

# KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA SITAPUR

SESSION 2023-24

## UNIT TEST-1

CLASS: XI

SUBJECT: ENGLISH CORE

TIME: 90 MINS

M.M.: 40

### SECTION A (READING)

#### 1. Read the passage carefully:



Did you know that India commemorated Mahatma Gandhi's return from South Africa in 1915, a century later in 2015, with, among other things, two coins, each of 10 rupee and 100 rupee denominations? Did you know that, after independence, it was proposed to replace the King's portrait on the currency notes with that of Gandhi, a specimen five-rupee note with Mahatma Gandhi on the obverse, was printed but not approved and never released?

Find more such fascinating details in "Global Collectibles of Mahatma Gandhi through Bank Notes, Coins and stamps" launched on Sunday, October 2, 2022. Edited and published by Sushil Kumar Agrawal of Mintage World, an online museum, the book is a unique archive on commemorative coins, stamps and banknotes on Gandhi

released by 144 countries across the world. Also, there are miniature and souvenir sheets released on the Mahatma, depicting various stages in his life.

For us, to us Indians, it's a matter of pride that our Father of the Nation has been honoured with collectibles across the globe, from India to Argentina, Cameroon to Comoros, Mauritius to Monaco and Venezuela to Vietnam.

Additionally, it was added by saying that the collection could not have come at a better time. We have just celebrated Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, the 75 years of our independence, and the Mahatma's yet another birth anniversary is here. "When we started working on it, we didn't expect its release on 75 years of Independence or on Gandhi Jayanti", said Agrawal.

Apart from creating awareness among people about how the world has commemorated Bapu over the years, explained Agrawal, the aim is also to bring people back to the hobbies of collecting coins, stamps and bank notes.

Further, it was said that "The addiction with social media platforms like WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter have robbed many of us of the fascinating habits like collecting coins, bank- notes and stamps." The collection informs us that the first banknote featuring Gandhi was a 500-rupee note printed in October 1987. "This is a monumental work since the new generation is forgetting that Gandhi played such a big role in our freedom movement. The document should not only inspire researchers and scholars but young readers too to understand how the world sees Gandhi who is a global figure," said Sanjiv Nigam, Director, Mahatma Gandhi-founded Hindustani Prachar Sabha in Mumbai.

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below: (10)**

- i) Complete the sentence by choosing the most appropriate option.  
For Indians like us, it is a matter of pride that \_\_\_\_\_  
A. We had freedom fighters like Mahatma Gandhi.  
B. We are living as a free, emancipated and sovereign nation.  
C. Gandhi has been honoured with coins, stamps, banknotes, etc. across the globe.  
D. Mahatma Gandhi returned from South Africa in 1915 to fight against the British.
- ii) What coincidence is being referred to in paragraph 4 regarding the publication of collection?
- iii) Select the option that conveys the meaning of ‘**outstanding** or **massive**’ from the words used in last paragraph.  
A. Monumental      B. Addiction      C. Fascinating      D. Featuring
- iv) What are the two main aims behind publication of this unique collection, according to Mr Sushil Kumar Agrawal?
- v) Does the following statement agree with the information given in paragraph 6?

*The publisher believes that social media platforms like WhatsApp, Facebook, etc. are responsible for the declining interest in hobbies like collecting stamps, coins and banknotes.*

Select from the following:

**True** – if the statement agrees with the supplied information.

**False** – if the statement contradicts the information.

**Not Given** – if there is no information on this.

- vi) Do you agree with Sanjiv Nigam that Gandhi is a global figure? Support your answer with reference to the given text.
- vii) Complete the sentence appropriately with just one/two words.

Collection of coins, banknotes and stamps are some of the \_\_\_\_\_ mentioned in the passage.

- viii) Select the option that is closely associated with Gandhi and is found in both the pictures given above.  
A. Crowd of people    B. Stamp    C. Gandhi’s picture on banknote    D. Charkha
- ix) Complete the given sentence by choosing the most appropriate option.

Sanjiv Nigam remarks that young generation is forgetting Gandhi’s great role in our freedom movement. He sounds \_\_\_\_\_ in terms of young generation.

A. Regretful      B. grateful      C. thankful      D. proud

- x) Select the most suitable title for the above passage.  
A. An Article on Gandhi      B. A Unique Way to Remember Gandhi  
C. Let’s Not Forget Gandhi      D. Gandhi’s Great Role in Indian Independence

## SECTION B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)

2. You want to sell your car. Draft a suitable advertisement in 50 words to be published in the 'For Sale' column of a newspaper. (3)
3. On behalf of your school library, draft a poster on the 'Value of Books and Reading' in your life today. (3)
4. **Rearrange the words/phrases given below to form a meaningful sentence:** (3)
  - A. offer/ peace/ of hope/ and/ of mind/ a lot/ prayers
  - B. anything/ the faith/ they give/ to believe/ can/ that/ happen/ you
  - C. an/ ought/ with/ honest/ heart/ offered/ prayers/ to be
5. **Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the verb given in brackets:** (4×1/2= 2)

Raghuvver (a).....(born) with a silver spoon in his mouth. He is a school-going boy of fourteen. His father (b).....(work) as a doctor in a government hospital. (c).....(paint) is his hobby. He (d).....(win) the first prize in school level competition for painting last month.

## SECTION C (LITERATURE)

6. **Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow each:** (3×3=9)
  - A. *"Because you are the best daddy in the whole world –and the best captain."*
    - i) Who said these words and to whom?
    - ii) Why were these words spoken?
    - iii) At what time did they reach their desired destination?
      - a) 2 P.M., 2 January
      - b) 5 P.M., January
      - c) 3 P.M., 3 January
      - d) 6 P.M., 6 January
  - B. *Upward to heaven, whence, vaguely form'd, altogether  
Changed, and yet the same,  
I descend to lave the droughts, atomies, dust-layers  
Of the globe,  
And all that in them without me were seeds only, latent, unborn...*
    - i) What does the phrase "*altogether changed, and yet the same*" mean?
    - ii) What is the effect of the rain on seeds?
    - iii) Which of the following words means 'hidden':
      - a) Vaguely
      - b) descend
      - c) droughts
      - d) lave
  - C. *At the corner of the road I looked up at the name-plate. Marconi Street, it said. I had been at Number 46. The address was correct. But now I didn't want to remember it any more. I wouldn't go back there because the objects that are linked in your memory with the familiar life of former times instantly lose their value when, severed from them, you see them again in strange surroundings.*
    - i) What are the objects the narrator is referring to?
    - ii) Why didn't the narrator want to remember that address?
    - iii) Who lived at Number 46, Marconi Street?
7. **Answer the following questions in 40-50 words each:**
  - i) How did the sparrows mourn the death of Khushwant Singh's grandmother? (3)
  - ii) What do you think induced the boys to return the horse to its true owner? (2)
8. Who discovered Tut's tomb and what problems did he face when he reached the mummy? How did he solve them? (100-120 words) (5)