

**Ist Term Examination (10 September 2015)**

**Subject – English**

**Class XI (Set – A)**

**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 following passage carefully.**

**(12)**

**ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING – A NEW SUBJECT TO EXPLORE**

**Q2. Read the passage given below:**

**(8)**

There is nothing more frustrating than when you sit down at your table to study with the most sincere of intentions, and instead of being able to finish the task at hand, you find your thoughts wandering. However, there are certain techniques that you use to enhance your concentration. "Your concentration level depends on a number of factors," says Samuel Ghose, a social counsellor. In order to develop your concentration span, it is necessary to examine various facets of your physical and internal environment, "she adds.

To begin with one should attempt to create the physical environment that is conducive to focused thought. Whether it is the radio, TV or your noisy neighbours, identify the factors that make it difficult for you to focus. For instance, if you live in a very noisy neighbourhood, you could try to plan your study hours in a nearby library.

She disagrees with the notion that people can concentrate or study in an environment with distractions like a loud television, blaring music etc. "If you are distracted when you are attempting to focus, your attention and retention powers do not work at optimum levels," cautions Ghosh. "Not more than two of your senses should be activated at the same time," she adds. What that means is that music sets your feet tapping is not the ideal accompaniment to your books.

Also do not place your study table or desk in front of a window. "While there is no cure for a mind that wants to wander, one should try and provide as little stimulus as possible. Looking out of a window when you are trying to concentrate will invariably send your mind on a tangent," says Ghosh.

The second important thing, she says, is to establish goals for oneself instead of setting a general target and then trying to accomplish what you can in a haphazard fashion. It is very important to decide what you have to finish in a given span of time. The human mind recognizes fixed goals and targets and appreciates schedules more than random thoughts. Once your thoughts and goals are in line, a focused system will follow.

She recommends that you divide your schedule into study and recreation hours. When you study, choose a mix of subjects that you enjoy and dislike and save the former for the last so that you have something to look forward to. For instance, if you enjoy verbal skill tests more than mathematical problems, then finish maths first. Not only will you find yourself working harder, you will have a sense of achievement when you wind up.

Try not to sit for more than 40 minutes at a stretch. Take a very short break to make a cup of tea or listen to a song and sit down again. Under no circumstances, should one sit for more than one and a half hours. Short breaks build your concentration and refresh your mind. However, be careful not to overdo the relaxation. It may have undesired effects.

More than anything else, do not get disheartened. Concentration is merely a matter of disciplining the mind. It comes with practice and patience and does not take very long to become a habit for life.

**a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations (minimum 4) wherever necessary. (5)**

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

*safe to drink (paragraph 6)*

**Section – B (Writing & Grammar)**

- Q3. You are Sachin Garg, secretary of the students' council of your school (St. Thomas School, Cochin). Write a notice for the school notice board inviting volunteers for a one-day Blood Donation Camp organized by the Red Cross Society of India at your school. **(4)**

**OR**

You have recently constructed a house with all the facilities in a posh area. As you have decided to give it on rent, draft a suitable advertisement for the 'TO-LET' column of a local daily. Invent all the necessary details and contact address.

- Q4. Cases of crime against women in your town/city are on the rise. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper expressing your concern at the alarming trend.

In your letter you should:

- express your concern that your town/city is not safe for women.
- give some examples of recent crime against women.
- explain the possible reasons.
- suggest ways to check these crimes effectively.

**(6)**

**OR**

Last month you bought a 3G mobile phone with a year long guarantee. Unfortunately, the set has developed a snag and is no longer working. Write a letter to the Customer Care Manager of the manufacturer complaining against the defective set and asking for a replacement. Quote the cash memo number, model and set serial number and date of purchase. Invent other necessary details.

- Q5. India has been facing and fighting terrorism for the last 25 years. In fact terrorism has disrupted the peace and harmony of the country and created panic and insecurity in certain areas/states. Write an article in about 150-200 words on 'Terrorism – A curse to Humanity'. You are Deepak/Jyoti. **(10)**

**OR**

Write a report in 150-200 words for publication in your school magazine describing how the Independence Day was celebrated in your school. You are Priyanka/Piyush of XI – E.

- Q6. **The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against the correct question number.** **(4)**

	Incorrect	Correct
Children are fond to coconut. It is the	(a) .....	.....
biggest of all the nuts, and are indeed a wonderful	(b) .....	.....
fruit. It grows on a palm tree and is find	(c) .....	.....
in tropical countries around a seashore. The	(d) .....	.....
name was giving to it by the Portuguese because	(e) .....	.....
with the three mark at the end,	(f) .....	.....
it look something like a monkey's face, and 'coco'	(g) .....	.....
is a Portuguese words for a bug bear or a distorted mask.	(h) .....	.....

**Q7. In the paragraph below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before the word and the word that comes after it in your answer sheet. Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined. (4)**

Man's practice increases hard work.	(a) .....	.....	.....
If he does not it, his practice	(b) .....	.....	.....
suffers. The lawyer is judged the	(c) .....	.....	.....
cases that wins. The writer's	(d) .....	.....	.....
success examined by the opinion	(e) .....	.....	.....
of the readers critics. Whereas	(f) .....	.....	.....
the typist's efficiency is tested his speed	(g) .....	.....	.....
and the accuracy his work	(h) .....	.....	.....

**Q8. Rearrange the following words to form meaningful sentences: (2)**

1. that/children/he/live/hard/may/works/comfortably/his/so
2. I/advice/parents'/I/listened/my/had/to/wish

**Section – C (Literature & Novel)**

**Q9. Read the stanza given below carefully and answer the questions that follow: (3)**

*See Betty  
And Dolly, "She'd say," and look how they  
dressed us for the beach, "The Sea holiday"  
was her past, mine is her laughter.*

- Q1. Who were Betty and Dolly?
- Q2. How did she (the mother) react whenever she looked at her snapshot?
- Q3. Why is mother's laughter 'past' for the poetess?

**Q10. Answer the given questions briefly (any 3). (3×3=9)**

- Q1. "That was a turning point in our friendship". What was the turning point?  
(The Portrait of a Lady)
- Q2. Write characteristic features of Uncle Khosrove.
- Q3. "I was in a room I knew and did not know", says the narrator in the story "The Address". What prompted her to make this statement?
- Q4. "Going back to his lodgings did not cheer him up." Why?
- Q5. Which evidence proves the burial of King Tut... in March or April?

**Q11. Answer any one of the given questions in about 130 words. (6)**

Describe the mental condition of the voyagers on 4 and 5 January.

**OR**

Explain the reason for which Mourad stole the horse. What made him return it?

**NOVEL**

**Q12. Answer the following question in 130 words:**

**(6)**

Bring out the chief traits of the characters of the Otis family.

**Q13. Answer the following in question 130 words:**

**(6)**

Why did the ghost feel humiliated when Mr. Otis offered him the lubricant? What idea do you get about the ghost's personality from the incident?