

COUNCIL OF CBSE AFFILIATED SCHOOLS IN THE GULF

GULF SAHODAYA EXAMINATIONS: SAUDI CHAPTER – 2018

SUBJECT: ENGLISH CORE
CLASS: XI

MAX.MARKS: 80
TIME: 3 HOURS

SET - A

General instructions:

1. *This paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C. All sections are compulsory.*
2. *Separate instructions are given with each section and question wherever necessary. Read these instructions and follow them very carefully.*
3. *Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.*
2. *Do not split sections.*

SECTION - A (READING COMPREHENSION) 20 Marks

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

12 Marks

1. In the recent past, there has been a thought given to the several problems that the system of school education is facing. Starting with focus on the Delhi region, one of the first discussion points has been to find ways to bring the lakhs of children who have so far been denied education into a workable school system. A further aspect of the same problem is to ensure minimum dropout rate in school children (particularly girls). In Delhi, this has reached alarming proportions. Finding solutions for Delhi will help other areas as well.

2. A tool called 'learning style inventory' was used; it addressed to know how information of skills are learnt, which factor makes an individual comfortable with learning skills or acquiring declarative knowledge. Different answers emerged. In dealing with factual knowledge some people liked to experience first, others to observe, yet others to experiment and still some who preferred to plunge into learning, leaving analysis for later.

3. It then became easy to discover which of the attributes made for better learning for an individual. The learning situation will benefit by understanding these differences. Two major processes cover most people's learning styles. These are as follows: Information gathering process and process of transforming information. The continuance of information gathering is bound by people who gather information through experiences at one end and by those who gather information through reading/listening on the other. The continuance of transformation of information is bound by people who internalize through watching/observing on the one hand and by those who learn while applying knowledge and doing something with it, on the other. Others fall somewhere in between. All this has a bearing at school because children too have similar learning styles on these two axes.

4. There are four types of learners. Firstly, there are children who will absorb facts through experiences. They will readily share their thoughts with others. The second type of learners will take unrelated facts and try to seek order in them in using independent judgement. They will prefer to be exact in their knowledge

and correctly apply as per their understanding. The next type of learner is the pragmatist. They use their abilities to problem solving. Such person is a useful type to function in a group. The fourth type of learner belongs to the world of action. Everything is brought down to the level of concrete observation and doing.

5. With some awareness of how children react in different ways, teachers may find effective methods of teaching.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the best of the given choices: 6 Marks

a) Mention two major problems that the system of school education is facing.

- i) enrolling children in school, promoting girls' education
- ii) preventing dropping out, providing text books
- iii) enrolling children, preventing dropouts
- iv) providing school buildings, giving text books

b) What was known through 'learning style inventory'?

- i) how information of skills are learnt and which factors lead to learning comfortably
- ii) factual knowledge and experience
- iii) analysis and observation
- iv) experiment and hands-on learning

c) Information can be gathered

- i) through experience, reading and listening
- ii) through applying knowledge
- iii) through observing
- iv) through doing something with knowledge

d) Which type of learners try to be exact in their knowledge and apply it correctly?

- i) First
- ii) Second
- iii) Third
- iv) Fourth

e) 'Addressed to' in para 2 means

- i) directed towards
- ii) send to
- iii) delivered a speech
- iv) ready to

f) 'Factual' in para 2 is the opposite of

- i) based on experience
- ii) told by knowledgeable people
- iii) fanciful
- iv) found in books

1.2 Answer the following questions briefly.

6 Marks

- a) How do people acquire factual knowledge?
- b) How is the transformation of information achieved?
- c) Which kind of learner is good at problem solving?
- d) How do persons belonging to the world of action learn?
- e) Find the word in para 3 which means the same as 'quality or features, especially one that is considered good reach'.
- f) Find the word in para 5 which means the same as 'producing a successful result'?

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

8 Marks

1. Myanmar sits at the crossroads of Asia's great civilizations of India and China and looks out onto the vast Indian Ocean next to Thailand. One of South-east Asia's largest and most diverse countries, Myanmar stretches from the sparkling islands of the Andaman Sea in the south right up into the eastern Himalayan range.

2. Myanmar offers all the traditional delights of Asia in one fascinating country-virgin jungles, snowcapped mountains and pristine beaches, combined with a rich and glorious heritage spanning more than two thousand years. Spectacular monuments and ancient cities attest to a vibrant culture that is still home to 135 different ethnic groups.

3. The country's tourism infrastructure boasts of five - star properties, intimate boutiques, hotels and family guesthouses in all the major centres, as well as stunning mountain and beach resorts. It also boasts of one of the lowest tourist crime records in the world. So, the visitors can rest assured their holiday will be carefree from start to finish.

4. Wherever you go in Myanmar, whether it be cruising down the mighty Ayeyarwaddy river in style, drifting over the ancient city of Bagan by hot air balloon, or searching for that elusive tiger on the back of an elephant, there is always a feeling of adventure.

5. With two modern internal airlines upgrading and expanding their networks, new and exciting destinations off the beaten track are gradually being opened – from mountain trekking and rafting in the north to world-class diving in the Mergui Archipelago. But, above all, Myanmar offers the warmest welcome in Asia. Known as the 'Land of Gold', it promises to provide one a mystical adventure full of mountains and historical places.

