

INTERNATIONAL INDIAN SCHOOL, DAMMAM
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION – FEBRUARY 2015

CLASS : XII
SUBJECT : ENGLISH CORE

MAX. MARKS : 100
TIME : 3 HRS



SET A

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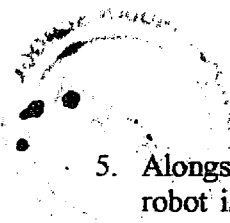
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SECTION A – READING (30 Marks)

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1. Meet Erwin. He is a friendly robot who can express five basic emotions. Erwin is a great listener and can be made to respond only when required. He understands when we are unhappy. Hence he is a warm-hearted robot. He also responds to human touch and that makes Erwin a perfect companion for chaperoning elderly people.
2. His name 'Erwin' is an acronym. It stands for Emotional Robot with Intelligent Networks. He has been declared by scientists as the world's friendliest robot. Erwin means something special to us Indians as he has been built by an Indian student living in the UK. As already stated, Erwin is capable of responding with five basic emotions while interacting with a human.
3. The 'friendly robot' which is now being used in a new study carried out by PhD student, Mriganka Biswas, has been developed by Dr. John Murray from the school of Computer Science, University of Lincoln, UK. According to researchers, these durable relationships could be important in cases where a robot operates as a personal aid or companion when providing care for the elderly, or support for people with autism, Asperger syndrome or attachment disorder. At present, Erwin is still keeping scientific company. The robot is helping scientists to understand how more realistic long-term relationships might be developed between humans and robots, using the Erwin prototype.
4. PhD student, Mriganka Biswas said: "Cognitive biases make humans what they are, fashioning characteristics and personality, complete with errors and imperfections."
In other words, what Biswas has found out through his research is that when two people interact for the first time, and if the two have different personalities, a relationship forms. But in the case of a conventional human-robot interaction, this is not possible. Due to the lack of cognitive biases, the robot's lack of identifiable characteristics and personality, prevents any relationship bond from developing. The key obstacle therefore lies in obsolete processes, which include certain illogical patterns of thought or cognitive biases. Therefore by introducing cognitive biases in a robot's characteristics, it would become human-like. Based on human reactions and relationships, scientists will be able to introduce characteristics and personality to the robot. Thus if we can explain how human-to-human long-term relationships begin and develop, then it would be easier to plan the human-robot relationship. A companion robot therefore needs to be friendly and have the ability to recognize user's emotions.

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5. Alongside Erwin, scientists are also working on a humanoid robot named Keepon. This robot is no prototype of Erwin. By creating this robot, the task before scientists is to assess how people respond to another type of robot. While Erwin can express five basic emotions, Keepon has no emotions at all. While Erwin in its present state looks like an assemblage of mechanical gear, Keepon is humanized in appearance as he is being constructed as a humanoid.

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3. A conventional robot cannot bond with humans because
 - (i) it is not friendly
 - (ii) it is made of metal
 - (iii) it does not have human characteristics
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4. Keepon is not a prototype of Erwin because
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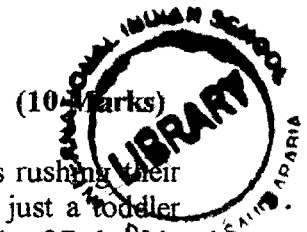
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2. Why is Erwin special to Indians?
3. For which categories of humans can a robot like Erwin prove useful?
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(III) Pick out words from the passage that mean: (2 Marks)

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The New Delhi Eco Society is organizing a Clean City Campaign from February 15th- 25th. Design a poster to create awareness about it indicating the need to maintain neat and hygienic surroundings.

Q5. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper giving your strong views on the disadvantages of setting up a leather factory near to your locality, bringing out the problems it will cause. Make an appeal to the Government to reconsider its decision. You are Anil / Anu of 24 A, Stanford Apartments, Bangalore. (6 Marks)

OR

Write a letter to the Manager, Haldirams, Nagpur, ordering for 60 lunch packets to be supplied for your excursion party which would be travelling by G.T Express from Delhi to Chennai. Your train is scheduled to reach Nagpur at 12:15 p.m. Mention your coach number and other relevant details. You are Praveen / Preeti, Coordinator of the Excursion trip, studying at Sriram Vidya Niketan, New Delhi.

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Virtual classes are becoming quite popular these days but can they substitute actual classroom learning? Write a debate on the topic 'Virtual classes will soon replace actual classes'. You are Kartik / Kripa and may speak for or against the motion.

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- Describe the appearance of the slum children.
- Why is the slum called 'foggy'?
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OR

*Those who prepare green wars,
wars with gas, wars with fire,
victory with no survivors,
would put on clean clothes
and walk about with their brothers
in the shade, doing nothing.*

- Name the poem and the poet.
- What does 'green war' signify?
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Q9. Answer any FOUR of the following questions in 30-40 words each: (4x3= 12 Marks)

- (a) What regrets did M. Hamel have when the order from Berlin came?
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Q10. Answer the following in about 120-150 words.

(6 Marks)

"Years of mind-numbing toil have killed all initiative and the ability to dream." This was plight of the people of Firozabad, mired in the business of bangle making, unable to get out of the traps of middlemen. Yet, Mukesh dared to dream of becoming a motor mechanic. The youth of today need to have determination and commitment to achieve their goals. Write your views about this.

OR

"At last I felt released." Describe the efforts undertaken by William Douglas to achieve his release from fear.

Q11. Answer the following in about 120-150 words:

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Both the adolescent and the old man are victims of loneliness due to society's non-support and negligence in the lesson, 'On The Face Of It.' Bring out the truth of this statement from the conversation between Mr. Lamb and Derry.

OR

The story telling session proved to be one of sudden and disturbing revelations for Jack even though it was a ritual that had been carrying on for two years. Elaborate.

Answer the following in 120-150 words.

(6x2= 12 Marks)

Q12. Unbridled ambition can drive a man to the brink of disaster and make him lose his reasoning power. How is Griffin a manifestation of this statement?

Q13. Describe how Marvel is able to come up in life from a tramp to the owner of his own bar named The Invisible Man. What traits of his character are revealed through his journey?

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*Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across a screen,
Bright topaz denizens of a world of green
They do not fear the men beneath the tree;
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- Why has the poet used the word 'topaz' to describe the tigers?
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- What were Sophie's father's expectations about her?
- Write a character sketch of the old General in the lesson, 'The Enemy'
- What miracle took place shortly after the Tiger King's birth?
- Why did Zitkala-Sa try to prevent the shingling of her long hair?

Q10. Answer the following in about 120-150 words. (6 Marks)

'My last French lesson! Why I hardly knew how to write! I should never learn anymore!' The problem of school dropouts and illiteracy still plagues our country. What is your social obligation towards this issue? What innovative methods do you suggest to solve this problem?

OR

"At last I felt released." Describe the efforts undertaken by William Douglas to achieve his release from fear.

Q11. Answer the following in about 120-150 words: (6 Marks)

Both the adolescent and the old man are victims of loneliness due to society's non-support and negligence in the lesson, 'On The Face Of It.' Bring out the truth of this statement from the conversation between Mr. Lamb and Derry.

OR

The story telling session proved to be one of sudden and disturbing revelations for Jack even though it was a ritual that had been carrying on for two years. Elaborate.

Answer the following in 120-150 words. (6x2= 12 Marks)

Q12. Unbridled ambition can drive a man to the brink of disaster and make him lose his reasoning power. How is Griffin a manifestation of this statement?

Q13. Describe how Marvel is able to come up in life from a tramp to the owner of his own bar named The Invisible Man. What traits of his character are revealed through his journey?

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