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**CLASS-XI**  
**ENGLISH CORE**

**Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.**

**Maximum Marks : 80**

**General Instructions :**

- (i) *This paper consists of 3 sections– A, B and C.*
- (ii) *Attempt all questions.*
- (iii) *Do not write anything on the question paper.*
- (iv) *All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided.*
- (v) *Ensure that questions of each section are answered together.*
- (vi) *Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.*
- (vii) *Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question.*

**Section-A (Reading Skills)**

**(20 Marks)**

**1. Read the following passage very carefully : (8)**

Very often the modern man forgets that sufficient, refreshing sleep is essential to a high-energy life style. The body needs sleep to repair itself and function properly. As you sleep, your dream, allowing your subconscious to sort through unresolved psychological and emotional issues. Brain waves slow down, blood pressure falls, muscles relax, the immune system is boosted, damaged tissues and cells are repaired. Without sufficient sleep, the body is more likely to break down.

How much sleep you need depends on your unique makeup as well as the lifestyle choice you make. Research indicates that individuals who effectively deal with stress and negative emotions need less sleep than those who are stressed-out or worry chronically. Some people work best with only five to six hours of sleep while others may need as much as ten hours a day. Improving quality of your sleep may reduce the quantity of sleep you need. Sleeping poorly night after night, or partial sleep deprivation, is a major cause of chronic low energy.

A few habits can help to achieve optimum sleep. You must arise at the same time every morning. Oversleeping during weekends confuses the body's biological clock.

It also reduces alertness and energy in much the same way as jet lag. You must eat right for deep sleep. Avoid caffeine products four to five hours before sleep. Eat light evening meals. Next you can develop a calming bedtime routine. Applying relaxation techniques; listening to classical music, praying, reading inspirational material contribute to better sleep. Research also indicates that a hot shower or moderate exercise within three hours of bedtime can deepen sleep. One should put together one's to-do list before entering one's bedroom and preferably a few hours before going to bed. Nothing encourages insomnia more than waiting until morning to write down all you need to do that day. Put your alarm clock where it can be heard but not seen. Difficulty sleeping is only irritating having a clock to look at, highlighting how late it is. No one sleeps well under time pressure. Also avoid getting jolted awake with a blaring alarm. How you awaken and what you do in the first few minutes sets the energy and performance tone for the rest of the day. Experiment with positive music or affirmation alarm with the volume set should be just loud enough to notice it. Decide at night what you want your first thought of the next day to be. Make it an inspiring one and repeat it to yourself as you drift off to sleep. The thought races to your consciousness when you awake. Remember, you are in charge of your attitude. Don't leave it to chance.

In addition to getting proper sleep, you need to schedule ample time to revitalize your mind. Optimum creativity and productivity require mental rest. This means that your brain like your body requires recovery and renewal to operate at its peak. Unless you balance periods of intense work with periods of doing nothing, you are likely to experience chronic mental fatigue. To replenish your energy, you must take frequent five minutes break to do some thing fun and undemanding. Unplugging from the day's current activity for a few moments will be surprisingly invigorating. Recultivate simple pleasures of life such as, family conversation, a short evening walk, reading for fun, watching the sun set or the stars at night and you may even consider watching a movie to unwind. Think about it. Without your health, the pursuit of your goals can come to a screeching halt.

- 1.(a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes using heading and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary. Suggest a suitable title for the passage. (5)
- (b) Write a summary of the above passage in not more than 80 words using the notes made by you. (3)

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : (12)
1. More than a million people immigrate to the United States to start new lives every year, and if they are arriving in New York, one of the first sights that they will see is the Statue of Liberty. The Statue of Liberty stands on Liberty Island, near Manhattan in New York. Though she is often thought to be a resident of New York, Liberty Island is actually federal property, which means that the Statue of Liberty belongs to the whole country. The Statue of Liberty is not only the tallest statue in America, it is also one of the most recognizable American symbols.
  2. The Statue of Liberty is huge. From the tip of the torch to the pedestal on which it stands, it is just over 151 feet tall. If you include the pedestal in your measurement, it stands more than 305 feet off the ground. That's more than 30 basketball hoops or an entire football field. The waist size is 35 feet and the tablet it holds is 23 feet long. Don't worry though; she hasn't had any trouble holding that tablet yet with her 8 foot index finger. Talk about heavy handed...
  3. Though America financed and built the pedestal on which the Statue of Liberty stands, the statue itself was a gift from France. In this way the complete work, much like the United States, is a product of both American and French contributions. At one time America was ruled by the British. The founding fathers of America chose to fight against Great Britain for the independence of their country. France supported America by providing money, men and weapons of war. Had it not been for French contributions during the Revolutionary War, America would not exist in the way that it does today; therefore, it is quite fitting that the Statue of Liberty, which represents freedom, came to being by a joint American and French effort. On October 28th, 1886, just over one-hundred years after America declared its independence from Great Britain, the Statue of Liberty was completed and dedicated by its designer, Frederic Auguste Bartholdi.
  4. Perhaps no person did more to bring the statue into being than Bartholdi. Not only did Bartholdi gain both French and American approval for the project, he led the French fund raising efforts and designed the appearance of the statue. The appearance of the Statue of Liberty is somewhat derived from Libertas, the Roman goddess of freedom. The torch represents how liberty enlightens the world. The seven points of ray coming from the top of the crown represent the sun, the seven stars, the seven continents, and (as with the torch) how liberty enlightens the world. Though much of the statue was modelled after depictions of goddesses, Bartholdi modelled the face after his mother. Now that's a Mother's Day gift that's hard to top.

