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SS-02-English (C)**ENGLISH (COMPULSORY)****SENIOR SECONDARY EXAMINATION, 2021****Time : 3¼ Hours****Maximum Marks : 80****GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE EXAMINEES :**

- (1) Candidate must first write their Roll No. on the question paper compulsorily.
- (2) All the questions are compulsory.
- (3) Write the answer to each question in the given answer book only.
- (4) For questions having more than one part the answers to those parts are to be written together in continuity.
- (5) Write down the serial number of question before attempting it.
- (6) Weightage of marks for the question is as follows :

Section	Number of Questions	Marks of each question	Total Marks
Section – A	1 (i to x), 2 to 11 = 20	1	20
Section – B	12 to 19 = 8	2	16
Section – C	20 to 23 = 4	4	16
Section – D	24 and 25 = 2	5	10
Section – E	26 to 28 = 3	6	18

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SECTION – A

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

The elephant is the largest of all living animals and the strongest. It is a strange-looking animal, with its thick legs, huge sides and back, large hanging ears, small tail, little eyes, long white tusks and above all, its long nose, called trunk. The trunk is the elephant's unique feature, and it puts it to various uses. It draws up water by its trunk, and can squirt it all over body like a shower bath; and with it, it picks leaves from the trees and puts them into its mouth.

In fact, the trunk serves the elephant as a long arm and hand. Elephants look very clumsy and heavy, and yet they can move very quickly when they like. Elephants are found in India and in Africa. The African elephant differs in some points from the Indian counterpart, being larger, with longer tusks and bigger ears. In fact, the two are considered to be different species. In both countries, they live in herds in the jungles, and are naturally shy animals who keep away from humans. Elephants with their great size and strength, are fine advertisement for vegetarianism, for they live entirely on leaves of trees, grass, roots and bulbs.

The elephant is a very intelligent animal, and its intelligence combined with its great strength, makes it, when tamed, a very useful servant to man, and it has been trained to serve in various ways.

Elephants can carry heavy loads and they are used to draw heavy wagons and big guns that would require many horses. They are very skillful too in carrying timber. The trained elephant will kneel down, lift a heavy log of wood with its tusks, carry it to the place where it is wanted and lay it exactly in position. In olden days elephants were used in battles, and all Indian Rajas had their regiments of trained fighting elephants. And they still have their place in state processions, when they are painted with bright colours and covered with silk and velvet clothes.

Choose the correct answer from the passage and write it in the answer book :

- (i) How does an elephant look like ? 1
- (a) It looks like a pet animal. (b) It looks like a wild animal.
(c) It looks like a strange animal. (d) None of the above
- (ii) What is unique feature of an elephant ? 1
- (a) Thick legs (b) Hanging ears
(c) Little eyes (d) The trunk
- (iii) What is not a use of elephant's trunk ? 1
- (a) Drawing up water (b) Eating food
(c) Showering the body (d) Picking up leaves from the trees
- (iv) Name the countries where elephants are found. 1
- (a) India and Australia (b) India and England
(c) India and America (d) India and Africa
- (v) What is the difference between Indian and African elephant ? 1
- (a) Indian elephants are bigger in size.
(b) African elephants are bigger in size.
(c) Indian elephants are less hard-working.
(d) African elephants are shy and live in herds.
- (vi) When are the elephants painted with bright colours and covered with silk clothes ? 1
- (a) In summer vacation (b) In state procession
(c) During winter in Africa (d) In battles
- (vii) The word 'herds' means : 1
- (a) The line of people moving forward
(b) A group of animals living and moving together
(c) Trained elephants
(d) Regiments of Indian Rajas

(viii) The word "Counterpart" means :

- (a) A thing that fits another perfectly
- (b) A creature that is large and ugly
- (c) A dark grey cloud which often produces rain
- (d) A covered part of face

(ix) What is the right word for 'Careless' ?

- (a) Species
- (b) Clumsy
- (c) Tamed
- (d) Skillful

(x) The similar word for "War" from the passage is –

- (a) Vegetarianism
- (b) Squirt
- (c) Timber
- (d) Battle

(2 – 8) : Answer the following questions in **one** line each :

2. Whom did Mrs. Malik want to keep in the store room ? (A Room 10' x 8') 1
3. Where does Saheb live ? (Lost Spring) 1
4. Write any two diseases caused by stress. (How Yoga Heals) 1
5. What task was given to Duryodhana by Guru Drona ? (Purity is Power) 1
6. What do we find when we re-read a good book ? (On Reading in Relation to Literature) 1
7. Who approached Gadhiji to bring him to Champaran ? (Indigo) 1
8. Who performed the feat of walking through the fire in the entertainment show ? (A Walk Through the Fire) 1

