

ASSIGNMENT CLASS X

SECTION- A

Q 1 Read the following passage carefully:

We are in a rush. We are making haste. A compression of time characterizes our lives. As time-use researchers look around, they see a rushing and scurrying everywhere.

Instant services rule, pollsters use electronic devices during political speeches to measure opinions before they have been fully formed; fast food restaurants add express lanes. Even reading to children is under pressure. The volume “One Minute Bedtime Stories” consists of traditional stories that can be read by a busy parent in only one minute.

Time is a gentle deity, said Sophocles. Perhaps it was, for him. These days it cracks the whip. We humans have chosen speed and we thrive on it – more than we generally admit. Our ability to work fast and play fast gives us power. It thrills us. And if haste is the accelerator, multitasking is the overdrive.

A sense of well-being comes with this saturation of parallel pathways in the brain. We choose mania over boredom every time. “Humans have never opted for slower,” points out the historian Stephen Kern. We catch the fever –and cramming our life feels good.

There are definite ways to save time, but what does this concept really mean? Does time saving mean getting more done? If so, does talking on a cellular phone at the beach save time or waste it? Does it make sense to say that driving saves ten minutes from your travel budget while removing ten minutes from your reading budget?

These questions have no answer. They depend on a concept that is ill formed; the very idea of time saving. Some of us say we want to save time when we really want to do more and faster. It might be simpler to recognize that there is time and we make choices about how to spend it, how to spare it, how to use it and how to fill it.

Time is not a thing we have lost. It is not a thing we ever had. It is what we live in.

Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate options from the ones given below:

1) What Sophocles said is outdated. Why?

2) What do Electronic poll devices, instant services, fast food restaurants signify?

3) According to the author, why do we wish to save time?

4) A word that means the same as ‘filled to capacity’ is _____

5) The passage:

- a) advocates the need to accelerate time so that we can meet our requirements

- b) recognizes the need to rush and scurry all the time
- c) advises us to recognize time and decide what to do with it
- d) appreciates those who invest time wisely

Q 2 Read the following passage carefully:

A recent trip to Lucknow was an instant eye-opener and a more instant stimulus to introspection.

The realization of self-degradation started from the station itself. All set to fight the autowallah in Lucknow and accuse him of being a rude fleecer, I was stopped mid-sentence by his demeanour. He was mild, polished and totally agreeable to whatever I would pay him. He was sure I would not pay less than what the fare should be because he felt I had enough money to do so. Of course the respectful way he spoke to me took me completely off guard, and made me a wee bit ashamed. The aggression which one has to display all the time in Delhi, I realized was not needed here. In fact, it was shocking for the autowallah to encounter a presumptuous woman yearning for a fight.

That's what Delhi does to you. It takes away your polish. Unlike Delhi, Lucknow prefers to stay away from hysterical momentum. It takes an easy pace of life, teaches residents to stay cool, enjoy food, take siestas and work without hitting the breakneck speed barrier. It has set its priorities right. It nurtures its young and it loves its old.

In Delhi, morning walkers go for expensive paraphernalia. You need to drive at least five kms to hunt for a park. Back in Lucknow simply walk out of your house and your walk begins. No traffic and no pollution.

Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate options from the ones given below:

1) Why was the author all set to fight with the autorickshaw driver in Lucknow?

2) Your personality in Delhi becomes

- a) negative and aggressive
- b) agreeable and submissive
- c) polished and assertive
- d) negative and submissive

3) What do morning walkers in Lucknow require?

4) The word 'presumptuous' in the passage means _____

5) How was the trip to Lucknow an eye opener for the author?

Q 3 Read the following passage carefully

Su means number and Duko means single. The game of Sudoku has many similarities to the game of life. The game consists of a 9×9 grid divided into 3×3 boxes in which a few numbers called “given”- the number of givens varies between 17 and 30 for a puzzle to be reasonably viable- are already in place.

In life, too, you start with a given set of notions and then work from thereon. In Sudoku, you need to follow a set of rules to build up the grid, filling each row, column and box with numbers ranging from one to nine, so much like in life where you have to go on your way without antagonizing anyone else. Respect every number (person) and things would be fine. While trial or error may or may not work, the correct technique is in eliminating numbers that don't fit in a particular box.

In Sudoku, the arrangement of the given numbers is symmetrical. This is instructive in life, on how to maintain steadfast faith, poise and equanimity despite situations when everything turns topsy-turvy.

There is a subtle difference between the two as well. Make a mistake and you can erase it and begin all over again in Sudoku. Not so in life. You can learn a lesson though, and avoid making the same mistake in future.

Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate options from the ones given below:

1) The given numbers in Sudoku are comparable to the _____in life.

