

**KOTHARI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, NOIDA**  
**ANNUAL EXAMINATION, SESSION: 2024-25**  
**GRADE: 11 SUBJECT: ENGLISH CORE (301)**  
**[SET C]**

**DATE & DAY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **2025,** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAXIMUM MARKS: 80**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TIME ALLOTTED: 3 HOURS**

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**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:	10
1	We live in an age of wonders and miracles. It has been called the ‘Age of Science’ and different aspects of our life that changed in the preceding centuries have been attributed to science. This is completely true, but it is only one side of the coin. The flip side is that as we have advanced more in the field of technology, something fundamental to humanity has been left behind. Values such as empathy and concern for our fellow human beings are gradually being eroded due to the onslaught of our ever-evolving lifestyles, aided by the marvels of technological advancements.	
2	Take the example of the Internet. On one hand, access to information and knowledge at the click of a button is a veritable boon to everyone (especially students) and this has made our lives much simpler. On the other hand, it has severely limited actual contact with teachers, friends and elders. Thus, the learning that a person gains is incomplete as he or she cannot easily take the advice that another person can give on the basis of knowledge and practical experience that is at his or her disposal.	
3	Today, a small child can access and navigate the Internet with an ease that still astounds those from the older generation. But what is even more astounding is the neglect of the basic human traits of friendship, relationships and family values. Owing to all the technological advancements and the gadgets available today, children often miss out on the most enriching childhood experiences such as playing outdoor games with friends, which apart from being immensely enjoyable and physically exhilarating, also develop traits such as teamwork and discipline at an early age.	
4	But now when the concept of friends is gradually being limited to virtual friends on social networking sites, one shudders to think of the implications for the personality development of a child because the time spent with computers or mobile phones for entertainment can never really substitute for the holistic benefits of outdoor play. Such examples can be found in plenty.	
5	Now if we compare the hustle and bustle of modern city life and the peace and calm of a rustic village life, we can see that in cities, life is a race with a variety of factors. It is a race that everyone tries their	

	<p>level best to win, but nobody actually wins as it never ends. So, there is an urgent need to stop for a moment and think about where we are actually heading, is it development or destruction? Do we have to wait until people have grown so much apart from each other that we cannot see the suffering of our own species due to our mindless greed, or can we still mend our ways?</p> <p><i>(The passage consists of 458 words.)</i></p>	
	<b>Answer <u>ALL</u> the questions, based on the passage above.</b>	
i	<p>According to the passage, it is like ‘one side of the coin to say that life has changed owing to science.’ <b>What is the flip side, and why is it called so? Answer in about 40 words.</b></p> <p>(Paragraph 1)</p>	2
ii	<p>The author points out that due to the advancement in technology, <b>‘the learning that a person gains is incomplete.’ Answer in about 40 words</b> what you understand by the phrase.</p> <p>(Paragraph 2)</p>	2
iii	<p><b>‘Children miss out on enriching childhood experiences.’</b> Comment on this statement in about <b>40 words</b> on why the author feels this way.</p> <p>(Paragraph 3)</p>	2
iv	<p>From the author’s statement that <b>one shudders to think of the implications for the personality development of a child</b>, we understand that:</p> <p>A. The author is afraid of the lack of values being imbibed by children of today.  B. The author is afraid of the implications of the web on the world.  C. The author believes that personality development classes are a must.  D. The author believes that implying that a child needs personality development is a frightful prospect.</p> <p>(Paragraph 4)</p>	1
v	<p>Choose the sentence that <b><u>DOES NOT</u></b> use the word <b>‘preceding’</b> in the correct context:</p> <p>A. The <b>preceding</b> chapter provides essential background information for understanding the main argument.  B. The Captain <b>preceded</b> over the meeting.  C. He reviewed the events of the <b>preceding</b> week to prepare for the meeting.  D. In the <b>preceding</b> paragraph, the author explains the significance of the experiment's results.</p> <p>(Paragraph 1)</p>	1
vi	<p>Read the following sentence carefully and choose the option that conveys the meaning of what the author is trying to convey.</p> <p><b>‘Knowledge available at the click of a button is a veritable boon to everyone.’</b></p> <p>A. Easily available knowledge should be a right for all humans.  B. The right to accessible knowledge is something that the government purposely ignores.  C. Easily accessible knowledge is a benefit to all.  D. Knowledge can only be gained by meditation.</p> <p>(Paragraph 2)</p>	1

