

Vidya Vikas Mandal's
Ramacrisna Madeva Salgaocar Higher Secondary School
Margao-Goa
MID TERM TEST, JULY 2025
Subject:- English Language I

Std: XI

Duration: 1 hr

Date: 24/07/2025

Max. Marks: 20

Instructions:

- i) The question paper is divided into four sections - A, B, C, D. All questions are compulsory.
- ii) Write the number of each question clearly.
- iii) Questions 4,5,6,7 & 8 have four alternatives and only one of them is the correct answer. Choose the right answer and write it against the appropriate question number in your answer book.
- iv) Questions 9 and 14 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 }

Read the following passage:

In the digital age, people are more connected than ever before. Smartphones, laptops, and social media platforms allow instant communication, 24/7 news updates, and entertainment at our fingertips. While these tools offer convenience and connectivity, they have also led to an overdependence on screens. This constant connectivity can lead to stress, anxiety, sleep disturbances, and even reduced attention spans.

A digital detox refers to a period during which a person refrains from using electronic devices like phones, computers, or tablets to reduce stress and focus on real-life interactions. Taking regular breaks from screens allows the brain to reset and promotes healthier habits, such as reading, spending time outdoors, or engaging in face-to-face conversations.

Studies have shown that people who take even short digital detoxes report feeling more relaxed, focused, and emotionally balanced. It improves sleep patterns and strengthens relationships by encouraging meaningful in-person connections.

However, a digital detox doesn't require one to completely give up technology. It simply encourages mindful usage. For instance, turning off notifications during meals, setting screen time limits, and avoiding devices before bedtime are small but powerful steps toward digital wellness. In a world where being constantly online is considered normal, choosing to unplug—even briefly—can be a revolutionary act of self-care. (Source: Internet)
(Words:207)

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions 1,2 & 3 briefly in 10-15 words and questions 4,5,6,7 & 8 by choosing the best alternative from those provided.

1. Mention two negative effects of excessive screen time. (1)
2. What is digital detox? (1)
3. List two benefits of taking a break from digital devices. (1)

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

4. Two powerful steps towards digital wellness are _____, (1)
 - turning off notifications during meals, setting screen time limits.
 - 24/7 news updates
 - spending time outdoors
 - It improves sleep patterns and strengthens relationships

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

5. notification (1)
 - oversight
 - disregard
 - warning
 - concealment
6. update (1)
 - streamline
 - reversion
 - destruction
 - ruin

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

7. To stop oneself from some action or interference (1)
 - focus
 - Refrain
 - Relax
 - communicate
8. Means and institutions for publishing and broadcasting information. (1)
 - connectivity
 - entertainment
 - platform
 - Media

SECTION - B (Writing Skills)

Attempt any one of the following :

(3)

9. You are Rahul / Reena Verlenkar, the Sports Secretary of Blossom Higher Secondary School, Belagavi- Karnataka. Your school is organizing an Inter- Class Football Tournament for students of Class XI and XII. Write a notice for your school's bulletin board inviting students to participate by giving all the necessary information. (about 30 - 40 words)

OR

9. You are Simon Soares , the Principal of St. Joseph Higher Secondary School, Thane- Maharashtra. You want to appoint an Art teacher on contract basis. Draft an advertisement to be published in the classified columns of ' The Navhind Times' giving relevant information: Contact Mob. no. 9867390261

Email: Sim123@gmail.com.

(about 30-40 words)

SECTION - C (GRAMMAR)

Rewrite the following sentence according to the instructions given in the brackets:

10. One _____ be true to one's principles.

(1)

(Use a Modal auxiliary of probability)

- Will
- Could
- Would
- should

SECTION - D (TEXTUAL)

Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions that follow in complete sentences of about 10 - 15 words each :

The cardboard shows me how it was
When the two girl cousins went paddling
Each one holding one of my mother's hands

11. Who are the two girl cousins mentioned in the extract given above?

(1)

12. Name and explain the figure of speech in the first line.

(1)

Answer the following question in about 25 - 30 words:

(2)

13. How did the Grandmother spend her days after Khushwant Singh grew up?

OR

13. What was the first indication of the impending disaster in the lesson "We're Not Afraid to Die... If We Can All Be Together"?

Answer any one of the following questions in about 50-60 words:

(4)

14. What makes 'The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse' an interesting story?

OR

14. How is " The Address" significant to Mrs S'S Daughter, in the lesson written by Marga Minco?
