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Annual Examination, 2026
English
Class—11

Time : 3 Hrs. 15 Mins.]

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General Instructions :

- (i) First 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question paper.
- (ii) This paper is divided into *four* sections—A, B, C and D.
- (iii) *All* the sections are compulsory.
- (iv) Marks are indicated against each question.

Section A : Reading

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

The great advantage of early rising is the good start it gives us in our day's work. The early riser has done a large amount of hard work before other men have got out of bed. In the early morning, the mind is fresh and there are few sounds or other things to disturb him. The work done at this time is, therefore, usually well done. In many cases, the early riser also finds time to take some exercise in the fresh morning air, and this exercise supplies him with a fund of energy that will last until the evening. By beginning so early, he knows that he has plenty of time to do all that he intends to do. The habit of early rising is thus a great friend to the man who desires to do much with his life.

- (a) What is the great advantage of early rising ? 3
- (b) Why is the work done in the early morning usually well done ? 3
- (c) How does exercise help the early riser ? 3
- (d) Find a word from the passage which means 'supply' or 'provide'. 3
- (e) (i) Give a suitable title to the passage. 1
- (ii) Find the antonym of the word 'late' from the passage. 1
- (iii) Find the similar word from the passage of 'power'. 1

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Section B : Writing

2. Make notes on the given passage and then make a summary of the passage with the help of the notes : 5

Residents of the Bhirung Raut Ki Gali, where Ustad Bismillah Khan was born on March 21, 1916, were in shock. His cousin, 94-year old Mohd Idrish Khan had tears in his eyes. Shubhan Khan, the care-taker of Bismillah's land, recalled : "Whenever in Dumaraon, he would give rupees two to the boys and rupees five to the girls of the locality." He was very keen to play shehnai again in the local Bihariji's Temple where he had started playing shehnai with his father, Bachai Khan, at the age of six. His original name was Quamaruddin and become Bismillah only after he became famous as a shehnai player in Varanasi.

Throughout his life he abided by the principle that all religions are one. What marked Bismillah was his simplicity and disregard for the riches that come with musical fame. Till the Very end, he used a cycle rikshaw to travel around Varanasi. But the pressure of providing for some 60 family members took its toll during his later years.

3. Write an article on any *one* of the following topics in about 100-150 words : 8
- (a) Importance of Sports and Games.
 - (b) My Aim in Life.
 - (c) Hazards of Plastic Bags.
4. Write *a* letter to the editor of a newspaper about a major road accident you witnessed, including the details of loss of life and property. 7

OR

Write *an* application to the principal of your school requesting a week's leave as you have to attend your sister's wedding.

Section C : Grammar

5. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions : 10
- (a) The synonym of 'Feasible' is :
- (i) impossible
 - (ii) practical
 - (iii) strong
 - (iv) useless

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(b) The Antonym of 'Conceal' is :

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| (i) hide | (iii) cover |
| (ii) reveal | (iv) protect |

(c) Give one word for : 'A written statement about someone's character, usually provided by an employer.'

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| (i) Testimony | (iii) Certificate |
| (ii) Affidavit | (iv) Testimonial |

(d) 'To nip in the bud' means :

- (i) to destroy fully
- (ii) to praise
- (iii) to stop a small problem before it develops
- (iv) to ignore

(e) Which word is correctly spelt ?

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| (i) Gaurante | (iii) Guarantee |
| (ii) Guarantee | (iv) Guarantei |

6. Change the following sentences as directed : 10

- (a) He said, "I may go to Lucknow tomorrow." **(Change into Indirect Speech)**
- (b) We must help the poor. **(Change into Passive Voice)**
- (c) He is poor. He is honest. **(Combine into a Compound Sentence)**
- (d) The Taj Mahal is one of the most beautiful buildings in the world. **(Change into Positive Degree)**
- (e) Correct the following sentence : 'The news are true.'

7. Translate the following passage into English : 5

समय दुनिया की सबसे मूल्यवान चीज़ है। यह धन से भी अधिक महत्वपूर्ण है। क्योंकि खोया हुआ धन वापस कमाया जा सकता है, लेकिन बीता हुआ समय कभी वापस नहीं आता। इसलिए, हमें समय का सदुपयोग करना चाहिए। जो व्यक्ति समय को बर्बाद करता है, वह अंत में पछताता है। सभी महान व्यक्तियों ने समय के महत्व को समझा और उसका सम्मान किया।

Section D : Literature

8. Answer any *two* of the following questions in about 30-40 words each : $2 \times 4 = 8$

- (a) What difference did the narrator notice between the city school education and the village school education of his grandmother ?

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- (b) Who was 'Sue' and how did she console her father during the voyage ?
- (c) Where did the travellers find the most peaceful port and why did they decide to stay there ?
9. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 80 words : 7
- (a) How did Professor Gaitonde try to correct history, and what was the outcome of his action in the town hall ?
- (b) Justify the title of the story 'The Portrait of a Lady'.
10. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow : $3 \times 2 = 6$
- Where has my mother's laughter gone ?
It's hidden under the table of time.
And though it is dead, the mother's laughter,
The way she laughs is still a living thing.
- (a) Whose laughter is the poet referring to ?
- (b) What does 'table of time' symbolize ?
- (c) Explain the phrase 'the way she laughs is still a living thing'.
11. Write the central idea of any *one* of the following : 4
- (a) The Laburnum Top
- (b) The Voice of the Rain
- (c) Childhood.
12. Answer any *two* of the following questions in about 30-40 words each : $2 \times 4 = 8$
- (a) What did the narrator observe about Mrs. Dorling and her things at the address ?
- (b) Describe the condition of the beautiful white horse when it was finally returned.
- (c) Who was Mrs. Fitzgerald ?
13. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 80 words : 7
- (a) Write a short note on the Garoghlanian family's poverty and their characteristic honesty, as described in the story.
- (b) Write a character sketch of Mrs. S.