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SUBJECT- ENGLISH
CLASS- XI

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PART-A (20 MARKS)

Q1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (8)

Unfortunately, of late, we have been able to recognise the concept of respecting, caring and helping older generations in a systematic way as some of the countries in the West have done. This is not to suggest that our culture and history do not recognize this phase of life. There have been many practices of caring and helping old people in our system. But with the dismantling of the joint family system, the problem has assumed newer and complicated proportions. Although we have started recognising the needs of the young but when it comes to the old, we have blissfully chosen to ignore them and have left them to fend for themselves.

There are old age homes, residential units for lower income groups in particular districts where there is a part time medical officer to attend to the inmates. Then there are day care centres and mobile Medicare services besides other NGOs.

Old age homes in the country are not only insufficient but are also ill-equipped to cater to old people. This should be the responsibility of the state since it needs close and regular monitoring. The social welfare departments in the government have very little to boast when it comes to caring for older generation.

Society, too, has an important role to play. It must begin by respecting the aged and placing them before anyone else's interest in the west, if an old person is climbing down the stairs, he or she is helped. It is this kind of mindset, that is the need of the hour. Offering seats to the old, helping them cross the roads, assisting them carry their bags, fetching them water, etc. are some gestures which increase the acceptability of the old people.

In the family, senior citizens deserve a better deal. They have given everything to their families and have the right to be recognized as important members. Sending old parents to deposit electricity bills asking them to fetch children from school and to guard the house

while the rest of the family is away, are some of the many tasks which are thrust upon them. These become nothing short of enslaving the weakest class of people.

Old people are not too demanding except in cases where there may be genuine reasons of health or constraints of family environments.

QUESTIONS

1. What is the general attitude of the people of our country towards senior citizens?

- a) of indifference
- b) of love and respect
- c) of hostility
- d) none of these

2. What has added to the problems of older generations in Indian social background?

- a) retirement of old people from their jobs
- b) growing population of the young
- c) breaking up of the joint family system
- d) increasing financial tensions

3. The dismantling of the joint family system has brought about _____.

- a) the rise of ego in the young people
- b) nuclear families
- c) conflict and discord
- d) neglect of the elderly

4. The care of the old people should be the responsibility of the state because _____.

- a) it is quite expensive
- b) it needs regular and close monitoring
- c) it needs manpower
- d) it should be made a law

5. Blissfully in para 1 means _____.

- a) blindly
- b) foolishly
- c) happily
- d) selfishly

6. Inmates in para 2 means _____.

- a) residents
- b) invaders
- c) insiders
- d) inner group

7. The social welfare department in the Government have a great deal to boast when it comes to care for older generations. (True/ False)

8. Old age homes are not only _____ but are also ill-equipped to cater to old people.

Q2. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of verbs given in the brackets. (3)

(i) While Rome _____ (burn) , Nero was _____ (fiddle).

(ii) Since India _____ (become) independent, many other countries _____ (get) their independence too.

(iii) I _____ (have) my lunch when the postman _____ (knock).

Q3. Rearrange the following into meaningful sentences. (2)

(a) has/range/Hyde Park/wide/ of/ facilities

(b) lake / is/ for/ the/ popular/ boating/ and swimming

Q4. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: (2)

The first indication of impending disaster came at about 6pm with an ominous silence. The wind dropped and the sky immediately grew dark. Then came a growing roar, and an enormous cloud towered aft of the ship. With horror, I realised that it was not a cloud, but a wave like no other I had ever seen. It appeared perfectly vertical and almost twice the height of the other waves, with a frightful breaking crest.

a) What disaster struck the wavewalker?

b) What did I realise?

Q5. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: (2)

“Then with eerie delicate whistle chirrup whispering

She launches away towards the infinite

And the Laburnum subsides to empty.’

(a) What does launches mean in the extract:

(i) sleeping (ii) flying (iii) diving (iv) fluttering

(b) _____ in the extract means the same as ‘strange’ and ‘mysterious.’

(i) delicate (ii) odd (iii) infinite (iv) eerie

Q6. Answer in 10-20 words: (1*2=2)

(a) What preparations did the author and his wife make for their round the world sea voyage?

(b) Why was Tuts body buried along with gilded treasures?

PART B (20 MARKS)

Q7. You are Sahil/Sahiba, Incharge, Yuva club, DMR Public School, Panipat. The management has organised a trekking trip for 15 days to Rohtang Pass next month. Write a notice giving all necessary information to invite participants for this trekking trip. (2)

Q8. You are Mohit /Malini living at C-10, Ghaziabad. You recently came across beggars both adults and little children begging at red lights. Write a letter to the editor of Times of India expressing your views. (3)

Q9. You are concerned about the ongoing controversy regarding the media's role in sensationalising news, moulding public opinion and moral policing. Write an article for a newspaper in 150 words on the topic- Role of Media-What it should be? You are Mallika/Mohit. (3)

Q10. Answer the following in 20-30 words: (2*3=6)

- a) How did the narrator arrange that Ranga should meet Ratna?
- b) How was Quinten able to marry the painter's daughter?
- c) Why did the narrator of the story want to forget the address?

Q11. Answer the following in 100 -120 words: (3)

Describe the main events of the story "Discovering Tut".

Q12. Answer the following in 100 -120 words: (3)

Do you think John Byro recognised his horse? Why did he not accuse the boys of stealing his horse?