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**CUMULATIVE EXAMINATION 2022-23**

**ENGLISH CORE**

**CLASS XI**

**TIME 3 Hours**

**Maximum Marks 80**

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. This Question Paper consists of 3 parts—

A. READING 26 Marks

B. GRAMMAR AND WRITING SKILLS 23 Marks

C. LITERATURE 31 Marks

2. Attempt all questions.

3. Read the instructions carefully before you start writing.

4. Take care of word limit and time management.

**SECTION A**

Q.I Read the passage and answer the questions that follow

10 Marks

**The Art of Reading Right**

1. Reading Comprehension (RC, as it is normally called) is the most peculiar section in almost all scholastic, entrance and employment tests. The skills in RC make a lot of difference to one's chances of good graders /Selection.
2. Most students find it difficult to tackle topics that are diverse from the field they are in or they are comfortable with. So one needs to develop a taste for even the most obscure and boring topic on this planet. For success in RC one should be able to understand. And even with an average speed one can succeed if one implements the strategies.
3. Broadly speaking, RC passages can be classified into a few categories. Fact based RC in the simplest form of RC. These types of passages have a lot of information in the form of names, numbers etc. In this type of passage, one should read very fast.
4. Don't try to memorize any facts, numbers or names etc. In fact, there is no need to even remember them. Just make yourself familiar with the structure of the passage. Just see in which paragraph the author is talking about what. Mark it. Then when you go to the questions, identify in which paragraph information regarding that question is mentioned. Go to that paragraph, read the numbers, names etc. and mark the answer.
5. Inference based RC is the toughest form of RC. Here the passage is fairly tough to understand. This includes passages on topics like Religion, Spirituality, Philosophy, etc. Most of the students will be comfortable attempting these passages at least in RC. The reading speed is fairly slow in this type of passages. The way to master this type of passages is to read them again and again while practising.

6. Topic based RC includes passages on any particular topic like economics, astrology, medical science, etc. Generally what makes these passages tough is usage of technical terms. If a topic is new to us then presence of a technical term scares us even if it is defined in the passage. For success in this type of passages, we need to have a fair-understanding of the definition of the term, if it is defined in the passage. Read that definition twice, if you need to. But don't worry about technical terms, if they are not defined in the passage. Assume them to be non-existent and proceed. Key principle in these passages is that don't go to the next line unless the previous line is clear.
7. Reading passage first and then questions is the most popular strategy for RC. While answering the questions you may come back to the passage to find answers as you have just read the passage initially and not crammed it. But you should not come back for each and every question. If you come back for majority of questions then you haven't read the passage properly. The key to success for this strategy is that you should understand the passage very well. We will suggest students to follow this technique from the beginning and work upon this.
8. Reading questions first and then passage is the strategy followed by a few students. They just look at the questions and not options. The objective is that after seeing the questions when you read the passage then you read only that part carefully where the answer is given. The flaw with this is that you will not be able to remember all the questions. Besides this, this strategy fails when there are questions that require understanding of the passage.

### **Questions:**

#### **1. Based on your reading of the passage, answer the following questions briefly (5x1=5)**

- a. State any one reason that is evident from Para 2 to prove that most students find reading comprehension difficult.
- a. Why is fact-based RC considered to be the easiest?
- b. The writer thinks that one should make oneself familiar with the structure of the reading comprehension passage. What does he find the best way to answer a question on RC?
- c. Why are topics like economics, medical sciences, etc. for RC found to be tough?
- d. In what case might the strategy of reading questions first and then the passage fail?

#### **2. Answer the following questions with the help of the most suitable option. (5x1=5)**

- a. The word opposite in meaning to **reveal** is
 

(j) Strategy	(ii) Implementation
(iii) obscure	(iv) memorize

- b. The best strategy to follow while attempting comprehension.....

