

MODEL EXAMINATION II (2019-2020)

GRADE: X  
ENGLISH

Time Allowed: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

**General Instructions:**

- I. The question paper is divided into three sections:  
SECTION A: Reading 20 MARKS  
SECTION B: Writing and Grammar 30 MARKS  
SECTION C: Literature 30 MARKS
- II. ALL questions are compulsory
- III. Separate instructions are given with each section and question wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
- IV. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the question.

**Section A – Reading**

(20)

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

(8)

- 1) Pure sands, lush greenery and bright sunlight make the island of Minicoy one of Lakshadweep's most sought after tourism hotspots. Located on the southernmost tip of the Lakshadweep, the atoll contains two islands. The main island is located on the eastern and southeastern side of the lagoon, along the reef fringe. It is about 10 km long and about 1 km wide in its southern half, the northern half is a narrow sandpit, often less than 100m wide.
- 2) Minicoy is almost completely covered with coconut trees. From the light blue shallow waters enclosing the island to the rich cultural heritage that has been preserved for centuries, this is a perfect destination for city-slickers looking to take a break. An important attraction here is the pristine beauty of the beaches. "It is amazing how one is able to walk in the water for kilometers at a stretch," says a Swedish tourist. "The waters of the Arabian Sea provide a kaleidoscope of rich flora and fauna. The beauty is breathtaking."
- 3) Tuna is one of the atoll's key offerings, and the omnipresent food of the locals. "Whether it is a vegetable dish or even a flour snack, the essence of tuna always prevails," says a local woman. "It is also a source of our livelihood." The men catch tuna from the sea and bring it to the island. The women dry the fish and sell it in the market. They have also mastered the skill of preparing varieties of food with tuna.

A. Choose the correct option to answer the following :

(1x4=4)

- a) Why is Minicoy one of the most sought after tourism hotspots?  
(i) Pure sands (ii) Lush greenery (iii) Bright sunlight (iv) All of them
- b) Where is Minicoy located?  
(i) Lakshadweep (ii) Kerala (iii) Maldives (iv) Sri Lanka
- c) What is the omnipresent food of the locals?  
(i) Coconuts (ii) Fruits (iii) Tuna (iv) Salt
- d) The word 'omnipresent' in para 3 means-  
(i) Special (ii) Present everywhere (iii) Tasty (iv) Abundant

B. Answer the following questions in a sentence:

(1x4=4)

- Why is Minicoy a perfect destination for city slickers?
- What is special about the waters of the Arabian Sea?
- What do the women do with the tuna?
- What dishes can be made with tuna?

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (12)

- 1) He is a successful businessman and conscious of the environment and has found a way of promoting it in his work place by introducing the concept of green architecture. "The idea to have green architecture in the factory was to provide an agreeable environment to the employees and at the same time conserve water and save electricity," said R.K. Sarine, chairman Auto Ignition Limited. The factory with 750 employees, at Prithla on Delhi-Mathura Road is the first complex to have come up with green architecture. It has measures like rain water harvesting, zero water loss, sewage treatment plant (STP) reflecting glasses, compact fluorescent lamp (CFL) and skylights (the top floor of the office does not need artificial lighting).
- 2) There are three water tanks. While tank A has a capacity of 1,00,000 litres, tank B and tank C have a capacity of 3,00,000 litres each. The source of water for tank A is a tube well with 12,000 mg/lit. TDS (total dissolved solids) which is not fit for drinking. The source of water for tank B is a tanker with 700 TDS which is safe for drinking. While the water from tank A is used for flushing the toilets and firefighting the waste water is sent to an STP, which is later used for horticulture. The water from the tank B goes to the reverse osmosis (RO) plant and is used for drinking, cooling in the canteen and chilling the plant.
- 3) The source of water for tank C is rain water that has zero TDS. Tank C is connected with tank B and during rains the water is used for drinking after running through the RO system. The waste water from the canteen goes to the grease trap and is later used for horticulture.

'The skylights on the top floor of the factory illuminate the area during daytime, saving on power and reducing the electricity bill. It adds to the coolness of the building making it further comfortable for the employees to work,' said Jatinder Saigal, the architect of the project. To ensure minimum consumption of electricity on illumination, the building has only CFL. The building is made of reflecting glasses to the maximum extent possible to reduce the heat inside, he added.

