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**ENGLISH CORE**

Time – 3 hours

Class – XI

M.M. : 80

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Name of the student \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_

**General Instructions:**

- This paper is divided into three sections.
- All questions are compulsory.
- Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these sections very carefully and follow them.
- Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions

**Section - A**

**Q.1 Read the passage given below carefully. (1x10=10)**

1. Crash dieting may help you lose weight in the short term, but, ultimately it can hinder weight loss in the long term, as most of the weight that you have lost with crash dieting will bounce back, meaning you will gain all the weight that you have lost and more. Crash dieting not only removes fat but also lean muscle and tissue.

Contrary to the belief of many who start this diet, this form of dieting is neither healthy nor successful in achieving long term weight loss as it induces the slowing down of the body's basal metabolic rate – the body seeks to conserve every calorie and so weight loss becomes increasingly difficult. Basal metabolic rate is the amount of calories your body needs on a daily basis, to maintain its regular activities. This means your body will need fewer calories than it did previously, making weight gain more likely once you stop dieting.

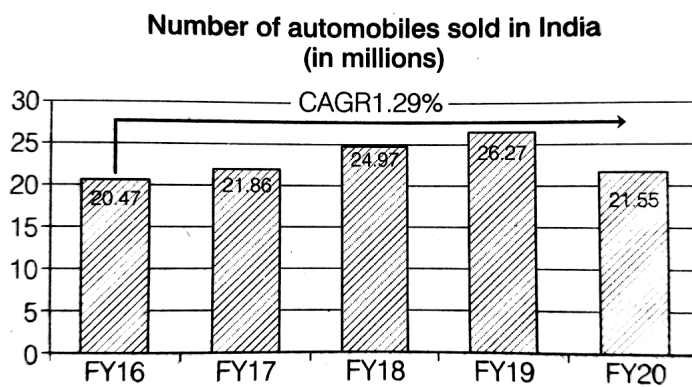
2. Most crash diets involve eating low-calorie foods for several weeks or eating the same food or food groups for several weeks. Even if you're only trying the diet for a week or two, eating such a strict diet of the same foods can cause nutritional deficiencies. Eliminating one or more food groups will not provide you with adequate, long-term nutrition. Nutritional deficiencies such as this can have multiple immediate side effects such as haggard look, dark under eyes, dull skin, sloppy posture and less stamina.
3. This is also why exercise is recommended in any weight-loss plan to build muscle and maintain your metabolic rate. Again common mistakes that are observed with exercise are joining the gym only till the New Year, so that you can lose weight and once the party is over, the party for not exercising continues. On the other hand, we have some who make New Year resolutions and with the gym memberships which are so tempting, especially during the New Year, take up annual memberships, which is not bad, what is bad is to break the resolution. It is good to take up an exercise programme during the new year and to make a resolution about exercise, provided you do not break your resolution, and continue exercising year long, what is important is consistency.

