

PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION-I, NOVEMBER – 2019.**CLASS: X****ENGLISH****Time: 3 hrs.****MAX. MARKS: 80****SECTION- A READING****1. Read the passage given below :**

- (1) It is an indisputable fact that the world has gone too far with the innovation of new technologies such as mobile phones, the internet and so on, due to which people are able to tour the cosmos virtually sitting at one place using their smart devices or other technological gadgets. Though mobile internet access is oftentimes hurried and short, it can still provide common internet features like alerts, weather data, emails, search engines, instant messages, and game and music downloading.
- (2) Due to the easy access of smart phones, communication has been very effective and instant. People are able to convey their message all around the globe to their loved ones without spending hefty sums of money. Adults are always fond of such gadgets and they always welcome and adopt such new technology readily. Further, young people have been able to broaden their minds and improve their skills by doing research on the Internet. For instance, they use smart phones to look up any new word they come across. As we know that most of the universities have online teaching provision and smart phones assist the students to complete their assignments on time.
- (3) The mobile phone has been a lifesaver for a lot of people in case of an emergency. Likewise, use of smart phones can be of vital importance in preventing crimes in the society by providing information to the security forces in time.
- (4) Nonetheless, for the young the use of mobile phone can be like an addiction and they can misuse it. Young people are also prone to getting involved in undesirable activities on the Internet. This might have adverse effect on their academic performance. Therefore, young people should always be monitored and made aware of its bad outcomes.
- (5) Also a major contributor to its popularity is the availability of prepaid or pay as you go services from a phone shop or an online store. This allows subscribers to load text or airtime credits to their handsets by the use of their credit cards, debit cards or by buying a prepaid card from the network they subscribe to. This plan also doesn't commit a particular customer to a contract. If prepaid card is not that appealing to you, then you can opt to subscribe using the pay by month plan.

I On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions in 30-40 words each : 8

- (a) How are smart phones helpful in communication ?
- (b) What are the benefits of mobile phones for the young generation ?
- (c) How can mobile phones be considered 'lifesavers' ?
- (d) Mention any two demerits of mobile phones.

II On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following

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- (a) In para 1, synonym of 'innovation' is _____.
- (i) production (ii) sincerity (iii) invention (iv) prevention
- (b) Mobile internet can provide access to :
- (i) telegram (ii) emails (iii) schools (iv) university
- (c) Grown-ups should _____ the use of new technology by the young people.
- (i) reject (ii) criticize (iii) monitor (iv) accept
- (d) Meaning of the word 'adverse' in para 4 is :
- (i) positive (ii) negative (iii) admirable (iv) unguided

2 Read the passage carefully :

Red Cross: How Hope Evolved

On June 24, 1859, Emperors Napoleon III and Franz Joseph I engaged in the Battle of Solferino, commanding a combined total of about 270,000 troops onto the field for a single day of battle. Nearly 40,000 were either dead, injured, or missing, many of whom were simply left to die on the battlefield. Later, spectators crowded the fields, looking for loved ones, searching for items they could sell, or simply taking in the horrors of the battle .A Swiss businessman and social activist Jean Henri Dunant, who was traveling in Solferino witnessed all this.

Jean Henri Dunantwitnessed the atrocities of war as well as the countries not prepared or equipped to ease the suffering of those who had been injured in the Battle of Solferino. Dunant organized a group of volunteers to help bring water and food to the injured, to assist with medical treatment, or write letters to the families of those who were dying and he urged the public to create an organization which would assist the wounded, regardless of which side they fought for during times of war. After that moment, he wrote the book, A Memory of Solferino, which urged the public to create an organization which would assist the wounded, regardless of which side they fought for during times of war. His writing inspired countless others to rally behind him in the creation of the International Federation of the Red Cross.

The modern-day Red Cross began by devoting itself largely to disaster relief and epidemic treatment. This effort continues to this day. One of the easiest ways you can help the Red Cross is to make sure you are able to donate blood and make an appointment at the Red Cross website. But, donating blood isn't the only way you can help out—the Red Cross also encourages donating your time if you can. This is what the Red Cross wants everyone to know.

On the basis of your reading of the passage given above, answer the following questions

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- (a) How many soldiers fought in the battle of Solferino on June 24?
- i. 270,000 ii. 40,000 iii. 230,000 iv. 23,000
- (b) What is the correct order of the information given below:
- I. Dunant organised a camp of volunteers.
II. Emperor Napoleon III and Franz Joseph I fought a battle.
III. The book 'A Memory of Solferino was written.
IV. Dunant travelled in Solferino.
- (i) IV, III, II, I (ii) I, II, III, IV (iii) II, I, IV, III (iv) II, IV, I, III

