



APEEJAY SVRAN GLOBAL SCHOOL

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TERM-I END EXAMINATION

SUBJECT- ENGLISH

CLASS- XII

Name - _____

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Date - _____

Duration: 11/2hrs

PART-A (20 MARKS)

OBJECTIVE SECTION

Q1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: (10)

The New Year is a time for resolutions. Mentally at least most of us could compile formidable list of do's and don'ts. The same old favourites recur year in year out with monotonous regularity. We resolve to get up earlier each morning, eat less, find more time to play with the children, do a thousand and one jobs about the house, be nice to people we don't like, drive carefully and take the dog for a walk every day. Past experience has taught us that certain accomplishments are beyond attainment. If we remain deep rooted liars, it is only because we have so often experienced the frustration that results from failure.

Most of us fail in our efforts at self-improvement because our schemes are too ambitious and we never have time to carry them out. We also make the fundamental error of announcing our resolution to everybody so that we look even more foolish when we slip back into our bad old ways. Aware of these pitfalls, this year I attempted to keep my resolutions to myself. I limited myself to two modest ambitions: to do physical exercise every morning and to read more every evening. An all- night party on New Year's Eve provided me with a good excuse for not carrying out either of these new resolutions on the first day of the year, but on the second, I applied myself assiduously to the task.

The daily exercise lasted only eleven minutes and I proposed to do them early in the morning before anyone had got up. The self- discipline required to drag myself out of bed eleven minutes earlier than usual was considerable. Nevertheless I managed to creep down into the living room for two days before anyone found me out. After jumping about on the carpet and twisting the human frame into uncomfortable positions. I sat down at the breakfast table in an exhausted condition. It was this that betrayed me. The next morning the whole family trooped

in to watch the performance. That was really upsetting but I fended off the taunts and jibes of the family good humouredly and soon everybody got used to the idea. However, my enthusiasm waned, the time I spent at exercises gradually diminished. Little by little the eleven minutes fell to zero. By January 10th I was back to where I started from. I argued that if I spent less time exhausting myself at exercises in the morning I would keep my mind fresh for reading when got home from work. Resisting the hypnotising effect to television, I sat in my room for a few evenings with my eyes glued to a book. One night, however, feeling cold and lonely, I went downstairs and sat in front of the television pretending to read. That proved to be my undoing, for I soon got back to the habit of dozing off in front of the screen. I still haven't given up my resolution to do more reading. In fact, I have just bought a book entitled 'How to read a Thousand Words a Minute'. Perhaps it will solve my problem, but I just haven't had time to read it.

Questions:

1.1 Answer the questions by choosing the most appropriate option: (1×5=5)

1. According to the writer, past experience of the resolutions has taught is:

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| a. Frustration results from failure | c. Certain accomplishments are beyond attainment |
| b. New Year is a time for resolutions. | d. Failure is a part of life. |

2. Most of us fail in our efforts at self-improvement because

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| a. Our schemes are too ambitious | c. We announce our resolutions to everybody |
| b. We never have time to carry them out. | d. All of these |

3. It is a basic mistake to announce our resolutions because:

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| a. We have no excuse to revert back to our earlier life. | c. We look more foolish when we slip back to the old ways. |
| b. We can't be nice to people we don't like. | d. None of these |

4. The writer didn't carry out his resolutions on New Year's Day because-

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| a. He had attended an all night party | b. He was glued to the TV |
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c. The exercise was only for the eleven minutes.

d. Everyone was awake and watching him.

5. The writer thought of keeping his mind fresh by:

a. Watching TV

c. Reading

b. Exercising for eleven minutes

d. Finding more time to play with children.

2. Answer the following questions:

(1×3=3)

a. What do people normally resolve to do every New Year?

b. Why do most of us fail in our efforts at self- improvement?

c. Why could the writer not carry out his resolution on the very first day of New Year?

3. Pick out the word or phrase from the passage which are similar in meaning to the following:

(1×2=2)

a. Decreased

b. Tedious

Q2. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow it: (1×4=4)

(i) **“But of course, it is you, Nils Olof! He said. How you do look!”**

(a) Who is ‘You’ here?

(i) Edla Wilmanson

(iii) The ironmaster

(ii) Nils Olof

(iv) The blacksmith

(b) How is the speaker related to Nils Olof?

(i) Disciple

(iii) Employee

(ii) Old comrade

(iv) son

(ii) **“I never went back to the pool. I feared water. I avoided it whenever I could.”**

(a) Who is ‘I’ here?

(i) Douglas father

(iii) Douglas

(ii) The instructor

(iv) the big boy

(b) Which pool is talked about?

(i) Lake Wentworth

(iii) YMCA

(ii) Yakima

(iv) Warm Lake

Q3. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: (2)

What I want should not be confused

With total inactivity.

Life is what it is about;

I want no truck with death.

(a) What is that the poet wants?

(i) Total inactivity

(iii) silence and stillness for some time

(ii) death

(iv) Trucks

(b) The poet is_____.

(a) John Keats

(c) Stephen Spender

(b) Pablo Neruda

(d) Kamla Das

Q4. Answer the following questions in 10-20 words: (4)

(a) Who was Rajkumar Shukla?

(b) What did M Hamel say about French language?

(c) what are the hazards of working in the bangle industry?

(d) What doubts did Edla have about the peddler?

PART-B (20 MARKS)
SUNJECTIVE SECTION

Q5. You are Karan/Karuna of Sunrise Public School, Delhi. You lost your library card in the school. Write a notice to be put on the school notice board in about 50 words. (2)

Q6. As the Administrative Officer of Kailash Public School, Daryaganj, New Delhi, write a letter in 100-150 words placing order for stationery items required for the school office. Write to Natwar Stationery, 12, Daryaganj, New Delhi. You are Karan/ Karuna (3)

Q7. Nowadays students attend coaching classes early in the morning or after school hours. You feel this trend makes them tired, affects their health and so their grades. Write an article in about 150 words to make the students understand how this is not very helpful in improving their grades and is a waste of their precious time. You are Ravi/ Raveena. (3)

Q8. Answer the following in 30-40 words: (6)

(a) How do beautiful things help us to live a happy life?

(b) In what condition did Dr. Sadao find the American soldier at the seashore?

(c) Describe the irony in Saheb's name?

Q9. Answer in about 100 words: (3)

How was Gandhiji able to bring solution to servant's problem?

Q10. Answer in about 100 words: (3)

How does Charley make his description of the third level very realistic?