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MODEL QUESTION PAPER

CLASS – XII	SUBJECT : ENGLISH CORE	Time:3 hrs	Marks-80
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General Instructions:-

- All questions are compulsory.
 - Candidates should answer in their own words as much as possible.
 - Total number of questions is 52.
 - Question No. 01 to 30 are multiple choice questions, each question has four options. Select the most appropriate option. Each question carries 01 mark.
 - Question numbers 31 to 38 are very short answer type questions. Out of which it is mandatory to answer any 6 questions. Each question carries 02 marks.
 - Question numbers 39 to 46 are short answer type questions. Out of which it is mandatory to answer any 6 questions. Each question carries 03 marks.
 - Question numbers 47 to 52 are long answer type questions. It is mandatory to answer any 4 questions. Each question carries 05 marks.
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MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

1. Notice writing is an example of ?
a. Formal communication b. Non-Formal communication c. Informal communication d. Personal communication
2. What is the primary purpose of a notice?
a) To advertise a product b) To provide detailed information about an event or announcement
c) To write a letter to an individual d) To present a formal essay
3. Which of the following should be included in a letter to the editor?
a) Personal background of the writer
b) A clear and concise opinion on the topic being discussed
c) Advertisements or promotions
d) A formal greeting to the audience
4. What did M. Hamel say was the most valuable thing to preserve in the face of adversity?
a) Money
b) Honour
c) The French language
d) Freedom
5. What is the central theme of *Lost Spring*?
a) The beauty of childhood
b) The harsh reality of child labour and poverty
c) The importance of education for all
d) The significance of family support
6. In *Deep Water*, why did William Douglas develop a fear of water?
a) He nearly drowned in a lake
b) He was frightened by a strong swimmer
c) He had a traumatic experience at a swimming pool

d) He fell off a boat and was swept away

7. What does the rat trap symbolize in the story *The Rat Trap*?

- a) A desire for wealth
- b) The trap of greed and deception
- c) The harshness of life
- d) The danger of trusting stranger

8. What was the main reason for the success of the Champaran movement in *Indigo*?

- a) The cooperation of local merchants
- b) The intervention of the British government
- c) The leadership of Mahatma Gandhi and the support of local peasants
- d) The involvement of international organizations

9. In *Poets and Pancakes*, what does the author describe?

- a) A poet's creative process
- b) The humor and irony of life in the film industry
- c) The importance of breakfast in a poet's life
- d) The cultural significance of pancakes

10. What is the significance of the third level in *The Third Level*?

- a) It represents the escape into a world of fantasy
- b) It symbolizes the passage of time
- c) It is a metaphor for economic prosperity
- d) It is a dangerous underground railway system

11. What amount of money was stolen from the crofter's pouch?

- a. 30 dollars b. 30 kronors c. 30 rupees d. 40 dollars

12. Why was the Tiger King so determined to kill 100 tigers in *The Tiger King*?

- a) To prove his strength to the British rulers
- b) To fulfil a prophecy that he would die at the hands of a tiger
- c) To showcase his love for wildlife conservation
- d) To avenge the death of his father

13. What was the primary purpose of the author's journey in *Journey to the End of the Earth*?

- a) To study the glaciers and the polar ecosystem
- b) To research the impact of climate change on the Arctic
- c) To experience life in Antarctica
- d) To meet indigenous communities in the South Pole

14. What was the dilemma faced by Dr. Sadao in *The Enemy*?

- a) Whether to save the life of an enemy soldier despite being at war
- b) Whether to fight for the Japanese army
- c) Whether to escape the war and live peacefully
- d) Whether to disclose the enemy's location to his superiors

15. What is the key theme in *On the Face of It*?

- a) The joy of traveling to new places
- b) The emotional and physical challenges faced by people with disabilities
- c) The importance of self-confidence
- d) The bond between family members

16. What decision does Dr. Sadao make at the end of *The Enemy*?

- a) He decides to inform the authorities about the soldier
- b) He chooses to send the soldier back to his country
- c) He helps the enemy soldier escape, disregarding the consequences
- d) He decides to treat the soldier but turns him in to the police

Read the given extract and answer the question.

