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Std: – XII

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General Instructions:

- 1) All sections are compulsory.
- 2) Read the questions carefully and write the answers in the answer sheets provided.
- 3) Do not answer randomly. Attempt all the questions of one section before moving on to another section.
- 4) Do not write anything on the question paper.

PART-A (40 Marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct option:

Man does not live by food alone. Water is vital to human health on fitness. Although it is not a nutrient per say as carbohydrates, fats, proteins, vitamins and minerals. It, in fact, is a key nutrient as no life is possible without it. Whereas we can do for weeks without food, we cannot leave without water longer than a couple of days.

Water approximates 60% of body weight of human adults. The total amount of water in a man in a man weighing 70 kilograms is approximately a little over 40 litres. It is an excellent solvent more substances are soluble in water than in any other liquid known so far. This makes it an ideal constituent of the body fluid which sustains life supporting chemical reactions. It dissolves different products of digestion and transports them to the rest of the body. Likewise, it dissolves diverse metabolic waste and helps drain them out of the body. Besides, it performs a variety of functions some well-known and well understood while others not so well appreciated yet vital. The no less important role of water is to distribute the body heat efficiently, thereby regulating body's temperature. Water accomplishes this role ideally because it has high thermal conductivity insuring rapid heat transfer from one part to the other.

Above all, water has a high specific heat, implying that it takes a lot of heat to raise temperature of water and likewise much heat must be lost to lower it its temperature.

Drinking a lot of water is an inexpensive way to stay healthy. Even excess of water is harmless. Water therapy drinking a litre or so the first thing in the morning is kidney friendly.

The water regulation in the body is affected by hypothalamus in two ways I.e.(I) by creating the sensation of thirst makes drinking water and (ii) by controlling the excretion of water as urine. If water regulation fails, medical emergency and ensures.

Attempt anything out of the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option

1x10=10

a. water is vital to human health and fitness because:

- I. man does not like OK live by food alone
- II. It is an excellent solvent
- III. We cannot survive for more than a couple of days without it
- IV. It controls thirst and excretion of water as urine

b. Water is called a key nutrient because:

- I. It is always different products of digestion.
- II. No life is possible without it
- III. It carries products to the rest of the body
- IV. It raises temperature of the body

c. Water is an ideal constituent of the body Fluids because:

- I. It is an excellent solvent
- II. It dissolves metabolic waste
- III. It drains waste out of body
- IV. It regulate excretion of urine

- d. Water regulate body type temperature efficiently as:**
- I. It regulate easily
 - II. It has high specific heat
 - III. It dissolved food easily
 - IV. It has high thermal conductivity
- e. What does the author means when he uses the word “regulation” in the last para:**
- I. Official rules
 - II. Control
 - III. Device for fair use
 - IV. Won or used as per rules
- f. Which component is an expensive way to stay healthy?**
- I. Water
 - II. Minerals
 - III. Vitamins
 - IV. Proteins
- g. Which of the following statements is not true?**
- I. Water regulate body temperature
 - II. Excess water is not harmless
 - III. Excess water is not harmful
 - IV. Water transport nutrients to the body
- h. Which activity is considered as water therapy?**
- I. Its high thermal conductivity ensuring rapid heat transfer from one part to another thermal
 - II. Drinking a litre of water in the morning
 - III. Drinking excess quantity of water
 - IV. All of the above
- i. What is the percentage of water content in a human body?**
- I. 60%
 - II. 40%
 - III. 80%
 - IV. 70%
- j. Which word in Para 2 conveys the opposite of “similar”?**
- I. Dissipate
 - II. Ideal
 - III. Accomplished
 - IV. Diverse
- k. Which word in Para 4 is synonym of ‘undamaging’?**
- I. Access
 - II. Harmless
 - III. Therapy
 - IV. Friendly
- l. Which word in paragraph 2 is a synonym of ‘maintain’?**
- I. Supporting
 - II. Sustain
 - III. Diverse
 - IV. Varied

2. Choose the best alternative from the answers given below:

The chart below gives information about the amount of Carbon emissions in different countries during three different years.