- a) rules
- b) notions
- c) people
- d) respect

2) In Sudoku, by eliminating numbers that do not fit we

- a) keep reducing errors to succeed in life
- b) keep adding the chances to solve the puzzle
- c) restrict our choices
- d) open new avenues

3) In life, symmetry is maintained through

- a) patience and hard work
- b) balance in spite of hardships

- c) constant trust
- d) friends and enemies

4) In life we can learn from our mistakes but we cannot

- a) begin afresh
- b) undo them
- c) relive them
- d) commit them again

5) To 'antagonise' in the passage means

- a) to be determined
- b) to be noticeable
- c) to please
- d) to make someone angry

Q 4 Read the following poem carefully

THESE DREAMS

These dreams

Obstinate offspring of my wayward mind

Keep running out of my home

All too often.

Somewhat humiliated

Somewhat hurt

Somewhat angry

At times they even rush out barefoot.

It is difficult to pacify these stubborn kids or humour them

For theirs is a search for eternal spring

They wish to seek out the stars and talk to them

I am a tired traveller

And have not the will
To chase them anymore.
I have come to terms
With my wilderness but I do fear for
Those naïve ones
Come evening and they may seek solace
If they come to you even as you sleep
Do not push them away, tenderly hold them
In your lap like their fond mother

Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate options from the ones given below:

1) The poet feels that he cannot control his dreams by saying that they

- a) are somewhat angry
- b) are obstinate offspring
- c) rush out barefoot
- d) keep running out of his home

2) *I do fear for these naïve ones* means that his dreams

- a) need to be protected
- b) need love and care
- c) have become rebellious
- d) need a parent to look after them

3) The message of the poem is

- a) one must never stop dreaming
- b) dreams distract you
- c) practicality is the way of life
- d) dream but know your limits

4) The poetic device in the first stanza is

- a) simile
- b) alliteration
- c) metaphor
- d) personification

5) Like a fond mother we must

- a) nurture our dreams
- b) push our dreams to the limits
- c) hold them in our laps
- d) let them be free

SECTION B

Q 1 Use the notes given below to write a paragraph of about 100 words.

Trip to Goa

- Wonderful place-open houses-eco-friendly
- People- friendly, happy-go-lucky
- Landscape-picturesque, beaches, clear blue water
- Restaurants- delicious sea food
- Sightseeing- ferry.bus, motorcycles available on rent
- Carnival- colourful, music ,dance, fun and frolic

Q 2. Your batch was the first to appear for the revamped examination system for Classes IX and X. Taking help from the verbal stimulus given below, write an article expressing your opinion and experiences in about 150 words

STUDENTS'

REACTION:

Grades eliminate competition
No stress

No board examinations!
Board Examinations are history

CCE has made learning very interesting

Exam are essential to review learning and progress
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Board are essential to review learning and progress

Q 3 Write an article for a national daily, sharing your concerns and suggestions about 'Is today's youth directionless'?

Q4 Write an article on “Criminals Should be Reformed not Punished”.

Q5. Write an article on “Laughter is the Best Medicine”.

Q6. Write a speech on “The Need to Recognize and Empower the Girl Child”.

Q7. Write a speech on “Yesterday’s Gizmos is Today’s Junk”.

Q8. Write an e-mail to your cousin expressing your dilemma in choosing a good career option for yourself.

Q9. Your school organised a cultural programme with the help of the local artists for raising funds to help an association for disabled children of your city. Write an e-mail to your friend telling him/her all about it.

Q10. Recently you read a book which impressed you. Write an e-mail to your friend telling him/her about the book and in what way has it influenced you.

SECTION C

Q 1. Edit the Notice given below by choosing the appropriate option from the list given.

NOTICE

St John’s School, Lucknow

Inter School Football Match 15th March 2008

An Inter-School Football Match (a) is organised between our school and City Montessori School. The match (b) will be playing on the 18th March 2008 in our school grounds from 5 p.m. onwards. All students (c) is requested to assemble in the school grounds (d) to witnessed the match and cheer the team.

Saurav

Sports Captain

(a) (i) is being organised (ii) has organised (iii) is organising (iv) have been organised

(b) (i) would be played (ii) are played (iii) will be played (iv) will play

(c) (i) are requested (ii) were requested (iii) are being requested (iv) have been requested

(d) (i) witnessing (ii) witness (iii) to witness (iv) are witnessed

Q 2. Complete the news stories accompanying the following headlines by filling in the blanks.

(a). Fire in Bangalore high rise, no casualties

..... on the terrace of a five-storey Gold Towers in Residence Road in the heart of Bangalore, a police official said. so far.

- (i) A fire broke out; No casualties have been reported
- (ii) A fire has broken out; No casualties have been reported
- (iii) A fire is breaking out; No casualties are being reported
- (iv) A fire broke out; No casualties are said to be reported

(b). Sania, Shoaib exchange wedding vows in Hyderabad

Indian tennis star Sania Mirza at a hotel here on Monday after getting a no-objection certificate from the city police.

- (i) has been tied the knot with Pakistani cricketer Shoaib Malik
- (ii) is tying the knot with Pakistani cricketer Shoaib Malik
- (iii) tied the knot with Pakistani cricketer Shoaib Malik
- (iv) will have tied the knot with Pakistani cricketer Shoaib Malik

(c). Obama asks Pakistan to bring 26/11 perpetrators to justice

US President Barack Obama asked Pakistani Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani....., saying that this action would be a positive thing in improving Indo-Pak ties.

