

Final Paper (23 February 2017)
Class XI
Paper- English (Set-A)

Time: 3hrs.

M.M. 80

General Instructions:

- i) This paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C. All sections are compulsory.
- ii) Read the instructions given with the questions carefully.
- iii) Adhere to the word limit wherever specified.

Section-A (Reading)

Read the following passage carefully.

(12 Marks)

- 1 For four days, I walked through the narrow lanes of the old city, enjoying the romance of being in a city where history still lives — in its cobblestone streets and in its people riding asses, carrying vine leaves and palm as they once did during the time of Christ.
- 2 This is Jerusalem, home to the sacred sites of Christianity, Islam and Judaism. This is the place that houses the church of the Holy Sepulchre, the place where Jesus was finally laid to rest. This is also the site of Christ's crucifixion, burial and resurrection.
- 3 Built by the Roman Emperor Constantine at the site of an earlier temple to Aphrodite, it is the most venerated Christian shrine in the world. And justifiably so. Here, within the church, are the last five stations of the cross, the 10th station where Jesus was stripped of his clothes, the 11th where he was nailed to the cross, the 12th where he died on the cross, the 13th where the body was removed from the cross, and the 14th, his tomb.
- 4 For all this weighty tradition, the approach and entrance to the church is nondescript. You have to ask for directions. Even to the devout Christian pilgrims walking along the Via Dolorosa — the Way of Sorrows — first nine stations look clueless. Then a courtyard appears, hemmed in by other buildings and a doorway to one side. This leads to a vast area of huge stone architecture.
- 5 Immediately inside the entrance is your first stop. It's the stone of anointing: this is the place, according to Greek tradition, where Christ was removed from the cross. The Roman Catholics, however, believe it to be the spot where Jesus' body was prepared for burial by Joseph.
- 6 What happened next? Jesus was buried. He was taken to a place outside the city of Jerusalem where other graves existed and there, he was buried in a cave. However, all that is long gone, destroyed by continued attacks and rebuilding; what remains is the massive — and impressive — Rotunda (a round building with a dome) that Emperor Constantine built. Under this, and right in the centre of the Rotunda, is the structure that contains the Holy Sepulchre.
- 7 "How do you know that this is Jesus' tomb?" I asked one of the pilgrims standing next to me. He was clueless, more interested, like the rest of them, in the novelty of it all and in photographing it, than in its history or tradition.
- 8 At the start of the first century, the place was a disused quarry outside the city walls. According to the gospels, Jesus' crucifixion occurred 'at a place outside the city walls with graves nearby'. Archaeologists have discovered tombs from that era, so the site is compatible with the biblical period.
- 9 The structure at the site is a marble tomb built over the original burial chamber. It has two rooms, and you enter four at a time into the first of these, the Chapel of the Angel. Here the angel is supposed to have sat on a stone to recount Christ's resurrection. A low door made of white marble, partly worn away by pilgrims' hands, leads to a smaller chamber inside. This is the 'room of the tomb', the place where Jesus was buried.
- 10 We entered in a single file. On my right was a large marble slab that covered the original rock bench on which the body of Jesus was laid. A woman knelt and prayed. Her eyes were wet with tears. She pressed her face against the slab to hide them, but it only made it worse.

On the basis of your understanding of this passage answer the following questions with the help of the given options:

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Choose the most appropriate option from the ones given below:

- (a) How does Jerusalem still retain the charm of the ancient era ?
(i) There are narrow lanes.
(ii) Roads are paved with cobblestones.
(iii) People can be seen riding asses.
(iv) All of the above
- (b) Holy Sepulchre is sacred to
(i) Christianity
(ii) Islam
(iii) Judaism
(iv) Both (i) and (iii)
- (c) Why does one have to constantly ask for directions to the church ?
(i) Its lanes are narrow.
(ii) Entrance to the church is nondescript.
(iii) People are not tourist-friendly.
(iv) Everyone is lost in enjoying the romance of the place.
- (d) Where was Jesus buried ?
(i) In a cave
(ii) At a place outside the city
(iii) In the Holy Sepulchre
(iv) All of the above

