KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA SANGATHAN (LUCKNOW REGION) CUMULATIVE EXAM- 2023-24

ENGLISH CORE (301) CLASS - XI

MAX. MARKS- 80

TIME: 3 Hours

ANSWERS KEY

ANSWER 1.(ANY TEN)

1X10=10 Marks

- **1.(d)** it is the garden's natural growing medium
- 2.(c) texture
- **3.(a)** it is a well-balanced mixture of sand, silt, and clay
- **4.(b)** they usually become waterlogged
- **5.(c)** they grow better in neutral soil
- **6.(d)** firmness
- 7. Loamy soil is the best for plant growth as it is well balanced mixture of sand, silt and clay.
- 8.Clay soils are the most difficult to work as they usually become water logged.
- 9. Soil must be tested before growing fruits and vegetables as they grow better in natural soil.
- 10. The texture of soil can be improved by applying a well rotted organic substance called humus.

11.(a) Consistency

b) Amalgamation

Answer 2. 1x8=8 Marks

1.a humanitarian 2. c) Skopje, 1910

3. a) English 4. c) took her vows

- 5. She decided to help the poor in India when, at the age of 36, she felt the call from God to help the poor in India.
- 6. The hardships she faced while helping the poor were that she had very little support and, while trying to feed and help the poorest of the poor, she herself was constantly hungry and even had to beg for food.
- 7. To work as an organisation to take care of "the hungry, the naked, the homeless, the crippled, the blind, the leapers, all those people who feel unwanted, unloved and uncared for throughout society."
- 8. Mother Teresa was honoured with the Nobel Peace Prize for work undertaken in the struggle to overcome poverty and distress, which also constitutes a threat to peace.

ANSWER 3.

Jayashankar Prasad- His life

- 1. His exprsn. in lit.
- 1.1 an escape
- 1.2 lose your personality
- 1.3 record of writer's inner world

- 1.4 more emphsz. on mind than body
- 2. Personal life
- 2.1 renowned fam. of Varanasi
- 2.2 home- meeting place of the local poets, singers
- 2.3 grand-father- an astute businessman
- 2.4 had a chance to study phases of human nature
- 3. Started the "Indu"
- 3.1 in July 1909
- 3.2 proclaimed
- a) lit. has no fixed aim
- b) is free and all embracing genius
- c) gives birth to genuine lit.
- 4. Social relevance of <u>lit</u>.
- 4.1 poet is a creator
- 4.2 moulds it
- 4.3 conjures up a new world of beauty
- 4.4 becomes oblivious of the outer world
- 5. Chief aim of lit.
- 5.1 give joy to the reader
- 5.2 create a state of bliss

Title and Notes

5 Marks

Title 1 Mark

Numbering and Indenting 1 Mark

Key to Abbreviations 1 Mark

Notes 2 Marks

Summary

3 Marks (Content -2, Expression -1)

Jayashankar Prasad- His life

Jayshankar Prasad found expression in literature and created an escape only after losing his personality. His writings are a record of the writer's inner world with more emphasis on mind than body. He was from a renowned family of Varanasi where home-meetings of poets and singers would take place. His grandfather was an astute businessman and therefore Prasad had a chance to study phases of human nature. In July 1909, he started 'Indu', in which he proclaimed that literature has no fixed aim, is free and all embracing genius and gives birth to genuine literature. He recognised the social relevance of literature as the poet is the creator who mould it, conjures up a new world and becomes oblivious to the outer world. The chief aim of literature is to give joy to the reader and create a state of bliss.

Answer 4. 1x4=4 Marks

(a) Shoot (b) glanced (c) had followed (d) had blocked

Answer 5. 1x3=3 Marks

- (a)She would rather die than give up her freedom.
- (b)Sachin Tendulkar has been named as the Rio Olympics' Brand Ambassador.

