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GRADE: 11 SUBJECT: ENGLISH CORE (301)
[SET A]

DATE & DAY: 07 February 2024, Wednesday

MAXIMUM MARKS: 80

NAME: _____

TIME ALLOTTED: 3 HOURS

ROLL NO: _____

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- i). *The Question Paper contains THREE sections - READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING, and LITERATURE.*
- ii). *Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.*

SECTION A - READING SKILLS (26 Marks)

Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

I Read the passage given below:

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- 1 Everyone is fascinated by identical twins: they look the same – even advanced digital imaging systems sometimes fail to tell them apart – and yet they have different personalities and abilities. They may have the same eyes, the same hair colour, and the same smile, but one will be shy and the other more outgoing, or one cleverer or funnier or kinder than the other and this is despite them having the same DNA. They do not, however, have the same fingerprints, which are believed to be determined by environmental factors.
- 2 Twins like spending time with each other – often to the exclusion of others. In fifty per cent of cases, they even develop their own secret language. Furthermore, it is commonly believed that they have the ability to communicate telepathically so that, for instance, one is able to draw a picture of what the other is thinking. There have been innumerable claims that a twin has shared the physical or mental pain of the other – known as ‘crisis telepathy’ – even when they could not have known it was happening.
- 3 Monozygotic twins – who share everything before birth – usually share everything after birth too: the same tastes in food, music, sport or politics ... One might think that this could be explained by the fact that parents often give their new-born twins confusingly similar names, continue to dress them exactly alike until they are well into their teens, and generally treat them in the same way throughout their upbringing. However, there are well-documented cases of identical twins brought up separately from birth who nonetheless made the same decisions and life choices.
- 4 In August every year, thousands of twins descend on a town in Ohio called Twinsburg, named by identical twin brothers nearly two centuries ago. The Twins Day Festival is a three-day event

consisting of talent shows and look-alike contests that has become one of the world's largest gatherings of twins.

- 5 Scientists study twins to collect evidence for the age-old nature versus nurture debate: how much of their behaviour is hereditary and how much is conditioned by their environment; what are people actually born with and what is caused by experience? Because identical twins come from a single fertilized egg that splits into two and shares virtually the same genetic code, any differences between them must be due to environmental factors. Studying the differences between identical twins to pinpoint the influence of environment, and comparing identical twins with fraternal ones to measure the role of inheritance, has been crucial in understanding the interplay of nature and nurture in determining our personalities, behaviour, and vulnerability to disease.

(The passage consists of 432 words.)

Answer ALL the questions, based on the passage above.

- i Select the option that proves **that despite having the same DNA**, identical twins cannot have _____ which is purely determined by _____. **1**
- A. the same fingerprints, environmental factors
B. the same fingerprints, digital imaging
C. the same personality, environmental factors
D. environmental features, intelligence, and kindness
- (Paragraph 1)
- ii From the author's statement that twins can communicate **telepathically**, we understand that: **1**
- A. Twins often take the same path in life.
B. Twins are connected on a subconscious level.
C. Twins are capable of performing supernatural phenomena.
D. Twins are forced to communicate even when they do not want to.
- (Paragraph 2)
- iii **Replace the underlined word from the sentence with another word that is similar in meaning.** **1**
- One might think that this could be **explained** by the fact that parents often give their newborn twins confusingly similar names.
- (Paragraph 3)
- iv Answer in about 40 words what you understand by the term '**crisis telepathy?**' **2**
- (Paragraph 2)
- v Why does the author state that **Scientists study twins?** Explain in around 40 words. **2**
- (Paragraph 5)
- vi The author states that Twinsberg plays host to the largest number of twins, annually. Choose the option that correctly classifies the reasons for the gathering: **1**
- A. Monozygotic Twins
B. To meet ones, twin

- C. Twins Day Festival
- D. Study Fraternal Twins

(Paragraph 4)

vii Choose the sentence that uses the word **'hereditary'** in the correct context: **1**

- A. The very fibre of the warm, cozy blanket was **hereditary**.
- B. The **hereditary** green snake was found in the garden.
- C. The table had a **hereditary** marking on the top.
- D. The doctor was curious about any **hereditary** sickness the patient might have had.

