

QUARTERLY EXAM 2023

CLASS - XI
Time: 2 hours

SUBJECT- ENGLISH
Maximum Marks: 50

Instructions- All questions are compulsory.

While answering the questions do not exceed the word limit.

Section A
(Reading Comprehension)

Note-Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

- (1) It was evening in the picturesque seaside town of Rameshwaram, on the southern edge of Tamil Nadu. A cool breeze was gently blowing in from the sea. Along with the sound of waves lapping against the shore could be heard the sweet sound of birds circling overhead.
- (2) Among the children playing on the beach was a boy with wavy hair and dreamy eyes. This youngster was Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam who later became the eleventh President of India.
- (3) While spending time with his friends, Abdul was attracted by the sound of the birds flying above. He carefully observed that a fledgling perched on a boat was trying to take off. It spread its wings, fluttered briefly and sprang up. The air seemed to give the needed thrust for its take off! The bird soared up into the sky. It steered its pace and course with great ease. How Abdul wished he could fly like those beauties in the air!

(4) This passion for flying, aroused by the beautiful birds, later inspired Abdul Kalam to design India's first rocket which successfully sent a satellite Rohini, into orbit on 18th July 1980. It was called the SLV-3 (Satellite Launch Vehicle). At the time when Abdul was growing up, no one had even dreamt of such a happening.

(5) Rameshwaram, where Abdul was born on 15th October 1931, was a small town with narrow streets lined with old houses made of limestone and brick. The town was famous for its Shiva Temple. Abdul stayed in the house with his father, mother, brothers and sister and led a secure and happy childhood.

A) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions: (1 x 6 = 6 Marks)

- Q.1.** Who does this passage tell us about ?
- Q.2.** What inspired Abdul to design a rocket ?
- Q.3.** What was SLV-3 ?
- Q.4.** Where did Abdul spend his childhood ?
- Q.5.** Whom did Abdul stay with ?
- Q.6.** When was Abdul born ?

(B) Find the words from the passage which mean the same as the following:

(1 x 2 = 2 Marks)

Q.7. very strong feeling (para 4)

Q.8. well known to many people (para 5)

Note: Read the following passage carefully.

How does television affect our lives? It can be very helpful to people who carefully choose the shows that they watch. Television can increase our knowledge of the outside world; there are high quality programmes that help us understand many fields of study, science, medicine, the different arts and so on. Moreover, television benefits very old people, who can't leave the house, as well as patients in hospitals. It also offers non-native speakers the advantage of daily informal language practice. They can increase their vocabulary and practice listening.

3. Recent studies show that after only thirty seconds of television viewing, a person's brain 'relaxes' the same way that it does just before the person falls asleep. Another effect of television on the human brain is that it seems to cause poor concentration. Children who view a lot of television can often concentrate on a subject for only fifteen to twenty minutes. They can pay attention only for the amount of time between commercials.

4. Another disadvantage is that television often causes people to become dissatisfied with their own lives. Real life does not seem so exciting to these people. To many people, television becomes more real than reality and their own lives seem boring. Also many people get upset or depressed when they can't solve problems in real life as quickly as television actors seem to.

5. Before a child is fourteen years old, he or she views eleven thousand murders on the TV. He or she begins to believe that there is nothing strange about fights, killings and other kinds of violence. Many studies show that people become more violent after viewing certain programmes. They may even do the things that they see in a violent show.

Q.9 (a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it using headings and subheadings. Use recognizable abbreviations (minimum four) and a format you consider suitable. Supply a suitable title to it. (4 Marks)

Q.9 (b) Make a summary of the above passage in about 50 words. (3 Marks)

Section B
(Writing Skills)

Q.10. Your club is going to organize an inter-school debate competition. Write a notice in about 50 words inviting names of the students who want to participate in it. Give all the necessary details. You are Aparna, Secretary Cultural Club, Delhi Public School, Rajnandgaon. **(4 Marks)**

OR

You are Kumud, Secretary Science Club of your school. Design a poster on “To Save Earth”.

Q.11. Write a letter to your friend inviting him/her to spend summer vacation with you this year after examination. **(5 Marks)**

OR

Write an application to the Principal of your school requesting him/her to give you full fee concession.

Q12. Write an article on any one of the following topics in about 150-200 words:

(6 Marks)

- i) Covid 19 -Pandemic
- ii) Wonders of Science
- iii) Importance of games and sports
- iv) Newspaper

Q.13. Do as directed :- (any five)

(5 Marks)

- a) They help Sita. (change the voice)
- b) No sooner does the sun rise than the darkness disappears. (Rewrite the sentence using 'As soon as' in place of "No sooner")
- c) Rohit can drive a car, -----? (Add question Tag)
- d) The stars are shining. (change into past continuous tense)

Note: Fill in the blanks with correct option.

- e) Radha said that she is.....M.L.A of our area. (a, an, the)
- f) There is -----water in the bottle. (many, few, little)
- g) Let us enjoy fresh--- --. (air, heir, bear)

Section C
(Literature)
(Hornbill)

Q. 14. Answer **any four** out of the following questions in about 40 words. **(12 Marks)**

(a) Which animal's movement is used in the poem "The Labernum Top" by the poet?

Write the name of the poet?

(b) Contrast the Chinese view of art with the European view ?

(c) Write three reasons why the author's grandmother was disturbed when the author started going to the city school in the lesson "The portrait of the Lady".

(d) Describe the mental condition of the voyages on 4th and 5th January.

(e) Give reason why King Tut's body has been subjected to repeated scrutiny.

(Snapshots)

Q.15. Answer **any one** out of the following question in about 40 words.

(3 Marks)

- (a) Summarize the story "The summer of the beautiful white horse "
- (b) How does the story Rnaga's marriage end ?