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I SEMESTER EXAM - 2024-25

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Std.: XI

Sub: English

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Time: 2 hrs.

- All questions are compulsory.
- Write new question on new page.
- Charts/diagrams/web-diagrams/tables should be drawn neatly.

SECTION-1: PROSE**(Reading for Comprehension, Language Study, Summary and Mind Mapping)****Q.1.(A) Read the following extract and do the activities that follow:****12**

Then I got out the flags which I had on piece of string about four feet long. I fastened one end to my ice axe and Hillary took pictures as I held it up. As I had to bring my ice axe down with me, I buried one end of the string in the ice on the top, and the other in snow on the slope down below. When we left, they were lying flat against the summit.

I was very thirsty. I took out a water tumbler for a drink, but found the water in the metal container had frozen so I couldn't quench my thirst. I ate some biscuits and offered some to Hillary.

I was wearing a red scarf which my great friend Lambert (leader of the 1952 Swiss expedition) had given me last year. It was just a year ago, on May 28th, when we were standing at 28,215 feet, that he gave me the scarf.

I wore it all the way up the mountain from Darjeeling. As I stood at the top, I remembered him, and felt that he was with me. I felt absolutely fit at the summit. My mind was absolutely clear. I didn't feel tired I felt exhilarated. It was a very clear sensation.

Below, all the hills and mountains looked like Gods and Goddesses to me. The plains below looked like so many broken pieces of the map.

Two or three people could stand there on the roof of the world if you cut ice. Twenty or 30 feet below the top, there was enough flat square for two people to sleep. You could pitch one tent there. The summit is flat on one side and steep on the other. There is snow on the northern side, rocks on the South and East and snowy rock on the West. We stayed on the top a little more than fifteen minutes. We were lucky that there was no gale, or it would have swept us off. My next thought was how to get down safely.

A1 State whether the following statements are true or false:**2**

- The piece of string used for the flags was exactly four feet long.
- There are only rocks on the South, on the East and on the West and no snow.
- The writer and Hillary ate biscuits while returning.
- On the summit there wasn't strong wind.

A2 Complete the following by filling in suitable details:**2**

- Lambert's relation with the writer: _____
- The post or position he held: _____
- The object he gave the writer: _____
- The date on which he gave it to him: _____

A3 State the difficulty the writer faced due to extreme weather along with its reason.**2**

The difficulty he faced was, he was not able to _____
As _____

A4 State the two qualities needed to scale any high mountain. Justify.**2****A5 Find out the words from the passage which mean:****2**

- Completely: _____
- A beverage container: _____

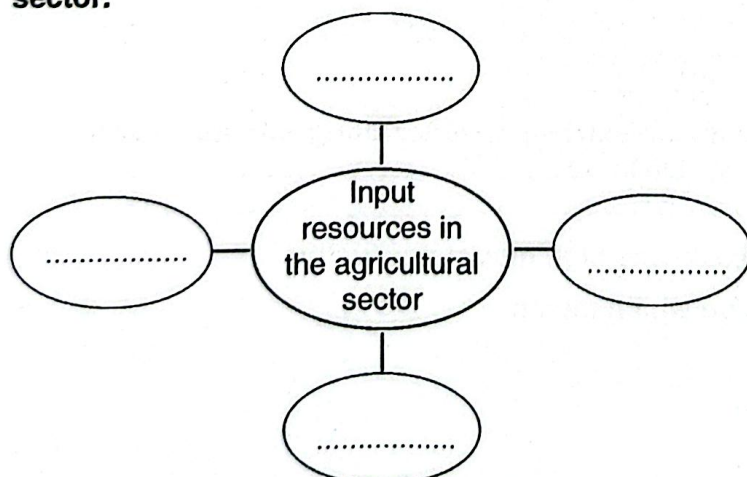
A6 Language Study**2**

- i) I didn't feel tired. (Choose the correct option to convert it into a simple present tense)
- I won't feel tired.
 - I hardly feel tired.
 - I don't feel tired.
 - I never feel tired at all.
- ii) I will bring my ice axe down with me. (Choose the correct option to convert it into Simple past tense.)
- I brought my ice axe down with me.
 - I am bringing my ice axe down with me.
 - I had brought my ice axe down with me.
 - I was bringing my ice axe down with me.

Q. 2 Unseen Passage**Read the following extract and do the activities followed by it.****10**

In the coming years, requirements for rapid changes in the skills of a large number of people in period of say three to five years may become a continuous feature when new technologies are introduced into the economy. Such rapid changes will occur in all sectors, underlining how the agriculture, manufacturing and service sectors are intertwined. In the agricultural sector there will be better optimization of input resources like seeds, soil conditioning, fertilizer, micronutrient mixes, pesticides and so on, as well as changes in the overall agriculture management. The agriculture sector may also use information technology much more intensively than it uses now. In the use of remote sensing through satellites for regular monitoring of crops and soil conditions or water resources, or for better weather forecasts through satellites and ground borne systems. It can be used for modern communications to be in closer touch with old or new markets. Water quality may be monitored more carefully in the future whether for human or animal consumption. Rapid improvements in advanced sensors would make it possible to have such sensing system at affordable prices in many of our sectors

In the industry and manufacturing sector, of course, the use of sensors, and modern electronics and information technology will be continual feature requiring rapid reorientation of the skills of not only the workforce but also the entire management including the board level operations. Installation of IT system for all these sectors, training persons at all levels and maintaining and improving their skills would be a major service industry. Despite voluminous growth in the banking and insurance sector, processing and transactions have been carried out by largely manual means. A national network of banking and insurance business has to emerge. This lack adversely affected efficiency and is a major cause of the high rates charged for financial services. The introduction of IT for various operations at the earliest has become a necessity. This means use of computers for near total electronics data management and the use of telecommunications and multimedia data, adopting a total system approach.