(Paragraph 5)

viii Select the word that is **disimilar** in meaning to the word **'crucial'** as used in the sentence 'the role of inheritance has been **crucial** in understanding the interplay of nature.' **1**

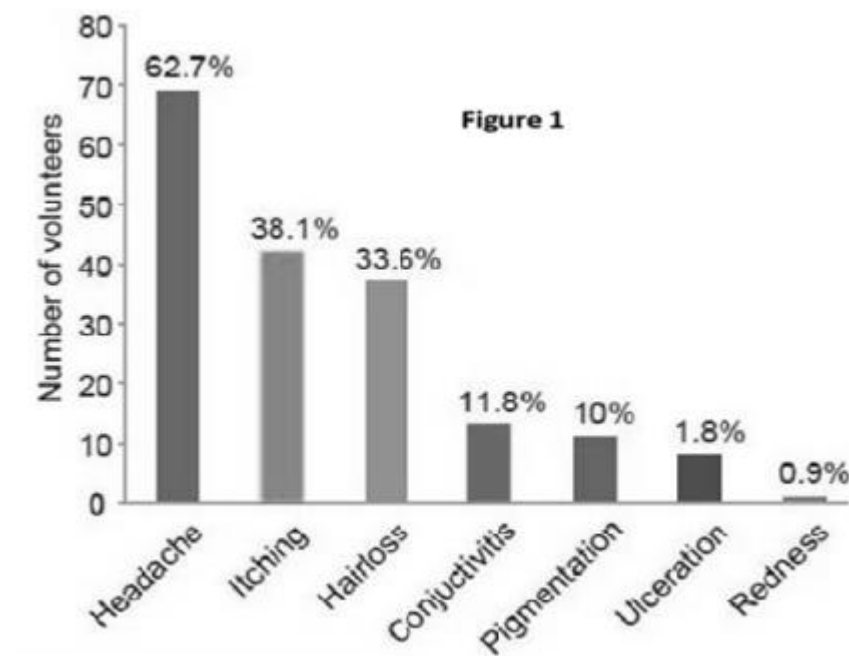
- A. trivial
- B. vital
- C. critical
- D. decisive

(Paragraph 5)

II Read the passage given below: **08**

- 1 The coloring of hair signifies a major step in self-innovative science. Owing to increased demand, the market is poised for new scientific breakthroughs to produce quick and efficient hair colouring products. Among both genders, millions use it today. Colouring of the hair is performed not only by professionals but is also a popular cosmetic procedure at home. Earlier natural hair dyes were used but now, synthetic dyes are a popular choice.
- 2 A study was conducted to assess the knowledge, practice, perception and adverse reactions among the hair dye users. A questionnaire about the use of hair dyes and its reactions was administered randomly among a total of 263 volunteers, of which 52.5% and 47.5% were females and males respectively in the age group 18-60 years.
- 3 The results revealed that synthetic dyes were used by 91% and for 51%, the frequency of use was 2-5 times annually. However, a majority (86%) of the responders used hair dye 3-5 times a year only to colour their grey hair. A very small percentage of students (4 %) used exotic colours to look fashionable. A total of 110 volunteers had adverse reactions. Of these, 67% had suffered from reactions within 1 hour of using hair dye compared to 33% who had reactions after 24 hours.
- 4 The overall study results suggest that most people who use hair dyes have insufficient knowledge of hair dye products and should be encouraged to use natural products, which have fewer side effects. The researchers were unanimous in the opinion that while they understood the cosmetic appeal of hair colouring, the fact that it can lead to long-term problems should not be ignored.

Figure 1 represents adverse reactions to using hair dyes.



(The passage consists of 273 words.)

Answer ALL the questions, based on the passage above.

- i The author talks about **new scientific breakthroughs** in paragraph one where it is revealed that there is hope to produce a certain type of product. What is the author referencing here? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- ii Paragraph two talks about adverse reactions to hair dyes. What do you understand by the term ‘**adverse reaction?**’ Answer in about 40 words. 2
- iii What does the given study aim to do? 1
 - A. To explore the problems one faces after using hair dyes.
 - B. To examine the various types of hair dyes used by people.
 - C. To determine the reasons why people, use hair dyes.
 - D. To showcase the ignorance of people about the ill-effects of using hair dyes.
- iv Does the following statement agree with the information given in paragraph 1? 1

(Paragraph 4)

“Innovative scientific methods are being used by people for self-expression.”

 - A. the statement agrees with the information.
 - B. the statement contradicts the information.
 - C. there is no information on this.
 - D. the statement is neither true nor false.

