

Annual Examination 2022-23

Class – 11th

Time = 3 hrs

Subject – English Core

M.M. = 80

SECTION-A (READING)

Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow (12)

1. The Titanic, in its watery grave, is a great museum of human history and is at risk of being lost forever because of curious voyagers and treasure hunters, fears Bob Ballard, who first discovered the remains of the iconic ship in 1985. Famous for discovering the great ship, Ballard is a former US Navy Officer and a professor of oceanography.

2. "Titanic is a museum of human history without door and guard, I am deeply concerned about not only the Titanic but all the ancient history that is now at risk. If we cannot save this iconic ship, then there is a very little hope we can save ancient ships. The world should realize that you don't have to go down and take everything and you do not have to do a treasure hunt. This is a common heritage of all of us and if we really want to take steps to preserve human history in the ocean, we need to start with Titanic" Ballard said in a telephonic interview from London

3. Ballard, as part of a tie-up, is presenting a documentary called "Save the Titanic" on the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the great ship-April 15, 1912. The ship and her fate continues to fascinate, largely because of the horror that took place that night, with 1,522 passengers and crew losing their lives.

4. Ballard says that despite being on the ocean floor for 100 years, the ship is full of human footprints. "You will find pairs of shoes everywhere. The sea and the life below has claimed everything but they do not know what to do with shoes so you will find a pair of mother's shoes next to her little daughter and that's their grave-stone. At her wreckage, we almost felt that we were surrounded by the lifeboats of all the people that were in the water at that spot".

5. Ballard says that the fate of Titanic continues to fascinate so many years after it sank because it is "irony personified in history". "The story has all the ingredients to make it timelessly fascinating. You have this revolutionary ship that's unsinkable, and carrying a cross section of people in society. And then, it goes and hits an iceberg and sinks on its maiden journey. It's an irony personified in history".

6. Talking about his discovery, which came after great research and 75 years later, Ballard, says it was a sombre moment when they first spotted the boiler of the Titanic. "In the 90s, advanced technology gave us double diving capabilities in the Atlantic Ocean. I knew that the Titanic was sitting at almost 12,000 feet. What led me to her discovery was a simple technique that I followed. We decided to look for the debris trail instead of the ship".

7. Ballard says the ship, if preserved well and not subjected to constant submarine journeys, will last for a long time on the Atlantic floor. "The deep sea, because of its darkness, its cold temperatures and its great pressure, creates a high state of preservation. With a little caution, we can protect the Titanic for future generations to visit."

8. Ballard has also connected to the people of Belfast, who refused to talk about the tragedy. "The ship's construction took place at Belfast. After the tragedy, families of the workers refused to talk about it because of the shame and sadness in the loss of life involved".

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer any five of the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option: (1x6)

a) Ballard is a.....

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| (i) Former US Navy Officer | (ii) A professor of oceanography |
| (iii) Both (i) and (ii) | (iv) None of the above |

(b) The Titanic sank

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| (i) 100 years ago | (ii) on 15th April 1912 |
| (iii) in 1985 | (iv) While leaving the port of Belfast |

(c) Ballard gave the interview.....

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| (i) in London on radio | (ii) from London |
| (iii) on telephone from London | (iv) on television from London |

(d) The Titanic continues to attract attention because.....

- (i) it is irony personified in history
- (ii) its advanced technology gave double diving technologies.
- (iii) it is a treasure hunt
- (iv) it is a common need

(e) The ship remained on the ocean floor for.....

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| (i) 100 years | (ii) since 1985 | (iii) since 1912 | (iv) 75 years |
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(f) Bob Ballard discovered the remains of Titanic in

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| i) 1984 | ii) 1985 | (iii) 1986 | (iv) 1987 |
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1.2. Answer the following question briefly: (1x5)

- (a) Why is the "Titanic at the risk of being lost forever?
- (b) Who is Bob Ballard and what did he discover?
- (c) Why does the ship still continue to fascinate the people?
- (d) Why did the people of Belfast refuse to talk about the tragedy?
- (e) Titanic was sitting at almost.....feet.