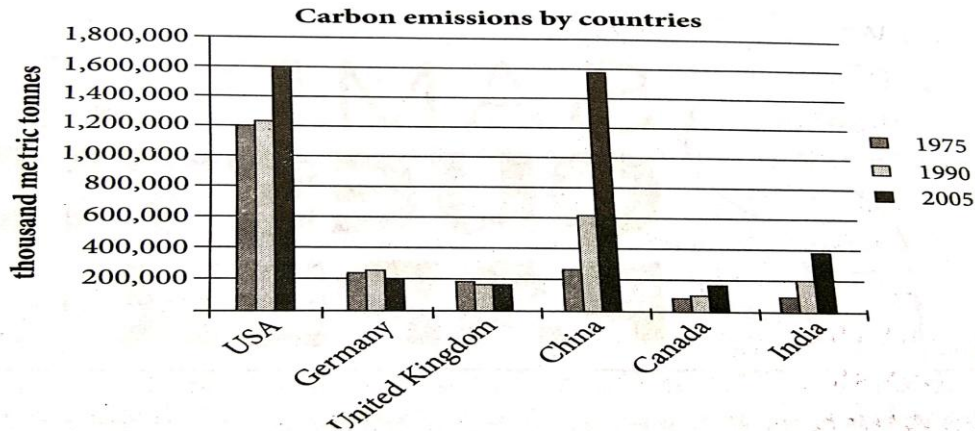
Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

The bar chart compares the emission of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere of 6 countries, including two of them coming from emerging nations, 3 decades starting from 1975 until 2005.

As an overall assessment, it can clearly be seen that only Germany and United Kingdom managed to reduce the carbon emissions compared to the other countries.

USA, being the number one polluter of all, emitted 1,200,000 thousand metric tons in 1975 and this count increased to 1,300,000 and 1,600,000 thousand metric tons in 1990 and 2005 respectively. In contrast, the carbon emissions of China was nearly 300,000 thousand metric tons in 1975 and it rose by nearly 100% in 1990 and surged dramatically to just below 1,600,000 thousand metric tons in 2005. In terms of the percentage increase, China was the largest contributor in carbon emission of all.

The figure from Germany and the United Kingdom remained relatively stable throughout the period of the time, and so were for Canada until 1990. The carbon dioxide emissions in India increased exponentially from around 1,00,000 in 1975 to just below 4,00,000 thousand metric tons in 2005.



The bar chart compares the emission of carbon

Attempt anything out of the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option

1x10=10

- a. The given data compare the amount of emission of:
 - I. Carbon dioxide
 - II. Oxygen
 - III. Nitrogen
 - IV. None of these
- b. In terms of the percentage increase, which country was the largest contributor in carbon emissions of all in air 2005?
 - I. China
 - II. USA
 - III. India
 - IV. Both (I) and (ii)
- c. Which country is the most polluter country?
 - I. China
 - II. USA
 - III. India
 - IV. Both (I) and (ii)
- d. What do you think can be the reason for surging of Co₂ emission in million tones?
 - I. Fast-paced industrialization
 - II. Lack of sustainable development
 - III. The urge to become world top powerful economic
 - IV. All of the above
- e. Which country has the lowest emission of Co₂ in the graph?
 - I. Germany
 - II. United Kingdom
 - III. Canada
 - IV. India
- f. Which country has observed a dramatic rise over its years in CO₂ emissions?
 - I. China
 - II. USA
 - III. India
 - IV. Both (I) and (ii)

- g. Which country had the same level of Co2 emission in the first and the second decade?**
- I. Germany
 - II. Canada
 - III. Both (I) and (ii)
 - IV. None of these
- h. What is the highest quantity unit of global emissions of Co2 by different countries?**
- I. 1600000
 - II. 15 70000
 - III. 1300000
 - IV. None of these
- i. Which country had the minimum CO2 emission during 1975?**
- I. Germany
 - II. The United Kingdom
 - III. China
 - IV. India
- j. Which countries reported gradual growth in reduction of global CO2 emission?**
- I. Germany and India
 - II. USA and China
 - III. The United Kingdom and USA
 - IV. Germany and The United Nation
- k. Which of the following statements is true?**
- I. The countries have achieved meteoric rise in Co2 emission.
 - II. The countries have not been able to reduce their Co2 emission significantly.
 - III. USA seems to leave behind China in coming years.
 - IV. Both (i) and (ii).
- l. Which country has been the major polluter in these three decades?**
- I. USA
 - II. India
 - III. China
 - IV. Both (i) and (ii)

LITERATURE: (20 Marks)

- 2. Read the three extracts given below and attempt ANY TWO of the three given by answering the questions that follow. (4+4=8)**

A. Saheb was happy to say that sometimes he found a rupee and even a ten – rupee note in the dump. As one often finds even a silver coin in the garbage dump, he kept on searching hoping to find more. For the children, the garbage dump was a means of fulfilling their dreams although partially while for their parents, it was a means of aiding survival by providing the basics - food, clothing and shelter.

