

Ist Term Examination (10 September 2015)

Subject – English

Class XI (Set – B)

Time: 3 hrs.

M.M.80

The question paper is divided into three sections:

Section A: Reading - 20 Marks

Section B: Writing & Grammar- 30 Marks

Section C: Text books & - 30 Marks

Long reading text books

Section A (Reading)

Q1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions: (12)

MAN THE ORIGINAL KIN

1. The conventional view about the origin of man holds that hominids or manlike creatures began to evolve from ape-like ancestors in Africa about four million years ago.
2. Until recently the evolutionary theories of modern man were propagated by biologists who spent most of their time studying fossils or remains of skulls. It was only in the mid-nineties that molecular biologists were attracted towards skulls and fossils. And it was then that the conventional theory about the origin of man was challenged.
3. Allan Wilson, a biochemist at the University of California, published a study that challenged the old theory. He concluded that the modern humans are a completely new species that arose in Africa between 100,000 and 200,000 years ago. The human family tree leads back to a single African woman, known as “Eve”. By implication, the descendants of Eve must have spread out from Africa, replacing ancient, indigenous humans all over the world.
4. All the previous theories regarding the place of origin were controversial. Some anthropologists favoured Africa, whereas others voted for Asia and still others for Europe. One theory was that modern humans evolved in many different parts of the world at different times. Another school of thought believed that they evolved in one place and then spread out to the rest of the world and got mixed with archaic populations.
5. The Eve hypothesis was based on studies of a DNA within our cells that is inherited only from mothers and is passed unmixed to the progeny with certain random changes. Scientists at the University of California studied the changes in the DNA which were believed to occur at a rate steady enough to constitute a “molecular clock”. A computer programme helped them prove the hypothesis by tracing the 100,000th great grandmother in an African Eden.
6. Few years ago, two molecular biologists presented further evidence that Homo sapiens evolved in Africa. After analysing the DNA from the blood and hair of 117 people from Sardinia and the Middle East the team found out that a dramatic population explosion about 60,000 years ago followed the immigration of the first modern humans out of Africa.

7. Now, a new study traces the whereabouts of Adam. Michael Hammer, assistant research scientist at the University of Arizona is of the view that every man on earth today is related, or linked to a common ancestor who lived about 190,000 years ago. This so-called ancestral Adam was among many males who lived before anatomically modern humans evolved.
8. It is certain that the Adam and Eve theories have given a new dimension to the subject of human evolution. Actually the subject of evolution was considered a stronghold of anthropologists and paleontologists and after the inclusion of molecular biologists and genetists in the field, new dimensions have been included in the subject. Despite opposition by traditional anthropologists, scientists are beginning to recognize these new dimensions as more accurate and perfect. Let us hope that within a few years we should be able to learn the exact details of Adam and Eve.

i) On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the following questions in one or two sentences only. (4)

- How has the conventional theory about the origin of men come to be challenged?
- What do you understand by 'Eve'?
- Why do you think earlier theories regarding the places of origin of human species were controversial?
- What is the view of Michael Hammer, assistant research scientist at the University of Arizona.

ii) Choose the most appropriate option from the ones given below. (6)

1. What is the conventional view about the origin of man?

- man appeared 4 million years ago
- ape-like creatures evolved from hominids 4 million years ago
- hominids evolved from ape-like creatures 4 million years ago
- man appeared in Africa from hominids 4 million years ago

2. What does the term 'molecular clock' refer to?

- a new kind of clock based on molecular energy
- a technique for measuring changes in DNA
- a computer programme to determine whether human beings evolved from apes.
- a method to prove that Biblical Adam and Eve existed

3. Why are anthropologists and palaeontologists opposed to the Eve and Adam theories?

- there are no fossils or skulls to prove the theories
- new and different techniques are being employed
- DNA analysis is not a foolproof way to describe human evolution
- it challenges their stronghold on the matter of evolution

4. Eve has emerged as the mother of all humanity because

- Scientist Allan Wilson has evidence to prove this
- DNA in modern man can be traced back to her
- it confirms that all humans are her descendants
- there is a strong possibility that Adma, too exists

5. The term 'progeny' (Paragraph 5) means the same as

- ancestors
- descendants
- siblings
- species

6. 'Scientists are beginning to recognise these new dimensions...' (last paragraph).

Here 'these new dimensions' refers to which of the following?

- a) Adam and Even hypothesis of origin of modern species
- b) new studies by anthropologists and palaeontologists
- c) absence of remains of modern human species in Africa
- d) entry of molecular biology and genetics into the study of origin of human species

iii) Find words in the passage which mean the same as the following. (2)

- a) Spread (Paragraph 2)
- b) Outdated; from a much earlier or ancient period of history (Paragraph 4)

Q2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (8)