A1 Complete the web by writing the different input resources in the agriculture sector.**(2)**

- A-2** Find out two changes that can be brought in agricultural sector with the help of the modern communication technology (2)
- A-3** Digital Literacy has become necessity and an important aspect of modern day to day life. Write your views about it in 4 to 5 sentence (2)
- A-4** **Language study** (2)
- i) Such rapid changes will occur in all sectors. (Make if rhetorical question & rewrite)
- ii) Water quality may be monitored carefully in the future. (Given below are four option find out & write down the correct option that makes sentence more definite)
- a) Water quality ought to be monitored carefully in the future.
- b) Water quality shall be monitored carefully in the future.
- c) Water quality will be monitored carefully in the the future.
- d) Water quality must be monitored carefully in the future.
- A-5** **Vocabulary find out the similar meaning words from the passage.** (2)
- a) blended c) Fast
- b) Substantial d) Capability

Q.3 A Read the following extract and do the activities that follow: 10

'Again would your lordship a moment suppose,
(Tis a case that has happened, and may be again)
That the visage or countenance had not a Nose,
Pray who would, or who could, wear spectacles then?

'On the whole it appears, and my argument shows.
With a reasoning the court will never condemn.
That the spectacles plainly were made for the Nose,
And the Nose was as plainly intended for them.'

Then shifting his side, as a lawyer knows how.
He pleaded again in behalf of the Eyes:
But what were his arguments few people know.
For the court did not think they were equally wise.

So his lordship decreed with a grave solemn tone.
Decisive and clear, without one if or but-
That, whenever the Nose put his spectacles on.
By daylight or candlelight-Eyes should be shut!

- A1** **Arrange the following events in order:** 2
- a) The inseparable relationship between nose and the spectacles was emphasised.
- b) There was an argument in favour of eyes.
- c) There came the decision against the eyes.
- d) it was proved that the presence of the nose on the face was a must for wearing the glasses.
- A2** **Select the correct option:** 2
- i) This poem is a satire on -----
(working system/ lawyers / Judges /judicial system)
- ii) ----- are good at changing their stand point.
(judges /spectacles /eyes/ lawyers)
- iii) The courtroom arguments made in favour of ----- were weak.
(people/ eyes/law/ nose)
- iv) The firm decision against the eyes was given by the -----
(Judge/Lord/ Nose/Lawyer)

A3 I found the decision funny because:

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- i) -----
 ii) -----

A4 Read the given line and complete the following table.

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That the visage or countenance had not a Nose,

The figure of speech	the words with the similar meaning

A5 Compose a rhyming couplet on the importance of eyes.

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B Read the following extract and write a critical appreciation with the help of the following points :

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Earth has not anything to show more fair;
 Dull would he be of soul who could pass by
 A sight so touching in its majesty;
 This city now doth, like a garment, wear
 The beauty of the morning; silent, bare.
 Ships, towers, domes, theatres, and temples lie
 Open unto the fields, and to the sky;
 All bright and glittering in the smokeless air.
 Never did sun more beautifully steep
 In his first splendour, valley, rock, or hill;
 Ne'er saw I, never felt, a calm, so deep!
 The river glideth at his own sweet will;
 Dear God! the very houses seem asleep;
 And all that mighty heart is lying still!

Points :

- Title, about the poem, poet
- Theme
- A Poetic style/language
- Poetic devices
- Your opinion

Writing Skills

Q. 4 Attempt any one of the following.

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- A i)** Imagine, you are a student representative from your college and are supposed to conduct an interview of a drama artist. Frame 8 to 10 questions with the help of the given points.

Name of the interviewee (drama artist) :	
Area of success :	
Date, Venue, time :	
Duration :	

1) Childhood dream	
2) Support	
3) Challenges	
4) biggest achievement	
5) handling success	
6) Satisfaction	
7) future plans	
8) message	

OR

- ii) You are a sports shop owner, Mr. Raj Mallik. You received an order from a reputed college (M. J. College of Arts) But you are unable to give the delivery of the goods on the date you had promised. Write an email to the college authorities use the given points : 4

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| 1) Reason to write the mail | 4) offer the next date for the delivery |
| 2) reason for the delay | 5) offer some concession |
| 3) apology | |

- B i) Prepare a blog in a proper format on 'the Importance of yoga' in about 100 to 150 words. with the help of the following points:** 4

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| * Keeps us healthy | * Stress buster |
| * refreshes mind, soul | * helps in concentration |

OR

- ii) Expand the following idea in about 100 to 150 words with the help of the following points. 4

"If you laugh, the world laughs with you,
If you cry, you cry alone."

- * Meaning
- * Importance of optimistic attitude
- * Happiness multiplies with positive approach.
- * Need to overcome stress
- * World hates grumbling and sad nature.

Section IV Drama

Q.5A Match the following:

A

- i) Willing suspension of disbelief
- ii) Theme
- iii) beginning, middle, end
- iv) Public theatre in 16th Century

B

- ★ Open to sky
- ★ Plot
- ★ S. T. Coleridge
- ★ main idea.
- ★ Enclosed from all sides

B Circle the odd one out.

- i) Prologue; dialogue; monologue; soliloque
- ii) Protagonist; dramatist; character; characterization

C Replace the underlined words with the correct ones and rewrite the sentence.

- i) Norwegian actor Ibsen from the 19th century dominated the Restoration drama.
- ii) Mahabhasya by Ben Johnson was the first century A.D. Drama written in Greek language.
