ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY, DEHRADUN

I[ST] PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2022-23

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE **CLASS: X** **M.M.: 80 TIME: 2 HOURS**

NAME OF THE STUDENT.....CLASS/SECTION.....ROLL NO.....

You will not be allowed to write in the first 15 minutes.
This time is to be spent reading the question paper.
The time given at the head of the paper is the time allowed to write the answers.
Attempt all five questions.
The intended marks for questions and parts of questions are given in bracket [ ]

Question 1. (Do not spend more than 30 minutes on this question)
Write a composition (300-350 words) on **any one** of the following: [20]

(i) Write an original story that begins with "She could not believe even a word she heard....."

(ii) Narrate an incident where you stumbled upon a giant egg while trekking in the mountains on a cold winter morning. Explain what happened next and how the day ended.

(iii) 'Luck, more than hard work, plays a pivotal role in making one successful.' Express your views for or against the statement.

(iv) You were chosen from your school to interview a renowned celebrity at her house for the entertainment section of a national daily. Give a detailed description of your visit, the personal information you could elicit from the celebrity and what influence did she have on you.

(v) Study the picture given below. Write a story or description or an account of what the picture suggests to you. Your composition maybe directly about the subject of the picture or may take suggestions from it but there must be some clear connection between the picture and the composition.



Question 2. (Do not spend more than 20 minutes on this question)
Select **ONE** of the following: [10]

(a) You ordered a pair of shoes online but received a totally different pair. Write a letter to the Customer Care Executive of that brand complaining about the carelessness of the staff, your reaction and how such mistakes may cause a threat to the goodwill of the brand.

(b) Your cousin has been admitted to a new school mid-session where he is finding it difficult to make new friends, adjust to the environment and catch up with pending work. Write a letter to your cousin suggesting him ways to deal with the situation.

Question 3. (a) You are Rohit Sharma/Riya Sharma - the President of the Student's Wing of the RWA of your colony. You and your team plan to organise a cultural programme on New Year's Eve. Write a notice to be put outside the RWA office, informing the residents about the same. [5]

(b) Write an email to the Secretary of the RWA of your colony informing him about the event and seeking his help to successfully organise the event. You may add other necessary details. [5]

Question 4. Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions (a), (b) and (c) that follow:

Optimism is not a deep, complicated philosophy or a school of thought. It is more a matter of our general attitude to life, of always taking a positive and bright view of life. In some persons it is an inborn trait. They are tuned that way by nature and temperament. But in most cases it is an **acquired** or a carefully cultivated and nurtured habit.

So we find that some people always look at the bright side of things while there are some others who always see the bad, dark side of things. To an optimist, every cloud has a silver lining. A pessimist, on the other hand, misses the silver lining and sees only the cloud. Frederick Langbridge sums it up: "Two men look out through the same bars: One sees the mud, and one the stars.

" One Sunday morning, when William Dean Howells and Mark Twain came out of the church, it started raining heavily, "Do you think it will stop?" asked Howells. "It always has, replied Twain. An optimist hopes for the best. Optimism **nurtures** two things most, hope and cheerfulness. Alexander regarded hope as the greatest possession of mankind. He held that if you destroy hope, you destroy future. Hope strengthens our will to survive calamities, so that we never give way to despair. It helps us count our blessings, and hope persistently goads us to go on. It is rightly said that an optimist sees an opportunity in every calamity; a pessimist sees a calamity in every opportunity.

A person who is optimistic, cheerful and full of hope gains easy acceptance everywhere in society and succeeds in maintaining meaningful and lasting relations with others. Most people feel **dejected**, even down and out, when they do not succeed in achieving their aim. They allow themselves to reach a state of hopelessness. Some even suffer sudden loss of energy and the will to persist. They become victims of a host of negative feelings and thoughts. The loss of self-esteem can be so complete in the case of some, they might even take the extreme step of ending their lives.

An optimist reacts to situations differently. He thinks and acts in a positive manner. Optimism aids his patience, increases his energy and steels his will to see his objective. Optimism is, in fact, an unending source of positive energy. There is nothing negative about it.

Unlike the pessimist who gives up when he finds one door locked, the optimist believes in looking for other doors which are wide open. Instead of giving way to despair, he tries to find alternatives. Asar Lucknavi, a well-known Urdu poet wrote-When I do not succeed in achieving my aim, I think of attaining it through a different approach and so I try again.

A pessimist is a perpetual loser, an optimist is a winner despite an occasional failure. Unlike the pessimist, an optimist does not allow himself or herself to sink into a state of morbidity or depression. Owing to a positive frame of mind, an optimist is never without solace, and never suffers from poverty of the spirit.

