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TEST SERIES PAPER

STD : X [CBSE]

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TOPIC : FULL SYLLABUS

TIME : 2 HR.

MAX. MARKS : 40

SECTION - A (10 M)

Reading Section

Q.1 Read the passage carefully and answer the question that follow (Any 5)

[05]

1. During our growing up years we as children were taught-both at home and school-to *worship* the photos and idols of the gods of our respective religions. When we grow a little older, we were to read holy books like The Bhagwad Gita, Bible and Quran; we were told that there are a lot of life lessons to be learnt from these holy books. We were then introduced to stories from our mythologies which taught us about ethics and morality-what is good and what is bad. I also learnt to be respectful towards my parents who made my life comfortable with their- hard work, love and care, and my teachers who guided me to become a good student and a responsible citizen.
2. Much later in life, I realised that though we learn much from our respective holy books, there is a lot to learn from our surroundings. This realisation dawned upon me when I learnt to enquire and explore. Everything around us-the sun, the moon, the stars, rain, rivers, stones, rocks, birds, plants and animals-teach us many valuable life lessons.
3. No wonder that besides the scriptures in many cultures nature is also worshipped. The message that we get is to save our environment and maintain ecological balance. People are taught to live in harmony with nature and recognise that there is God in all aspects of nature.
4. Nature is a great teacher. A river never stops flowing. If it finds an obstacle in its way in the form of a heavy rock, the river water fights to remove it from its path or finds an alternative path to move ahead. This teaches us to be progressive in life, and keep the lighting spirit alive.
5. Snakes are worshipped as they eat insects in the field that can hurt our crops, thus protecting the grains for us. In fact, whatever we worship is our

'You should never let your fears prevent you from doing what you know is right.'

Aung San Suu Kyi - Burmese politician, diplomat and author (b.1945)

helper and makes our lives easy for us. There are many such examples in nature, but we are not ready to learn a lesson. Overcome with greed, we are destroying nature. As a result we face natural disasters like drought, flood and landslides. We don't know that nature is angry with us.

6. However, it is never too late to learn. If we learn to respect nature the quality of our life will improve.

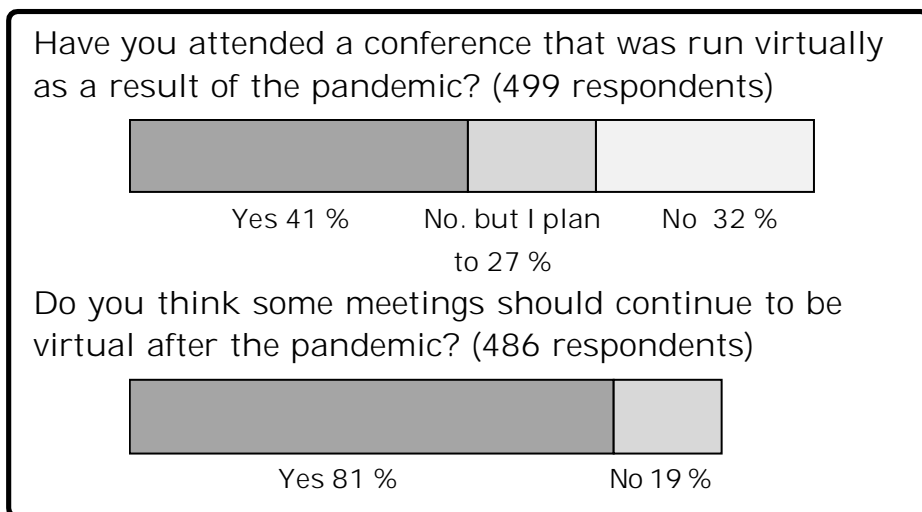
On the basis of your reading of the passage-answer the following questions.

- (a) During which age period we all were taught to worship the photos and idols of the gods of our respective religions?
- (b) Writer learnt to be respectful towards _____
- (c) What does nature teach us?
- (d) Which word from para 2 is the synonym of 'awareness'?
- (e) What do scriptures or holy books teach us?
- (f) Which word from para 1 is the synonym of "Pious"?

Q.2 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : (Any 5) [05]

Virtual Reality

1. In an online poll, more than 40% of Nature readers said they had attended a scientific meeting held online because of the coronavirus pandemic. About 80% said some conferences should remain virtual even after the pandemic is over.



2. More than 80% of respondents to a Nature reader poll said that they would be in favour of some scientific conferences remaining virtual even after the coronavirus pandemic ends. Many meetings have been pushed online since March as a result of the global COVID-19 outbreak — including large, flagship conferences that usually thousands of attendees. More than 40% of the roughly 500 survey respondents said that they had attended an online meeting.
3. Readers lauded some aspects of virtual meetings — in particular improved accessibility, low costs and avoiding the hassle of travel. “I know colleagues around the world with limited budgets who’ve also suddenly been able to attend many more meetings,” says Tom Brown, who studies energy-system modelling at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology in Germany. Some respondents found presentations to be clearer, liked that they could rewatch recorded talks, and felt that it is easier to speak up as an audience member using digital tools than it is in a meeting hall.
4. Downsides included clunky technology, connection issues and most notably, the lack of serendipitous encounters, human interaction and socializing.
5. But many respondents thought virtual conferences would improve in time and that the digital experience could help to make in person meetings better, for instance through improving technologies that allow attendees to exchange data, knowledge and opinions during presentations.
6. Some advocated a hybrid model — a face-to face meeting with increased virtual elements. “Some of the best parts of a conference, such as informal meetings, local flavour, and more time to talk to speakers after sessions were completely lost. A hybrid system might recover some of these benefits,” says Paul DeStefano, a physicist at Portland State University in Oregon.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer any 5 questions.