6. Yangon (Rangoon), the capital of Myanmar, lies in the fertile delta country of southern Myanmar on the wide Yangon river, about 30 km from the sea. Although the population hovers around 4 million, the city seems so full of trees and shades that some neighbourhoods are practically jungle giving it a totally different feel from other Asian cities of comparable size. At night, Yangon's wide boulevards come alive with hordes of stalls selling delicious foods and piles of huge cigars. Yangon is home to the gold-plated Shwedagon Paya. Other sights include the colonial architecture of the legendary Strand Hotel, the colossal reclining Buddha in Chaukhtatgyi Paya and the peaceful Kandawgyi and Inya Lakes.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary (minimum 4). Use a format you consider suitable. Also supply an appropriate title to it.

5 Marks

2.2 Make a summary of the above passage in not more than 80 words using the notes made. 3

SECTION - B (WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR) 30 Marks

3. The NSS Club of your school has adopted JJ Colony. The living conditions of the colony are unsanitary and unhygienic. Prepare a poster in not more than 50 words urging the colony people to clean the surroundings and their colony. **4 Marks**

4. You are Parth Gupta, a resident of A32, Sarabha Nagar, Amritsar. You are a heart patient. You reside near a Banquet Hall, where marriages and parties are held, and the noise is a constant source of disturbance to you at night because of the use of loud speakers till late at night. Write a letter of complaint to the Municipal Corporation requesting them to check such practices. **6 Marks**

5. You have often come across headlines such as:

Teenager murders grandfather for property	Terrorists gun down 10 of a family
Young man stabbed by eve-teaser	Friends kidnap classmate for ransom
Students disqualified for cheating	Students burn buses

The growing tendency towards violence among young people is specially a cause for concern. Write an article in about 150 – 200 words on ‘Teen aggression and the Media’. You are Abhijeet Sarkar/ Anita Sarkar. **10 Marks**

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Underline the error and write the correct word in front of it in your answer sheet. $\frac{1}{2} \times 6=3$ Marks

	Incorrect	Correct
We passed dark tents pitched on splendid isolaton,	<u>on</u>	<u>in</u>
usually of a huge black dog, a Tibetan mastiff, standing guard.	a) _____	_____
These beasts will cock their great big heads	b) _____	_____
when they became aware for our approach	c) _____	_____
and fix us at their sights.	d) _____	_____
As we continued into draw closer, they would	e) _____	_____
explode for action, speeding directly towards us,	f) _____	_____
like a bullet from a gun and nearly as fast.		

7. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after against the correct blank number. Underline and write the word in your answer sheet. $\frac{1}{2} \times 6=3$ Marks

	Before	Word	After
By now we see snow-capped mountains gathering	a) _____	_____	_____
on horizon. We entered a valley where the river was	b) _____	_____	_____
wide and mostly clogged with ice, brilliant white glinting	c) _____	_____	_____

in the sunshine. The trail hugged its bank, twisting meanders d) _____
as we gradually gained height and valley sides closed in. e) _____
The turns became sharper and ride bumpier. f) _____

8. Rearrange the following jumbled words to form meaningful sentences.

4 Marks

monsters/ than/ shaggy/ these/ were/ darkest/ blacker/ night/ the

Eg. These shaggy monsters were blacker than the darkest night.

- i) bright/red/ wore/ and barked/ with/ they/ usually/ collars/ furiously/massive jaws/
- ii) completely/ fearless of/ they/ shooting/ our/ straight/ were/ into/ our path/ vehicle,
- iii) dog/ chase/ metres/ easing off/ the/ would/ hundred/ or so/ make/ for a/ before
- iv) imperial courts/ understand/ Tibetan mastiffs/ popular/ ferocious/ difficult/ wasn't/ why/ to/ became/ in China's/ it

LITERATURE AND LONG READING TEXT) 30 Marks

9. Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow.

1x3=3 Marks

‘And forever, by day and night, I give back life to my own origin,
And make pure and beautify it ...’

a) Who does ‘I’ refer to in the first line given above?

- i) poet
- ii) earth
- iii) rain
- iv) earth and shower

b) Who is the poet?

- i) Walt Whitman
- ii) Shirley Toulson
- iii) Ted Hughes
- iv) Elizabeth Jennings

c) How does ‘I’ give life to its own origin?

- i) by causing the seeds to germinate
- ii) by making the earth pure
- iii) by beautifying the earth
- iv) all the above

10. Answer the following questions briefly.

3x3=9 Marks

a) Why was Tutankhamun’s body buried with gilded treasures and precious things?

b) Show how the blame for the arch was transferred from person to person.

c) “I have done something, Oh God! I’ve done something real at last”. Why did Andrew make this statement?

11. Answer the following in about 150 words.

6 Marks

Describe the relationship between Khushwant Singh and his grandmother.

Long Reading Text:

Answer the following in about 150 words.

6x2=12 Marks

12. "Virginia with her rare sensitivity is the only one who understands the ghost and helps him in gaining salvation". Discuss.

13. Sir Simon's funeral was a stately traditional one. Give an account of it.