- I. Garbage to the rag pickers is**
- a. money
 - b. daily bread, a roof over their heads
 - c. gold
 - d. silver
- II. In _____ Saheb keep on searching in dump of rubbish.**
- a. Happiness
 - b. Fear
 - c. Helplessness
 - d. Hope

III. _____ is symbolized as the hope for rag pickers.

- a. Houses
- b. Dump of garbage
- c. Rupees
- d. None of these

IV. Find the word in line whose meaning is aiding.

- a. assisting
- b. Down
- c. Touchy
- d. Irritation

B. The old man was just as generous with his confidences as with his porridge and tobacco. The guest was informed at once that in his days of prosperity his host had been a crofter at Ramsjd Ironworks and had worked on the land. Now that he was no longer able to do day labour, it was his cow which supported him.

I. The old man was a _____ man as he shared his secrets even with strangers.

- a. Cunning
- b. Intelligent
- c. simple
- d. All the above

II. We come to know that the old man had a _____ to support him.

- a. Dog
- b. Ox
- c. Cow
- d. No animal

III. The peddler did not visit the old man with honest intentions. (True/False)

IV. The host was doing well in the past. (True/False)

C. But the stranger said no, and no, and again no, and the ironmaster saw that he must give in. "It looks as though Captain von Stable preferred to stay with you tonight, Stjemstrom", he said to the master blacksmith, and turned on his heel.

But he laughed to himself as he went away, and the blacksmith, who knew him, understood very well that he had not said his last word.

I. The peddler didn't accept the offer as he knew that he was hiding the _____

- a. his job.
- b. his name.
- c. his truth.
- d. his money.

ii. Captain Von Stahle here refers to _____

- a. The Iron master.
- b. The milkmaid.
- c. The stranger.
- d. All the above.

iii. The peddler did not want to take ironmaster's obligation. (True/ False)

iv. Find a word/phrase from the extract which means "the final say."

- a. last word.
- b. was leaving the home.
- c. knew.
- d. None of these.

4. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE of the two given by answering the questions that follow. (1x4=4)

A. Its loveliness increases, it will never pass into nothingness; but will keep
A bower quiet of us, and a sleep full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing
And such too is the grandeur of the dooms. And such imagined for the mighty dead;
All lovely tales that we have heard or read; An endless fountain of immortal drink,
Pouring unto us from the heaven's brink.

- I. The 'immortal drinks' pour on
 - a. Human beings
 - b. Animals
 - c. Insects
 - d. Birds
- II. The 'endless fountain' is an image created by the poet to __
 - a. The continuous flow of water.
 - b. Denote the everlasting joy given by beautiful things.
 - c. Fountain of blood.
 - d. Clear waterfall.
- III. 'Mighty dead' refers to __
 - a. Great royal ancestors.
 - b. Big dead animals
 - c. Broken building
 - d. Grand canals and rivers.
- IV. According to the poet, a thing for beauty keeps us __
 - a. Angry.
 - b. Naughty.
 - c. Depressed.
 - d. Healthy and peaceful.

OR

B. Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering through her wool, find even the ivory needle hard to pull.
The massive weight of uncle's wedding band, sits upon Aunt Jennifer's hand.
When Aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie still ringed with ordeals.

- I. The attitude of the poet towards Aunt Jennifer is that of
 - a. hatred
 - b. love
 - c. sympathy
 - d. casual
- II. 'Massive' means __
 - a. High
 - b. Huge
 - c. Minimum
 - d. Small
- III. 'still ringed' means __
 - a. Oppression will continue
 - b. Too many rings on her figures
 - c. Ring of the bell
 - d. Quiet and peaceful
- IV. What is Aunt Jennifer doing with wool?
 - a. she is embroidering a wall panel.
 - b. she is knitting a scarf .
 - c. she is making a ball of wool.
 - d. she is knitting a cap.

