3 D) Option 4

**6. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (4 Marks)**

*“No, in country money, the country scale of gain,  
The requisite lift of spirit has never been found,  
Or so the voice of the country seems to complain,  
I can't help owning the great relief it would be  
To put these people at one stroke out of their pain.  
And then next day as I come back into the sane,  
I wonder how I should like you to come to me  
And offer to put me gently out of my pain.”*

**i. The 'country money' contextually here refers to**

- A) money kept aside for rural development.
- B) wealth accumulated by the whole country.
- C) meager income earned by the countryside people.
- D) riches collected by the ancestral farmers over time.

**(ii) . Pick the option that mentions elements justifying the monetary aspect as the 'requisite lift of spirit'.**

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| 1. confidence | 2. ego     | 3. self-esteem | 4. status  | 5. fame |
| A) 1, 2, 4    | B) 2, 4, 5 | C) 1, 3, 4     | D) 1, 3, 5 |         |

**iii . Choose the correct option with respect to the two statements given below.**

**Statement 1:** The poet is agitated and depressed.

**Statement 2:** The poet realizes the futility of his thought about giving up

- A) Statement 1 can be inferred but Statement 2 cannot be inferred.
- B) Statement 1 cannot be inferred but Statement 2 can be inferred.
- C) Statement 1 and Statement 2 can be inferred.
- D) Statement 1 and Statement 2 cannot be inferred

**iv. Choose the option that correctly paraphrases the given lines from the above extract.**

*“I can't help owning the great relief it would be  
To put these people at one stroke out of their pain.”*

- A) The poet wants to kill the impoverished people.
- B) The poet feels that death is better than living such a miserable life.
- C) The poet wants to eliminate poverty from society.
- D) The poet states that it is important that these people become rich

**7. Answer ANY FIVE of the following in about 40-50 words each. (5x2=10)**

- a. Why did Gandhi agree to a settlement of 25 per cent refund to the farmers?
- b. How did the episode change the plight of the peasants?
- c. What does the writer say about national integration in the Studio?
- d. Stephen Spender's visit to the Gemini Studios baffled one and all. Why?
- e. What did the General suggest to get rid of the American?
- f. What was the plea of the folk who had put up the roadside stand?

**8. Answer ANY one of the following in about 80-100 words each      1X4=4**

**Which, according to you, is higher — humanity or patriotism? Write a paragraph on the topic: Humanity vs Patriotism.**

**Or**

Freedom from fear is more important than legal justice for the poor. Do you think that the poor of India are free from fear after independence?