vii	<p>The phrase ‘<b>hustle and bustle of modern city life</b>’ means the same as:</p> <p>A. The <b>hustle and bustle</b> of the city streets made it hard to focus.</p> <p>B. After a long week of <b>hustle and bustle</b> at work, she looked forward to a quiet weekend in the countryside.</p> <p>C. Despite the <b>hustle and bustle</b> of the holiday season, he managed to find a moment of peace by the fireplace.</p> <p>D. The library was full of <b>hustle and bustle</b> as everyone quietly read their books.</p> <p>(Paragraph 5)</p>	1																				
II	Read the passage given below:	08																				
1	I have come to a theme park to meet rollercoaster enthusiast Jay Murray, to find out what makes these rides so popular. Jay estimates he has been on 700 rides in the past 10 years, and is surprised that I have never been on one. He says that one of the attractions of these rides is that you feel out of control, but safe. Jay wanted to emphasize the importance of safety. “All rides are tested for 1,000 hours before they open to the public,” he said. “They also do a test run on every ride each morning, and there’s a thorough annual inspection too.”																					
2	Rollercoasters first appeared in 17th-century Russia. These were sloping structures up to 15 meters high, built of wood, with a layer of ice on the surface which people would slide down. Rollercoasters with wheeled sledges were developed soon afterwards. Later, in Pennsylvania, in the USA, a train that had been used to deliver coal was converted to carry passengers on day trips. This gave a man called LaMarcus Thompson the idea to open a park with pleasure rides at Coney Island, New York. A school teacher by profession, he had the eye of a designer, and the mind of a businessman. In just three weeks, he raised enough money from the rides to pay for the cost of building the park.																					
3	By 1888, Thompson had built nearly 50 rollercoasters around the USA and Europe. He introduced new technologies such as cables to pull trains uphill, but it was another man, John Miller, who came up with a design for an under friction wheel, which kept trains firmly attached to the rails. This meant that they could go faster and on steeper tracks, without falling off. This invention appeared in 1912. The names of some famous rides are mentioned below.																					
4	<p>Tower of Terror, Formula Rossa and Steel Dragon are just some examples.</p> <table><tr><td>Name of ride</td><td>Country</td><td>Height</td><td>Total cost</td><td>Max. Speed</td></tr><tr><td>Tower of Terror</td><td>Australia</td><td>115 Meters</td><td>A \$16 million</td><td>161km/h</td></tr><tr><td>Formula Rossa</td><td>United Arab Emirates</td><td>52 meters</td><td>£19.5 million</td><td>240km/h</td></tr><tr><td>Steel Dragon</td><td>Japan</td><td>97 meters</td><td>US\$ 52 million</td><td>153km/h</td></tr></table> <p>(The passage consists of 296 words.)</p>	Name of ride	Country	Height	Total cost	Max. Speed	Tower of Terror	Australia	115 Meters	A \$16 million	161km/h	Formula Rossa	United Arab Emirates	52 meters	£19.5 million	240km/h	Steel Dragon	Japan	97 meters	US\$ 52 million	153km/h	
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	<b>Answer <u>ALL</u> the questions, based on the passage above.</b>	
<b>i</b>	What did Jay Murray have to say about the safety checks on roller coaster rides? <b>Answer in about 40 words.</b> (Paragraph 1)	<b>2</b>
<b>ii</b>	Paragraph two talks about how a man called LaMarcus Thompson became a roaring success at Theme Parks. <b>Write a short note in about 40 words on how he achieved this.</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>iii</b>	The author calls Jay Murray a ‘ <b>rollercoaster enthusiast.</b> ’ Choose the option that best explains the meaning of the phrase:  A. He is passionate about rollercoasters. B. He is the founder of rollercoasters. C. He designed the very first rollercoaster ever created. D. He is the father of the Theme Park. (Paragraph 1)	<b>1</b>
<b>iv</b>	Choose the name of the inventor <b>who came up with a design for an under-friction wheel.”</b>  A. Jay Murray B. John Miller C. LaMarcus Thompson D. Walt Disney (Paragraph 1)	<b>1</b>
<b>v</b>	State whether the following statement is <b>True or False.</b> Please refer to the tabulated data in the passage.  <i>“The Steel Dragon from Australia measured 97 meters and cost \$ 16 million.”</i> (Figure)	<b>1</b>
<b>vi</b>	The word ‘ <b>steeper</b> ’ has been used in paragraph 3. Choose the sentence that conveys the opposite of what the word means.  A. The trail became progressively <b>steeper</b> as we climbed toward the mountain summit B. The café's new prices are much <b>steeper</b> than they were last year C. The price of the shoes became <b>steeper</b> , so they were now cheaper. D. As the road grew <b>steeper</b> , the car struggled to maintain its speed up the incline. (Paragraph 3)	<b>1</b>
<b>III</b>	<b>NOTE MAKING &amp; SUMMARIZING</b> <b>Read the passage below:</b>	<b>08</b>
	The hectic pace of city life and the rapidly changing lifestyles are adding up to cause an alarming increase in the incidents of heart attack among the upwardly mobile youth in the city. Although presently this number is fairly small, there has been a rise in the occurrence levels. Earlier heart Attacks were not common among youth in the age group of 30 to 45 years. One of the primary reasons for the rise in incidents of heart attack is that people	