Answer 6. 3 Marks (Format/Content/Expression- 1 Mark Each)

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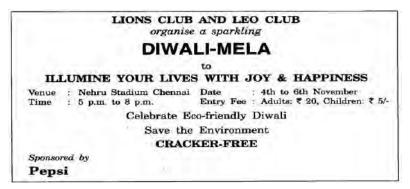
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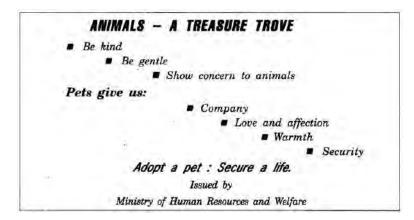
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Answer 7. 3 Marks (Format/Content/Expression- 1 Mark Each)



OR



Answer 8. 5 Marks (Format-1/Content-2/Expression-2)

EDUCATION GIVES POWER

Respected Principal, teachers and friends!

Education provides us knowledge. It trains our mind and sharpens our skills and abilities. Education refines our tastes and temperaments and builds our thought process. Vocational courses help young boys to earn and learn together. They provide means of earning livelihood and open the route to employment. Professional courses, as is evident from the name itself, equip us for adopting various professions. Some of these highly skilled professionals seek placements or jobs in esteemed companies and business concerns. Thus education is important for our survival. Decent living is impossible without good income or high salary. Education improves the quality of our life and frees us of superstition, foolish, meaningless mind-blocks and rituals. If women are educated the whole family benefits as the food is hygienically prepared, children are healthy, well-mannered and disciplined. Education gives us power over our environment. We can control the situation and shape our destiny. Education spreads awareness among people and gives them freedom from social ills. It makes people independent by providing them means to learn their living. They become responsible citizens and realise their rights and duties. In short, education gives one power. Thank you.

OR

LIFE IN A COUNTRYSIDE PREFERABLE TO LIFE IN A CITY

Respected Chairperson, Members of faculty and dear Friends!

I stand before you to support the motion that life in the country side is preferable to life in the city. At the outset I will like to remind the audience about the numerous advantages that the villages offer. Infact life in the country has so many advantages over life in the city that I don't think anyone present would disagree with me. The atmosphere is peaceful and quiet and has a soothing effect. The air is fresh and pure. Green fields which can be seen all around are a lovely sight. In the country people are friendly and the neighbours are helpful. On the other hand, cities are full of vehicles giving out smoke and creating atmospheric pollution. There is also air pollution from the chimneys of industries spewing off smoke. Moreover, the streets in the city are always crowded with people. Everyone is in a hurry and never finds time to relax. Village life is tension free. There is no undue hurry and excitement. The villagers may be poor in terms of income but they live a far happier life than the city dwellers. Hence I conclude that life in the countryside is preferable to life in the city. Thank you.

Answer 9. 5 Marks (Format-1/Content-2/Expression-2)

SOCIAL MEDIA AND IT'S EFFECTS

FOR THE MOTION:

"We are all now connected by the internet, like neurons in a giant brain" Honourable judges, teachers and my worthy opponents thank you for giving me the opportunity to join this debate on the topic, "Social Media and It's Effects". I am Mukul/ Mahima and I would like to speak in favour of the motion.

How many people do not have a smile on their faces on finding an old friend on Facebook? Well, social media has removed all the barriers and boundaries to communication by bringing the globe on a single platform. While business opportunities have widened, marketer's reach has broadened. It keeps us updated about everything going on in every nook and corner of the world on a real-time basis.

From emergency alerts, announcements and declarations to knowing how our friends are doing has all become so convenient. It provides freedom of speech and thus, enables everyone to speak their mind. Not to forget the incalculable access it provides to the extensive information.

With so much advancement and innovation, it would be an unimaginable world without having social media in it. Someone has rightly put it into words by saying,

"Social media is addictive precisely because it gives us something that the real world lacks: it gives us immediacy, direction and a value as an individual."

Thank you.

AGAINST THE MOTION

What a world it is, with everyone on their phones, all the time, faking their lives and keeping a count of their likes?

Good Morning, ladies and gentlemen! I am Mukul/ Mahima and my topic for the day is, "Social media and its effects". I would like to speak against the motion.

It has now become doubtful to trust the saying that goes like "Technology was developed to save time and make our lives easier", because people have become addicted and unproductive. It takes a lot of effort and discipline to stay away from social media. Results have shown that it has had adverse effects on human minds and their functioning. Outdoor activities among children have also reduced significantly.

