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STD XII, ENGLISH LANGUAGE- I**

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TIME: 2 1/2 hours

MAX MARKS-80

Instructions:

- i) The question paper is divided into 4 sections – A, B, C, D. All questions are compulsory.
- ii) Write the number of each question clearly.
- iii) Questions 4 to 13 and 19 to 24 are MCQ type and have four alternatives of which only one is the correct answer. Choose the right answer and write it against the appropriate question number in your answer book.
- iv) Questions 15 to 18, 29, 30 and 35, 36, 38 & 39 have an internal choice.
- v) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.
- vi) Figures to the right indicate marks.

**SECTION A
(READING SKILLS)**

The Titanic was a huge ship with six different parts separated by steel doors. It was also fitted with wireless, a wonder of the time. The night of the 14th of April 1912 was very cold. There was no moon and hardly any wind. The Titanic was in the part of the Atlantic in which icebergs cause trouble. Icebergs come from the North when the ice breaks up and they move on the water towards the South. Ice is hard enough to cut holes in steel and cannot easily be seen at night. The Wireless Officer of the Titanic had received several signals telling him that ice was not far away and he knew very well that icebergs can send big ships to the bottom of the sea. Most of these signals were passed on to the Officers, but one was not. It was a signal from another ship, the Mesaba, reporting icebergs in front of the Titanic. He was so busy that he did not report the ice immediately. The signal lay on his table, half-forgotten. The two men who were watching for icebergs suddenly saw something dark just in front of the ship.

They immediately rang the ship's bell and Lee telephoned the Officer on the watch to report the iceberg. The necessary orders were given at once though it was impossible to stop a great ship immediately, especially when it was moving at about twenty-five miles an hour. But the Officer did his best. The ship was turned away from its straight course. But it was all too late. Too late! The ship struck the iceberg with its side while it was still moving forward. In a few minutes, six great holes were made in the steel. Water rushed in, not in one place but in separate places covering three hundred feet. The Titanic began to sink.

(270 words) (Source: englurv.com)

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer questions 1, 2 & 3 briefly in about 10-15 words each and questions 4 to 8 by choosing the best alternative from those provided:

1. What was the weather like on the night of the Titanic's sinking?

2. What was the cause of the Titanic's sinking? 1
3. What was the wireless officer of the Titanic doing when he received the signal from the Mesaba? 1

Complete the following sentence by choosing the correct alternative from those given below:

4. The Titanic was moving at the speed of _____, when it struck the iceberg. 4

- 15 miles per hour
- 20 miles per hour
- 25 miles per hour
- 30 miles per hour

Give the meaning of the word in the context of the passage from the alternatives given below.

5. half forgotten 1

- reminded
- recalled
- deserted
- thought of

6. straight course 1

- imprecise
- without deviation
- oblique
- crooked

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

7. large block of ice that floats in the sea 1

- steel doors
- icebergs
- ship
- wireless

8. difficult to deal with or control 1

- forward
- struck
- report
- impossible

Read the following passage carefully:

Water that contains less than 1,000 milligrams per liter of dissolved solids is known as freshwater. When the level of oxygen in the water decreases because of human activities, we face the problem of freshwater pollution. Commercial activities of humans such as industrialization and tourism have caused the level of pollutants in these freshwater resources to rise. Freshwater sources become the dumping ground for industrial waste products and other biomedical wastes. Reckless tourist activities also contribute to pollution. While it is obvious that living things need potable water to survive, freshwater pollution also threatens the habitat of a wide variety of flora and fauna.

People may not realize the gravity of the situation unless it affects them in profound ways. Creating awareness through government programs may be helpful as it may capture the attention of the people. Corporates should also pitch in and try to take up the problem as a social responsibility. Along with the reduction of carbon footprint, freshwater preservation should be promoted. Tourist organizations should also lay some ground rules for reckless tourists. Together, we should battle this problem lest we see a day when living things die for the want of water. Let us take small steps to effect big changes in the future.

(206 words) (Source: englurv.com)

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, choose a suitable title and choose the para-wise main topics and sub-topics, from the alternatives provided, using the format given below:

Title:	_____	9	_____
I	_____	10	_____
A	_____	11	_____
II	_____	12	_____
A	_____	13	_____

9. _____

- flora and fauna
- fresh water pollution
- industrialization
- biomedical waste

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10. _____

- reckless tourist activities
- threatens habitat
- causes of pollution
- decreases human activities

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11. _____

- dumping ground
- level of oxygen
- commercial activities

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12. > dissolved solids
> effects of pollution
> solving the problem
> social responsibility
> creating awareness

1

13. > reduce carbon footprint
> fresh water preservation
> changes in the future
> government / corporate/tourist programs

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14. Write a summary of the above passage in about 70 words using the topic sentences of the paragraphs.

