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Practice Test – II

Subject - English

Class - X

Time – 3 Hrs

M.M = 80

General Instructions

- 1. Section A : Reading 20 Marks
- 2. Section B : Writing And Grammar 30 Marks
- 3. Section C : Literature : Textbook and Novel 30 Marks

Key to Value Points

01. Read the passage given below and answer the question that follow. 8

- Ans. (i) It aims at making girls socially and financially independent through education.  
(ii) availability of modern diagnostic tools for sex determination of the unborn  
(iii) Girls are labelled as more of a liability in our country.  
(iv) in matters of health, nutrition and educational needs  
(v) It leads to all round progress and emancipation from backwardness of beliefs and unscientific practices in society.  
(vi) The new media and communication methods need to be fully utilized to eradicate superstitious beliefs and practices.  
(vii) the authorized to follow up and monitor cases of foeticide  
(viii) There is a need to amend the laws and penslise those who harm the girl child to educate the grass roots about the rights of the child to exist. These measures are required to protect the girl child.

2. Read the passage carefully. 12

- Ans. A. (i) Apart from natural and man-made calamities such as earthquakes, terror attacks etc the children also face child abuse and sense of insecurity  
(ii) The parents should not only take the safety of their children in schools for granted. They should be aware of the norms and regulations to be followed by schools and keep a watch on their compliance.  
(iii) The Ministry insists that every school should adopt a school safety programme targeting the educational institution, emergency officials, teachers, students and even the community at large.  
(iv) The schools must take necessary precautions against entry of unknown individuals to schools by issuing an identity card even for parents. The security checks should be strict.  
Moreover, the students should be given tips on how to behave in a hostage situation.

- B. (i) (a) watch (ii) (c) complacency (iii) (b) vulnerable (iv) (a) hostage

3. Format 8

- Sender's Address
- Date
- Receiver's address
- Subject
- Salutation
- Complimentary close
- Sender's Name

**Content**

**Expression**

- Reference to the issue
- Bad condition
- Problems faced
- Suggestions for improvement

Or

4. Write a short story in about 150-200 words using the clues given below. 10

**A Lazy King**

- Ans. Once there was a lazy king who did not like to do anything. His attendants served his every need. Only eating good food and sleeping made him sick, but all the doctors who were called to treat him could not make him fit. As the king was a kind – hearted and cordial person, all his subjects were sorry to learn that their king was not well.

One day the minister met a sadhu (sage) on the outskirts of the city. When the sadhu came to know that the king was unwell, he told the minister that he could cure the king. So he was presented before that the king. After seeing the king, the sadhu asked the king to come to his hut on foot next day which was at some distance from the palace. The king agreed; after many years he had come outside to walk on the road. By the time he reached the sadhu's hut he was breathless, sweating and uncomfortable. The sadhu offered cool water to the king. The king felt better. The sadhu asked the king to repeat this for the next 15 days. This finally cured the king.

Or

Complete the story using your imagination in about 150-200 words.

### A Favourite Toy

Ans. It was the festival of spring. One little boy ran as his father called out to him. He had lagged behind as he was fascinated by the toys in the shop. He hurried towards his parents, his feet was obedient to the call but suddenly the eyes of the boy got stuck at a shop. The shop had his favourite toy, a train. He was mesmerized by it and kept looking at the shop.

He kept on staring when the shopkeeper asked him if he wanted to buy it. The boy nodded. The shopkeeper asked him to bring his parents. With horror the boy realised that his parents were not with him; he was lost. He started crying very loudly. The shopkeeper tried to console him but it was of no use. He also tried to give him the train, but the boy only wanted his parents. Hearing his cries people stared gathering near the shop. Then a couple came rushing towards the shop. As soon as they saw their child, their happiness knew no bounds. They also bought the train for their child and asked him to be cautious from the next time.

5. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. 3

Ans.	Before	Missing	After
	(a) in	the	evening
	(b) wife	were	very
	(c) arrived	after.	five
	(d) had	been	for

6. The following passage has been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the wrong word and write it with the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. The first one has been done for you as an example. 04

Ans.	Incorrect	Correct
	(a) this	it
	(b) scatter	scattered
	(c) broad	breadth
	(d) castle	castles

7. Ans. (a) is poured (b) is simmered (c) is poured into the soup bowls and served

8. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentence. The first one has been done for you as an example. 2

Ans. (i) He said that in his childhood his birthday used to be celebrated differently.