	here are genetically more vulnerable to heart ailments than the rest of the world. Another significant reason which contributes to the increased risk of heart attacks among the youth is unhealthy lifestyles.	
	There has been a change in food habits, an increase in stress levels, and drastically changed living patterns with sedentary habits and erratic sleep. Other equally contributory factors to heart attack risk are smoking, obesity, diabetes, hypertension, and of course, a family history. The onset of a heart attack can be detected with a few visible warning signs like chest discomfort while walking, and/or shortness of breath etc.	
	However, it is important to note that many heart attacks can be silent without any symptoms or forewarning. Since work-related stress is common among the youth today, it is another vital reason to trigger heart attacks. Youth should learn to de-stress and relax more often. Unhealthy food habits and a sedentary lifestyle can lead to obesity and a chain of other problems. Working out or adopting a disciplined exercise regimen can help in keeping weight in check. Everybody should follow a regular health screening to rule out any irregularities and fix the ones that they do find.	
3.1	Based on your reading of the above passage, <b>make notes (points only)</b> using <b>proper abbreviations</b> (at least four) and suggest a <b>suitable title</b> .	<b>05</b>
3.2	Write a <b>summary</b> of the above passage in about 50 words. Suggest a <b>suitable title</b> .	<b>03</b>
	<b>SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS &amp; GRAMMAR (23 Marks)</b>	
<b>Note: All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purposes.</b>		
<b>4</b>	<b>Fill in the blanks using the correct options:</b>	<b>03</b>
	For a while I _____ ( <b>Hesitate / Hesitated</b> ) wondering whether I should inform her or not. I did not have the courage to tell her that her mother _____ ( <b>had died/died</b> ) before the doctor could _____ ( <b>save/start saving</b> ) her.	
<b>5</b>	<b><u>Transformation of Sentences:</u></b>	<b>04</b>
<b>i</b>	<b>Change the Narration:</b> A. "Sit here now," he said to the boy. B. "We are going to the park," the mother said to her children.	
<b>ii</b>	<b>Change the Voice:</b> C. The team completed the project on time. D. Tina is painting her house.	
<b>iii</b>	<b>Change the Degree of Comparison</b> A. This hill is steep. (Change to superlative) B. Among all the trails, this one is the toughest. (Change to comparative)	

