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SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT - 1

Class : XI

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General Instructions:

1. This paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C. All the sections are compulsory.
2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.

SECTION A (Reading)

1. Read the poem given below and answer the question that follow :-

- I. Deepa Malik was about to make history. Seated in a custom-made chair on a hot day in Rio, Malik — paralyzed from the chest down — held a 6.5-pound shot put between her neck and right shoulder. She took a deep breath and hurled the shot 15 feet across the throwing circle. The throw got Malik silver at the Paralympic Games in Brazil and made her the first Indian woman to win a Paralympics medal.
- II. "My first thoughts were, 'Oh my God, have I really won?' "Says Malik, 45, via email. She developed a spinal tumor in her early 30s and has been paralyzed since. "To become the first Indian woman to win a Paralympic medal is an honour, and it is something I will cherish for the rest of my life."
- III. A few days later, Devendra Jhajharia also had a historic win at the Summer Games. When he was 8, Jhajharia touched a live wire in his small North Indian village; his left arm had to be amputated. Everywhere he went, people commented on his missing limb, telling his mother he would forever have to rely on her. Tired of being called weak, Jhajharia was determined to prove them wrong. The 36-year-old javelin thrower just beat his own 2004 Athens Paralympic record and won a Paralympic gold for a second time.
- IV. Malik and Jhajharia are part of a team of 19 athletes representing India at the 2016 Paralympic Games and proof of a change that's taking over the country. In fact, this modestly sized group is India's largest-ever Paralympic delegation. (China sent the largest delegation of 308 athletes; Brazil sent the second largest at 285; and at 279, the U.S. had the third largest.)
- V. Mariyappan Thangavelu and Varun Singh Bhati secured India two medals in the high jump category. Thangavelu created history by winning a gold medal in the men's high jump T-42 event, with a leap of 1.89 metres, thereby putting his Periyavadagampatti village in Tamil Nadu's Salem district on the world map.
- VI. "It's fabulous," says Deepthi Bopaiah, executive director of GoSports Foundation, a non-profit organization that funds professional athletes in India. "This is definitely a great start for India. I think more people will come forward to support these athletes."
- VII. A year ago, the foundation launched an exclusive program for India's para-athletes, and that program has funded most of the participants at this summer's Paralympics.
- VIII. India has won two gold, one silver and one bronze medal. That's double the success of its 2016 Olympic counterpart of more than 100 athletes.

- (a) On the basis of your reading of the poem, answer the following questions by choosing the best of the given choices.
- (i) Deepa Malik made history in Paralympic games 2016 as; (1)
- (a) she won a silver medal (b) she is the first woman to win a medal in Paralympic games.
- (c) she is the first woman to win medal in shot put. (d) Both (a) and (b)
- (ii) Devendra's win is special because; (1)
- (a) he won Gold medal in javelin throw (b) he proved everybody wrong
- (c) he not only won the medal but broke his own record set in 2004 (d) All the above
- (iii) Why does the writer feel that there is a change taking over in the country? (1)
- (a) News channel are giving due coverage to the Paralympic games. (b) Government is putting a lot of efforts in improving the performance of Paralympic players.
- (c) This Paralympic games we have sent the biggest delegation so far. (d) For the first time we have won 4 medals in Paralympic games.
- (iv) It's a great start for GoSports Foundation as, (1)
- (a) it has proved that Paralympic players are better than other players. (b) it got a great commercial success in 2016 games
- (c) the success at 2016 games would encourage other differently abled people to come forward and not to lose hope. (d) the foundation will become very famous and will attract financiers for funding it.
- (v) The antonym of the word 'launch' is..... (1)
- (a) eject (b) dispatch
- (c) stop (d) project
- (vi) The contextual meaning of 'modestly sized' is..... (1)
- (a) small (b) typically
- (c) unpretentiously (d) none of the above
- (b) Answer these questions briefly.
- (i) Why Periyavadagampatti a village in Tamil Nadu's Salem district is on the world map? (1)
- (ii) What happened with Devendra Jhajharia which cost him his left arm? (1)
- (iii) How did Deepa Malik win the Silver medal in 2016 paralympics? (1)
- (iv) What change according to the writer is taking over India? (1)
- (v) The word which means 'to throw' in the para-I is..... (1)
- (vi) The word which means 'cut off (a limb) by surgical operation' in the para-III is..... (1)

2. Read the following passage carefully:

I. How often do we exclaim: "That was a mistake!" That bewildered expression of regret and panic gets relayed through life. Some mistakes we forget, others we don't. The mistakes can be mundane as forgetting to turn the geyser off or to pick up your passport from the airport counter.

II. Absent mindedness, preoccupation, distraction carelessness, nervousness there are umpteen excuses to justify mistakes? However major decisions like relocations of home of an unwarranted resignation letter can cause much trouble and upheaval and lead to regrets that leave you sad and depressed. Some mistakes are irreversible then, is there room for hope? In fact, there are no mistakes, only experiences. There are no problems only Challenges.