(ii) Instead of cutting a cake, they used to distribute sweets

9. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow. 4

Ans. (a) The war has been called waste because it leads to the destruction of life, property and resources.

(b) The statues and monuments will be destroyed.

(c) The line means the life history of great men are recorded in books.

(d) The war is wasteful because it destroys all the masonry work and human civilization

Or

Ans (a) The visage was lying sunk in the desert sand.

(b) It had a cold expression on his face, an expression of pride and haughtiness.

(c) It means there was an expression of hostility and haughtiness on the face of the statue.

(d) They are suggestive of the false pride and vanity of the king Ozymandias.

10. Answers 2 x 4 = 8

Ans. (a) When Ali's daughter Mirian got married to a soldier in Punjab, he realized the futility of life and realized that the whole life is made up of love and the grief of separation is inescapable.

- Ans. (b) People did not have any concern, sympathy or understanding for the old man but they were curious to know the reason of his absence. They all kept on gossiping about him but no one bothered to go and inquire about him.
- Ans. (c) Jenkins wanted the author to write ghost stories because he knew that the public wanted something horrifying and really enjoyed the stories which had some supernatural elements in them and he felt that the author's ghosts were live propositions.
- Ans. (d) The author at first couldn't get an idea for the plot of his story and then his mind started wandering off on other unghostly and material things such as his wife's shopping spree and how he could cure his wife of her alarming tendency to take every new fad that came along and work it to death.
- Ans. (e) Brutus said that Calpurnia had misinterpreted her dream and the dream was lucky for Caesar. Caesar's statue was spurting blood like a fountain with a hundred spouts and people were washing their handkerchiefs in it. Decius Brutus said the dream indicated good fortune and the people were washing their handkerchiefs in Caesar's blood to keep them as an object of reverence

11. Answers

- Ans. Antony was a successful orator and was able to turn the tables by his skillful oratory. Antony's speech is considered to be a masterpiece in Oratory. He began the speech by praising the conspirators. He then went on praising Caesar saying that he refused to accept the crown thrice. Caesar cried when his people were in distress. He then pointed at Caesar's will and told them that Caesar had left money to each one of them. He knew that he could exploit the people by arousing their feelings like sympathy and love. His speech was passionate and emotional. He was able to instigate the mob.

Or

- Ans. Shelley's Ozymandias is a sonnet, a poem with fourteen lines. The great king's proud boast has been ironically crumbled and vanished at the cruel hands of time. His civilization is gone. All has been turned to dust by the impersonal, indiscriminate, destructive power of history. It is significant that all that remains of Ozymandias, is a work of art and a group of words. The sculptor's art is visible in the passions of the statue's face. The sculptor's work of hand and heart still survives, though both the sculptor and his subject are dead now. The passions on the statue's face were well read because the sculptor had put his own heart's emotions in the statue. The poem leads to the conclusion that human endeavor is permanent and fame and power are as fleeting as the human body. Nothing remains except for a great work of art.

12. Character sketch of Dr Alexander Graham Bell.

Dr Alexander Graham Bell was tender and sympathetic, which endeared him to so many hearts. He enjoyed working for the deaf and was very happy in the company of children. Dr Bell was deeply committed to the education of the hearing impaired, which shows that he was a kind – hearted person. For Helen, he remained a true companion and support and it was due to his efforts that Helen was exposed to a whole new world of possibilities.

Dr Bell was a helpful and kind man who advised Helen's father to write to Mr Anagnos, Director of the Perkins Institution for the Blind in Boston to enquire about a teacher for Helen. Miss Sullivan who becomes Helen's guide, companion and teacher was referred by Mr Anagnos who in turn was referred to Helen's father by Mr Graham Bell. Helen had spent happy days with Mr Bell at Washington and his home listening about his experiments. He could present even the most difficult theories in a simple and interesting way. Dr Bell was also deeply committed to the education of the hearing impaired.

Or

Helen spent the autumn months with her family on a mountain, about 14 miles from Tuscumbia, Fern Quarry. Three streams originated from there and while rolling majestically they tumbled down in waterfalls wherever rocks tried to obstruct their way. The mountain was thickly wooded. Towering tree stood like guards. Nature with her varied fragrances thrilled Helen's little heart. She felt jubilant touching the branches being shaken by the wind. Hunting activities, rattling of snacks attracted Helen's attention. Helen enjoyed pony ride. She called her pony 'Black Beauty' because of its glossy black coat. She enjoyed most when roaming within woods with her teacher. She also gathered persimmons and nuts with her sister Mildred and cousins.