**On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions.**

- (i) Which of the following is TRUE about crash dieting as per the passage?  
I. It helps you lose weight permanently.  
II. It only removes fat.  
III. It is neither healthy nor successful in achieving long-term weight loss.  
IV. It involves eating low-calorie foods for several weeks.  
(a) I and II                      (b) II and III                      (c) III and IV                      (d) Only III
- (ii) The basic plan in diet plans is \_\_\_\_\_  
I. They involve eating the same food / food groups for several weeks.  
II. They involve eating high-calorie foods.  
III. They involve eating low-calorie foods for several weeks which lead to nutritional deficiencies.  
IV. They involve fasting for 3 days in a week.  
(a) I and II                      (b) I and III                      (c) Only IV                      (d) Only II
- (iii) The correct definition of basal metabolic rate is  
(a) amount of exercise your body needs on a daily basis  
(b) amount of rest your body needs on a daily basis  
(c) amount of food your body needs on a daily basis  
(d) amount of calories your body needs on a daily basis
- (iv) Which of the following will be the suitable title for the given passage?  
(a) How Crash Dieting Works?                      (b) The Benefits of Crash Dieting  
(c) The Dangers of Crash Dieting                      (d) When and How to Diet?
- (v) Nutritional deficiencies can lead to \_\_\_\_\_  
I. Lustrous skin                      II. Reduced stamina                      III. Tired look                      IV. Confident look  
V. Sloppy posture                      VI. Dark circles                      VII. Dull skin  
(a) I, II and III                      (b) II, III, V, VI and VII                      (c) II, III, V and VI                      (d) I, IV and VI
- (vi) The author does not agree with \_\_\_\_\_  
1. taking up annual gym memberships.                      2. breaking the resolution to crash-diet.  
3. giving up annual gym memberships.                      4. breaking the resolution for gymming.  
(a) 1 and 4                      (b) 2 and 3                      (c) Only 4                      (d) Only 3
- (vii) The correct meaning of 'take up' as used in the last para of the passage is\_\_\_\_\_.  
a) subscribe to                      b) lifted up                      c) brought to the notice of                      d) to look up
- (viii) Which of the following words is the opposite of 'joining' as used in Para 3?  
a) Eliminating                      b) Withdrawing                      c) Refusing                      d) Accepting
- (ix) Why is exercise recommended in any weight loss plan?
- (x) Which common mistakes do people generally make?

**Q.2 Read the passage given below.****(1x8=8)**

1. The automobile industry in India is the world's fourth largest. India was the world's fourth largest manufacturer of cars and seventh largest manufacturer of commercial vehicles in 2019. The Indian automotive industry (including component manufacturing) is expected to reach Rs 16.16-18.18 trillion (US\$ 251.4-282.8 billion) by 2026. The industry attracted Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) worth US\$ 24.21 billion during April 2000 to March 2020 according to the data released by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).
2. Two wheelers and passenger vehicles dominate the domestic Indian auto market. Passenger car sales are dominated by small and mid-sized cars. Two wheelers and passenger cars accounted for 80.8 per cent and 12.9 per cent market share, respectively, accounting for a combined sale of over 21.55 million vehicles in FY20. The CAGR during FY16-FY20 is 1.29 per cent.
3. The Government aims to develop India as a global manufacturing and Research and Development (R&D) hub. It has set up National Automotive Testing and R&D Infrastructure Project (NATRiP) centres as well as National Automotive Board to act as facilitator between the Government and the industry. Under (NATRiP), five testing and research centres have been established in the country since 2015. NATRiP's proposal for "Grant-In-Aid for test facility infrastructure for Electric Vehicle (EV) performance Certification from NATRIP Implementation Society under FAME (Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid) and Electric Vehicles in India) scheme was approved by Project Implementation and Sanctioning Committee (PISC) on January 03, 2019.
4. The Indian Government has also set up an ambitious target of having only EVs being sold in the country. The Ministry of Heavy Industries, Government of India, has shortlisted 11 cities in the country for introduction of EVs in their public transport system under the FAME scheme. The first phase of the scheme was extended to March 2019 while in February 2019, the Government approved FAME-II scheme with a fund requirement of Rs 10,000 crore (US\$ 1.39 billion) for FY20-22. Under Union Budget 2019-20, Government announced to provide additional income tax deduction of Rs 1.5 lakh (US\$ 2146) on the interest paid on the loans taken to purchase EVs.
5. EV sales, excluding e-rickshaws, in India witnessed a growth of 20 per cent and reached 1.56 lakh units in FY20 driven by two wheelers. The Government of India expects automobile sector to attract US\$ 8-10 billion in local and foreign investment by 2023.