(9 – 11) : Fill in the blanks :

9. The Y.M.C.A. Pool was situated at the bank of _____ river. (Deep Water) 1
10. Mrs. Malik's new house was given on rent to the _____. (A Room 10' × 8") 1
11. Firozabad is famous for making _____. (Lost Spring) 1

SECTION – B

(12 – 14) : Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each :

12. Mention the qualities of an Oak tree as described in the Poem. (The Noble Nature) 2
13. What are the main functions of hope for human beings ? (The Hope) 2
14. Write any two qualities of a Judge described by Shakespeare in his poem.
(The Seven Ages of Man) 2

(15 – 19) : Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each :

15. What did the astrologers foretell at the birth of crown Prince Jung Bahadur ?
(The Tiger King) 2
16. Whom did the Princess finally choose as her husband ? (Svayamvara) 2
17. Why did Gafur leave his village at the dead of night ? (Drought) 2
18. What proofs did Miss Irene Adler have with her ? (Trouble in Bohemia) 2
19. Who was Idla ? Why did she go to invite peddler to her home ? (The Rat Trap) 2

SECTION – C

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

All the world's a stage

And all the men and women merely players :

They have their exits and their entrances

And one man in his time plays many parts,

His acts being seven ages.

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| (a) What does the poet say about men and women in the World ? | 1½ |
| (b) What does the poet mean by the words "exits" and "entrances" ? | 1½ |
| (c) How many parts does a man play in his life ? | 1 |

OR

Hope kills negativity inside

And fills us with calm and ~~and~~

Hope makes the ~~bird~~ fly

In search of ~~food~~ for young ones

And ~~material~~ to build their homes.

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| (a) Why does the bird fly ? | 1½ |
| (b) What does hope kill ? | 1½ |
| (c) Find from the extract the word which means "Small Children". | 1 |

(21 – 22) : Answer the following questions in about 60-80 words each :

21. What do you know about Saheb and Mukesh, the two boys mentioned by Anees Jung in the lesson ? (Lost Spring)

OR

Mention the qualities of a good book. (On Reading in Relation to Literature)

22. Describe the difficulties faced by Gandhiji in Champaran episode. (Indigo) 4

OR

“Desire, determination and diligence lead to success.” Explain the value of these qualities in the light of the lesson “Deep Water” (Deep Water)

23. Suppose you are Mr. Chouhan. You are looking for a suitable match for your daughter. Draft an advertisement in about 50 words for “Matrimonial Columns” to be published in a newspaper. It is for an educated Rajput girl. Give necessary details. 4

OR

Draft an informal reply, accepting the invitation of your friend Rajendra to attend his birthday celebrations on next Monday.

SECTION – D

(24 – 25) : Answer the following questions in about 100-125 words each :

24. What was Mrs. Malik’s feeling at the end of the story ? (A Room 10' × 8') 5

OR

What was the author’s state of mind before, during and after the walk through the fire ?
(A Walk through the Fire)

25. What difficulties did Najab face while crossing the border ? (Love Across the Salt Desert) 5

OR

Attempt a character sketch of Mr. Hamel in the story “The Last Lesson”. (The Last Lesson)

SECTION – E

26. You are Anil/Anita, the Cultural Secretary of your school. Write a report to be published in your school magazine on “Annual Function and Prize Distribution” ceremony of your school. 6

OR

Last Sunday you were in the market. There you witnessed a severe accident. Write a factual description in about 100 words on “A Road Accident”.

OR

You are Manish, studying in Class-XII. You attended an N.S.S. camp last week. Write a brief report for a local newspaper mentioning the date, place, number of participants and other important details of the camp.

27. You are Shivraj, the Librarian of Govt. Sen. Sec. School, Ajmer. Write a letter to the Sales Manager, India Publishing House, Jaipur, placing an order for some books for your school library. Give necessary details. 6

OR

Suppose you are Balkishan, a student of Class-XII living in Adarsh Colony, Kota. There are many shopkeepers in your locality who play loudspeakers in loud voice. It creates a lot of problems. Write a letter to the District Collector, Kota complaining against the use of loudspeakers. <https://www.rajasthanboard.com>

OR

Write an application in reply to the following advertisement :

WANTED : An experienced Maths Teacher with good command of Subject
CONTACT : The Principal, Vijay Public School, Chetak Circle, Bhilwara

28. Write an article in 100 words on the topic “Grow more trees to reduce pollution”. 6

OR

Write an article for your school magazine in 100 words on “Importance of Games and Sports”.

OR

Your class teacher Mr. Sharma is going to retire next week. Your Principal has asked you to deliver a speech in his Farewell Programme. Write a Farewell speech in 100 words.