5. Attempt ANY EIGHT questions from the ten given below.

(1X8=8)

- I. The man from Udipi was the son of a ____ I lesson the Lost Spring.
(a) Doctor.
(b) teacher.
(c) priest.
(d) engineer.
- II. The reaction of the ironmaster to the peddler's lecture was that:
(a) he slapped him
(b) he made fun of him
(c) he laughed
(d) he shouted at him
- III. The beautiful and lifelike tiger on the panel, shows Aunt Jennifer's __
(a) suffering
(b) creativity
(c) hatred for men
(d) hatred for life
- IV. 'Sheep' could also be referred to:
(a) animals of prey
(b) harmless creatures
(c) human beings
(d) mountainous animals
- V. Sunny-gold, paddy green, royal blue, pink, purple, every colour born out of the seven colours of the rainbow. What is this reference to?
(a) bindis
(b) bangles
(c) birds
(d) clothes
- VI. The peddler felt he had fooled by a
(a) bait
(b) crofter
(c) prankster
(d) policeman
- VII. According to the poet, a thing is:
(a) never joyful
(b) creates sadness
(c) horrible to look at
(d) a joy forever.
- VIII. 'Ordeals' refers to ____ in poem Aunt Jennifer's Tiger.
(a) hardship
(b) joy and splendor
(c) happy times
(d) party time
- IX. Where did the ironmaster and his daughter learn that the peddler was a thief?
(a) at the church
(b) at a play
(c) at the market
(d) in the house of a friend
- X. Savita, a young girl is seen by the author,
(a) stitching clothes
(b) washing clothes
(c) embroidering a sheet
(d) soldering pieces of glass

Part B (40 Marks)
WRITING (16 Marks)

6. Attempt ANY ONE of the following.

(1X3=3)

A. Venus Travels, Ansal Chamber, Bhikaji Complex, New Delhi, is offering attractive holiday package 3 nights and 4 days visit to Kanyakumari. Draft an advertisement (in 50 words).

OR

B. The Students' Council of your school has organised an excursion to Goa for the students of classes XI and XII during summer vacation. As President of the Council writes a notice in not more than 50 words telling the students about this excursion and inviting their names for joining it.

7. Attempt ANY ONE of the following.

(1X3=3)

A. As Secretary of the Literary Club of St. Anne's School, Ahmedabad, draft a formal invitation in not more than 50 words for the inauguration of the club in your school.

OR

B. The literary club of your school is putting up the play 'Waiting for Godot'. As secretary of the club, draft an invitation inviting the famous writer Sudeesh Gupta to be the guest of honour at the function. Write the invitation in not more than 50 words. You are Govind/Gauri.

8. Attempt ANY ONE of the following.

(1X5=5)

A. You are Radha/ Raman, member of NGO AWAAZ. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily for a public movement to clean the Yamuna River. (You must describe how the people are to be blamed for polluting the river and suggest the need for installing water treatment plant to clean the river).

OR

B. Write a letter to the in-charge of text-books section of NCERT, New Delhi complaining about the non-availability of text books even one month after beginning of new session. You are Rohit Rana reading in St. Xavier's school, Delhi.

9. Attempt ANY ONE of the following.

(1X5=5)

A. Write an article in 150-200 words on "Adverse Effects of Computers and Mobile Phones" You are Ram/Razi.

OR

B. Corruption is a deep-rooted menace. It has soaked into every sphere of life and has become a leviathan. We have stopped feeling scandalized by it. It is growing rapidly. Write an article on 'corruption' in 150-200 words.

LITERATURE: (24 Marks)

10. Attempt ANY FIVE out of the six questions given below, in 30-40 words each.

(2X5=10)

- I. Explain the irony at the end of the poem Aunt Jennifer's Tiger.
- II. Describe the tigers on the panel.
- III. What is the 'grandeur' of the 'dooms' and 'endless fountain of immortal drink'?
- IV. How does a thing of beauty provide us shelter and comfort?
- V. Why did the ironmaster speak kindly to the peddler and invite him home?
- VI. Describe the importance of garbage in the life of residents of Seemapuri.

11. Attempt ANY TWO out of the three questions given below, in 30-40 words each.

(2X2=4)

- I.** What happened on the seventh day after Dr Sadao had typed the letter?
- II.** What did Derry's mother think of Mr Lamb?
- III.** How was the Reverend Stuart McLeery dressed and why?

12. Attempt ANY ONE of the following questions in 120-150 words each.

(1X5=5)

- A.** "For the children, it is wrapped in wonder, for the elders, it is a means of survival." What kind of life do the rag-pickers of Seemapuri lead? Answer in about 120-150 words.

OR

- B.** How did the seller of rattraps realise that he himself was caught up in a rattrap after he left the crofter's cottage?

13. Attempt ANY ONE of the following questions in 120-150 words each.

(1X5=5)

- A.** How did the negligence of the prison officers prove to be a boon for Evans?

OR

- B.** What was Derry's infirmity? How had it made him withdrawn and defiant?

*******BEST OF LUCK*******