**On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions.**

- (i) Which industry in India is the world's fourth-largest?  
(a) Complete automobile (b) Food (c) Two-wheeler (d) Four wheeler
- (ii) What does the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade highlight?  
(a) India is the home to maximum number of two-wheelers  
(b) India's car market is expanding at an exponential rate  
(c) India had received a considerable amount of FDI  
(d) India growing as a car manufacturer
- (iii) Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the option that lists the initiatives taken by the government to promote the automobile industry.  
1. Established NATRiP and a NAB 2. Set up 5 testing and research centers  
3. Introduction of EV's in their public transport 4. Reduction in tax on loans for EV's  
(a) 1 and 2 (b) 3 and 4 (c) 1 and 3 (d) All of these
- (iv) In which field does the government of India want to grow?  
(a) R and D (b) Automobile component manufacturing  
(c) Complete automobile manufacturing (d) Grading and testing facilities of automobiles
- (v) Which fiscal year shows the highest growth level according to the bar graph?  
(a) FY16 (b) FY17 (c) FY18 (d) FY19
- (vi) What was the NATRiP's proposal?  
(a) Setting up of testing centres  
(b) To provide Aid for test facility infrastructure for Electric Vehicle (EV) performance certification  
(c) To adopt faster manufacturing vehicles in India  
(d) All of the above
- (vii) According to the passage, which vehicles dominate the Indian markets?  
(a) Two-wheelers (b) Auto-Rickshaws (c) Passenger vehicles (d) Both (a) & (c)
- (viii) Indian people prefer which type of passenger cars?  
(a) XUV's (b) SUV's (c) Small and middle sized cars (d) All of these

**Q3. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

Twenty-one year-old Jyoti Amge, the smallest woman in the world, laughs easily and often. Perhaps, from a height of twentythree inches, the world does look a bit funny. Afflicted with achondroplasia, a form of pituitary dwarfism, 21-year-old Amge is a bit shorter than her two-year-old nephew and a lad taller than her framed Guinness certificate. In fact, Amge, the youngest of five, wasn't even visible in her mother's womb. The doctors thought she wasn't alive and her mother Ranjana, who underwent a two hour caesarian operation in her tenth month to birth her, welcomed her youngest as a blessing. In all of Amge's birthday pictures in the album, her height is the same from age three to twenty-one. Kitted out in custom made frocks and bright red lipstick; with fancy beads lining her permed hair, the

tiny Amge turned heads in Nagpur and became a hit with Hindi news channel crews that approached her for bytes, any excuse would do, even the elections. Apart from a cameo in a Mika Singh video, she appeared briefly on the reality show Big Boss 6. "I have always wanted to be an actor," says Amge. Amge was quick to say yes when the producers of 'American Horror Story' Freak Show contacted her. "They had seen my interview in a New York daily," says Amge, who readily agreed to play the role of Ma Petite, the miniature sari-and-bindi-clad assistant of a woman.

"In spite of the name, the show was not about freaks, it was about compassion," says Amge. "What makes the world so interesting is that we are different and some folks a little bit odd," she said. Sadly, Amge's own home country does not seem to respect differences. Amge's brother complained that unlike the West where "people ask permission before clicking a photo," Indians take her privacy for granted. People look at her like she's a wonder, an *ajoooba* and try to get too close to her. I have to shelter her like a body guard, adds Satish.

Amge's family members now make up her entourage. They help Amge, who suffered an accident in Kashmir that severely fractured her left leg, with everything from braiding her hair to carrying her to the wash basin. Be it the nearby mall or à trip to China, one or more of them always accompany her.

- (a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it using headings and subheadings. Use recognisable abbreviations and a format you consider suitable. Also supply a title to it. (5)
- (b) Write a summary of the passage using the notes made. (3)

### **SECTION - B**

- Q.4 Bosco Public School has a vacancy for a transport in-charge to look after the school transport fleet. Draft an **advertisement** on behalf of the administrator in the classified columns of a local daily giving necessary details. (50 words) (3)

**OR**

You have a spacious bungalow in Saket. You want to sell the first floor to a genuine buyer. Draft an **advertisement** giving necessary details. (50 words)

- Q.5 Prepare a **poster** on behalf of the Municipality Authority of your city, advising citizens on ways to save water. (50 words) (3)

**OR**

Prepare a **poster** on behalf of the police advising people to protect themselves against burglars and robbers. (50 words)

- Q.6 Write a **speech** in about **150 words** to be delivered in the morning assembly on the topic 'Disadvantages Of Living In A Big City'. You are Rajni/Rajat. (5)

**OR**

Games play an important role in our lives. They are not only the means of entertainment but also keep us physically fit. Some like indoor games and other outdoor. Write a **speech** in about **150 words** for your school morning assembly on the topic 'The Importance Of Games In Our Lives'. You are Rajni/Rajat.