5. Though Bartholdi was responsible for the external appearance of statue, the internal design can be largely credited to innovative designer, Gustav Eiffel. Though Mr. Eiffel is best known for his contributions to a tower in Paris that is named after him, he also engineered the internal structure that holds up the Statue of Liberty. Eiffel chose to use a flexible structure, so that changes in the temperature and strong winds from the ocean would not cause the statue to crack. Because of Eiffel's crafty design, the Statue of Liberty may sway as much as three inches on a windy day. If the winds exceed 50 miles per hour, the torch may sway five inches. Eiffel is also responsible for including two spiralling staircases on the interior of the statue to help visitors reach the observation point in the crown.
6. While most people appreciate the Statue of Liberty today, during its construction in the 1870s, many Americans were critical of the project. Some took issue with the fact that Bartholdi was French. They believed that American monuments should be designed and constructed by Americans. Others felt that the statue wasn't much of a gift since it required Americans to foot the bill for the pedestal. After the Panic of 1873, America fell into a deep economic depression that lasted through much of the 1870s. Because the nation was going through a depression, many Americans thought that money should not be spent to support a giant French statue. I think most Americans would now agree that it was a good investment.
- 2 A. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions by choosing the best of the given options : (1×6=6)
- (i) Which of the following best expresses the main idea of the third paragraph ?
- (a) France assisted the United States in the Revolutionary War.
  - (b) The statue was a joint effort between France and the U.S. just like U.S. independence.
  - (c) The U.S. was once a colony of Great Britain.
  - (d) The statue of liberty was dedicated 100 years after America declared its independence.
- (ii) Which is not a reason why people criticized the Statue of Liberty during its construction ?
- (a) Some people felt that the statue should have been bigger
  - (b) Some felt that the statue should have been built by an American
  - (c) Some felt that France should have paid for the statue and the pedestal.
  - (d) Some felt that American shouldn't spend money on a statue during a depression.

- (iii) Which of the following statements is false ?
  - (a) The tablet that the Statue of Liberty holds is 23 feet long.
  - (b) The Statue of Liberty's waist size is 35 feet.
  - (c) The pedestal underneath the Statue of Liberty is 305 tall.
  - (d) The Statue of Liberty is over 151 feet tall.
- (iv) Which of the following best expresses the author's purpose in writing the last paragraph ?
  - (a) To describe what a depression is
  - (b) To show that some people did not think very highly of the French.
  - (c) To argue why the Statue of Liberty was a good investment.
  - (d) To explain why some people were against building the statue.
- (v) Which of the following statements is false ?
  - (a) The man who built the Eiffel Tower also designed the inside of the Statue of Liberty.
  - (b) The Eiffel Tower was a gift to the Americans from the people of France.
  - (c) The Statue of Liberty is located on federal property.
  - (d) Bartholdi got permission from both the French and the US to build the statue.
- (vi) Which of the following is not one of the ways that Bartholdi contributed to the statue ?
  - (a) He designed the interior of the statue
  - (b) He gained approval for the project from the U.S. and from France
  - (c) He sculpted the exterior of the statue.
  - (d) He gained financing to complete the project from France.