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- v Select the option that displays the **FALSE** statement with reference to Fig 1.
- A. Ulceration leads to a better pigment in the hair dye
 - B. Conjunctivitis and Pigmentation barely have a 1.8% difference in adverse reactions experienced.
 - C. Headaches are the highest adverse reaction experienced by hair dye users.
 - D. Redness is a miniscule adverse reaction.

(Fig 1)

- vi Find the antonym of the word ‘**unanimous**’ from paragraph 4.

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- A. undisputed
- B. differing
- C. undivided
- D. united

(Paragraph 4)

III NOTE MAKING & SUMMARIZING

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Read the passage below:

It is an unpretentious structure tucked in a corner of Chandni Chowk. It could be missed by a passer-by but for the chirping, which gives away its unique mission. The Charity Birds Hospital is the only one of its kind in the country. Many people arrive here daily with injured birds which they may have found lying by the roadside. After a quick inspection, an attendant makes a simple entry in the register; name of the person, kind of bird, and date, and “admits the patient” for treatment, free of cost. The bird then becomes the sole responsibility of the hospital.

The ailing bird is administered first-aid and then kept in an isolated cage. Often medication and proper care are all that is needed. After the wound heals, the bird is moved to a common section with other birds of its kind. Soon it becomes healthy enough to fly away. The work began way back in 1929 in a small, one-room structure. A few years later it became increasingly difficult to treat the large number of birds being brought. Later, in 1957, the present building was inaugurated.

The progress of the hospital has been slow but steady. Initially, only Ayurvedic treatment was administered. Allopathy was adopted later in 1968. It was as recent as 1992 that a laboratory was set up to conduct pathological tests. Though surgery is also conducted at times and doctors try their best to save the bird’s life, it is often too late. The mortality rate is quite high: around five to six birds die every day. The hospital survives only on charity. The trustees proudly claim that there is a steady flow of donations. To date, they have never approached the government for funds.

- 3.1 Based on your reading of the above passage, make notes (points only) using proper abbreviations (at least four) and suggest a suitable title.

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- 3.2 Write a summary of the above passage in about 50 words. Suggest a suitable title.

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SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (23 Marks)

Note: All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purposes.

- 4 The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect and the correct word in your answer sheet: 04**

	Incorrect	Correct
The next day during an break	(a) _____	_____
when all the teacher and students	(b) _____	_____
was eating their snacks, the student	(c) _____	_____
left the school building hurriedly.	(d) _____	_____
A boy see him walking quickly	(e) _____	_____
on the school gate	(f) _____	_____
where he look for his mother	(g) _____	_____
that always picked him up.	(h) _____	_____

- 5 Transformation of Sentences: 03**

i Change the Narration:

- A. "I am always happy when I get a gift," said Priti to Divya.
- B. He says, "All that glitters is not gold."
- C. Ruhan said, "Are you going to eat all the cake?"

ii Change the Voice:

- A. Siya's leave has been sanctioned by the office management.
- B. They gave each of their wedding guests a beautiful memento.
- C. Let me do it.

- 6 You are going abroad and you want to sell your house that you built three years ago. Draft an Advertisement in not more than 50 words giving all the necessary details of the house and its locality. Contact no. xxxxxxxxxx 03**
- 7 Your school is going to organize an 'Old Books Donation Drive' for the underprivileged children of Bal Vihar. Design a Poster in 50 words to inform your school students about it and urge them to be generous. You may use slogans. Visuals and written text must be included. Please adhere to the format. 03**
- 8 While returning from your school you noticed a procession of women on the road. They were marching silently with placards in their hands demanding justice for a young girl who lost her 05**

life in a tragic road accident. Inspired by the sincerity displayed by the women in claiming their rights, **write a Speech on ‘Women’s Rights’** and its importance.

- 9 You are Mukul / Mahima of Alpine Grove Public School. Your school has organized a **Debate** on “**Social Media and Its Effects**” and you will be participating. Prepare your views **against or in favour** of the motion. **05**

**SECTION C – LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING
TEXT (31 Marks)**

- 10 **Read the given extracts and answer the questions that follow:** **03**

*Silence surrounds us. I would have
Him prodigal, returning to
His father’s house, the home he knew,
Rather than see him make and move
His world. I would forgive him too,
Shaping from sorrow a new love.*

- i Which of the following devices is used in the term ‘**prodigal**?’
- A. Allusion
 - B. Alliteration
 - C. Onomatopoeia
 - D. Hyperbole
- ii Why does Jennings say that ‘Silence surrounds’ the father and son? Answer in about 20-30 words.
- iii ‘**Shaping from sorrow a new love.**’ Name the device used and the letter that represents the device.