Q.7 'The Death Penalty Should Be Abolished'. Write a **debate** either for or against the motion in **120-150 words**. You are Anuj/Anju Pandey. **(5)**

**OR**

'Online Education Is A Tool For Mass Education'. Write a **debate** either for or against the motion in **120-150 words**. You are Anuj/Anju Pandey.

**Q.8 Correct the following sentences. (1x3=3)**

(i) With a full licence you are allowed to drive other car.

- (a) another (b) any (c) others (d) No correction

(ii) An tomato is a fruit not an vegetable

- (a) a, a (b) the, the (c) a, the (d) No correction

(iii) They are short of the money, you know.

- (a) a money (b) money (c) an money (d) No correction

**Q.9 Re-arrange the words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. (1x4=4)**

(i) P : withdrawal, Q : solace in, R : he finds, S : and self - pity

- (a) RQSP (b) PQSR (c) SPQR (d) RQPS

(ii) P : Japan is, Q : at present, R : blow of a tsunami, S : reeling under the

- (a) PQRS (b) PQSR (c) RSQP (d) RSPQ

(iii) P : it is a, Q : great as the, R : catastrophe as, S : Second World War

- ( a ) PRSQ ( b ) QSRP ( c ) PRQS ( d ) SQRP

(iv) P : by youngsters, Q : healthy home cooked, R : is no longer cherished, S : food

- ( a ) QSPR ( b ) PSQR ( c ) SQPR ( d ) QSRP

### **SECTION - C**

**Read the extracts given below and answer ANY ONE of the two extracts that follow. (1x3=3)**

Q.10 Then with eerie delicate whistle - chirrup whisperings

She launches away, towards the

infinite

And the Laburnum subsides to empty.

(i) What does 'launches' mean in the extract?

- (a) It means sleeping (b) It means flying  
(c) It means diving (d) It means fluttering

(ii) What effect does the last line create?

- (a) It creates the contrast between the liveliness of the tree and its silence  
(b) It creates the contrast between the change of seasons

- (c) It creates an opportunity to plant more Laburnum trees  
(d) It creates the scene for the arrival of new bird species on the tree
- (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ from the extract means the same as 'strange' and 'mysterious'.  
(a) Delicate                      (b) Odd                      (c) Infinite                      (d) Eerie

**OR**

"Some twenty - thirty - years later  
She'd laugh at the snapshot. "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. Both wry  
With the laboured ease of loss."

- (i) How many phases were depicted in the poem by the poet ?  
(a) one                      (b) two                      (c) three                      (d) four
- (ii) What Oxymoron literary device was used in the poem ?  
(a) Terribly transient                      (b) Through their  
(c) Both wry                      (d) Laboured ease
- (iii) What would the mother show to her daughter while showing her the photograph?  
(a) how her parents dressed her for the beach                      (b) their feet  
(c) her own childhood photograph                      (d) the background

**Read the extracts given below and answer ANY ONE of the two extracts that follow. (1x3=3)**

Q.11 Larry and Herb were pumping like madmen. Broken timbers hung at crazy angles, the whole starboard side bulged inwards; clothes, crockery, charts, tins and toys sashed about in deep water. I half - swam, half - crawled into the children's cabin."Are you all right?" I asked. "Yes," they answered from an upper bunk. "But my head hurts a bit," said Sue, pointing to a big bump above her eyes. I had no time to worry about bumped heads.

