



APEEJAY SVRAN GLOBAL SCHOOL
SESSION-2020-21
TERM-I END EXAMINATION
SUBJECT- ENGLISH
CLASS- X

M.M: 40

Duration: 11/2hrs

PART-A (20 MARKS) OBJECTIVE SECTION

Q1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Mt. Everest has continued to attract ever since June 8, 1924, when two members of a British expedition George Mallory and Andrew Irvine, had first attempted to climb the summit. The two men were last spotted “going strong” for the top, until the clouds perpetually swirling around Everest, engulfed them. They then vanished.

Mallory’s body was not found for another 75 years, in May 1999. Ten more expeditions were to follow before the historic climb of Everest for the first time, by Edmund Hillary, a New Zealand beekeeper, and Tenzing Norgay, an acclaimed Sherpa climber. The news of the climb reached England at the time of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth and Hillary became famous overnight, in all of the British Empire. Tenzing on the other hand became a symbol of national pride across both Nepal and India.

Today, Mt. Everest is drawing attention for all the negative reasons. The entire route that the climbers follow to reach the top is littered with rubbish and in sore need of cleaning up. The rubbish strewn all over the mountain includes oxygen cylinders, human waste, and even climbers’ bodies which do not decompose in the extreme cold.

Under the new regulations passed by the Nepalese government, climbers scaling Everest will have to bring back eight kilograms of garbage. This amount exclusive of the climbers’ own garbage weight. This measure is taken to restore the pristine nature of the peak.

The rule will be applicable to those climbers of Mt. Everest who will ascend beyond Everest’s base camp, from April onwards. Climbers who fail to comply with this new rule are likely to be charged and legal action would be taken against them. The action would involve the paying of fine, or other penalty.

Expeditions returning to the base will have to submit their trash at an office to be set up in the precincts of the Everest Base Camp.

1. The first attempt to scale Mt. Everest was made by:

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| a. One British | c. Andrew Irvine |
| b. George Mallory and Andrew Irvine | d. Both (a) and (b) |

2. The rubbish strewn all over the mountain includes _____ which do not decompose in the extreme cold.

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| a. Oxygen cylinders | c. Climber’s bodies |
| b. Human waste | d. All of these |

3. The news of the climb reached England:

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| a. Mt. Everest is drawing attention for all the negative government | c. New regulations were passed by the Nepalese government |
| b. The coronation of Queen Elizabeth | d. Both (a) and (b) |

- 4. Climbers who fail to comply with this new rule are likely**
- a. To be put in prison
 - b. Pay a fine
 - c. To be charged and legal action would be taken against them
 - d. Both (a) and (b)
- 5. George Mallory and Andrew Irvine became the victims of:**
- a. Intense heat of sunlight
 - b. Storm
 - c. Heavy rain
 - d. Swirling clouds around Everest
- 6. Every climber of the Mt. Everest has to bring certain amount of garbage. It:**
- a. Proves that he/she reached the mountain peak
 - b. Maintains cleanliness of the mountain peak
 - c. Proves that he/she indeed has strength
 - d. Is done to create a new mountain
7. Mallory's body was not found for another _____ years, in May 1999.
8. Under the new regulations passed by the Nepalese government, climbers scaling Everest will have to bring back ten kilograms of garbage. (True/ False)

Q2. Today, all of us do, by our presence here...confer glory and hope to new born liberty. Out of the experience of an extraordinary human disaster that lasted too long, must be born a society of which all humanity will be proud.

(a) Those who were present were conferring glory and hope:

- (i) to new born liberty
- (ii) to the new nation
- (iii) to the new government
- (iv) to the new black president

(b) The apartheid regime was based on:

- (i) mutual hatred
- (ii) mutual trust
- (iii) mutual cooperation
- (iv) racial discrimination

Q3. He should be lurking in shadow,

Sliding through long grass

Near the water hole

Where plump deer pass.

(a) The tiger knows how to ambush his hunt and so:

- (i) he lurks in the grass unseen
- (ii) he lurks behind the trees unseen
- (iii) he lurks in the fields unseen
- (iv) he lurks in shadow unseen

(b) He slides through the long grass:

- (i) to comfort himself
- (ii) to ease himself
- (iii) to ambush his prey unseen and unnoticed
- (iv) to ambush his prey silently.

Q4. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against each line of the passage. (4)

		Incorrect	Correct
Robinson used to spent		spent	Spend
hours gazing on merchant ships.	(a)		
His father wanted him to being	(b)		
a lawyer but he wanted to exploring	(c)		
the world in one of that sailing ships.	(d)		

Q5. Fill in the gaps by choosing the most appropriate words from the options given below. (4)

My mother was both a mother and a father (a) _____ me. She taught us the right values. Until she passed away, (b) _____ all looked towards her (c) _____ support. We were very scared of her. She was a wonderful cook (d) _____ taught us all how to cook.

- (a) (i) to (ii) of (iii) in (iv) at
 (b) (i) they (ii) we (iii) she (iv) then
 (c) (i) of (ii) for (iii) in (iv) at
 (d) (i) or (ii) and (iii) but (iv) until

PART B (20 MARKS) SUBJECTIVE SECTION

Q6. You are Diksha/ Gopesh, the student prefect and in charge of the school library. You have been asked to place an order for the textbooks on Mathematics. Write a letter to M/S Full Marks Ltd., Ansari Road, New Delhi placing an order for the books. Invent the necessary details. (5)

Q7. Answer the following in 20-30 words: (2*4=8)

- (a) Why did Wanda gift all her paintings of dresses to the girls? What does it show about her?
- (b) Why did the pilot call the Paris Control Room to inform the first time? Why could he not contact in the second time?
- (c) What do you think was the speaker's attitude towards Amanda?
- (d) Hari Singh is both a thief and a human being. Explain

Q8. Answer the following in 100 words:

(a) Parents play a pivotal role in the development of the children. They are the backbone that always provide mental support to their children. In this context, compare and contrast between the relationship of Amanda and her mother and Richard Ebright and his mother.

(4)

(b) Intelligence cannot be the -all and the end-all of life. A human being is an amalgamation of many finer elements like conscientiousness, openness to new things, tolerance and so on. Based on this context, write a character sketch of Griffin. **(3)**