



DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, VINDHYANAGAR

PRE BOARD EXAMINATION (2018-19) – II

SUBJECT-ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE

CLASS-X

Time: 3:00 Hrs.

MM:80

General Instructions :

- I) The Question paper is divided into three sections:
 - Sec. A: Reading:20 marks
 - Sec. B: Writing & Grammar: 30 marks
 - Sec. C: Literature:30 marks
- II) All questions are compulsory.
- III) You may attempt any section at a time.
- IV) All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

SECTION-A READING SKILLS 20 MARKS

Q1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (8)

The Titanic, in its watery grave, is a great museum of human history and is at risk of being lost forever because of curious voyagers and treasure hunters, fears Bob Ballard, who first discovered the remains of the iconic ship in 1985. Famous for discovering the great ship, Ballard is a former US Navy officer and professor of oceanography.

‘Titanic is a museum of human history without guard and door. I am deeply concerned about not only the Titanic but all the ancient history that is now at risk. If we can not save this iconic ship, then there is very little hope we can save ancient ships. The world should realize that you don’t have to go down and take everything and you do not have to do a treasure hunt. This is a common heritage of all of us and if we really want to take steps to preserve human history in the ocean, we need to start with Titanic’, Ballard said in a telephonic interview from London.

Ballard as part of a tie-up, is presenting a documentary called ‘save the Titanic’ on the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the great ship- April 15, 1912. The ship and her fate continue to fascinate, largely because of the horror that took place that night, with 1522 passengers and crew losing their lives.

Ballard says that despite being on the ocean floor for 100 years, the ship is full of human footprints. “You will find pairs of shoes everywhere. The sea and the life below has claimed everything but they do not know what to do with shoes so you will find a pair of mother’s shoes next to her little daughter and that’s their grave stone. At her wreckage, we almost felt that we were surrounded by the lifeboats of all the people that were in the water at the spot.”

Ballard says that the fate of Titanic continues to fascinate so many years after it sank because it is “irony personified in history”. The story has all the ingredients to make it timelessly fascinating. You have this revolutionary ship that’s unsinkable and carrying a cross section of people in society. And then, it goes and hits an iceberg and sinks on its maiden journey. It’s an irony personified in history”.

Talking about his discovery, which came after great research and 75 years later, Ballard says it was a somber moment when they first spotted the boiler of the Titanic. In the 90s, advanced technology gave us double diving capabilities in the Atlantic ocean. I knew that the Titanic was sitting at almost 12,000 feet. What led me to her discovery was a simple technique that I followed. We decided to look for the debris trail instead of the ship.

Ballard says the ship, if preserved well and not subjected to constant submarine journeys, will last for a long time on the Atlantic floor. The deep sea, because of its darkness, its cold temperature and its great pressures, creates a high state of preservation. With a little caution, we can protect the Titanic for future generations to visit.

Ballard has also connected to the people of Belfast, who refused to talk about the tragedy. The ship's construction took place at Belfast. After the tragedy, families of the workers refused to talk about it because of the shame and sadness in the loss of life involved.

1.1 Answer the following questions briefly: **(any eight)** (1x8=8)

- a) What is Ballard's documentary on Titanic titled?
- b) Why does the Titanic continue to attract attention?
- c) What happened on 15 April 1912?
- d) Who is Bob Ballard and what did he discover?
- e) Why does Bob Ballard call it a museum of human history?
- f) Why did the people of Belfast refuse to talk about Titanic?

- g) What did Ballard do as part of the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic?
- h) Which word in the passage means same as: 'first of its kind'?
- i) Which word in the passage means same as: 'scattered pieces of rubbish'?

Q.2 Read the following passage carefully:

(12)

The buildings that we live and work in have a major impact on the environment since they consume energy and resources, and create waste. There are countless studies which show a direct correlation between an occupant's health and adequate daylight and ventilation. With our lifestyle and the majority of our time spent indoors, the design of our spaces is of great importance.

Over the last few years the term Green Building has been used extensively by everybody. It implies these projects have incorporated measures like energy saving, water conservation and ventilation. The important thing to remember is that when we decide to build or buy a new home or office, we must ensure that it is Green –certified. Secondly, even if your current space is not designed according to Green standards, you can still protect the environment by adopting a few simple strategies.

The first thing to be kept in mind is energy saving. Major energy consumption happens when we use appliances, air conditioners and for lighting. It is best to use 3-star or higher rated air conditioners and appliances at home. They are rated by the Bureau of Energy efficiency. We need to clean the air filters in the AC

regularly. Turn off plug when not in use. Chargers and appliances, even if they are not turned on, will consume electricity if they are connected to a plug point.

Water is fast becoming a scarce commodity and fresh water is brought in large tankers to most city homes and apartments. So we need to save water. This can be done by fixing water saving fixtures in bathrooms and by turning off the taps while brushing teeth.

