



# ANANDALAYA

## Periodic Test-3

Class : XI

Subject : English Core (301)

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M.M : 40

Time: 1Hr. 30 Min.

### General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains three parts.
2. Part A- READING has 1 question.
3. Part B- WRITING & GRAMMAR has 3 questions. Attempt all questions, as per specific instructions given therein.
4. Part C- LITERATURE has 3 questions. Attempt all questions, as per specific instructions given therein.

### SECTION A- READING (10 marks)

1. Read the passage given below : (10)
  - a) In the news recently, there has been a lot said about artificial intelligence (AI) and robots taking over the world. While we often hear of humans losing their jobs, a robot being fired for incompetence is almost unheard of. However, that is exactly what a Scottish grocery store was forced to do after its newly-appointed humanoid robot proved woefully inept at performing the assigned tasks.
  - b) The intern, nicknamed Fabio, was part of an experiment conducted by the Heriot-Watt University, which explores the integration of men and machines. Manufactured in Japan, it was a member of the Pepper family of humanoid robots that are “employed” by companies worldwide. Elena Margiotta, co-owner of the supermarket chain where the robot lost its job, says, “We thought a robot was a great addition to show the customers that we always want to do something new and exciting.”
  - c) Fabio’s job was to make customers feel welcomed and assist them in locating grocery items if asked. Things seemed to start off well. The almost 4-foot-tall humanoid robot greeted customers with a cheery “hello gorgeous”, conversed intelligently about the weather, and even gave hugs and slapped high-fives. However, its friendly demeanour appeared to wane when a shopper needed help. For example, a customer inquiring about the location of cheese would receive a vague answer like “in the dairy section.” Not surprisingly, store visitors began to avoid the robot and started seeking out human employees for help.
  - d) Believing it may do better at a job that entailed more socialising, Fabio was assigned to hand out sausage samples. Unfortunately, that did not go too well. While a human employee managed to entice 12 customers to try the food in 15 minutes, the robot attracted just two. It turned out that customers were a little scared of the knife-yielding android and decided to stay as far away as possible.
  - e) Since Fabio was not trained for any other job, the grocery store management decided to “fire” the robot a week after it had first reported for duty. While the customers were probably thrilled, the store’s employees were a little upset at the decision, a reaction that surprised Dr. Oliver Lemon. The Director of the Interaction Lab at Heriot-Watt says, “One of the things we didn’t expect was that the employees in the shop became quite attached to it. When we had to pack it up and put it back in the box, one of them started crying because they had become emotionally attached to it. It was good in a way because we thought the opposite would happen and they would feel threatened by it because it was competing for their job.” As he later discovered, the tears were not out of fondness for Fabio, but because the robot freed the human employees from the tedious task of responding to regular customer

questions.

- f) However, before you start thinking all robots are incompetent, Fabio appears to be an anomaly within its family. The thousands of other Pepper humanoids gainfully employed at various Japanese retail stores, including Pizza Hut, seem to be thriving and extremely popular with customers. This could represent a large cultural difference between the Scots and Japanese, but it is more likely that the testing environment and the robot's 'Training' weren't ideal for the circumstances. Fabio is perhaps the first wave of useable hospitality robots but with refinement it could make a return to shops in the near future.

Answer the following questions on the basis of your reading of the passage.

- i) The correct title for the passage would be \_\_\_\_\_ (1)  
(A) Robot Can't Cue The Mustard (B) No Replacing Great Scottish Hospitality  
(C) Fabio Falls Out Of Favour Globally (D) Robots Don't Work In Europe
- ii) Where is this family of robots successful? (1)  
(A) In Scotland (B) In Japan (C) In London (D) In Asia
- iii) What was the initial reaction to the robot in Scotland? (1)  
(A) Dejected (B) Scared (C) Confused (D) Positive
- iv) The shop owners tried to \_\_\_\_\_. (1)  
(A) Replace people with robots completely (B) Reprogramme the robot  
(C) Change the robot's role (D) Use the robot for security detail
- v) What is the main irony highlighted in the passage regarding the Scottish grocery store's humanoid robot? (1)  
(A) The robot's efficiency in performing tasks.  
(B) Humans losing jobs to robots.  
(C) The rarity of robots being fired for incompetence.  
(D) The competence of the newly-appointed humanoid robot.
- vi) What does the employees' emotional attachment to Fabio, the robot, reveal about the impact of AI in the workplace? (1)  
Employees were \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) quite upset due to the fear of losing their jobs to AI.  
B) rather thrilled with the efficiency of the robot.  
C) mostly indifferent to the presence of AI in the workplace.  
D) upset because the robot relieved them from tedious tasks.
- vii) What is the primary reason for the failure of Fabio in the job of handing out sausage samples? (1)  
(A) Lack of training in socializing (B) Fear of the knife-yielding android  
(C) Inefficiency in enticing customers (D) Inability to handle sausage samples
- viii) According to the passage, Fabio's performance issues are likely due to: (1)  
(A) Inherent incompetence in all robots (B) Cultural differences between Scots and Japanese.  
(C) Anomalies within the Pepper humanoid family (D) Ideal training environments for robots.
- ix) What does the term "tedious" most likely mean in the context of para (e)? (1)  
(A) Exciting and enjoyable (B) Difficult and challenging  
(C) Boring and monotonous (D) Important and crucial

