



Std XI
Marks : 40

English Language - I

Duration - 1 ½ hour
Date : 31/03/22

Instructions :

- i. The question paper is divided into four Sections A,B,C and D. All the sections are compulsory.
- ii. Write the numbers of questions and sub- questions clearly.
- iii. Marks are indicated to the right.
- iv. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION - A
(Reading Skills)

Q.1) Read the following passage carefully:

The most beautiful humming birds are found in the West Indies and South America. The crest of the tiny head of one of these shines like a sparkling crown of coloured light. The shades of colour that adorn its breast are equally brilliant. As the bird flits from one object to another, it looks more like a bright flash of sunlight than it does like a living being.

But, you ask, why are they called humming birds? It is because they make a soft, humming noise by the rapid motion of their wings—a motion so rapid, that as they fly, you can hardly see that they have wings. One day when walking in the woods, I found the nest of one of the smallest humming birds. It was about half the size of a very small hen and lays egg, and it was attached to a twig no thicker than a steel knitting needle. It seemed to have been made of cotton fibres and was covered with the softest bits of leaf and bark. It had two eggs in it, and each was about as large as a small sugarplum. When you approach the spot where one of these birds has built its nest, it is necessary to be careful. The mother bird will dart at you and try to peck your eyes. Its sharp beak may hurt your eyes most severely and even destroy your sight.

The poor little thing knows no other way of defending its young, and instinct teaches it that you might carry off its nest if you find it.

(265 words) source: www.learninsta.com

1.A. On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the following questions in about 10-15 words.

(4)

- 1) Name the places where the humming birds are found?
- 2) Why are the birds known as ' Humming Birds'?
- 3) What is the humming bird's nest made up of?
- 4) How does the mother bird defend her young ones?

1.B) Give the meaning of the word in the context of the passage, from the alternatives provided:

(2)

- (i) Adorn
- a. Spoil
 - b. Expose
 - c. Beautify
 - d. Deface

- (ii) Instinct
 - a. Reason
 - b. Lack
 - c. Inability
 - d. Impulse

1.C) Find a word from the passage that means the following: (2)

- (i) Very swift or quick
 - a. Sharp
 - b. Rapid
 - c. Sparkling
 - d. Brilliant
- (ii) A mountain ridge
 - a. Nest
 - b. Twig
 - c. Crest
 - d. Spot

SECTION – B
(Writing Skills)

Q.2) Attempt **any one** of the following. (3)

You are Hector / Helen Colaco, the Sports Secretary of Wisdom Higher Secondary School, Raia. Your school is holding a Summer Camp to train students in Football. Draft a notice for the school notice board inviting students to participate in the said camp. (30-40 words)

OR

You are Anjali / Ajay Naik. You have lost your expensive mobile phone. Draft a suitable advertisement to be advertised for the classified columns of ' The Navhind Times', Giving the necessary details. (30-40 words)

Q.3) Attempt the following: (8)

A recent survey has shown an alarming increase in the number of cases of child abuse in our state. Write a letter to the Editor of the local newspaper suggesting steps to be taken for their protection. You are Nihal / Neha Somani, residing at Anand Bhavan Apartments, Santa Cruz, Panaji - Goa. (Use the full block format)

SECTION – C
(Grammar)

Q.4) Rewrite each of the following sentences according to the instructions given in the brackets. (5)

- 1) She is writing the script for the play. (Rewrite the sentence using the Passive Voice)
- 2) As he _____ home slowly, he _____ of a loud noise. (Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb from the options given below)
 - a. Will walk, heard.
 - b. Was walking, heard.
 - c. Walked, will hear.
 - d. Had walked, has been hearing.
- 3) The father said to the Principal, "Please pardon my son this time". (Change to Indirect speech)
- 4) Very few metals are as precious as silver. (Rewrite the sentence using the Superlative Degree of Comparison)
- 5) God will not forget the cry of the humble. (Change to Affirmative sentence)

SECTION - D
(Textual)

Q.5) Read the following stanzas carefully and answer the questions that follow in complete sentences of about 10 - 15 words each: (4)

**i)What do you see
A broken winged
Featherless bird
Trapped where it is?**

- a. Name and explain the figure of speech in the above lines.
- b. Who is being compared to the 'featherless bird' in the poem?

**ii)I descend to lave the droughts, atomies, dust – layers of the globe,
And all that in them without me were seeds only, latent, unborn;
And forever, by day and night, I give back life to my own origin,
And make pure and beautify it.**

- a. Who does 'I', here refer to?
- b. What would happen to the seeds without 'I' ?

Q.6) Answer the following questions in about 25 - 30 words each : (4)

- a. Mention two problems that Nick Middleton faced during his Kora?
- b. Why did the Nick Middleton think his positive thinking strategy worked well?

Q.7) Answer the following questions in about 50 - 60 words each : (8)

- a. " I have done something ; oh , God ! I've done something real at last", why does Andrew say this ? What does it mean?
- b. Write a character sketch of Albert Einstein.
