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**STD X**  
**MODEL EXAMINATION 2022**  
**ENGLISH**

Time : 2 ½ Hours

Max Score : 80

**Instructions :**

- The first 15 minutes is the cool-off time. You may use the time to read the questions and plan the answers.
- Read the questions carefully before answering.
- Certain sections of the questions have choice. Follow the choice regulations.
- When you select a question, all its sub questions (if any) must be answered from the same question.

**PART I**

**Questions 1- 6 : Read the excerpt from ‘The Scholarship Jacket’ and answer any four questions that follow. Each question carries one score. 4 x 1 = 4**

Where's Grandpa?' I asked Grandma, looking down at the floor so she wouldn't ask me why I'd been crying. She was sewing on a quilt as usual and didn't look up. 'I think he's out back working in the bean field.'

I went outside and looked out at the fields. There he was. I could see him walking between the rows, his body bent over the little plants, hoe in hand. I walked slowly out to him, trying to think how I could best ask him for the money. There was a cool breeze blowing and a sweet smell of mesquite fruit in the air, but I didn't appreciate it. I wanted that Jacket. I kicked at a dirt clod so much. It was more than just being a valedictorian and giving a little thank you speech for the Jacket on graduation night. It represented eight years of hard work and expectation. I knew I had to be honest with Grandpa; it was my only chance. He saw my shadow and looked up.

1. What was Martha trying to hide from her grandmother?
2. Why couldn't she appreciate the cool breeze and the sweet smell of mesquite fruit?
3. What was the grandfather doing?
4. Pick out a sentence from the passage that shows Martha wanted the jacket badly.
5. Why did Martha think that she had to be honest with her grandpa?
6. Pick out the word from the passage that means 'a lump of earth or clay'.

**Questions 7 – 10 : Read the following lines from the song ‘Blowin’ in the Wind’ and answer the questions given below. Each question carries one score. 4 x 1 = 4**

Yes, and how many years can a mountain exist

Before it is washed to the sea?

Yes, and how many years can some people exist

Before they're allowed to be free?

Yes, and how many times can a man turn his head

And pretend that he just doesn't see?  
The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind  
The answer is blowin' in the wind.

7. What does 'Mountain' stand for?
8. Why does the writer say that the answer is blowing in the wind?
9. Why according to the lyricist do the people turn their head?
10. What does the word 'sea' stand for?

## PART II

**Questions 11 – 15 : Read the lines from 'Lines Written in Early Spring ' and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries two scores. 3 x2 = 6**

The budding twigs spread out their fan,  
To catch the breezy air;  
And I must think, do all I can,  
That there was pleasure there.

If this belief from heaven be sent,  
If such be Nature's holy plan,  
Have I not reason to lament  
What man has made of man?

11. What did the budding twigs spread out their fan for ?
12. Pick out an example of personification from the above lines.
13. What makes the poet think that every flower enjoys its existence?
14. What is Nature's holy plan?
15. Identify a tactile image from the above lines.

**Questions 16- 18 : Read the excerpt from ' ' and answer any TWO questions that follow. Each question carries two scores. 2 x 2 = 4**

Nine year old Vanka Zhukov, who had been apprenticed three months ago to Alyakhin the shoemaker, did not go to bed on Christmas eve. He waited till his master and mistress and the senior apprentices had gone to church, and then took from the cupboard a bottle of ink and a pen with a rusty nib, spread out a crumpled sheet of paper, and was all ready to write. Before tracing the first letter, he glanced several times anxiously at the door and window, peered at the dark icon, with shelves holding cobbler's lasts stretching on either side of it, and gave a quivering sigh. The paper lay on the bench, and Vanka knelt on the floor at the bench.

16. Why didn't Vanka go to bed on Christmas eve?
17. What arrangements did Vanka make to write the letter?
- 18 "He glanced several times anxiously at the door and window". Why did Vanka look at the door anxiously?

### PART III

Questions 19 – 23 : Answer any THREE of the following.

3 x 4 = 12

19. Complete the following passage choosing appropriate phrasal verbs from the ones given below.

Many birds \_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ the banyan tree in the spring. The boy was \_\_\_\_\_ b \_\_\_\_\_ seeing beautiful birds. He \_\_\_\_ c \_\_\_\_\_ to make the season exciting for himself. He had \_\_\_\_ d \_\_\_\_\_ a small platform halfway up the tree and would spend his afternoons on which.

(made up his mind, put on, taken aback, call at, set up, call on)

20. There are a few errors in the passage given below. They are underlined. Edit them. Vanka waits till his master and mistress and the senior apprentices had gone to church, and then take out the cupboard a bottle of ink and a pen with a rusty nib, spread out the crumpled sheet of paper, and was all ready to write. Then he kneels on the floor to write.

21. Read the word pyramid given below.

Doctor

The doctor

The famous doctor

The famous doctor in the city

The famous doctor in the city who treated me

Now construct a word pyramid with the word 'student'

22. Complete the conversation between the boy and his Grandpa.

Boy : Grandpa, I saw a wonderful sight!