.read questions then find answers.

i.read passage first and then read questions.

ii.understand the questions very well.

iii.none of the above

- c. The flaw with this is that you will not remember all the questions' The author here wishes the readers.....

- .to remember all questions.
- i.to understand all questions.
- ii.not to follow wrong strategy
- iii.all of the above

d. The author's intention here is to.....

- .instil fear among readers.
- i.warn them of consequences.
- ii.help them understand the strategy to handle comprehension.
- iii.describe different types of comprehension

e. Pick the option that correctly lists the author's knowledge about Reading Comprehension.

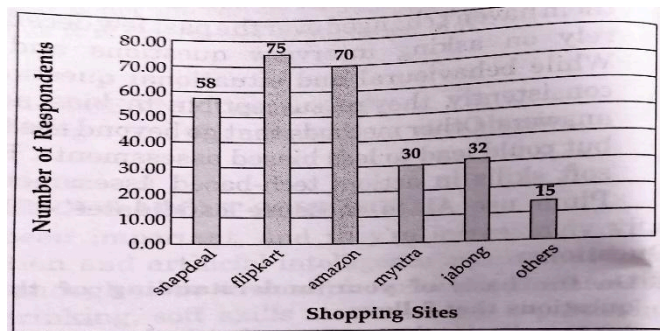
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| i.well informed       | ii | well versed       |
| iii both (i) and (ii) | iv | none of the above |

**Q. II Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow (8 marks)**

**ONLINE SHOPPING: An emerging trend**

1. Online shopping in the fastest growing multi billion dollar business in the world. Technology has transformed the growth of online shopping which has sped-up with the advent of smartphones and in-built shopping apps have accelerated the number of internet users, thus proving it to be a multidimensional phenomenon.
2. Consumers are indulging into internet shopping as it offers convenience 24x7 shopping doorstep delivery, broad product selection, price comparison and customer service. Confidence in online shopping is increasing due to security in payment process. Effective and efficient e-CRM (Customer Relationship Management) strategies have strengthened customer loyalty. With advancement in technology, high standards of living, more purchasing power and time-constraint has led to the trend of people shopping online manifold.

3. The above figure shows the variety of e-shopping sites available and the number of people responding to them as they are the most trusted e-commerce brands. Many of the respondents claimed that they were loyal to these sites In India, online shopping has gained popularity and consumers prefer buying by browsing the internet. The entry of e-commerce is low in India as compared to markets like the United States and the United Kingdom but is growing at a much faster rate with a large number of new entrants. A study revealed that consumers, all over the world are increasingly shifting from the crowded stores to the



one click online shopping format. Online shopping has truly revolutionized and influenced our society as a whole.

**Questions:**

1. **On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the following questions. (5x1=5)**

- a. Which factors have led to the increase in number of internet users?
- a. Why are consumers indulging in online shopping?
- b. Why are people showing confidence in online shopping?
- c. Nowadays, the trend of people shopping online has increased manifold due to
- d. Why is e-commerce increasing all over the world?

2. **Answer the following questions with the help of the most suitable option.(3x1=3)**

- a. According to the graph, which is the most trusted e-commerce brand?



(iii)



(iv)



- b. As per the graph, which shopping site had the least number of respondents?



(iii)



(iv)



C.