- (i) Who were Larry and Herb?  
(a) Pilots                      (b) Drivers                      (c) Crewmen                      (d) None of these
- (ii) How many kids did the narrator have?  
(a) One                      (b) Two                      (c) Three                      (d) Four
- (iii) What is bunk?  
(a) Bed built one above other                      (b) Side Table  
(c) Mirror                      (d) None of these

**OR**

My grandmother, everybody's grandmother, was an old woman. She had been old and wrinkled for the twenty years that I had known her. People said that she had once been

young and pretty and had even had a husband, but that was hard to believe. My grandfather's portrait hung above the mantelpiece in the drawing room. He wore a big turban and loose fitting clothes. His long, white beard covered the best part of his chest and he looked at least a hundred years old.

(i) Name the chapter.

(a) The Portrait of a Lady (b) Landscape of the Soul

(c) Discovering Tut (d) We are not Afraid to Die if we can all be Together

(ii) Name the author.

(a) Khushwant Singh (b) A.R. Williams (c) Marga Minco (d) Kalki

(iii) Which literary device has been used in 'Like everybody's grandmother'?

(a) Metaphor (b) Simile (c) Transferred Epithet (d) Enjambment

**Read the extracts given below and answer ANY ONE of the two extracts that follow. (1x4=4)**

Q.12 I got down and my cousin Mourad kicked his heels into the horse and shouted, Vazire, run. The horse stood on its hind legs, snorted, and burst into a fury of speed that was the loveliest thing I had ever seen. My cousin Mourad raced the horse across a field of dry grass to an irrigation ditch, crossed the ditch on the horse, and five minutes later returned, dripping wet.

(i) What does the phrase 'hind legs' mean?

(a) Front legs (b) Back legs (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

(ii) What happened when Aram tried to race the horse?

(a) He raced it for five minutes (b) He fell down

(c) He raced it across the field of dry grass (d) He forbade to sit on the horse

(iii) Who was known for his dialogue 'I have a way with'?

(a) Aram (b) Khosrove (c) John Byro (d) Mourad

(iv) Name the chapter from which the above extract has been taken?

(a) The Summer Of The Beautiful White Horse (b) The Address

(c) Discovering Tut; the Saga Continues (d) A Photograph

**OR**

As I walked slowly back to the station I thought about my mother, who had given me the address years ago. It had been in the first half of the War. I was home for a few days and it struck me immediately that something or other about the rooms had changed. I missed various things. My mother was surprised I should have noticed so quickly. Then she told me about Mrs Dorling. I had never heard of her but apparently she was an old acquaintance of my mother, whom she hadn't seen for years. She had suddenly turned up and renewed their contact.



(i) What made the narrator turn up to the station?

- (a) Mrs. Dorling's recognising her
- (b) Mrs. Dorling's abusing her
- (c) Mrs. Dorling's not recognising her deliberately
- (d) Mrs. Dorling's recognising her deliberately

(ii) Where did the war take place?

- (a) In Armenia
- (b) In Assyria
- (c) In Holland
- (d) In France

(iii) What does the word 'acquaintance' mean here?

- (a) known one
- (b) unknown one
- (c) stranger
- (d) none of these

(iv) Why had Mrs. Dorling renewed her contact with Mrs. S?

- (a) For true relationship
- (b) For being her friend
- (c) For taking her belongings
- (d) For printing counterfeit money

Q.13 Answer the following questions in about 40 to 50 words each. **(3x3=9)**

1. Why Howard Carter had to chisel away the solidified raisins to raise the king's remains?
2. The poet's mother laughed at the snapshot. What did this laugh indicate?
3. What happened when the narrator visited Mrs Dorling for the first time?

Q.14 Answer the following questions in about **120- 150 words** each. **(1x6=6)**

The poem 'Laburnum Top' is about a tree and a bird. Write an article describing the importance of trees in our lives.

**OR**

How does the story 'We Are Not Afraid To Die...if We Can All Be Together' suggests that optimism helps us to endure the direst stress.

Q.15 Answer the following questions in about **120- 150 words** each. **(1x6=6)**

What human values did the two young boys in the story 'The Summer Of The Beautiful Horse' reflect in their character? Explain.

**OR**

War brings sufferings and loss. Discuss this statement in context of the chapter 'The Address'.