1. Answer the following questions briefly:

(2x4=8)

- How did R.K. Sarine promote green architecture in his work place?
- What are the measures of green architecture?
- Where does tank B get water from and how is it used?
- Why are skylights used on the top floor of the building?

2. On the basis of your reading of the above extract, answer the following: (1x4=4)

- Find a word from the passage which means the Science of growing flowers, fruits and vegetables (Para 3)
- The word which means to light up (Para 3) is
  - skylight
  - grease
  - illuminate
  - reflecting
- The antonym of genuine (Para 1) is \_\_\_\_\_
- The antonym of destroy (Para 1) is \_\_\_\_\_
  - conscious
  - conserve
  - concept
  - compact

Section B - Writing and Grammar

(30)

- 4) Besides engineering and medicine, there are many new professions which are highly paid but not well known. Write an article in about 100-150 words bringing out the scope in new courses of study using the given hints.

Job satisfaction – good income – travel opportunities – develop talents – advertising – journalism – costume designer – etc. (8)

OR

As the Principal of Vaidik Kanya Public School, Haryana, place an order for school furniture. Write the letter in about 100-150 words to Jasmeet Traders & Co., Furniture Manufacturers, Haryana. Invent all the necessary details.

- 5) Complete the short story in 150 – 200 words giving a suitable title. (10)

It was a cold and rainy morning. That did not stop the three children from getting up early. They were expecting.....

OR

I was walking alone in the cool winter midnight. The streets were deserted. I saw .....

- 6) Complete the following passage by filling the blanks with suitable words:

(1x4=4)

The first test baby turtle (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (was / is) born last month in California. The story began (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (when / where) a broken turtle egg was (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (find / found) on the sea shore. Scientists (d) \_\_\_\_\_ (got / getting) to work carefully bringing up the turtle.

The following passage has one error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet as given below against the correct blank number.

(1x4=4)

	<u>Incorrect</u>	<u>Correct</u>
A person lacking on one faculty is gifted in some	(a) _____	_____
other way. That's nature's way for maintaining a	(b) _____	_____
balance. Most of the beautiful greeting cards is	(c) _____	_____
made by disabled children using one hands or one	(d) _____	_____
feet		

- 7) Rearrange the following words into meaningful sentences. (1x4=4)

- a) Africa / in / Tanzanians / literacy rates / the / have / highest
- b) but / read / hardly / have / they / to / anything
- c) the / is / cost / soaring / paper / the / reason / of
- d) is mightier / the sword / the pen / than

Section C – Literature

(30)

8) Read the extract and write the answers to the following questions: (1x4=4)

No use to say 'O there are other balls':  
An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy  
As he stands rigid, trembling, staring down  
All his young days into the harbour where  
His ball went.

- a) The poem "The Ball Poem" is written by  
i) Leslie Norris ii) William Blake iii) John Berryman iv) Robert Frost
- b) What does the boy stare at?  
i) sky ii) the ball iii) the harbour iv) down
- c) The boy is sad because \_\_\_\_\_
- d) The word 'rigid' means \_\_\_\_\_

OR

"But I can get a hair-dye  
And set such colour there,  
Brown, or black, or carrot,  
That young man in despair  
May love me for myself alone  
And not my yellow hair."

- a) The poem "For Anne Gregory" is written by  
ii) William Yeats ii) Robin Klein iii) Walt Whitman iv) Carl Sandberg
  - b) Who does 'I' stand for?  
i) the young man ii) God iii) Anne Gregory iv) A brunette
  - c) The speaker wants to change the color of hair because \_\_\_\_\_
  - d) The word 'despair' means \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words: (2x5=10)
- a) How was Lencho's life affected by rain?
  - b) What are the twin obligations referred to by Nelson Mandela?
  - c) What was the impact of Anne's first essay on Mr. Keesing?
  - d) How did Hari Singh know that Anil had forgiven him?
  - e) Why didn't Madame Loisel want to go to the ball?

10) Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-150 words: (8)  
How did Peggy and Maddie realize that Wanda liked them?

OR

Describe Coorg's weather, main crops and the sports which fascinate the visitors.

11) Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-150 words: (8)  
Griffin indeed made a discovery, yet we do not sympathise with him. Why?

OR

The Narrator was deceived very cleverly by the driver who was Oliver Lutkin. Explain in detail.