**Statement 1: Consumers are indulging into internet shopping.**

**Statement 2: It offers convenience, deliver, price comparison, etc.**

.(Statement 1 is true, but statement 2 is false

i.Statement 1 is false, but statement 2 is true

ii.Both statement 1 and statement 2 cannot be inferred

iii.Both statement 1 and statement 2 can be inferred

**Question III Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follows.**

**(8 Marks)**

There is nothing more frustrating than when you sit down at your table to study with the most sincere of intentions and instead of being able to finish the task at hand, you find your thoughts wandering. However, there are certain techniques that you can use to enhance your concentration. Your concentration level depends on a number of factors," says Samuel Ghosh, a social counsellor. "In order to develop your concentration span, it is necessary to examine various facets of your physical and internal environment," she adds. To begin with, one should attempt to create the physical environment that is conducive to focused thought. Whether it is the radio, TV or your noisy neighbours, identify the factors that make it difficult for you to focus. For instance, if you live in a very noisy neighbourhood, you could try to plan your study hours in a nearby library. She disagrees with the notion that people can concentrate or study in an environment with distractions like a loud television, blaring music, etc. "If you are distracted when you are attempting to focus, your attention and retention powers do not work at optimum levels, cautions Ghosh. "Not more than two of your senses should be activated at the same time," she adds. What that means is that music that sets your feet tapping is not the ideal accompaniment to your books. Also do not place your study table or desk in front of a window. "While there is no cure for a mind that wants to wander, one should try and provide as little stimulus as possible. Looking out of a window when you are trying to concentrate will invariably send your mind on a tangent," says Ghosh. The second important thing, she says, is to establish goals for oneself instead of setting a general target and then trying to accomplish what you can in a haphazard fashion. It is very important to decide what you have to finish in a given span of time. The human mind recognises fixed goals and targets and appreciates schedules more than random thoughts. Once your thoughts and goals are in line, a focused system will follow automatically. She recommends that you divide your schedule into study and recreation hours. When you study, choose a mix of subjects that you enjoy and dislike and save the former for the last so that you have something to look forward to. For instance, if you enjoy verbal skill tests more than mathematical problems then finish Maths first. Not only will you find yourself working harder you will have a sense of achievement when you wind up. Try not to sit for more than 40 minutes at a stretch. Take a very short break to make a cup of tea or listen to a song and sit down again. Under no circumstances should one sit for more than one and a half hours. Short breaks build your concentration and refresh your mind. However, be careful not to overdo the

relaxation. It may have undesired effects. More than anything else, do not get disheartened. Concentration is merely a matter of disciplining the mind. It comes with practice and patience and does not take very long to become a habit for life.

### Questions-

1. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it in points only, using headings and sub-headings. Also use the recognizable abbreviations, wherever necessary (minimum 4). Give a suitable title to it. 5 Marks
2. Write a summary of the above passage in about 80 words. 3 Marks

## SECTION B : WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR

**Ques IV Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verbs given in the brackets.**  
**4x1**

- (A) 1. He usually \_\_\_\_\_ to a hill station during holidays but this year he \_\_\_\_\_. (Go, not go)
2. My brother \_\_\_\_\_ here tomorrow, he generally \_\_\_\_\_ on Sundays. (Come, not come)
3. Why are you \_\_\_\_\_ a noise? He \_\_\_\_\_. (Make, sleep)
4. She \_\_\_\_\_ lessons in classical music. She \_\_\_\_\_ with harmonium. (Take, practise)

**(B) Reorder the following parts to frame meaningful sentences**

**(3x1= 3 marks)**

1. It was true/never/pet/ that the/dog/we once/sleep/had/anywhere/except/on the sofa/would.
2. The awarding speeches/prizes given/after the/had been/made/and/my address/I/to give/got up/.
3. serves as an/nose and upper lip / the trunk /for picking up / the elephant's /is actually / lengthened / which /arm and a hand / objects.

### Q V Creative Writing Skills

(i) You are Principal of National Public School, Jaipur. You require a TGT (Maths) for your school. Draft a suitable advertisement in not more than 50 words for the 'Situation Vacant' column of 'The National Times' stating essential and desirable details regarding qualification, experience, etc. of the candidates. 3 Marks

**OR**

You are a retired English teacher who wants to give private tuitions at home. Draft a suitable classified advertisement for the newspaper in not more than 50 words. Put the advertisement in a box.

(ii) The Red Cross Society, Sirsa, is organizing a Blood Donation Camp in your school. Imagine yourself as the Secretary of the Red Cross Society and design a poster for school Notice Board so that more people are motivated to join the Camp. 3 Marks

**OR**

Prepare a poster on kindness to animals to be displayed in the city at public places appealing to people to show kindness to animals.