1.3. Pick out the words/phrases from the passage which are opposite in meaning to the following:

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| (a) recent (para 2) | (b) fortune (para 8) | (1/2 x 2) |
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2. Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow:

(8)

1. In less than three months from now, Indian space voyager Chandrayaan-2 will be docking in the vicinity of the moons before landing a robotic probe to figure out if humans can colonise space in the foreseeable future.

2. That the moon can become liveable and serve as a launchpad for deep space probes was magically revealed by the discovery of water in the moon's south pole by India's first moon mission Chandrayaan-1 in 2008. Scientists have since estimated that the moon might hold up to 600 million tonnes of water-ice, the essential building block of life in the Universe.

3. Indian Space Research Organisation has now chosen a spot between two craters to land its moon rover on the south pole, before exploring a large nearby cave, for setting up future habitat, in the event that conditions are found conducive for such an experiment

4. To mark its presence and commemorate the milestone, ISRO is mulling a name for the landing spot where the AI-powered rover Pragyan, will make its first physical contact with the moon. ISRO chairman K. Sivan told recently that there is still time to zero in on a name. The Prime Minister will have the final say on the matter."

5. Choosing a name is not an easy task then, especially, since the spot is pregnant with unimaginable possibilities for humankind's future. Revisiting the past may well provide a pointer.

6. It has long been a custom in India to plant tulsi (tulasi in Sanskrit), the basil shrub, in the courtyard of a new home. For over hundreds of years, the tulsi has acquired a mystic aura in Indian civilisation for healing body, mind and soul. A medicinal shrub, native to the subcontinent, it is revered for rejuvenating life from the depredations. What's more, water mixed with its leaves is administered to the dying in the belief that it would ease the soul's transmigration to a parallel universe. Which is possibly why the tulsi has, for long, been identified with Vishnu and his avatars, the god of preservation in the holy Indian trinity. The three variants of the Tulsi are known as Rama tulsi, Krishna tulsi and the wild Vana tulsi. The shrub is also identified with Vishnu's consort Lakshmi, goddess of prosperity and also Hanuman, god of strength and immortality.

7. Researchers say that the Tulsi plant is native to the Central Indian heartland and its evolution might be related with cultural migration patterns in the subcontinent. The shrub is rich in oleanolic ursolic and rosmarinic acids with anti-tumour, anti-viral, antiseptic and anaesthetic properties. Tulsi is used in ayurveda and siddha practices for treatment of common cold, headache, stomach disorders, inflammation, malaria and various forms of poisoning much of that on account of pollution. It is also used in perfumes, flavouring and as insect repellent.

Given its ritual significance and every day use, it is small wonder then, that the shrub that once grew in the wild has come to occupy the central spot in our heart and home as the elixir of life. Nothing, then, would be more significant and dramatic than naming the landing spot for Chandrayaan's Vikram lander as Tulsi Sthal or better still, the simple, short and sweet Tulsi. For, who knows, future Indians could build their new home around this courtyard on the moon, in the not-too-distant future.

(a) On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, make notes on it using headings and subheadings. Use recognizable abbreviations and format you consider suitable. Also apply an appropriate title to it.

(5)

(b) Write a summary of the above passage.

(3)

SECTION-B (WRITING & GRAMMAR)

3. The Sports Club of your school is going to organise an Inter-class Volleyball Tournament for classes VII to XII. Draft a notice in about 50 words inviting the names of the students who want to participate in it. Give all the necessary details. You are Shubham/Shubhi, Secretary, Sports Club, Akash Public School, Gurugram.

(4)

OR

Prepare a poster displaying kindness to animals and creating awareness towards the cruelty against animals in 50 words.

4. You are very perturbed to see the increasing rate of road accidents, rash driving and overspeeding. As a concerned citizen, write letter in 120-150 words to the editor of the "The Times of India", New Delhi. drawing the attention of the concerned authorities and offering your suggestions. You are Karun/ Karuna, 36. Malviya Nagar, New Delhi.

(6)

OR

You are Sashi / Sankul, you want to admit your child to class IX in New Modern School, Dehradun. Write a letter to the Principal in 150 words seeking details about the admission procedure, fees required, hostel facility, any fee waiver, etc.