- 11 **Read the given extracts and answer the questions that follow:** **03**

Hor was a grim, miserable place. There was no vegetation whatsoever, just dust and rocks, liberally scattered with years of accumulated refuse, which was unfortunate given that the town sat on the shore of Lake Manasarovar, Tibet’s most venerated stretch of water. Ancient Hindu and Buddhist cosmology pinpoint Manasarovar as the source of four great Indian rivers: The Indus, the Ganges, the Sutlej, and the Brahmaputra. Only the Sutlej flows from the lake, but the headwaters of the others all rise nearby on the flanks of Mount Kailash. We were within striking distance of the great mountain and I was eager to forge ahead.

- i **The phrase ‘Eager to forge ahead’ is used to indicate:**
- A. That the lake was so miserable and that made the author eager to go and see it.
 - B. That the author was apprehensive of the terrain ahead.
 - C. That Nick Middleton was enthusiastic about moving forward.
 - D. That Tsetan was enthusiastic about moving forward.

ii Choose the correct sentence that does not use the word ‘venerated’ in its correct context:

- A. I venerate the memory of my grandfather.
- B. She opened the windows to venerate the dusty room.
- C. Jerusalem is the most venerated city of the Christians.
- D. The monk was venerated as a saint.

iii Why was Hor a grim and miserable place? Answer in 20-30 words.

12 Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow:

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*Your King appears to be a melon.
How did this happen?’, they say, ‘Well, on*

*Account of customary choice.
If His Majesty rejoice*

*In being a melon, that’s OK
With us, for who are we to say*

*What he should be as long as he
Leaves us in Peace and Liberty?’*

*The principles of laissez-faire
Seem to be well-established there.*

- i What do you understand by the term ‘**Laissez-faire?**’ Answer in 20-30 words.
- ii Why would the people of the city want to be left in peace and liberty? Answer in 20-30 words.
- iii The word ‘**customary**’ means the same as:

- A. Habitual
- B. Custom made
- C. Irregular
- D. Cautionary

iv ‘that’s OK with us, for who are we to say.’ Choose the appropriate tone used in the underlined sentence.

- A. Agreement
- B. Aversion
- C. Awe
- D. Fear

13 Answer **ANY TWO** of the following questions, **in about 40-50 words.** **06**

- i Why did Professor Gaitonde go to the Forbes building? What did he find out there?
- ii When did Markus Natten learn about the existence of Heaven and Hell?
- iii From the poem '**A Photograph**' what impression have you formed of the poet's mother? Give reasons for your answer.
- iv On January 6, What news was given to the narrator by his children? Give your answer taking references from the chapter 'We're not afraid to die...'

14 Answer **ANY ONE** of the following questions, **in about 40-50 words.** **03**

- i 'There lies a great difference between textbook medicine and the world of a practising Physician.' Taking cues from the chapter '**Birth,**' validate your answer.
- ii Why did Marga Minco leave the house without taking her things?

15 Answer **ANY ONE** of the following two questions, **in about 120-150 words.** **06**

- i **The Laburnum Top** and **Voice of the Rain** are two nature poems that abound with spectacular imagery. Write a **Diary Entry** on how both poets have masterfully crafted these poems. Mention the impact that it has left on you as a reader.

OR

- ii The chapter '**Discovering Tut**' teaches us the relevance of preserving, maintaining, and learning about world history. Write an **Informal Letter** to your cousin who is a History Professor at a reputed college. Let your cousin know that you are finally in agreement with her/him on why History is important.

16 Answer **ANY ONE** of the following two questions, **in about 120-150 words.** **06**

- i '**The Summer of a Beautiful White Horse**' is a story about honesty and integrity. Imagine that you are Aram and you have just been caught by John Byro while you were trying to return his horse. Construct a **Dialogue** between John and yourself where John is giving you a lesson on the importance of honesty and integrity. Agree with John and clearly mention the values that you have learned after speaking with John.

OR

- ii You and your friend have just been to the theatre where you have seen the play '**Mother's Day.**' You are quite taken in with the humorous manner in which the script is written and the entire direction of the play. Write a **Letter of Congratulations** to **The Director** of the play

and compliment him on a well written script and perfect execution of the play. Also pay special mention to the actress who played Mrs Fitzgerald. Compliment her on her spectacular acting skills.