

XI Com 1st Term Exam 2017
English
187 A.

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Max. Marks – 50

Q. 1 A] Read the following activity, read the extract and then do all the activities. **12**

1. Read the following statements and write down two statements which are related to the passage. **2**

- i. Money is the most important thing in life.
- ii. We should understand the importance of time.
- iii. Books are our best friends.
- iv. Democracy has shortcomings only.

Life is precious. And equally fragile. So every day is a gift. Get up early once in awhile just to watch the sun rise. Stare at it intently and burn it in your memory. Be aware of every passing second. Look around you. There's a thin stalk of plant finding its place under the sun in a crevice on the wall of our apartment.

Appreciate mother's cooking. Praise it to heavens... Make it a habit to eat together as a family. No, make it a rule. Fall in love with books. Words will transport you to worlds far away. It will also keep you informed and prepared.

Follow your heart. The mind can waver but the heart seldom does. Respect your conscience. It's like a post-it note from God.

When you grow up, seek a job you love. As you enter the world of careers and cocktails, you'll get sucked into a vortex called rat race. Don't be overwhelmed. We're all human. But have the courage to step out of it. Nothing will be lost. Some illusions will shatter. Good riddance.

Money. It's important. But it has its place. Don't make the mistake of putting it right on top.

Find your love. Hold it dearly. Be a good husband. A patient father. Give your children space make their mistakes. But hold them when they fall.

Speak up when you have to. Like this occasion. Whether we like it or not, we're living in a democracy. Sure it has its pitfalls. But don't forget the positives too. The real fight in a

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democracy is between remembering and forgetting. Go and vote. It's your chance to give shape to the kind of society you want to live in.

Be alert. But try not to live in a state of fear.

If you were to get caught in a situation similar to what happened and should we lose you, then you will have left us with enough lovely memories for the remaining years. That will only happen if you start living every day like it is the last day of your life. Though it can never compensate your loss, at least we'll find strength in your love for life.

Don't have regrets. They defeat the very purpose of life.

Immersed as I am in work most of the time, this letter is also a wake-up call for me.

2. Complete the following sentence: 2

We should get up early because

- 1).....
- 2).....

3. "The mind can waver but the heart seldom does." 2

The Sentence implies that_____ (Complete it in a paragraph)

4. Vocabulary 2

Give one word for the following from the passage

- 1) easily broken
- 2) carry from one place to another
- 3) respect
- 4) look fixedly at something

5. "Go and vote. It's your chance to give shape to the kind of society you want to live in."

Do you agree with the writer's view? Explain. 2

6. Do as directed:

2

1) The writer says to us, "Respect your conscience."
(Rewrite in indirect speech)

1

2) Life is precious. And equally fragile.
(Rewrite using not only...but also)

1

B] Do as directed.

3

i) I saw _____ boy. _____ boy was a famous singer.

(Rewrite using appropriate articles)

1

ii) India is one of the most exciting tourist destinations in the world.

(Rewrite beginning with 'very few _____')

1

iii) The ceiling is too high for me to touch

1

(Rewrite removing too)

Q. 2. A] Read the first activity, read the extract and do the activities that follow.

12

1. Read the following statement and write down two statements which are not related to the passage.

2

- i) Both the delegations used decent language during the debate.
- ii) The method of achieving goal is as important as important as the goal itself.
- iii) Gandhiji's advice did not save the writer from himself.
- iv) After thinking about Gandhiji's advice, writer decided not to use words lightly in the UN.

This small gesture was the beginning of a significant change in me. A year and a half later I was in New York, leader of the Indian delegation to the United Nations. Important to us was India's complaint regarding the treatment of people of Indian origin in South Africa. Harsh things were said by both sides. I resented the manner in which my opponents made personal attacks harmful to India's prestige and to mine. I struck back with the same sharp weapons.

more important. What if we succeeded in getting our resolution passed by questionable tactics that injured our self-respect?

Before going to bed that night I resolved that, come what might, no word of mine would be lightly used in the UN. From then on, I lifted the debate back to where it belonged, refusing to retaliate to personal attack or to score a cheap point. Our opponents met us on the new level and from then on we argued the case on its merits.

Before leaving the committee room on the last day, I went up and spoke to the leader of the opposing delegation. "I have come to ask you to forgive me if I have hurt you by any word or action in this debate."

He shook my hand warmly and said, "I have no complaint."

It was good to feel right with him, but even better to feel right with myself. Once more, Gandhiji's advice had saved me from myself.

