

Sample Question Paper
Subject: ELECTIVE ENGLISH
Class XII

FULL MARKS: 80

TIME: 3 HOURS

General instructions:

- I. This paper is divided into THREE sections:
- II. SECTION A -READING
- III. SECTION B – GRAMMAR & WRITING
- IV. SECTION C- TEXTBOOK
- V. Separate instructions are given with each part and question, wherever necessary. Read the instructions carefully and follow them.
- VI. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

Q/N		Marks
	Section A- Reading (20 marks)	
1.	Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:	1x12=12
	The internet has revolutionized the way we communicate and access information. Social media platform has become an integral part of our daily lives, allowing us to connect with people from all over the world. We can share our thoughts, ideas and experiences with others and stay updated about what's happening around us. However, excessive use of social media can have negative effects on our mental health. Studies have shown that spending too much time on social media can lead to feelings of loneliness, anxiety and depression. Moreover, the constant comparison with others on social media can lead to low self-esteem and a distorted view of reality. Despite these risks, social media can also be a powerful tool for good. It can be used to spread awareness about important issues, mobilize support for social causes and provide a platform for marginalized voices. Many people have used social media to connect with others and share similar interests and passions. Social media has also changed the way we consume news and information. With the rise of online news sources and social media, people can now access information from anywhere in the world. This has made it easier for people to stay informed about current events and make informed decisions. In conclusion, social media is a double-edged sword. While it has many benefits, it also has some drawbacks. By being aware of these risks and benefits, we can use social media in a way that is healthy and productive. On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions: (Any twelve)	
(i)	What has revolutionized the way we communicate and access information?	1
(ii)	What have social media platforms become in our daily lives?	1
(iii)	What can excessive use of social media lead to?	1
(iv)	What is a negative effect of constant comparison on social media?	1
(v)	How can social media be used for good?	1
(vi)	What has social media changed the way we do?	1
(vii)	What is the benefit of online news sources and social media?	1

(viii)	Why is it important to be aware of the risks and benefits of social media?	1
(ix)	What can social media provide a platform for?	1
(x)	What is the result of spending too much time on social media?	1
(xi)	How has social media impacted the way we stay informed?	1
(xii)	What is social media compared to in the passage?	1
(xiii)	Assertion (A): We can connect with people from all over the world. Reason (R): Connecting with people lead to mental health issues. a) Both (A) and (R) true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A) b) Both (A) and (R) true but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A) c) (A) is True but (R) is false. d) Both (A) and (R) are false	1
(xiv)	What is the drawback of social media?	1
(xv)	What should we do to use social media in a healthy way?	1
2.	Read the poem 'Dust of Snow' by Robert Frost given below: The way a crow Shook down on me The dust of snow From a hemlock tree Has given my heart A change of mood And saved some part Of a day I had rued. Based on your understanding of the poem, answer any four questions:	1x4=4
(i)	Where was the crow sitting? a) On an oak tree b) On a pine tree c) On a hemlock tree d) On a maple tree	1
(ii)	What fell on the poet from the hemlock tree? a) Snowflakes b) Dust of snow c) Leaves d) Flowers	1
(iii)	What effect did the 'dust of snow' have on the poet?	1
(iv)	Complete the sentences appropriately: The poet's tone in the poem can be described as _____.	1
(v)	Fill in the blank: The dust of snow has given my heart a change of _____.	1
3.	Read the passage given below:	1x4=4