Grandpa : \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Boy : A fight between a mongoose and a cobra.

Grandpa : I think the mongoose won the fight, \_\_\_\_\_ b \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Boy : Yes, Grandpa. \_\_\_\_\_ c \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Grandpa : Yes, I encourage it to live in the garden because it keeps away the snakes.

Boy : Then, Why don't you tame it?

Grandpa : If I tame it, \_\_\_\_\_ d \_\_\_\_\_ .

23. Read the following sentences and identify the Noun Phrase in the subject position.

1. Every animal in a Hollywood film is well-trained.

2. Vanka's lips twitched.

3. The last words came out in an eager rush.

4. All of these stories make me who I am.

Questions 24 -25 : Answer any ONE of the following.

1 x 4 = 4

24. Given below is the list of recipients of Nobel Prize in the year 2021. Study the table and answer the questions that follow.

Recipients	Year	Country	Genre(s)
Abdulrazak Gurnah	2021	Tanzania	Novel
Louise Gluck	2020	USA	Poetry, Essay
Peter Handke	2019	Austria	Novel, Short story
Olga Tokarczuk	2018	Poland	Novel, Short story

1. Name the poet among the above given Nobel recipients.
  2. Who won the Nobel prize for Literature in the year 2018?
  3. What is the nationality of the writer who won Nobel Prize in 2021?
  4. When did Louise Gluck receive the Nobel Prize?
25. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow.

There are two kinds of memory, the short term memory and long term memory. The short term memory helps us hold a record for minutes or perhaps hours after an experience. Then the long term memory takes over and stores this information so that it can be called later.

There also seem to be two kinds of long term memory. The first is the kind which we can use to help us clear new skills. The second is the kind we can call on to help us remember something, for instance, something we learnt many years ago. This 'recall' memory is further divided into two parts. The memory for general knowledge and the personal memory which helps us remember special events, persons and our experiences.

1. What are two kinds of memory?
2. How does the short term memory help us?
3. How does the long term memory help us?
4. What is recall memory?

#### PART IV

Questions 26 -29 : Answer any THREE of the following. Each question carries six scores.

3 x 6 = 18

26. After the voyage, on reaching America, Mr John wrote a letter to Cronin thanking him for having a talk with him. He expressed his gratitude for having helped him. Prepare the **letter**.

27. The boy in the story 'Adventure in a Banyan Tree' loves to spend his leisure time in nature. He watches the serene beauty around him and becomes a part of nature. Prepare a **character sketch** of the Boy.

28. Satyajit Ray became dissatisfied when his efforts to shoot the scenes of his movie Goopy Gyne Bhaga Byne with a tiger from Bharat circus turned out to be a failure. Imagine that he wrote his feelings in his diary. Attempt the likely **diary entry** by him.

29. Read the following lines from the poem 'Mother to Son' and prepare a **note of appreciation** considering the theme, imagery and other poetic devices.

Well, son, I'll tell you:  
Life for me ain't been no crystal stair.  
It's had tacks in it,  
And splinters  
And boards torn up,  
And places with no carpet on the floor—  
Bare.  
But all the time  
I've been a-climbin' on,  
And reachin' landin's,  
And turnin' corners,  
And sometimes goin' in the dark  
Where there ain't been no light.  
So, boy, don't you turn back.  
Don't you set down on the steps.  
'Cause you finds it's kinder hard.  
Don't you fall now—  
For I've still goin', honey,  
I've still climbin',  
And life for me ain't been no crystal stair.

**Questions 30 - 32 : Answer any TWO of the following. Each question carries six scores.**

**2 x 6 = 12**

30. The English Club of your school has decided to stage the play 'The Never Never Nest'. Draft a **notice** inviting all the teachers and students to watch the play.

31. Prepare a **profile** of Rabindranath Tagore using the given hints.

Born : 7 May, 1861

Place of birth : Calcutta, India

Famous as : Writer, Composer, Playwright, Essayist, Painter

Nationality : Indian

Notable works : Gitanjali, The Golden Boat, Chitragada, The Post Office,  
Chandalika

Notable Awards : Nobel Prize in Literature

Died : 7 August, 1941

32. Imagine that Alyakhin, the master, returned while Vanka was writing the letter to his grandfather. Prepare a likely **conversation** between Vanka and Alyakhin.

## PART V

Questions 33 - 35 : Answer any TWO of the following. Each question carries eight scores.  $2 \times 8 = 16$

33. 'No animal is harmed in the production of this film.' You might have noticed this statement at the beginning of a film. Do you think that animals are not harmed while shooting. Prepare a **speech** in response to this statement.

34. The homeopath in the story 'The Snake and the Mirror' had a miraculous escape from death. Imagine that it was reported by a local newspaper. Prepare the likely **news report**.

35. The narrator was so happy to know that Mr. John was the same young man whom he had saved years ago. Reaching back in his room, he narrated the whole incident to his wife. Prepare the likely **narrative**.

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