iv	<b>Re-order the sentence</b> A. In India / grown / is / coffee / the farmers / by / of Coorg. B. The coffee / is / unparalleled / delicious / here / and	
6	You want to <b>sell your newly built house</b> in Pratap Nagar, Jaipur. Draft a suitable <b>Advertisement</b> in not more than <b>50 words</b> to be published in the <b>FOR SALE</b> column of a local newspaper. Give all the necessary details.	<b>03</b>
7	You are the <b>President</b> of the <b>City Environment Club</b> . Your club wants to start a campaign on ‘ <b>Say No to Plastic Bags.</b> ’ Draft a suitable <b>Poster</b> in not more than <b>50 words</b> to <b>spread awareness</b> against the <b>use of plastic bags</b> among the general public.	<b>03</b>
8	You are <b>Suman of St. John School, Jamnagar</b> . As the <b>Head Boy</b> of the school, you want to <b>express your concern</b> regarding the <b>increasing exploitation</b> of <b>Mother Nature</b> . Write <b>A Speech</b> in about <b>120 – 150 words</b> to be delivered in the morning assembly on the topic ‘ <b>The Only Way to Save Earth is to Control our Needs.</b> ’	<b>05</b>
9	‘ <b>Schools should eliminate dress codes/uniforms.</b> ’ Write <b>A Debate</b> in about <b>120 – 150 words</b> either in favour of or against the motion. You are <b>Kamna of Spring Dale Public School</b> .	<b>05</b>
	<b>SECTION C – LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT (31 Marks)</b>	
10A	<b>Read the given extracts and answer the questions of <u>ANY ONE</u> extract only:</b>	<b>03</b>
	<i>Then sleek as a lizard and alert and abrupt, She enters the thickness and a machine starts up!</i>	
i	Which of the following devices is used in the first line of the couplet?  A. Synecdoche B. Transferred Epithet C. Onomatopoeia D. Simile	
ii	Why does the poet say that ‘ <b>a machine starts up?</b> ’ Answer in about <b>20-30 words</b> .	
iii	Name the poet and the title of the poem. Answer in about <b>20-30 words</b> .	
	<b>OR</b>	
10B	<i>I know nothing of him So try to build up a relationship From how when he was small</i>	
i	There is one device that is used in all three extracted lines. It signifies <b>continuity</b> .	

	<b>Name the device.</b>	
<b>ii</b>	In <b>20-30 words</b> write a short note on why the poet says that <b>‘he knows nothing of him.’</b>	
<b>iii</b>	The poet tries to build a relationship with the child based on how their relationship was when the child was small. Why is this a disastrous thing to do? Answer in about <b>20 – 30 words</b> .	
<b>11A</b>	<b>Read the given extracts and answer the questions of <u>ANY ONE</u> extract only:</b>	<b>03</b>
	She hobbled about the house in spotless white with one hand resting on her waist to balance her stoop and the other telling the beads of the rosary. Her silver locks were scattered unitedly over her pale face, and her lips constantly moved in inaudible prayer. Yes, she was beautiful. She was like the winter landscape in the mountains, an expanse of pure white serenity breathing peace and contentment.	
<b>i</b>	<b>The phrase ‘Silver locks’ in the above lines refer to:</b>  A. The silver lock on the door of their home. B. The grandmother’s snow white hair. C. The silver jewelry worn by the grandmother. D. The beautiful white sari worn by the grandmother.	
<b>ii</b>	The simile <b>‘She was like the winter landscape’</b> compares the grandmother’s age and white hair to a beautiful winter landscape. <b>Frame a simile of your own to compare one thing to another.</b>	
<b>iii</b>	The author paints a picture of the grandmother’s religiosity. Justify this statement in about <b>20-30 words</b> .	
	<b>OR</b>	
<b>11B</b>	As hills started to pull up once more from the rocky wilderness, we passed solitary drokabas tending their flocks. Sometimes men, sometimes women, these well-wrapped figures would pause and stare at our car, occasionally waving as we passed.	
<b>i</b>	Who are the drokabas in the above extract?	
<b>ii</b>	<b>‘The flocks’</b> here is a phrase that speaks of: A. The dress worn by the Tibetans. B. The model of car driven by Tsetan. C. The group of sheep being herded. D. The rich winter tapestry.	
<b>iii</b>	Who is the author of the story and what is the title of the same?	
		<b>04</b>