	Introduction: India, with its rich cultural heritage, diverse landscapes and historical sites, attracts millions of tourists each year. Tourism significantly contributes to India's GDP, generating employments and boosting infrastructure. This case study explores factors impacting tourism in India, examines seasonal patterns and assesses tourist satisfaction through a survey. Methodology: The study involved primary data collection through a structured survey, targeting 500 tourists across major destinations like Delhi, Jaipur, Goa and Kerala. Additionally, secondary data from government reports and tourism boards were used. The survey included questions about preferences, challenges and satisfaction levels, focusing on various demographics, including international and domestic tourists. Survey Examination: Tourists were surveyed on travel preferences, challenges encountered, accommodation satisfaction and cultural experiences. Feedback highlighted India's appeal due to its history and cultural diversity, but also noted issues like infrastructure gaps and pollution. Results: The study found that most tourists preferred historical sites and beaches. International tourists were drawn to heritage sites, while domestic tourists preferred nature destinations. Satisfaction was high among tourists who experienced local culture, but infrastructure issues and overcrowding at key locations were common complaints. Overall, 85% of tourists expressed a desire to revisit. Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any Four of the given questions:	
(i)	Complete the following suitably. In the introduction, the researcher links tourism to India's GDP to highlight_____.	1
(ii)	Give two points to support why the study involved both primary data and secondary data.	1
(iii)	Paragraph 3 includes words- 'preferences' and 'challenges.' Classify the following sentence as 'preferences' or 'challenges'. Sentence 1: Feedback highlighted India's appeal due to its history and cultural diversity. Sentence 2: Also noted issues like infrastructure gaps and pollution.	1
(iv)	Assertion (A): Tourists preferred historical sites and beaches. Reason (R): Infrastructure issues and overcrowding at key locations were common complaints. a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A. b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A. c) A is true, but R is false. d) A is false, but R is true.	1
(v)	Analyze why, though there was satisfaction among tourists, there were also some complaints.	1
	Section B GRAMMAR & WRITING (28 marks)	
4.	Transform the following sentences as per the given instructions. (Any Eight)	1x8=8
i)	She is very tired. She can't work. (Rewrite the sentence using 'too')	1
ii)	I will meet you at 5 pm. (Transform the sentence into a question)	1
iii)	The teacher said, "Keep quiet." (Begin with 'the teacher asked'...)	1
iv)	He is rich. He can afford a luxury car. (Rewrite using enough).	1

	v) If you don't hurry, you will miss the train. (Use 'unless' in this sentence)	1
	vi) This is the best cake I have ever tasted. (Use 'never')	1
	vii) The book is very interesting. I couldn't put it down. (Use 'so...that')	1
	viii) She is not as tall as her sister. (Change into a comparative sentence)	1
	ix) Let's go to the park. (Change into a suggestion).	1
	x) The manager will finalize the report (Change into passive voice).	1
5.	Attempt any three of the following four questions in 120-150 words each.	5x3=15
	i) Write a short essay on how Smartphones have changed daily life. Discuss both the benefits and drawbacks of Smartphone usage.	5
	ii) Write an essay discussing the benefits of reading books. Explain how reading can improve your knowledge, imagination and language skills.	5
	iii) Write a discursive essay on the importance of teamwork in school projects. Explain how working with others can help you achieve common goals.	5
	iv) Analyze the influence of online news consumption on public opinion formation. Write an essay discussing the pros and cons of this shift in the news consumption habits using examples to highlight potential biases and benefits.	5
6.	Read the questions below and attempt any one of the following: A) Imagine you are the class representative. Write a report on the recently held 'Students' Warrior Programme' on Mental Health Day at your school. OR B). You are Sonia/Sam, a Class XII student. Write an article exploring the role of youth in environmental conservation in India. Provide examples to illustrate your points.	5 5
	Section C- Textbook (Marks: 32)	
7 (I)	Attempt any one of the two extracts (A) and (B) given below:	1x6=6
(A)	Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow: " Her conviction was so real that I boarded the last train to Rome that same night. As for me, I was so influenced by what she said that from then on, I considered myself a survivor of some catastrophe I never experienced. I still not returned to Vienna".	
	(i) What did the narrator do after being influenced by Frau Frieda's conviction?	1
	(ii) Why did the narrator consider himself a survivor of a catastrophe?	1
	(iii) Has the narrator returned to Vienna since that night?	1
	(iv) What can be inferred about the narrator's attitude towards Frau Frieda's words?	1
	(v) What kind of catastrophe did the narrator consider himself a survivor of?	1
	(vi) Which word can be a good synonym for 'catastrophe'? a) Miracle b) Triumph c) Disaster d) Windfall	1
	OR	
(B)	"She didn't answer, and he didn't ask again. He looked around. The empty hall was full, all the seats taken. A ceremonious hush fell over the audience. The music played softly. The cantor intoned the benedictions. With measured steps, Abraham Mekheles led his daughter down the aisle."	1x6=6
	(i) Who led the daughter down the aisle?	1