(iii) After the rainy season is over, mosquitoes start breeding. They cause Malaria, Dengue, Chikungunya, etc. These diseases can sometimes prove to be fatal. You are Surya / Sarita of Class XI, the School Vice Captain. You have decided to deliver a speech in the Morning Assembly on the protection from mosquitoes. Write that speech in 150-200 words. 5 marks

**OR**

Is today's education enough to ensure a child's future success? Are the subjects being taught in schools and colleges relevant to what a child has to face in life and for his/her career? Write a speech as Manvi/Manav Mehra addressing the above-mentioned questions in not more than 150-200 words.

(iv) You are Mukul/Mahima of Alps Public School. Your school is organising Inter School Debate on 'Social Media is a Boon to Society' and you will be participating from your school. Prepare your views against or in favour of the motion. (120-150 words) 5 Marks

**OR**

Rain harvesting is the only solution to water crisis in the present times. Write a debate either for or against the motion in 150-200 words. You are Ajit/Ajeeta.

### **SECTION C: LITERATURE**

**Question No VI Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow....**

**(A)The sea holiday**

**Was her past, mine is her laughter.**

**Both wry with the laboured ease of loss.**

**Questions**

- (i) What is the significance of the 'sea holiday' here?
- (ii) Who is referred to as 'her' here? Who went with her to the sea ?
- (iii) Who does 'both' here refer to? 3x1=3

**(B)"....for the past16 years we had spent all our leisure time honing our sea faring skills in British waters." (We Are not.....All Be Together)** **3x1=3**

**i. Why did the author decide to go for a round-the-world voyage?**

- (a)to duplicate the voyage made 200 years ago by Captain James Cook
- (b) to see the world
- (c) to settle down in different country
- (d) to show his children the world through ship

**ii. What was the occupation of the author?**

- (a) Businessman
- (b) Sailor
- (c) Teacher
- (d) None of the above

**iii What were the names of the two crewmen whom the author hired?**

- (a) Shelly and Cabil
- (b) Larry Vigil and Herb Seigler
- (c)Herb Seigler and Shelly Cooper
- (d) Larry Vigil and Adam Moore

**C. "I was in a room I knew and did not know.I found myself in the midst of things I did want to see again but which oppressed me in the strange atmosphere." (The Address)**

- (i) What does author mean by "I knew and did not know"?
- (ii) What was the 'silver' that the author was once asked to clean by her mother?
- (iii) What does the narrator remember about the table cloth?
- (iv) What was the address that the narrator wants to forget now? 4x1

**Q.VII Answer any two of the following in 40-50 words.**

**3x2=6**

(i)To what is the bird's movement compared in the poem The Laburnum Top? Why does Ted Hughes compare it like this?

**OR**

(ii)There are two voices in the poem The Voice Of The Rain. Whose voices are they? What does the poet find strange to tell?

(iii)Why was Howard Carter's investigation resented ? What mystery surrounds Tut's death?

**OR**

(iv)What made the grandmother unhappy in the city? How did she spend her time in the city?



**Q.VIII Answer any one of the following in 40-50 words**

**3x1=3**

(i) Compare the life of the grandmother in the village with her life in the city. What were the major changes she experienced?

OR

(II) What has been the role of the little children in the hazardous voyage? (We are Not Afraid.....)

**Q.IX Answer any one of the following in 120-150 words**

**6 marks**

Describe the narrator's grandmother as you have read about her in the lesson.

**OR**

(ii) How does the story suggest that optimism helps to "endure the direst stress"? ( We Are Not Afraid to Die...)

**Q.X Answer any one of the following in 120-150 words.**

(i) Did the boys return the horse because they were conscience-stricken or because they were afraid?

**6 Marks**

**OR**

(ii) Why did the narrator of the story want to forget the address?