Answer the following questions briefly :

- (e) What is the Greek belief about the 'stone of anointing' ?
(f) Why did Emperor Constantine build the Rotunda ?
(g) What is the general attitude of the pilgrims ?
(h) How is the site compatible with the biblical period ?
(i) Why did the pilgrims enter the 'room of the tomb' in a single file ?
(j) What is the importance of the 'Chapel of the Angel' ?
(k) Find words from the passage which mean the same as:
(i) A large grave (para 3)
(ii) Having no interesting features/dull (para 4)

1x 6=6

1x 2=2

Q2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

- The handwriting of any two persons can be similar but never identical. Our handwriting is as personal as our fingerprints. The size, slant, style, pressure, letter shapes, and spacing vary from person to person. In my 31 years' experience of teaching thousand of young students, I've not so far found any two persons' handwriting exactly alike.
- Our handwriting mirrors our personality. Every time we write our name, we make a pen portrait of ourselves. Our handwriting records our development from childhood onwards.
- The happy news is that by changing our handwriting, we can bring changes in our life. Our hidden talent can be discovered and put to positive use. Our weak points can be detected and removed. We can find out the positive and negative points of our spouses, colleagues and competitors.
- Graphology (the study of handwriting) maintains that the amount of pressure which we exert while writing reveals our emotional state. Spacing reveals the state of our mind. The margins indicate our sense of proportion. The speed of writing indicates the amount of energy we have. The style of writing indicates the sharpness of our mind. The slope of the writing reveals the degree of our affections. The size of our handwriting shows our power of

concentration. Our terminal strokes reveal how generous we are. Our capital letters indicate our personal tastes. Our small letters reflect our mental development. Our signatures reflect our individuality.

- To analyse a person's handwriting, one needs two or three samples of his writing. These should have been written over a period of one or two months. No specially designed pens must be used. It must be written on an unruled page. It is better if the samples include all the letters of the alphabet as in the sentence: The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.
- Consistent strokes in handwriting denote a logical, well ordered mind. But occasionally broken connections denote a flexible mind which welcomes new ideas. Connections entirely broken with no ends joining denote an intuitive nature. If the 'T's are crossed it denotes that the person has a great capacity for getting things done. The person is stubborn and obstinate if the words are joined by continuous sweep of connecting terminal strokes.
- Have you ever realised how the pressure with which you write varies with every change in your feelings? Cramped, small handwriting, with short 'T' bars, a backward slant, narrow writing in a large hand, poor rhythm in writing, and uncontrolled variation in handwriting, indicate fear psychosis in the person whose handwriting is being analysed.

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8. Narrow-minded people lack imagination. This trait is reflected in their handwriting. Their handwriting is narrow. There is no age limit to bringing about a change in one's handwriting. By changing your handwriting you can change your life. And with a change in you life, your handwriting automatically gets changed.

- 1.1. On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it in points only using headings and sub-headings. Use recognisable abbreviations (wherever necessary - minimum 4) and a format you consider suitable. Also supply an appropriate title to it. (5)
- 1.2. Write a summary of the above passage in about 80 words. (3)

SECTION - B (Writing)

Writing Skills & Grammar (30 marks)

- Q3.** Every year in the Central Park of the city, a flower show is held in the month of March. Your school has received a circular from the District Collector inviting your students to visit it. Write a notice in about 50 words informing the students about the show and advising them to go and enjoy it. You are Navtej/Navita, Head Boy/Head Girl, Sunrise Public School, Surat. (4)

OR

Your brother runs a Kennel service which deals in the sale, purchase and training of dogs of different breeds. He wants to advertise his service organization in the classified columns of a leading newspaper. Prepare a classified advertisement for your brother. Include the name of the organization, different breeds of dogs available and services offered. Do include contact address and phone number.

- Q4.** Write a job application-cum-resume in response to the following advertisement.