No doubt it provides access to useful information, but, it is hard to ignore the quantum of fake news that spreads like wildfire and the extent of impact it has on the society. In fact, fake whatsapp forwards was a clear pattern that was observed behind the recent mob lynchings or rather, "Death by social media".

It is one of the reasons behind insecurities and depression among teenagers. It is right that technology was introduced to save time, but we forgot to mention, "In the right amount". So, remember, you leave the present moment every time you check the phone.

Thank you for your cooperation and patient hearing.

OR

ARE CELEBS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PRODUCTS THEY ENDORSE? FOR THE MOTION:

Respected judges and my worthy opponents, today, I stand before you all to accentuate why celebrities are responsible for the products they endorse.

Advertising agencies often pick celebrities because their fan following ensures more eyeballs. The celebrities are the present-day gods. They are adored, venerated, and worshipped by many. Given the fan base and the celebrity power of influence, many questions come up. Are they accountable for what the endorser does? Do they at least have the moral responsibility to understand the product better?

It becomes a misleading advertisement if it is found that the product does not have the attributes that the manufacturer professed. And if the brand ambassador has promoted that product and said specifically that the product has those attributes, they are also certainly liable for action.

The brief ban on Maggi noodles had an implication for its celebrity endorsers. Not so long ago, Amitabh Bachchan stepped back from promoting Pepsi after a school girl questioned the health impact of the drink. Celebrities vouch for the performance of a product; they should first use it before endorsing it. Public figures have an ethical obligation towards those who follow them and this necessitates a framework that guides them to take responsibility for their public image, which includes the products they endorse. Moving in and out of paid contracts might be a solution for the celebrity endorser but it doesn't erase the impact of their previously branded image.

Thank you.

AGAINST THE MOTION

Respected judges and my worthy opponents, today, I stand before you all to accentuate why celebs should not be held responsible for the products they endorse.

Advertising agencies often pick celebrities because their fan following ensures more eyeballs. No doubt the advertisement will attract you, but it's unlikely that you will buy the product unless you have seen it and tested it. Buying financial products and real estate is more nuanced and, hence, advertisements alone shouldn't be your guiding light. Consumers need to be more discerning in such cases.

Take the case of Mahendra Singh Dhoni. He did end his contract with the real estate firm but how would he have known that the company would fail to honour its commitment? If it was so easy to determine the intention of the company then the first to exit the deal would have been the home buyers. Or take the case of celebrity tourism mascots for states. Would you blame a celebrity if the state government ends up doing something ridiculous? Many celebrities endorse multiple brands and it is not possible for them to use all. Celebs endorse brands for money. Don't make them responsible for the efficacy of the product. There are government agencies to ensure quality for the products sold in their countries and it is justified to make only those people accountable whose job is to certify products. Thank you.

Answer 10. 3x1=3 Marks

- (i) The 'three' are Betty, Dolly and the mother of the poetess.
- (ii) The photograph was taken on the sea beach by the uncle.
- (iii) The sea is unchanging while human feet being washed by the sea waves are fast changing.

OR

- (i) The title of the poem is 'The Voice of the Rain'. The poet's name is Walt Whitman.
- (ii) 'Strange to tell' sounds a note or exclamation of surprise. The poet had not expected to get an answer inhuman voice from the rain.
- (iii) The rain has its birthplace in the river bodies and season the earth. It is the lovely and musical child of the earth.

Answer 11. 3x1=3 Marks

- 1.A The Portrait of a Lady
- 2. A Khushwant Singh
- 3. B Simile

OR

- 1. "We are not afraid to die.. If we can all be together" is the name of the chapter from which the above extract is taken.
- 2. Gordon Cook and Alan East.
- 3. The family consists of Gordon Cook, his wife Mary, their daughter Suzanne and their son Jonathan.

Answer 12. 4x1=4 Marks

- 1. B) The Address
- 2. C) Marga Minco
- 3. C) Mrs. Dorling

4. B) Yellowish

OR

- 1.(A) Cool and intellect
- 2.(C) The mother is acting unusual
- 3. (A) Doris only talks to her mother to get her work done
- 4. (B) scolding

Answer 13. 3x2=6Marks

1. Tut, the monarch, changed his name to Tutankhamun when he revived the ancient practice of worshipping the god Amun. Tut ruled for around nine years before passing away abruptly.