2 B. Answer the following questions briefly : (1×6=6)

- (i) Why should the Statue of Liberty be considered a product of both France and America ?
- (ii) What was Gustave Eiffel's contribution to the Statue of Liberty ?
- (iii) Why were Americans against the Statue of Liberty ?
- (iv) Why is it the best Mother's Day gift ?
- (v) Find a word that means – move to and fro (paragraph 5)
- (vi) Find the antonym of – appreciative (paragraph 6)

**Section-B (Writing Skills and Grammar) (30 marks)**

3. M.J.L. Public School, Kolkata is organising an inter class Debate for the senior students. As the cultural captain of the school, draft a notice giving details and inviting participation. Sign yourself as Suman Sinha. (4)
4. You are the Chairman of Hiland Enterprise Ltd. Mumbai-16. You require an accountant and two office assistants. Draft a suitable advertisement for a local daily under the classified columns for the vacant posts.

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FOR QUERIES Write to The Director, Apex  
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Area, New Delhi--25

You have come across the above advertisement in a leading daily. You wish to take up one of the courses offered by the Institute. Write a letter to the Manager seeking details. You are Arun/Aruna of 32/3 Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi. (6)

**OR**

You are Rohan Kapoor of Lajpat Nagar, Jalandhar, Punjab. You bought a motorbike from Lucky Automobile, Police Road Jalandhar. Two months after the purchase you found a few defects in the motorbike. Write a letter to the dealer asking for an immediate replacement or complete repair. (120 words)

5. In majority of cases the focus of students today is scoring marks and more marks in tests and examinations. In this mad race for marks the true purpose of education seems to fight a losing battle. You, as Vipul/Vaishali are much concerned about this growing marks mania. Express your views through an article in about 150 words. (10)

**OR**

India is progressing in leaps and bounds. Leaders of our country are envisaging a Digital India in the near future. You are fascinated by the idea and wish to express your views through a speech to be delivered in the school assembly. Write the speech in 150 words.

6. Read the following passage. Each line contains an error. Find the error and write the correct word in the space provided. (1/2×6=3)

	Incorrect	Correct
Throughout the ages, birds has	e.g. has	have
been the source of wonder	(a) _____	_____
to all that have observed their	(b) _____	_____
flight or listened to its sweet songs.	(c) _____	_____
As a group, birds were unique.	(d) _____	_____
They are a only animals	(e) _____	_____
covered by colourful feathers.	(f) _____	_____

7. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given in the brackets : (1/2×6=3)

The day Varun e.g. won (win) the most coveted award of Student of the Year, the realization (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (dawn) upon him that if someone (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (keep) on moving with whole hearted efforts and determination, nothing can stop him from (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (reach) his destination. In the recent past there (d) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a time when he (e) \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) all hopes of succeeding, but now he (f) \_\_\_\_\_ (regain) his confidence and stands among his peers.

8. Re-order the following sentences in a meaningful passage : (1×4=4)

- (a) The supply of oil from Arab can be shut off at any time.
- (b) New sources of energy must be found and this will take time.
- (c) The energy crisis has been with us for a long time and will be with us even longer.
- (d) Moreover the oil wells will run dry in about thirty years from now.

**Section-C (Literature and Long Reading Text) (30 marks)**

9. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

“(For song, issuing from its birth-place, after fulfilment, wandering Reck’d or unreck’d, duly with love returns)

- (i) How is the song similar to the rain ?
- (ii) What do the words “reck’d or unreck’d” suggest ?
- (iii) How does a song seek its fulfilment ?

**OR**

“The seed I spent or sown it where  
The land is his and none of mine ?  
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.”

- (i) What has the speaker sown ?
- (ii) What is lacking in the relationship ?
- (iii) What does “this child is built to my design” mean ?

10. Answer any three of the following four questions in about 40 words each : (3×3=9)

- (i) Was the distancing between Khushwant Singh and his grandmother due to demands of the situation ? Give reasons.
- (ii) Why does the saga of King Tut allure scientists and historians even today?
- (iii) Why do you think the narrator of ‘The Address’ received a hostile response on her first visit to Mrs. Dorling’s house ?
- (iv) Why was the ‘just and placid king’ executed ?

11. (a) How does the extract ‘The Browning Version’ support the statement that Taplow was a sincere and obedient student ? (120 words) (3)
- (b) How did Andrew’s visit to the Morgans prove to be an unusual event that influenced the doctor’s whole future in Blaenelly ? (120 words) (3)

12. Answer the following questions in 120-150 words :

How has Oscar Wilde portrayed Virginia to be different from the other members of the Otis family in ‘The Canterville Ghost’ ? (6)

**OR**

What made General Armstrong an educationist loved and revered by all ?

13. What made the spirit of Sir Simon de Canterville to give up the attempts to scare away the Americans ? (150 words) (6)

**OR**

How has Booker T Washington thrown light on dignity of labour and value education in the novel ‘Up from Slavery’ ? (150 words)