MEDICAL REPRESENTATIVES WANTED

Max Health Care Private Limited requires medical representatives to market its generic medicines and fast moving consumer healthcare products like body lotions, sunscreen lotions, moisturizers, talcum powder etc all over India. The candidates must be at least Bachelors of Science with Biology/Zoology or Bachelors of Pharmaceuticals preferable with some experience in the same field. Attractive salary and incentive as well as growth opportunities. Fresh Graduates can also apply. Send your applications and CVs to the P.O. Box 370xx, New Delhi: within seven days.

OR

You have noticed many stray animals on the road during the busy hours of the day. These animals cause traffic jams as well as accidents. You have already written to the concerned authorities but no action has been taken so far. Write a letter to the Editor, The Hindu, drawing attention of the Municipal Commissioner, Chennai towards the nuisance. (6)

- Q5.** In recent times, there has been a sudden proliferation of tuition and coaching centres. Are they really relevant and useful? Are they a blot on our education system? What are your views? Write your views in the form of an article for the newspaper. (10)

OR

A noted newspaper is organizing a declamation contest in your school. Your teacher has given you the following topic for a speech for the competition "How Responsible is the Media in the Country". Taking hints given below, together with your own. Write a speech in about 150-200 words.

Media :- newspapers, broadcasting, internet, even social media – fourth pillar of democracy – generally responsible – sometimes sensationalises, more emphasis on advertisements – competition with others – paid news – rigged opinion polls and surveys – promotes superstition and godmen- need to being more vigilant and responsible.

Q6. In the following passage given below one word has been omitted in each line Write the missing word that comes before and the word that comes after it in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. The first one is done as an example.

It was not new emotion. Doubt was my	e.g. not a new
oldest enemy. I know well. Yet I	(a)
had never expected it to come way, to	(b)
arrive so suddenly, There was feeling	(c)
that I would be free from it. But	(d)
was not so. More I tried, the more I	(e)
felt confused. But way had to be found at any cost.	(f)

(3)

Q7. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet as given below. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied.

I was silent. How could I explained to	(a)
Vimal that he have been so	(b)
blinded with that false puffed up	(c)
image of himself that he cannot	(d)
even recognised a joke! Now	(e)
he took everything in a test	(f)
of physical strong.	(g)
I only hoped that he will understand	(h)
the truth about himself.	

(4)

Q8. Rearrange the following into a meaningful sentences. (3)

a) the/sparrow/from/city/it/disappeared/houses/has/seems/commom/the/that/in the
 b) completely/being/deaf/can't/anything/he/hear
 c) how/you had/at the interview/done/us/let/know

Section - C
Literature & Long Reading Text (30 Marks)

Q9. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (4)

*We speak like strangers, there's no sign
 Of understanding in the air.
 This child is built to my design
 Yet what he loves I cannot share
 Silence surrounds us.*

- a) Where have these lines been taken from? Who does 'we' refer to? (2)
 b) What is the reason behind the poet saying, 'Silence surrounds us'? (1)
 c) What does the father complain about? (1)

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OR

*Where did my childhood go?
It went to some forgotten place.
That's hidden in an infant's face,
That's all I know.*

- a) Name the poem and the poet. (1)
- b) What does 'it' refer to? What has it been replaced by? (2)
- c) What new perspective of life does the poet have now? (1)

Q10. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each: (any 4) (2×4=8)

- i) Why was Joe Morgan waiting for Dr. Andrew, even though it was nearly midnight?
- ii) What factors made Einstein's life in Munich miserable?
- iii) What does the selection process of the new ruler of the state reveal about the ministers and the people? (The Tale of Melon City)
- iv) "What has happened is disgraceful, believe me," says the narrator. What does he refer to. How does he illustrate his point of view? (Ranga's Marriage)
- v) Who is the world's most dangerous animal? Why is it called so?

Q11. Answer the following in 150 words.

"For a doctor, the duty towards the patients is foremost irrespective of their own personal affairs." Discuss with reference to the chapter "BIRTH". (6)

OR

Ranga learned the English language and acquired some English customs, yet he is truly an Indian in his outlook. Elucidate.

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Q12. Answer the following in 150 words. (6)

In what way is "The Canterville Ghost" a ghost with a difference?

Q13. Answer the following in 150 words. (6)

What was the history behind the blood stain? What efforts were made by the ghost to repair it?