- (i) for bringing the perpetrators of the Mumbai terrorist attack to justice
- (ii) to brought a perpetrators of the Mumbai terrorist attack to justice
- (iii) to bring perpetrators of Mumbai terrorist attack to justice
- (iv) to bring the perpetrators of the Mumbai terrorist attack to justice

(d). Pakistan: 35 militants, 2 soldiers die in fighting

Militants armed with rockets and automatic weapons in northwestern Pakistan....., officials said.

- (i) attacked against two security checkpoints; leaving at least 35 insurgents and two soldiers dead

(ii) have attacked two security checkpoints; left at least 35 insurgents and two soldiers dead

(iii) attacked two security checkpoints; that has left at least 35 insurgents and two soldiers dead

(iv) attacked two security checkpoints; leaving at least 35 insurgents and two soldiers dead

Q 3 Choose the most appropriate options to complete the dialogue given below.

Nandini: Hello Niharika!

Niharika: Hi, What a pleasant surprise!

Nandini: It's been a long time since we met. Where (a) _____ all these years?

Niharika: In Delhi. How about you? What (b) _____ nowadays?

Nandini: I'm a fashion designer looking for a job. Last time we met you were still studying.

(c) _____ business management?

Niharika: In 2001. Actually I'm here for an interview with a multinational.

Nandini: That's a wonderful piece of news! When (d) _____?

Niharika: I have to report at 5pm today. The office is in Sardar Patel Marg. Can you drop me there?

Nandini: Of course! Look there is plenty of time before that. Let's treat ourselves to coffee.

(a) (i) had you been (ii) were you (iii) are you (iv) have you been

(b) (i) are you doing (ii) will you be doing (iii) have you been doing (iv) had you been doing

(c) (i) Are you doing (ii) When did you finish (iii) How did you finish (iv) Have you finished

(d) (i) did you report? (ii) would you come? (iii) do you have to report? (iv) do you have to come?

Q 4. Look at the notes given below and complete the paragraph that follows by choosing the correct option.

Egyptians discovered paper – made of stalks of tall reed -from word 'papyrus' — supplies limited – export restricted
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The (a) Egyptians. It (b) The English word 'paper' (c) When supplies were limited (d) the export.

- (a) (i) discovery of paper has been made by the (ii) discovery of the paper was made by
(iii) discovery of paper was made by the (iv) discovery of paper is made by
(b) (i) was made from stalks of reed (ii) had been made with stalks of reed
(iii) was being made of stalks with reed (iv) was made with stalks from reed
(c) (i) derived from the word papyrus (ii) is derived of the word papyrus
(iii) has been derived from the word papyrus (iv) was derived from the word papyrus
(d) (i) and a restriction was imposed on (ii) a restriction was imposed on
(iii) a restriction has been imposed on (iv) a restriction was imposed by

Q 5. Read the following conversation carefully and complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate options.

Dilip: I've been watching the sea and there hasn't been any trace of a ship.

Ralph: I told you yesterday too that we'll be rescued, so have patience.

Dilip: Why do you ask me to keep quiet whenever I say something?

Ralph: Have you ever said anything sensible?

Dilip said (a) _____ Ralph replied (b) _____ and so asked him to have patience. Dilip angrily asked Ralph (c) _____ to which Ralph wanted to know (d) _____.

a)

- (i) that he had been watching the sea and there hadn't been any trace of a ship.
(ii) he had been watching the sea and there hasn't been any trace of a ship.
(iii) that he watched the sea and there wasn't any trace of a ship.
(iv) that he had watched the sea and there wasn't any trace of a ship.

b)

- (i) that he had told him before too that they would be rescued.
(ii) that he told him the next day too that they would be rescued.
(iii) that he had told him the day before too that they would be rescued.
(iv) that he told him the day before too that they will be rescued.

c)

- (i) Why he asked him to keep quiet whenever he said something.
- (ii) Why he should keep quiet whenever he said something.
- (iii) that why he asked him to keep quiet whenever he said something.
- (iv) Why was there a need for him to be quiet.

d)

- (i) whether he had ever said anything sensible.
 - (ii) if he had never said anything sensible.
 - (iii) if he ever said anything sensible.
 - (iv) that If he ever said anything sensible.
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SECTION D

Q1. Discuss the fickle-mindedness of the mob in Julius Caesar.

Q2. Write the character-sketch of Mark Antony.

Q3. Bring out the supernatural elements in Julius Caesar.

Q4. What does 'Et tu Brute' tell us about the character of Julius Caesar? How does Antony convince the people that Caesar was not ambitious?

Q5. After her reconciliation with her husband, John Hallock, Lavinia writes a letter to her friend expressing how her relationship with him had almost been on the verge of breaking and what saved it. As Lavinia write a letter.

Q6. Why does Patol Babu walk away before he can be paid for his role? What does this reveal about his character?

Q7. After recovering, Sebastian Shultz sends a letter of thanks to Michael for the help rendered by him. As Sebastian write the letter on his behalf.