2 Indian delegation went to the United Nations because _____

_____ 2

3 "Means were as important as the end in the long run, perhaps more important."
The sentence implies that _____ (Complete it in a paragraph.) 2

4 Vocabulary

Give one word for the following from the passage 2

- 1) making you feel upset
- 2) verbal fight
- 3) group of representatives
- 4) decided firmly

5 The writer becomes angry with the opposing delegation in the passage. How would you solve such a situation if you were in writers place? 2

6 Do as directed:

2

- 1) I resented the manner in which my opponents made personal attacks harmful to India's prestige and to mine (Frame a 'Wh question to get the underlined part as the answer) 1
- 2) As soon as I went up, I spoke to the leader of the opposing delegation 1
(Rewrite using 'no sooner than')

B) Note Making: Read the following information and complete the table given below: 3

Mumbai receives most of its water from water stored in the Bhatsa reservoir. This is picked up at Pise, 48 km downstream of the Bhatsa Dam and is pumped from there. It is treated partly at Panjrapur and partly at Bhandup before it is supplied. The total amount it provides is 235 mgd. From the Lower Vaitarna, Mumbai receives 100 mgd of water. This is brought by gravity from the Lower Vaitarna reservoir and treated at Bhandup before it is supplied. About 140 mgd of water from the Upper Vaitarna reservoir is released to replenish the Lower Vaitarna reservoir for further transmission. From the Tansa reservoir about 90 mgd of water is brought by gravity and treated at Bhandup before being supplied.

Important Sources of Water Supply to Mumbai.

Sr. No.	Source	Transmission	Treated at	Quantity
1				
2				
3				
4				

Q. 3 A) Read the given extract and do the activities that follow.

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Start where you stand and never mind the past,

The past won't help you in beginning new,

If you have left it all behind at last

Why, that's enough, you're done with it, you're through;

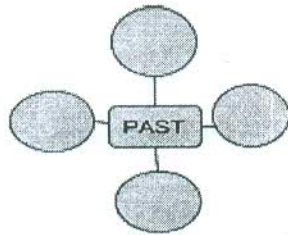
This is another chapter in the book,

This is another race that you have planned,
Don't give the vanished days a backward look,
Start where you stand.

The world won't care about your old defeats
If you can start anew and win successes;
The future is your time, and time is fleet
And there is much of work and strain and stress;

Forget the buried woes and dead despairs,
Here is a brand-new trial right at hand,
The future is for him who does and dares,
Start where you stand.

- 1) Complete the web by listing words or expressions related to defeats or failures in the past 2



- 2) "This is another chapter in the book." 2

Name the figure speech in the above line and find another example of the same from the extract and write it down.

- 3) Does the poem help your overcome strain and stress in your life? Explain. 2

4) Compose two poetic lines of your own on the theme of 'courage' 2

B) Read the following passage and do the activities that follow it.

Then, with the seriousness of a dying man, he said, "That was how the African slaves felt as they were being transported in the bottom of ships to America, only to be sold, after their arrival, like livestock at auction and then worked nearly to death on plantations. You see, the nightmare you are enacting here on this floor, free to get up; and walk out of this class, was only the beginning of the never-ending nightmare of slavery".

That's when it hit me: Mr. Kaplan was teaching us. Without boring books and tedious tests. I was learning. And it was only the first day.

So it went, day after day, week after week. One day we were on our desks crossing the high seas on the *Nina, pinta, and Santa Maria*. On another we were fighting the Civil War with our army contingents and paper rifles. On another we came dressed for the signing of the Declaration of Independence. I was John Adams.

I learned a lot in that class. Oh, we read books and took a few tests, but because we had so much fun, I didn't mind and did well. I looked forward to class, not just because Mr. Kaplan was young and handsome and cool, but more so because he was an outstanding teacher who actively engaged us in the learning process. I respected him, and when he told us that all subjects are important in the journey of life, I made an effort to attend all my classes and looked forward to coming to school.

My parents were ecstatic and wondered at the magic of this teacher who had transformed their wayward daughter into a model student. Parents, students, fellow teachers – everybody loved Mr. Kaplan. Especially me.

1) Match the characters in column A with their activities/qualities in column 2

- | A | B |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------|
| i) Students | a) John Adams |
| ii) Mr. Kaplan | b) Very happy |
| iii) Patents | c) Outstanding |
| iv)The writer | d) Actively engaged in the learning Process |

2) Parents, students, fellow teachers everybody loved Mr. Kaplan. Especially me" use this clue from the extract to provide a different ending in about 50 words. 2

Q.4. A) Write a letter of application in response to the following advertisement with the help of given CV. 4

Wanted
Maths teacher
to teach IX and x classes
should know English, Marathi,
should be experienced and
computer literate
write to
The Chairman
The Mahatma Gandhi
Vidhyamandir, Dadar, Mumbai.

CV

Name – Kshitija Jadhav.

Age - 23 years

Address - 302, Chaitanya Society, Manpada, Thane (W)

E-Mail – kshitijaj@gmail.com

Education – B.Sc., B.Ed.

Experience – 1 year as a Maths teacher

B) Prepare a dialogue between two friends about the uses and misuses of Whatsapp. 4