(a) For each word given below choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the options provided: [3]

(i) acquired
(a) given (b) taken (c) obtained (d) believed

(ii) nurtures
(a) to destroy (b) to protect (c) feeds (d) gathers

(iii) dejected
(a) happy (b) disappointed (c) refused (d) contented

(b) Answer the following questions in your own words:

(i) What do you understand by optimism? [2]

(ii) How did Alexander look at 'hope'? [1]

(iii) What is the greatest possession of an optimist and why? [2]

(iv) How does an optimist look at failure? [2]

(v) In what way does pessimism affect a person? [2]

(c) In not more than 50 words describe how an optimist is different from a pessimist? [8]

Question 5. (a) Fill in each of the number blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets. Do not copy the passage but right incorrect order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space. [4]

(0) **caused**

Climate change is the phenomenon ___0___ (cause) by global warming. Natural cycles of warming and cooling _____1_____ (occur) many times in Earth's history, and indeed the rise of homosapiens _____2_____ (attribute) to the end of the last Ice Age, some 11,000 years ago. What ____3____ (worry) scientists is man-made global warming - when carbon rich fuels stored for aeons beneath the ground ____4____ (extract) and burnt ____5____ (release) billions of tonnes of carbon dioxide each year. This is a 'Greenhouse gas' : it ____6____ (trap) the sun's heat in the atmosphere instead of letting it radiate out to space. As a result the earth surface ____7____ (warm), disrupting the planets delicate climate system. Almost all the world's population ____8____ (affect) but poor tropical countries will be hit worst.

(b) Fill in the blank with suitable word. Do not copy the sentence. [4]

(i) We went to school _____ foot.

(ii) Where did you put _____ when you went to Kodaikanal?

(iii) His charitable actions speak _____ his noble nature.

(iv) Samaira takes _____ her mother.

(v) Your answers must be relevant _____ the questions asked.

(vi) Do not rely _____ others for your success.

(vii) My uncle was afflicted _____ arthritis.

(viii) Our Mathematics teacher is very quick _____ calculations.

(c) Join the following sentences without using 'and, but or so': [4]

(i) We cannot postpone discussion on this issue. It is urgent.

(a) Discussion on this issue cannot be postponed due to its urgency.

(b) We cannot postpone discussion on this issue although it is urgent.

(c) We cannot postpone discussion on this issue since it is urgent.

(d) It is urgent so we cannot postpone discussion on this issue.

(ii) You should accept these conditions. You should resign.

(a) You should either accept these conditions or resign.

(b) You must either accept these conditions or resign.

(c) Either these conditions must be accepted by you or you must resign.

(d) You must accept these conditions or resign.

(iii) You can take a break. You are feeling tired.

(a) You can take a break if at all you are tired.

(b) You are feeling tired in that case you can take a break.

(c) You cannot take break if you are not feeling tired.

(d) You can take a break if you are feeling tired.

(iv) She has retired. She continues to do honorary teaching work.

(a) Inspite of retiring, she continues to do honorary teaching work.

(b) In spite of being retired, she continues to do honorary teaching work.

(c) In spite of having retired, she continues to do honorary teaching work.

(d) In spite of retiring, she continues to do honorary teaching work.

(d) Choose the correct option for the following sentences according to the instructions Given after each of them. [8]

(i) My uncle financially supported me, otherwise I could not have completed my studies. (Begin: But for…..)

(a) But for my uncle's financial support I could have not completed my studies.
(b) But for my uncle financially supporting me, I could have not completed my studies.
(c) But for the financial support of my uncle, I could have not completed my studies.
(d) But for my uncle's financial support, I could not have completed my studies.

(ii) Kapil Dev has been one of the greatest all-rounders of all times. (Use: great)

(a) Very few all-rounders of all times are as great as Kapil Dev.
(b) Very few all-rounders of all times have been as great as Kapil Dev.
(c) No other all-rounder has been as great as Kapil Dev.
(d) No other all-rounder of all times has been as great as Kapil Dev.

(iii) The problem is so complicated that this little child cannot understand it. (Use: too…to)

(a) The problem is too complicated that this little child cannot understand it.
(b) The problem is too complicated to understand.
(c) The problem is too complicated for this little child to understand.
(d) The problem is too complicated for this little child to understand it.

(iv) Poor as he is, he is not dishonest. (Use: despite)

(a) He is poor despite that he is not dishonest.
(b) Despite he is poor, he is not dishonest.
(c) He is not dishonest despite being poor.
(d) Despite being poor as he is, he is not dishonest.

(v) Everybody worships the rising sun. (Begin: Who…..)

(a) Who worships the rising sun?
(b) Whoever worships the rising sun?
(c) Who does not worship the rising sun?
(d) Who does not worships the rising sun?

(vi) You must take a rich diet to gain weight. (Begin: Unless….)

(a) Unless you take a rich diet, you will not gain weight.
(b) Unless a rich diet is taken by you will not gain weight.
(c) Unless you do not take a rich diet you will not gain weight.
(d) Unless you take a rich diet you will gain weight.

(vii) As soon as Rohit entered his office, he was summoned by his boss. (Begin: Scarcely ……)

(a) Scarcely did Rohit enter his office when he was summoned by his boss.
(b) Scarcely had Rohit entered his office than he was summoned by his boss.
(c) Scarcely did Rohit entered his office when he was summoned by his boss.
(d) Scarcely had Rohit entered his office when he was summon by his boss.

(viii) He is both a good counsellor and a very melodious singer. (Use: Not only…..but also)

(a) Not only he is a good counsellor but also a very melodious singer.
(b) Not only is he a good counsellor but also a very melodious singer.
(c) He is not only a good counsellor but also very melodious singer.
(d) He is not only a good counsellor but is also a very melodious singer.

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