- x) The meaning of the word 'anomaly' in the last paragraph means \_\_\_\_\_. (1)
- (A) entity (B) commonality (C) rarity (D) credulity

**SECTION B- WRITING AND GRAMMAR (14 marks)**

2. Attempt ANY ONE from options A and B given below.

A. You want to dispose of your car, as you are going abroad. You are Harish of No.10, Kailash Ganj, Lucknow. Draft an advertisement to be published in the daily, Hindustan Times, under the classified columns.

**OR** (3)

B. The National Service Scheme (NSS) Club of your school has adopted a colony. The living conditions of the colony are unsanitary and unhygienic. Prepare a poster in not more than 50 words urging people to clean the surroundings and their colony.

3. Attempt ANY ONE from options A and B given below.

A. Some people feel that electronic media (TV news) will bring about the end of print media (newspapers). Write a debate in 120-150 words either for or against this view.

Use the following hints:

use of visuals on TV - authentic and fast - not enough news for 24-hour telecast - may fabricate news - become repetitive and dull - even scandals become news - print media- time tested analysed, verified news - editorial comments - cater to all interest

**OR** (5)

B. Capitalism is an economic system featuring the private ownership of business wealth and the free and unfettered operation of trade markets. Critics believe that capitalism is associated with the unfair distribution of wealth and power. What are your views on the issue? Write a debate in 150-200 words on 'Capitalism is the root cause of environmental degradation.'  
You are Nina / Nino.

4. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correct word in the blank given in your answer sheet. (3)

Error Correction

- a) Coral reefs is one of the most sensitive ecosystems of all.
- b) A large number of reef all over the world are on the brink of
- c) extinction. The major factors for the destruction of coral reefs is
- d) global warming due to increased carbon dioxide on the atmosphere.
- e) Studies has shown that even one degree C rise above
- f) normal temperature can result from large-scale destruction.

5. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. (3)

- i) insects / have / our enemies / we / always / as / thought /of
- ii) eat up / some of them / our plants, make them / eat into / our / some / fruits / and / bad / carry disease / and others / some
- iii) pesticides / annoy / so much / us / that / they / use / to / we / kill / them

**SECTION C- LITERATURE (16 marks)**

5. Read and answer ANY TWO of the given questions.

A) *“Silence surrounds us. I would have  
Him prodigal, return to  
His father’s house, the home he knew,  
Rather than see him make and move  
His world. I would forgive him too,  
Shaping from sorrow a new love.”* (2)

- i) The allusion ‘I would have Him prodigal, returning to His father’s house,’ refers to which story?
- ii) Is the speaker exaggerating when he says "see him make and move His world"? Explain his intention.

B) *“The dilemma was so urgent he did not solve it consciously. Blindly, instinctively, he gave the child to the nurse and turned his attention to Susan Morgan who now lay collapsed, almost pulseless, and not yet out of the ether, upon her side. His haste was desperate, a frantic race against her ebbing strength.”* (2)

- i) What caused Andrew to react instinctively to the urgent dilemma he faces?
- ii) What is the significance of Andrew's haste in attending to Susan Morgan?  
(A) He is afraid of the child's condition. (B) He is prioritizing the mother's critical state.  
(C) He is avoiding responsibility. (D) He is unsure of what to do.

C) *“My experience in Hor came as a stark contrast to accounts I’d read of earlier travellers’ first encounters with Lake Manasarovar. Ekai Kawaguchi, a Japanese monk who had arrived there in 1900, was so moved by the sanctity of the lake that he burst into tears. A couple of years later, the hallowed waters had a similar effect on Sven Hedin, a Swede who wasn’t prone to sentimental outbursts.”* (2)

- i) What is the significance of the phrase "hallowed waters" in the passage?
- ii) How does the author's experience in Hor differ from the earlier travellers mentioned in the passage?

6. Select ANY TWO questions and answer in 40-50 words. (6)

- i) Complete the following sentence.  
The purpose of the author’s journey to Mount Kailash was \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii) What does Rajendra Deshpande mean when he says, “You have passed through a fantastic experience or more correctly a catastrophic experience?”
- iii) Explain the central idea of ‘The Tale of Melon City’.

7. Select ANY ONE question and answer in 120-150 words. (6)

- i) Compare and contrast ‘The Adventure’ with the adventure described in ‘We’re Not Afraid to Die..If We can All be Together’ on the basis of theme, action and characterization.
- ii) Dr. Andrew Manson fulfilled his calling when he attended on Susan. Explain with reference to the chapter ‘Birth’.