1. How does television affect your lives? It can be very helpful to people who carefully choose the shows that they watch. Television can increase our knowledge of the outside world; there are high-quality programmes that help us understand many fields to study, science, medicine, the arts and so on. Moreover, television benefits very old people, who can't often leave the house, as well as patients in hospitals. It also offers non-native speakers the advantage of daily informal language practice. They can increase their vocabulary and and practice listening.
2. On the other hand, there are several serious disadvantages of television. Of course, it provides us with a pleasant way to relax and spend our free time, but in some countries, people watch the colour tube for an average of six hours or more a day. Many children stare at a television screen for more hours each day than they do anything else, including studying and sleeping. It's clear that the tube has a powerful influence on their lives and that its influence is often negative.
3. Recent studies show that after only thirty seconds of television viewing, a person's brain 'relaxes' the same way that it does just before the person falls asleep. Another effect of television on the human brain is that it seems to cause poor concentration. Children who view a lot of television can often concentrate on a subject for only fifteen to twenty minutes. They can pay attention only for the amount of time between commercials.
4. Another disadvantage is that television often causes people to become dissatisfied with their own lives. Real life does not seem as exciting to these people as the lives of actors on the screen. To many people, television becomes more real than reality and their own lives seem boring. Also many people get upset or depressed when they can't solve problems in real life as quickly as television actors seem to.
5. Before a child is fourteen years old, he or she views eleven thousand murders on the tube. He or she begins to believe that there is nothing strange about fights, killings and other kinds of violence. Many studies show that people become more violent after certain programmes. They may even do the things that they see in a violent show.
6. The most negative effect of the colour tube might be people's addiction to it. People often feel a strange and powerful need to watch television even when they don't enjoy it. Addiction to the television screen is similar to drug or alcohol addiction. People almost never believe they are addicted.

a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it, in points only, using recognizable abbreviations (minimum 4) wherever necessary. (5)

b) Make a summary of the above passage is not more than 80 words using the notes and also suggest a suitable title. (3)

Section – B (Writing & Grammar)

3. You have been transferred to another city. You want to sell your car. Draft a suitable advertisement in about 50 words to be published in the 'FOR SALE' columns of a newspaper. (4)

OR

Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) selection team led by Shahrukh Khan is coming to your school to spot new talent for the team. As the cricket captain of the school team, write a notice for all the budding cricketers to report for the special talent hunt event.

4. 1947 : Partition of the country
1984 : Anti Sikh Riots
1992 : Babri Masjid Demolition
2004 : Godra tragedy and Gujrat riots

It seems such gruesome and heinous incidents have failed to teach us any lesson. As a nation, we continue to be smitten with communal hatred and violence. Write a spirited letter to the Editor of a national daily making a strong appeal for love, unity and peace.

OR

M.K. University, Madurai offers Diploma courses in Management through correspondence. You are Sanjay of #110, R.K. Puram, New Delhi. Write to the Director, correspondence courses for the brochure and prospectus. Also enquire about the universities and institutions which recognize this course besides other enquiries. (6)

5. Society for Protection Against cruelty to Animals is organizing a debate competition in your city on the motion "Should Animals be caged and used for Man's entertainment and Education."
You have been selected to represent your school in the competition. Prepare a speech in about 200 words for or against the motion. (10)

OR

Every activity that man indulges in creates waste of some kind. Some of the waste can be recycled or reused. Infact the need of the hour is to conserve the earth's recourses in all possible ways.

Write an article on the topic "Conservation, need to the hour" in 200 words. You are Brinda, a keen environmentalist.

6. **The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. (4)**

The old man said, "I want to marry of	(a) .....	.....
my daughter. Could you helped me with	(b) .....	.....
a few money?" I didn't have much	(c) .....	.....
money in my pocket at this time so I	(d) .....	.....
took off mine watch. Giving it to him	(e) .....	.....
I said, "well, you should have it."	(f) .....	.....
It will fetch you better money. The old man	(g) .....	.....
thanked me but walked off with my watch.	(h) .....	.....

7. In the following passage, one word has been omitted in each line against which a blank is given. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it. Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined. (4)

A man getting very impatient. Again	(a) .....	.....
and again, he peep into the Doctor's	(b) .....	.....
room to see many patients were left.	(c) .....	.....
After a long time his turn came, he	(d) .....	.....
got up reluctantly said, "Sorry doctor,	(e) .....	.....
I don't have problem now. This long	(f) .....	.....
wait has cured of my headache.	(g) .....	.....
I'm here now only thank you	(h) .....	.....

8. Rearrange the following words to form meaningful sentences: (2)
1. in the mind/ like fire/ exists/ in a piece/ knowledge/ of flint,
 2. oneself/ power/ knowledge/ all/ are within/ and

Section – C (Literature & Novel)

9. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (1×3=3)

*I am the poem of Earth, said the voice of the rain,
Eternal I rise impalpable out of the land
and the bottomless sea
upward to heaven, whence vaguely form'd
altogether changed and yet the same.*

- Q1. Name the poem and the poet.
- Q2. What does the rain say about its origin?
- Q3. Explain "upward to heaven yet the same?"

10. Answer the given questions in 30-40 words. (Any 3) (3×3=9)

- Q1. How did the sparrows pay their last homage to the grandmother?
- Q2. Why could not Aram believe that Mourad had stolen the horse?
- Q3. Why did the narrator suddenly decide to forget the address?
- Q4. Why did Einstein want to get away from Munich?
- Q5. Describe briefly the vessel, the Wavewalker"? (We're not afraid to die

11. Answer any one of the given questions in about 120-150 words. (6)

"War can make some people heartless, mean and selfish."
Do you agree? Discuss with reference to the story. "The Address"

OR

"Emotions should never be allowed to stand in the way of an individual's progress."
Comment with reference to "The portrait of a lady."

NOVEL

Q12. Answer the following in 120-150 words: (6)

What did Mrs. Umney tell about Sir Simon de Canterville?

Q13. Answer the following in 120-150 words: (6)

“The ghost had never encountered another ghost, “Describe the other ghost and briefly describe the Sir Simon’s desire to befriend another ghost.