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever:
Its loveliness increases;
it will never
Pass into nothingness;
but still will keep
A bower quiet for us and a sleep
Full of sweet dreams and health and quiet breathing."

17. The given extract is taken from the poem-

- a. Keeping Quiet
- b. My Mother at Sixty-six
- c. A Thing of Beauty
- d. A Roadside Stand

18. What is described as "a joy forever" in the poem?

- a) A beautiful memory
- b) A thing of beauty
- c) A work of art
- d) A quiet sleep

19. What feelings does the poet associate with a thing of beauty?

- a) Fear and anxiety
- b) Sweet dreams, health, and quiet breathing
- c) Anger and frustration
- d) Sadness and melancholy

20. What does the poet mean by "keeping quiet"?

- A) Staying away from people
- B) Engaging in productive work
- C) Refraining from speaking and taking time for self-reflection
- D) Shouting in anger to be heard

21. What does the speaker suggest about the city people who pass by the roadside stand?

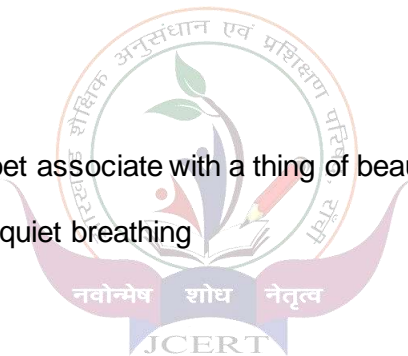
- A) They are ignorant of the struggles of rural life
- B) They are generous and kind
- C) They appreciate the art and work of rural people
- D) They stop to admire the beauty of the countryside

22. The speaker's tone in *The Roadside Stand* can be best described as:

- A) Joyful and hopeful
- B) Sarcastic and bitter
- C) Calm and serene
- D) Confused and uncertain

23. How does Charley describe the people and the atmosphere at the third level?

- A) They are futuristic and advanced
- B) They are wearing old-fashioned clothes, and the streets look like they are from the 19th century



- C) They are from another planet
- D) They seem to be living in a war-torn world

24. How many tigers does the Maharaja need to kill to prove the prophecy wrong in *The Tiger King*?

- A) 100
- B) 50
- C) 10
- D) 99

25. Who are the two main characters in *On the Face of It*?

- A) Derry and Mr. Lamb
- B) Derry and his mother
- C) Mr. Lamb and his wife
- D) Derry and his doctor

26. What advice does Mr. Lamb give to Derry about life in *On the Face of It*?

- A) He should focus on his physical appearance to be accepted
- B) He should ignore the opinions of others and focus on the beauty of life
- C) He should stay away from people to avoid rejection
- D) He should get surgery to fix his disfigurement

27. What happens to the Maharaja's legacy after his death in *The Tiger King*?

- A) His son becomes a great ruler
- B) His kingdom flourishes and becomes famous for its tigers
- C) The tiger population increases and flourishes
- D) His kingdom is taken over by the British

28. Why did Zitkala hide herself?

- a. To save herself
- b. To save herself from a woman
- c. To save herself from other children
- d. To stop people from cutting her hair

29. What had hurt Bama in the society?

- a. Politics
- b. Class students
- c. Road shows
- d. Practice of Untouchability

30. What does the story *The Tiger King* suggest about the relationship between power and pride?

- A) Power should always be used wisely
- B) Pride leads to self-destruction when abused
- C) Power should be used only for personal gain
- D) Pride is the most important trait for a ruler

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The sun was warm but the sea breeze kept up its cooling effect all along. Soon the steamer turned away and anchored its gear a creek by the river. The muddy fringe and the mangrove vegetation declared the gateway to the Bhitarkanika Wildlife Sanctuary in Odisha. The steamer could not negotiate these creeks at low tide, so a similar motorboat was hired to ferry us to the Dangmal forest rest-house in the heart of the mangrove forest. From the motorboat we had a good look at a large crocodile basking in the sun. The boat moved on, taking us

deeper into the forest. Here we felt as though we had stepped into a time warp. In plumage: this awesome and mysterious place, birds of extraordinary covering a bir phimage appeared before us. For the moment we revelled in the magnificence of nature which had us completely in its thrall. Among the birds, the kingfishers were the stars of the show. Crocodiles, large and small, slid into the water at our approach. Through the foliage we could see chital deer delicately browsing on fresh outcrops of leaves. A herd of wild boar was spotted searching for succulent roots. High above us, open-billed storks stood sentry-like following our progress through their remarkable kingdom. The evening sun was beginning to paint the tree-lined horizon crimson and gold and a brooding silence enveloped us all.