	(ii) What was the atmosphere like in the hall?	1
	(iii) What was playing softly in the background?	1
	(iv) Who intoned the benedictions?	1
	(v) Describe the state of the hall.	1
	(vi) Which word can be a good synonym for 'benedictions'? a) Curses b) Hexes c) Maledictions d) Blessings	1
7 (II)	Attempt any one of the extracts (A) and (B) given below:	1x6=6
(A)	Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow. Bright flowers slit a calyx And soared upon a stem Like Hindered Flags-Sweet hoisted- With spices-in the Hem- 'Twas more- I cannot mention- How mean- to those that see Vandyke's Delineation Of Nature's- Summer Day!	
	i) What did the bright flowers do to the calyx?	1
	ii) How are the flowers described as being on the stem?	1
	iii) What is mentioned as being in the hem of the flowers?	1
	iv) What does the poet say they cannot do?	1
	v) What season is being described in the poem?	1
	vi) Which word is a good antonym for 'hoisted'? a) Raised. b) Lifted. c) Raised up. d) Lowered down.	1
	OR	
(B)	Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow: Or listen to the clock towers Of any old well-managed city beating their gongs round the clock, each slightly Off the others' time, deeper or lighter In its bronze, beating out a different sequence each half-hour, out of the accidents of alloy, a maker's shaking hand In Switzerland, or the mutual distances Commemorating a donor's whim.	1x6=6
	i) What is being described in the passage?	1
	ii) What do the clock towers do?	1
	iii) Why do the clock towers have slightly different times?	1
	iv) What commemorates a donor's whim in the passage?	1
	v) How often do the clock towers beat out a different sequence?	1
	vi) Which word serves as an antonym of 'commemorating'? a) Honoring b) Memorializing c) Disregarding d) Remembering	1

8.	Answer any one of the following two questions in 30-40 words. A). What is Eveline's situation at the beginning of the story? Or B). What is the poet's attitude towards love in the poem 'A Lecture Upon the Shadow'?	2 2
9.	Answer any one of the following two questions in 40-50 words each. A) What is the significance of the woman's dreams in the story, and how do they impact her life and relationships? OR B) How does the poet's vision of the Abyssinian maid and her song relate to the creative process and artistic inspiration in "Kubla Khan"?	3 3
10.	Answer any one of the following two questions in 120-150 words each: A) Analyze the theme of aging and the passing of time in the poem, exploring how the speaker's emotions and reflections are conveyed through the imagery and symbolism of the swans in "The Wild Swans at Coole". OR B) Discuss the difference between natural slavery to nature and unnatural slavery to man as described by Shaw in his essay "Freedom".	5 5
11.	Answer any one of the following questions in 30-40 words. A) Describe Raja's experience in the circus and film Industries. How does he adapt to these environments? OR B) Describe D. Pal's role in the story and his relationship with Margayya. How does Dr. Pal's advice influence Margayya's financial decisions?	2 2
12.	Answer any one of the following questions in 40-50 words: A) Analyze Raja's interactions with humans throughout the novel. How does his perspective on humans change over time and what does this reveal about his character? OR B) Discuss the themes of ambition and greed in the novel. How do these themes drive the plot and character development, particularly in the case of Margayya? What insights do these themes offer into the human condition?	3 3
13.	Answer any one of the following questions in 120-150 words. A) Analyze the themes of freedom and captivity in 'A Tiger for Malgudi'. Cite references from the novel to represent the above themes. OR B) Analyze the relationship between Margayya and his son. How does Margayya's obsession with wealth and status affect their relationship and what insights does this offer into the consequences of prioritizing material success?	2+3=5 2+3=5