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**SECTION B
(WRITING SKILLS)**

Attempt any one of the following:

15. The PTA of your school is organising an Eye Check-up Camp. Draft a notice to be displayed on the school notice board giving necessary details. You are Anuj/Anuja Desai, Cultural Secretary of People's Higher Secondary School, Panaji. (30-40 words)

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OR

You want to sell your Car. Draft an advertisement for the classified columns of a local daily giving necessary details. You are Sidhu/Siddhi Parab, Flat No. 9, Hill view Apartments, Quepem, Goa. Email: sidhu@gmail.com (30-40 words)

Attempt the following:

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16. Recently your school organised a Talk on the topic 'Waste Management'. Write a report for your school magazine. You are Amar/Anamika, the Cultural Secretary of Doon Valley Higher Secondary School, Ponda. (70- 80 words)

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Attempt the following:

17. Illegal hill cutting has resulted in destruction of forests. Write a letter to the Editor of a local daily explaining the problems that will be caused to the environment. Your name is Sam/Simi Fadnis. Your address is House No.10, Sea View Colony, Margao - Goa. (100-150 words)

18. Write an essay in about 200 - 250 words on any one of the following topics:

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- > Effects of Global warming on the lives of millions.
- > The need for Religious Tolerance and Communal Harmony.
- > Solar Energy - Our fuel in the days to come.
- > Agriculture- A neglected sector in Goa.

> A celebrity I would love to invite

SECTION C (GRAMMAR)

Rewrite the sentence by selecting the correct alternative from the options given below each sentence according to the instructions given in the brackets:

19. I _____ (finish) my work when the door bell _____ (ring). 1

(To fill in the blanks, select the correct set of alternatives from those provided below and rewrite the sentence.)

- > finished, ring
- > was finished, ringing
- > had finished, rang
- > will finish, rung

20. The train arrived an hour ago. They _____ be home soon. 1

(Rewrite the sentence by selecting a modal auxiliary of probability.)

- > will
- > may
- > should
- > could

21. They discover the keys of the treasure chest. 1

(Select the best alternative from those provided below and rewrite the sentence in the Passive Voice.)

- > The keys were discovered of the treasure chest.
- > Treasure chest keys are discovered .
- > The keys of the treasure chest were discovered by them.
- > The keys will be discovered by them of the treasure chest.

22. She is too proud to apologize. 1

(Select the best alternative from those provided below and rewrite the sentence by replacing 'too' and using 'so...that')

- > She is too so proud to apologize
- > She is so proud that she will not apologize
- > She is proud ,so that she will not apologize
- > She is that proud , so that she will not apologize.

23. India is one of the best tourist destinations in the world. 1

(Select the best alternative from those provided below and rewrite the sentence using the Positive Degree of Comparison.)

- > India is the best tourist destinations of the world
- > No other tourist destinations is as better as India
- > Very few tourist destinations in the world are as good as India.
- > Very few tourist destinations are as better as India

24. If you do not work hard, you will not achieve your goals.
(Select the best alternative from those provided below and rewrite the sentence using 'Unless')

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- Unless you will work hard, you will achieve your goals.
- Unless you work hard, you will not achieve your goals.
- Unless you will achieve your goals, you will work hard.
- Unless your goals will be achieved, you will not work hard.

**SECTION D
(TEXTUAL)**

Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions that follow by selecting the correct alternative from those given below:

*It would be an exotic moment
Without rush, without engines,
We would all be together
In a sudden strangeness*

25. Which 'strange moment' is Pablo Neruda speaking about? 1
26. Name and explain the figure of speech in the second line. 1

*Such the sun, the moon
Trees old and young, sprouting a shady boon
For simple sheep;*

27. What sprouts a shady boon for simple sheep? 1
28. Name and explain the figure of speech in the second line. 1

Answer the following questions in about 25-30 words each:

29. What do the parting words of the poetess Kamala Das and her smile signify? 2
30. Describe the appearance of the slum children? 2

Answer the following questions in about 25-30 words:

31. How was M. Hamel a different teacher when teaching his last lesson? 2
32. Why did Hauser and the other villagers attend M. Hamel's last class? 2
33. What did Mukesh's father achieve in his life? 2
34. Why was the crofter so talkative and friendly with the peddler? 2
35. Who was William Douglas? 2
36. What moral lesson can you draw from the story 'Deep Water'? 2

Answer the following questions in about 50-60 words:

37. "Imagination is a temporary refuge from reality". Discuss with reference to "The Third Level" 4

OR

37. Write a character sketch of the king of Pratibhandapuram.

38. 'The world's geological history is trapped in Antarctica'. How is the study of this region useful to us? 4

39. Imagine you are Dr. Sadao, give your reasons why you would help the enemy in spite of the risks involved? 4
