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STD : XI

First Formative Test

DURATION : 1 hour

Date : 04/08/2022

ENGLISH LANGUAGE – I

Max Marks : 20

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- i) The question paper is divided into three Sections.
- ii) Write numbers of the questions and sub-questions clearly.
- iii) Marks are indicated to the right of the question.
- iv) Do not exceed prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

**SECTION A ( READING SKILLS )**

**Q.1) Read the following passage carefully:**

“Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise” – Benjamin Franklin. It naturally gives you more time to do things and there are many advantages associated with mental, spiritual, and physical health. The early riser has done a large amount of hard work before other men have got out of bed.

In the early morning the mind is fresh, and there are few sounds or other distractions, so that the work done at that time is generally well done. In many cases the early riser also finds time to take some exercise in fresh morning air, and this exercise supplies him with a fund of energy that will last until the evening.

By beginning so early he knows that he has plenty of time to do thoroughly all the work he can be expected to do, and is not tempted to hurry over any part of it. All his work being finished in good time, he has a long interval of rest in the evening before the timely hour when he goes to bed.

He gets to sleep several hours before midnight, at the time when sleep is most refreshing and after a sound night's rest, rises early next morning in good health and spirits for the labour of the next day. The consensus is that waking up early is better because it allows you to rise with the sun and sleep when its dark, which is what our bodies are used to.

**Words: ( 248 ) Source :- D.P Bhanot.**

**A. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions in complete sentences of about 10 – 15 words each:- (4)**

1. What are the advantages of waking up early?
2. Why is work done in the early hours generally considered as ‘ well done’?
3. How can one find ample time for rest in the evening?
4. Is going to bed early good for health? Justify.

B. Choose the correct meaning of the word given below, from the alternatives provided:-

(2)

(i) associated

- a) distinctive
- b) linked
- c) unrelated
- d) diverse

(ii) Consensus

- a) resistance
- b) opposition
- c) disapproval
- d) agreement

C. The alternatives provided are words from the passage. Select the alternative that best matches the meaning given below:-

(2)

(i) a period of time

- a) energy
- b) spirit
- c) rest
- d) interval

(ii) a state of well-being.

- a) time
- b) health
- c) labour
- d) plenty

#### SECTION-B (GRAMMAR)

Q.2) Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given in the brackets.

(4)

- a) An animal \_\_\_\_\_ alter its surroundings. ( Use a suitable Modal auxiliary indicating 'ability')
- b) In India today we are making history. ( Change to Passive voice )
- c) When the students heard the news, they gathered around the teacher. ( Rewrite using 'No sooner...than')
- d) If you do not study diligently, you will never understand trigonometry. ( Rewrite using 'Unless')

### SECTION-C (TEXTUAL)

**Q.3) Read the following Stanza carefully and answer the questions that follow in about 10 to 15 words each: (2)**

Then sleek as a lizard, and alert, and abrupt,  
She enters the thickness, and a machine starts up  
Of chitterings, and a tremor of wings, and trillings-  
The whole tree trembles and thrills.

- Name and explain the figure of speech in the First line.
- What happens when the Goldfinch bird enters the thick branches of the laburnum?

**Q.4) Answer any one of the following questions in about 25 to 30 words each. (2)**

- What was the happiest moment of the day for the grandmother?
- How was the ship affected when it was caught in the storm?

**Q.5) Answer any one of the following question in about 50 words each. (4)**

- Did the boys return the horse because they were conscience-stricken or because they were afraid? Justify your answer
- 'The Address' is a story of human crisis that follows war'. Comment on the same.