Recycling waste is another important thing that all of us need to do. Many cities have large, unsightly and ever-growing landfills surrounding them. These are not only an environmental hazard, but a breeding place for disease-causing germs. Surprisingly landfills are filled with materials that can be easily recycled. Most countries in the world collect trash in a segregated form because it becomes easier to recycle. One of the simplest ways to reduce waste is to reduce our consumption of items that produce waste.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the following questions in 30-40 words each: **(any four)** (2x4=8)

- a) Why do buildings have a major impact on the environment?
- b) What does 'Green Building' mean?
- c) Why will chargers and plugs even in switched off mode consume electricity?
- d) What is the easiest way to reduce trash?
- e) How can one protect the environment in an already occupied space not designed according to green standard?

2.2 Fill in the blanks with words/phrases. (any two) (2)

- a) 'design of our spaces' means.....
- b) Recycling of waste reduces.....
- c) 3 star or higher rated air conditioners help.....

2.3 Find the words from the passage which mean same as: (any two) (2)

- a) A significant or strong influence
- b) Too many to count
- c) Danger/risk of loss

SECTION-B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR) (30 MARKS)

Q.3 You purchased a new refrigerator last month. But it is not functioning properly since the day one and causing one problem or another. You have also complained about it but no improvement. Write a letter to the Regional Manager, Samsung Electronics, Kolkata to replace it. You are Sultan/Sultana, 245, Gangotri apartments, Kolkata. (word limit 100-120) (8)

OR

You are Sameer/Sabina. You read an advertisement about a course for training and preparing students for public speaking. Write a letter to the Director of the Institute, Fluent Speaking, Lucknow 5, UP making inquiry about the details of the course.

Q.4 Write a story on the hints provided below: (word limit 200-250) (10)

Once upon an unfortunate time.....

OR

(A) 'May I get in?' asked the young boy. The police officer looked at him smilingly.....

Q.5 Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word from the options given:

(Any four) (1X4=4)

We all drink coffee (a).....pleasure. It is an inspirational drink that(b)..... become aspirational. Coffee(c)..... Keep us alert and therefore helps us perform better(d)..... reduce stress. Some people prefer coffee (e)..... tea.

a) to, for, in, at

b) have, has, will, shall

c) is, has, can, will

d) to, and, in, for

e) to, from, than, on

Q.6 There is a word missing in each line. Write the missing word along with the

one that comes before and the one that comes after it: **(any four)** (4)

a) Stress and anxiety levels students

b) at time of examination have come

c) down significantly few students

d) making distress calls the CBSE,

e) according to report released by them.

Q.7 Rearrange the following words/phrases to form meaningful sentences:

(any four)

(4)

a) writer/Yale/Indian/Prize/won/University/the/Literary/the

b) Windham Campbell/Literature/earlier/Prize/won/the/has /writer/the

c) Modern/evolution/has/Asia/written/he/about/the/of

d) The/he/Caesar/against/join/may/conspiracy

e) From/God/a/precious/life/is/to/gift/us

SECTION C: LITERATURE 30 MARKS

Q.8 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in one or two lines only. (1x4=4)

Well, he must have gone round to the 'Ring-o-Bells' afterwards, for he came in as merry as a sandboy.

a) What place is 'Ring-o-Bells'?

b) Why does the person referred to in the lines come back 'as merry as a sandboy' from there?

c) What is meant by the phrase 'as merry as a sandboy'?

d) What is the irony in the statement?

OR

Mrs. Packletide had already arranged in her mind the lunch she would give at her house in Curzon Street, ostensibly in LoonaBimberton's honour, with a tiger-skin rug occupying most of the foreground and all of the conversation.

- a) Why did Mrs. Packletide want to give a lunch in LoonaBimberton's honour?
- b) Why does Mrs. Packletide want all the conversation around the tiger-skin rug?
- c) What is the meaning of the word 'ostensibly'?
- d) What was the motive of Mrs. Packletide?

Q.9 Answer **any four** of the following questions in 30-40 words each: (2x4=8)

- a) How does the ghost undermine the narrator's faith in his ability to write ghost stories?
- b) How can you say that the two boys (Two Gentlemen of Verona) were willing workers?
- c) How does the mariner describe the movement of the ship as it sails away from the land?
- d) What does Calpurnia try to convince Caesar of?
- e) How did the creatures in the bog react to the frog's voice?

Q.10 Answer the following question in 100-120 words: (8)

“He had done his job well. All those years of struggle hadn’t blunted his sensibilities.” Do you feel the talent and skills of a person who is so passionate, don’t die with time? Elaborate.

OR

Both the boys at Verona were full of grit, determination and hope. At a young age they exhibited qualities that are difficult to come by even adults. This story teaches us not to lose hope and courage even in adverse situations. Elaborate.

Q.11 Answer the following question in 200-250 words: (10)

How did Helen take her examinations at Radcliffe?

OR

Draw a character sketch of Michael Anagnos.

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