Answer any six questions

2x6=12

31. Where was the author going?
32. Where was the forest rest-house?
33. How did the group manage to get there?
34. Which creature did they see first?
35. Who were the stars of the show?
36. What does the author mean by the magnificence of nature?
37. How are the kingfishers and the open-billed storks described?
38. What were the chital deer and the wild boar doing when the motorboat went past them?

Read the following passage carefully and answer any six questions that follow: **6x3=18**

Jharkhand, located in the eastern part of India, is a state known for its abundant natural resources, cultural diversity, and scenic landscapes. It was carved out of Bihar in 2000, with Ranchi as its capital. The state is blessed with a wealth of minerals, forests, and rivers, making it one of the richest regions in terms of natural resources in the country. Jharkhand is home to vast coal mines, iron ore, and other valuable minerals, which play a crucial role in India's economy.

Beyond its natural resources, Jharkhand is a land of diverse tribes and cultures. Over 30 indigenous communities, including the Santhals, Mundas, and Oraons, form a significant part of the population. These tribal communities have a rich cultural heritage, with distinct languages, dances, and traditions. Festivals like *Sarhul*, *Karam*, and *Makar Sankranti* are celebrated with great enthusiasm, reflecting the vibrant traditions of the tribal people.

The state is also known for its dense forests, which cover a large portion of its land. These forests are not only home to a wide variety of flora and fauna but also provide livelihood to many tribal communities who depend on forest products for their daily needs. The presence of rivers like the Damodar, Subarnarekha and Koel adds to the natural beauty of the state, offering opportunities for agriculture and irrigation.

Despite its natural wealth, Jharkhand faces challenges in terms of infrastructure development, education, and healthcare. The state's economy largely depends on mining and agriculture, which makes it vulnerable to environmental and economic fluctuations. Over the years, the government has taken steps to improve the state's development, but much work remains to be done in ensuring equitable growth for all its residents.

39. On the basis of your reading of the above passage make a note on it. You may use headings, sub-headings, and abbreviations.
40. Write a summary of the above passage in about 80 words.
41. You are Neha/Nikhil, the head boy/girl of RK +2 High school, Chandwa, Latehar. Your school is organising a visit to Birsa Munda Museum, Ranchi. Write a notice inviting the students who are willing to join the group in not more than 50 words.

42. You are Ankur/Ankita, the Secretary of Cultural Club of Govt.+2 High school, Bundu. Write a notice for your school notice board inviting students to give their names for a district level Role Play Competition in not more than 50 words.

43. You are Tarun/Taruna, write a letter to the Editor of „The Express“, Ranchi complaining about the frequent breakdown in the supply of electricity in your village.

44. The Eco Club of your school organised a Tree plantation Awareness Programme in the school campus. Write a report in about 80-100 words for the school magazine describing the event. Sign as Ani/Aniket of Zila+2 High School, Ranchi.

45. Write an article on “ Importance of Yogabhyas in our daily life” or “Global Warming” in about 80-100 words.

46. Who was Dr. Sadao? Where was his house situated?

Answer any four questions.

4x5=20

47. How did the General react when Sadao informed him about the prisoner of war?

48. What do the parting words “see you soon Amma” of the poetess and her smile signify?

49. What did Charley claim for in „The Third Level“?

50. Why do rural people make roadside stands?

51. In what conditions do the bangle makers of Firozabad live? Why can’t they come out of the state of poverty?

52. What happened to Gondwana 150 million years ago?



Answer key
Class 12
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