<b>12A</b>	<b>Read the given extracts and answer the questions of <u>ANY ONE</u> extract only:</b>	
	The episode he had witnessed at Cardiff station still obsessed him morbidly. He thought of Bramwell, foolishly devoted to a woman who deceived him sordidly, of Edward Page, bound to the shrewish Blodwen, of Denny, living unhappily, apart from his wife. His reasons told him that all these marriages were dismal failures. It was a conclusion which, in the present state, made him wince.	
<b>i</b>	Choose the correct synonym for the word ‘ <b>morbid.</b> ’  A. Cheery B. Gloomy C. Upbeat D. Jovial	
<b>ii</b>	How do you think the author feels after seeing the failed relationships of his friends and his boss? Answer in about <b>20 – 30 words.</b>	
<b>iii</b>	Make a sentence with the word ‘ <b>dismal.</b> ’	
<b>iv</b>	Who was living unhappily, apart from his wife?  A. Page B. Blodwen C. Denny D. Bramwell	
	<b>OR</b>	
<b>12B</b>	<i>‘Well, architect,’ said His Majesty. ‘I do ordain that you shall be Hanged.’ Said the architect, ‘O King, You have forgotten one small thing. You made certain amendments to The plans when I showed them to you.’</i>	
<b>i</b>	Based on the phrase ‘ <b>I do ordain that you shall be hanged,</b> ’ what do you infer from the tone?  A. Commanding B. Instructional C. Unsure D. Confusion	
<b>ii</b>	Make a sentence with the word ‘ <b>amendment.</b> ’	
<b>iii</b>	What action did the King take that caused the incident?  A. He hanged the architect. B. He approved the plans of the architect. C. He modified the plans of the architect. D. He discarded the plans of the architect.	

iv	What does the author mean by the phrase ‘ <b>O King, you have forgotten one small thing?</b> ’	
<b>13</b>	Answer <b>ANY TWO</b> of the following questions, <b>in about 40-50 words:</b>	<b>06</b>
i	The poet in ‘ <b>A Photograph</b> ’ presents a very common theme of the permanence of nature vs the transience of life. How does she bring about this message in her poem?	
ii	What is the poet trying to convey in her poem ‘ <b>The Voice of the Rain?</b> ’	
iii	In the chapter ‘ <b>We’re not afraid to die,</b> ’ the author was not well prepared for his journey and he took a very big risk in life. Justify the statement by citing valid examples.	
iv	How did Professor Gaitonde realize that he was in British-ruled India? Give reasons to support your answer.	
<b>14</b>	Answer <b>ANY ONE</b> of the following questions, <b>in about 40-50 words:</b>	<b>03</b>
i	Write a <b>character description</b> of <b>John Byro</b> from the chapter ‘ <b>The Summer of a Beautiful White Horse.</b> ’	
ii	Mrs Fitzgerald was a confident woman. Do you agree? Why/Why not?	
<b>15</b>	Answer <b>ANY ONE</b> of the following two questions, <b>in about 120-150 words:</b>	<b>06</b>
i	The story of <b>Tutankhamun</b> talks of the elaborate ritualism (burial) followed by the Egyptians. This has made you marvel at how ritualism was practised in the past. Write a <b>Diary Entry</b> on ritual burials as described in the lesson and the riches King Tut was lavished with.	
	<b>OR</b>	
ii	‘ <b>Father to Son</b> ’ is a poem that presents a Father’s bleeding heart and his pain on losing his relationship with his son. Write <b>A Paragraph</b> on the importance of clear and honest communication with one’s parents.	
<b>16</b>	Answer <b>ANY ONE</b> of the following two questions, <b>in about 120-150 words.</b>	<b>06</b>
i	In <b>The Address</b> , the protagonist experiences a mix of emotions when she visits Mrs. Dorling's house to retrieve her family's belongings. Analyze how the setting and the interactions with Mrs. Dorling contribute to the protagonist's realization about material possessions and memories. Do you think the protagonist's decision not to reclaim her belongings was justified? Write an <b>Informal Letter</b> to your <b>cousin</b> detailing your feelings on the points mentioned above.	
	<b>OR</b>	
ii	The story ‘ <b>The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse</b> ’ explores themes of trust and honesty. Consider yourself to have witnessed a conversation between Aram and Mourad. Construct <b>A Dialogue</b> between both the boys where Aram is telling Mourad that they must not steal and Mourad is trying to convince Aram that they aren’t really stealing as they would not be selling the horse. Your dialogue must be very convincing from both sides. Use a <b>persuasive technique</b> .	