- III. Every experience teaches us something in life .Every mistake inspires retrospection and introspection. The experience is humbling and it makes us wiser. That is, if every mistake is regarded as an experience and not as a source of self condemnation. Many times people are unable to reconcile with the change grooved in the blame culture and rooted in the past, they had to realize the life time benefits they receive from changes.
- IV. Nature abounds in examples of flexibility and relocation in case of birds and beasts. Scientific research in the behaviour of birds has confirmed these Birds, animals and even nomads, travel miles and miles in search of better food, congenial climate and safety.
- V. These relocations may cause some amount of stress, no doubt, but they are the source of survival: helping to group bonding and cooperation; and to explore the beauty of new space and better environment.
- VI. To the weak problems are stumbling blocks, to the brave, they are stepping stones." An untimely resignation and or termination letter is certainly traumatic and disturbing. But think of possibilities it can throw open for you. A young man felt disappointed when he failed an interview for a corporate job. At that point of time, he left dejected. Today, looking back he says, "It was a blessing in disguise. I would have never reached this far."
- VII. Some mistakes bring in a very important message. "Believe and achieve! And in order to do so, faith is essential. It is the triple faith that men need today. Faith in oneself, faith in the world around us, and above all faith in God!"

- (a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary (minimum 4). Supply an appropriate title to it. (5)
- (b) Write a summary of the above passage in about 80 - 100 words. (3)

SECTION B (Writing Skills and Grammar)

3. You are the General Manager of a reputed company. The company requires posh bungalows on company lease as guest houses. Draft an advertisement under the classified columns to be published in a leading daily. (4)

Or

Manav is a student of class XI of GB Public School. He has lost his hall ticket for the annual examinations. He wants to put up a notice on the school notice board. Draft a notice on his behalf.

4. You are Anjali/Avinash Gore and you are anguished to see little children carrying heavy school bags and staggering along the road or walking to the bus stop. Write a letter to the editor of a local daily expressing your concern at the difficulties and hurdles children have to encounter. (6)

Or

You are the librarian of your school and you have been entrusted with the mission of buying books, videos and any other educational software as an aid to learning English in all its communicative aspects. Write a letter of enquiry specifying your objectives and asking for details to a reputed firm that specializes in the same.

5. You are Aman/Anju. You decide to write an article (150-200 words) on ‘Rash driving and its dangers especially among teen-agers’ to be published in the school magazine. (10)

Or

You are told by your class teacher to deliver a short speech (150-200 words) on the topic ‘Reading maketh a full human being’ to be delivered during morning assembly. Draft the speech accordingly.

6. Read the lines given below and fill in the blanks with one suitable word in each sentence: (3)

Persistence and hard work.....just some of the techniques that help in leading a successful life.

We need to reflect and think objectively every angle if possible. It is after all the deep sense of gratification and joyus that we have to cherish.

7. Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. (3)

(a) worked/Charley/at the office/one/late/night

(b) to get/was in/ to his apartment/a hurry/he

(c) the sub-way/so he/Grand Central/take/from/decided to

- 8 The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each of these lines against which a blank is given. Identify the error and write it along the correction in the answer sheet. 'X' indicates no error. (4)

		Incorrect	Correct
(a)	On a hotel room a man	_____	_____
(b)	examined his purse and exclaim	_____	_____
(c)	'How lucky I am! I has won a	_____	_____
	lottery of 10 lakhs. Next day	<u> X </u>	<u> X </u>
(d)	he find it to be a dream	_____	_____

SECTION C (Literature and Long Reading Text)

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

*All three stood still to smile through their hair
At the uncle with the camera. A sweet face,
My mother's, that was before I was born.
And the sea, which appears to have changed less,
Washed their terribly transient feet.*

(3)

- (a) Who are 'all three' in the above lines?
(b) Why does the poet say that the sea appears to have changed less?
(c) Explain 'terrible transient feet'.

Or

*And who art thou?
Said I to the soft-falling shower,
Which, strange to tell,
gave me an answer, as here translated:
I am the Poem of Earth, said the voice of the rain.*

- (a) What was 'strange to tell'?
(b) Why does the poet say 'as here translated'?
(c) What has been personified in this poem? Which line tells you this?
10. Answer any three of the following questions in about 30-40 words each. (9)
- (a) Which thought about his grandmother was revolting to Khushwant Singh?
(b) In the story Ranga's marriage the writer gives a picture of a traditional provincial life in an Indian village. Give one reason to support this statement.
(c) Why was king Tut's body subjected to repeated scrutiny?
(d) How was the weather on 2nd January in the narrative 'We're Not Afraid to Die....'?

11. Answer any one of the following questions in about 120-150 words. (6)
- 'The Address' is a story of human predicament that follows war'. Comment

Or

'The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse' has as its theme family, honour and prestige. Support this statement with evidence from the text.

12. Do you agree that Canterville chase is a spooky residence? Give reasons for your answer. (6)
13. 'The Canterville Ghost' is an atypical one. Comment. (6)