5. You are Mohit/Mohita. Write a speech on "How Can We Contribute Towards Pollution Free Environment" in 150-200 words to be delivered in the morning assembly.

(10)

OR

You are Sudip/Sudeep. After watching and reading the incidents on television and newspapers, you realised that now there is absolute need of old age homes. Write a debate in 150-200 words either for or against the motion on the topic "Old-Age Homes is a necessity in India".

6. Rearrange the following to form meaningful sentences:

(1x2=2)

(a) the/witness/bribed/suspected/that/had/been/the/judge

(b) surrender/compelled/to/was/by/us/the/enemy.

7. Change the Voice of the following sentences:

(1x2=2)

(a) She had written the letter before your arrival.

(b) All his friends laughed at me.

8. Edit the following. There is one ERROR in each line. Find out the wrong word and write the correct word:

(1/2x6=3)

	Incorrect	Correct
(a) There is the enemy beneath our feet.	-----	-----
(b) Everyone are threatened by this	-----	-----
(c) enemy. The enemy are earth itself. When an	-----	-----
(d) earthquake strikes,the earth tremble.Scientists	-----	-----
(e) are directing the great deal	-----	-----
(f) Of effort into finding ways of combating earthquakes.	-----	-----

9. Use appropriate modals to fill in the blanks: (1/2x3=1.5)
Akhil: You are a patient of chronic bronchitis. You (a)-----give up smoking.
Archit: I am not sure if I (b)-----really do without it.
Akhil: It is high time you make serious effort.
Archit: Sure, I (c) -----
10. Fill in the blanks with the correct verb forms. (1/2x3=1.5)
(a) The cost of these articles-----risen (has, have)
(b) Two-thirds of the city -----ruined. (is, are)
(c) A series of lecturesbeen arranged on the subject. (has,have)

SECTION-C (LITERATURE)

11. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate option. (3x1=3)

I do not understand this child
Though we have lived together now
In the same house for years. I know
Nothing of him, so try to build
Up a relationship from how
He was when small.

a) Who is the poet of the above poem?

- i) Shirley Toulson
- ii) Walt Whitman
- iii) Elizabeth Jennings
- iv) Khushwant Singh

(b) ' I ' is talking about

- i) his younger brother
- ii) his only son
- iii) his prodigal daughter
- iv) his defiant son

(c) The poem is about

- i) father's old age
- ii) son comparing himself to his father
- iii) father talking to his son's childhood
- iv) unsettling relationship between father and son.

OR

And who art thou? Said I to the soft falling shower
Which strange to tell gave me an answer, as here translated:
I am the Poem of Earth, said the voice of the rain.

(a) 'I' in the third line stands for
(i) the rain (ii) the poet (iii) earth (iv) readers

(b) What is strange to tell?
(i) The falling of the rain (ii) the poem of the earth
(iii) the rain starts to answer (iv) none of the above.

(c) Name the poem and the poet.

12. Attempt any THREE of the following questions: (40-50 words)
(3x3=9)

- (a) Why was Nick Middleton relieved on meeting Norbu?
- (b) Give a brief account of the grandmother's friendship with the sparrows in the city.
- (c) How does the author describe the Wavewalker?
- (d) Tut was buried in March-April. How did Carter conclude this?

13. Attempt any TWO of the following questions: (40-50 words) (2x3=6)

- (a) Give a brief account of Mourad's adventure with the white horse.
- (b) Why did the narrator leave Mrs. Dorling's place in such a hurry?
- (c) Describe why everyone was happy to see 'a melon' as their king?.

14. How did the circumstances lead to the execution of the king himself? (120-150 words) (6)
OR

Mrs. Fitzgerald's effort does not go in vain as the family changes for the better. Justify.

15. Why does Nani Palkiwala call the Earth "The Ailing planet"? How can the Ailing planet survive? Quote appropriate lines from the text to substantiate your answer. (6)

OR

Give a brief life-sketch and achievement of Dr. Andrew Manson.

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