- (c) The writer of 'A Memory of Solferino' was:
- i. Emperor Napoleon III
 - ii. Franz Joseph I
 - iii. Jean Henri Dunant
 - iv. International Red Cross
- (d) The modern day Red Cross does not deal with:
- i. Blood donation
 - ii. Disaster Relief
 - iii. Epidemic Treatment
 - iv. Writing a book
- (e) e. The most appropriate sub-heading to para 2 of the passage is:
- i. How International Federation of Red Cross Evolved!
 - ii. Functions of Red Cross
 - iii. The Contributions of Jean Henri Dunant
 - iv. The Battle of Solferino
- (f) f. The aid provided by Dunant's volunteers during the battle of Solferino was:
- I. to help bring water and food to the injured
 - II. to assist with medical treatment
 - III. to write a book
 - IV. to give relief in epidemic
- (i) I and III (ii) III and IV (iii) I and II (iv) II and III
- (g) You can donate your blood and your _____ to Red Cross.
- (h) Jean Henri Dunant participated in the war. (True/ False)

SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR

3. **You are Neha/Nihal Singh, Computer In-charge of Army Public School. Your school wishes to buy 20 computers and computer accessories from Apple Inc., Nehru Place, New Delhi. Draft a letter placing an order for the same. (100-120 words)** 8

OR

Women walk long distances to fetch water in certain parts of the country. There is not only scarcity of water but water in most places is also contaminated. Using the hints given below together with your own ideas, write an article in about 100-120 words on the scarcity of clean drinking water, suggesting ways to improve the situation

- Scarcity of clean drinking water
- Women travel long distances in certain areas like Rajasthan and Gujrat to fetch water
- Contamination of water
- Linking rivers
- Awareness of clean drinking water habits
- Water harvesting/water conservation

4. **Complete the story in 150-200 words, which begins as the following, providing an appropriate title also.** 10
- The next day was the annual day of my school. I was very excited as I had participated in many activities. Moreover, I was going to receive the 'Best Student Trophy' for 2017 – 18. Late at night I heard a strange sound. My mother woke me up and told me that**

OR

A house on fire — baby sitting at one of the windows — all confused — young man — risks his life — takes a ladder — saves the boy — everyone cheers.

5. **Fill in any four of the blanks in the paragraph given below with the help of options that follow** 4

The modern student (a) the importance (b) physical exercise. He spends one to two hours in open air (c) he takes part in different sports. However, care should (d) not to overstrain (e) body

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| (a) (i) understood | (ii) understand | (iii) have understand | (iv) understands |
| (b) (i) of | (ii) by | (iii) from | (iv) with |
| (c) (i) how | (ii) which | (iii) where | (iv) why |
| (d) (i) be taken | (ii) took | (iii) takes | (iv) has taken |
| (e) (i) a | (ii) an | (iii) the | (iv) some |

- 6 **Rearrange the following sets of words and phrases to form meaningful sentences** 4

a. of/ the world's /sugar cane / in Asia / over 40 percent / is produced

b. can be /used as fuel / ethyl alcohol / for cars / extracted / sugar cane / from

c. not the /only thing / can power/ automobiles / gasoline is / that

d. can be / alternative /energy source / an / hydrogen/ also

7. **The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number** 4

Newton had a little dog name Diamond name(incorrect) / named (correct)

One day when he is fifty years (a)
old, he went out of his room, left the (b)
dog asleep. On the table lie his (c)
papers. They contained all the discovery which (d)
he had made while the last twenty years. When (e)
he was gone, down rose little Diamond. He (f)
jumped upon the table and overthrow the lighted (g)
candle. The papers caught fire. They were reduce (h)
to a heap of ashes.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow 4

Belinda tickled him, she ticked him unmerciful,
Ink, Blink and Mustard, they rudely called him Percival,
They all sat laughing in the little red wagon
At the realio, trulio, cowardly dragon

- (a) Who was tickled by Belinda ?
(b) Why did she tickle 'him' ?
(c) Who are Ink, Blink and Mustard ?
(d) Why did they all laugh at 'him' ?

OR

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : 1x4=4

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The baker usually collected his bills at the end of the month. Monthly accounts used to be recorded on some wall in pencil. Baking was indeed a profitable profession in the old days. The baker and his family never starved. He, his family and his servants always looked happy and prosperous. Their plump physique was an open testimony to this. Even today any person with a jackfruit-like physical appearance is easily compared to a baker.

- (a) Where did the baker record his accounts ?
- (b) Why did the baker and his family never starve ?
- (c) Which word in the extract is a synonym of 'rich' ?
- (d) How can a baker be identified in Goa ?

9 Answer any five of the following questions in 30 – 40 words each :

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- (a) Who was Oliver Lutkins ? How did he try to fool the young lawyer ? (The Hack Driver)
- (b) Why was Matilda's friend astonished to see her at the end of the story?(The Necklace)
- (c) Why did Bishamber's marriage with Bholi not take place?
- (d) Why did Gotami go to the Buddha ? What lesson did he teach her ?
- (e) Why did Lencho write a letter to God ?
- (f) Where in the classroom does Wanda sit and why ?

Answer the following question in 100 – 120 words

10. (a) Draw a pen-portrait (character-sketch) of Matilda (The Necklace) in about 100-200 words 8

OR

- (b) Dowry is negation of the girl's dignity'. Discuss with reference to the story 'Bholi'.

11. (a) What lesson on death and suffering did the Buddha teach Gotami in the chapter, 'The Sermon at Benaras' ? 8

OR

- (b) Simple moment proves to be very significant and saves rest of the day of poet from being wasted. Explain on the basis of the poem „Dust of Snow“.

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