- (i) The meetings arranged virtually are known as _____
(a) online meetings (b) General meetings
(c) Seminars (d) Conferences
- (ii) The reason to shift to virtual meetings in current scenario is mainly due to
(a) Corona virus (Covid 19) pandemic (b) better of internet availability
(c) choice of people (d) better online meetings tools
- (iii) What percentage of users is in favour of online meetings post pandemic period
(a) 81 % (b) 100 % (c) 50 % (d) 75 %

- (iv) Which one of the following is/are not a science magazine?
 1. Time 2. Nature 3. Forbs 4. Scientific journal
 (a) 1 and 2 (b) 1 and 3 (c) 2 and 3 (d) 3 and 4
- (v) What type of meetings were conducted by 'nature'?
 1. Politics 2. Current affairs 3. Science 4. Business
 (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 2, 3 and 4 (c) 1, 2 and 4 (d) only 3
- (vi) As per the survey, how many users never attended on online meeting?
 (a) 40 % (b) 32 % (c) 15 % (d) 29 %

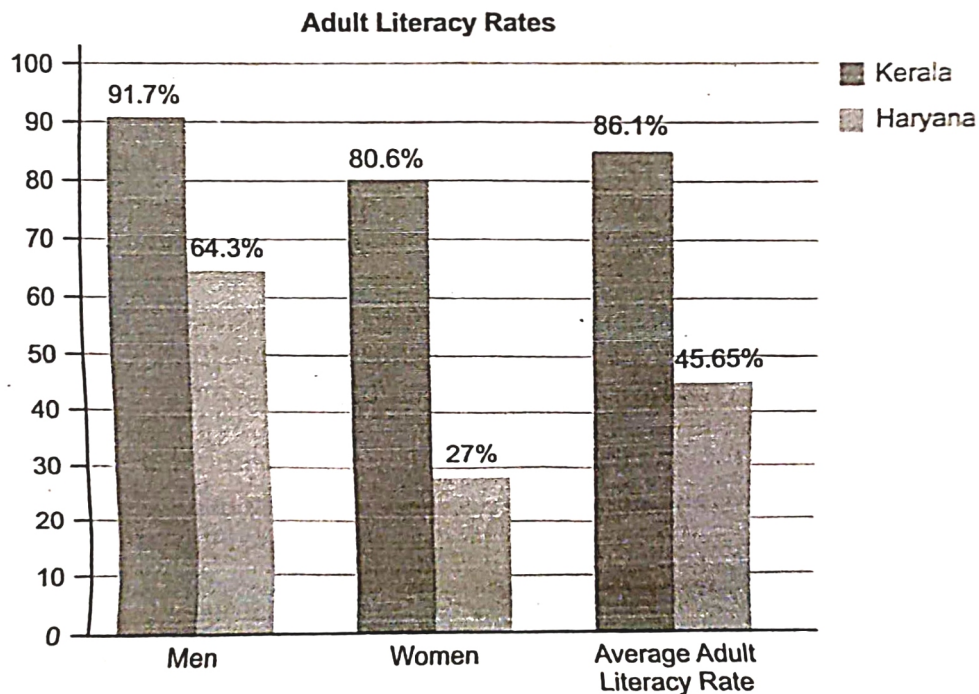
SECTION - B (10 M)

Writing Grammar

Q.3 (i) Attempt any one

[05]

1. The bar graph here, is showing the adult literacy rate in two states of India. Write an analytical paragraph in 100-200 words.



- ii) You are Nidhi/Rashmi, you are the manager of new age computer shoppe at Ganesh Nagar, Delhi. Write a letter to the incharge of Enfotech, Preet Vihar, Delhi, Placing order for a new Laptops like, Dell, HP, Lenovo and ASUS for your shop.

**Q.4 Choose the correct option to fill in the blanks to Complete the sentences
(any 3) [03]**

01. (a) We _____ (go) to Guwahati by Rajdhani Express last month.
(b) Rajdhani train _____ (be) a fully air-conditioned train.
(c) It _____ (provide) food, cold drinks water and the blankets at night.
(d) It was informed that he _____ (read) a book.

**Q.5 Read the following dialogues given below and then complete the passage.
(Any 2) [02]**

1. Mother : Why are you looking so worried?
Daughter : My exams are approaching.
Mother : When will they start?
Daughter : Next month, mother.

Mother asked her Daughter (a) _____. The Daughter replied that (b) _____ mother further asked (c) _____. The daughter told her mother that they would start in the following month.

SECTION - C (20M)

Literature

Q.6 Answer any six questions in 30-40 words each (6 x 2 = 12)

- (i) When her son dies, Kisa Gotami goes from house to house. What does she ask for? Does she get it? Why not?
- (ii) What was Lomov's opinion about Squeezer?
- (iii) What is a 'dust of snow'? What does the poet say has changed his mood? How has the poet's mood changed?
- (iv) Is Amanda an orphan? Why does she say so?
- (v) What kind of a person is Mme Loisel? Why is she always unhappy?
- (vi) Why didn't Valli want to talk to the elderly woman?
- (vii) Why is the Lawyer sent to 'New Mullion'? What does he first think about the place?

Q.7 Answer any 2 of the following in about 120 words each (4 M each) [08]

- (i) Bholi was known to be a 'dumb cow'. How did she turn out to be an outspoken and fearless girl?
- (ii) Give a pen portrait of the baker or the pader highlighting the changes that came in his fortune and dress with the passage of the time.
- (iii) Justify the title of the lesson. "The proposal"