OR

- 2. Wavewalker was a magnificent wooden-hulled ship measuring 23 meters long and 30 tonnes. It had been expertly constructed. Months had been spent preparing it and testing it under the most adverse conditions.
- 3. The mother goldfinch bird is 'alert' while entering the thickness because she does not want the enemies to know about the existence of the baby goldfinch birds there.

OR

4. According to the poem, the loss of childhood is involved in the process of growing up. This loss is compensated by some gains which come with adolescence. These are: increase in understanding, power of rationalising and discrimination as well as a sense of individuality and self-confidence.

Answer 14. 3x1=3Marks

1. The real owner of the white horse was John Byro, a farmer. He had bought it for that the 60 dollars. On a visit to Aram's house, he complained of his loss. This assured Aram horse had been stolen by Mourad.

OR

2. Mrs Fitzgerald offered to assist Mrs Pearson with her family issues. She wanted to assist Mrs Pearson in informing her family to treat her with respect. Mrs Pearson stated that it would be ineffective and that her family would resent it.

Answer 15. 1x6=6Marks

The old grandmother had no formal education. But she was seriously concerned about the education of her grandson. She used to wash and plaster his wooden slate, get the school bag ready and go with him to the school. She even helped him with his lessons in the village. Even in the city, she would ask the boy what he had been taught at school. But she could not understand the English words and laws of science. She felt unhappy to know that there was no teaching about God and scriptures. She was shocked to know about music lessons being taught there. So she withdrew herself completely. She hated music because she thought it was the monopoly of harlots and beggars. The grandmother belonged to the old world order. So her concept of right education was different. Her mindset could not accept any change. Her concern was misplaced because the author had already inculcated the moral values from her and now he was being taught English and Modern science for a progressive future. This education helped him a great deal in his career in later life.

OR

After years of searching, British archaeologist Howard Carter discovered King Tut's tomb in 1922. Despite the fact that the tomb had been looted previously, he discovered fantastic

treasures. The treasure included a golden coffin, gold jewellery, and even small items of daily use. Carter discovered three coffins. He discovered the garlands of leaves and flowers first. But when he got to the mummy, he ran across problems. The resins that had been used to embalm Tut's body had hardened. The coffin was made entirely of gold. The corpse could not be loosened by human power or the burning sun. Carter then removed the resins with a chisel and hammer. He didn't have much of a choice. Tut's mummy had to be removed piece by piece as well. After removing the gold casket, the body parts were reconstructed, placed in a wooden box, and returned to the tomb.

Answer16. 1x6=6Marks

During the post-war time, when things were returning to normal, the narrator grew inquisitive about her mother's goods, which had been taken by one of her acquaintances Mrs Dorling. The narrator recalls her mother giving her the address 46, Marconi Street.

The narrator went to the address to see what her mother had left behind. The narrator pays a visit to Mrs Dorling and notices that she did not properly open the door. The host couldn't recognize the visitor, so she told him she was Mrs S's daughter, and Mrs Dorling looked at her in silence, unable to recognize her. Mrs Dorling's green-knitted jumper with wooden buttons was recognized by the narrator. She declined to see or assist the narrator.

OR

India has been and is still a male-dominated society. Boys are definitely preferred to girls. In reality, the man still governs unquestioned. It will not be wrong to say that employed women in general work at home like drudges.

In our society a wife depends upon her husband; a daughter remains under her parents; a mother depends on her husband and son. The condition of a widow is worse. A woman finds it difficult to move freely. All social taboos are meant for her.

Some women today are free to choose their career, but the majority of them are still oppressed. Strangely enough women in ancient India enjoyed honour and respect and were true better halves of men. They enjoyed equal rights to men. They were at liberty to get an education and choose their life partners.

Nowadays, due to education, the condition of women is improving. All important services are thrown open to them. We see women occupying high posts. They have excelled men in many fields. In the social, economic and political sphere, they have earned name and fame. Due to education, views and old thinking of the Indian society is changing. Today women have earned a place for themselves in every field and the future of Indian women is brighter still.