

Convent of Jesus and Mary
Pre Board Examination – 2019
Class X
English

Time: 3 hrs

M.M. 80

General Instructions

1. The 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.
3. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.
4. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the question.

Section – A

Reading

(20Marks)

Q1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

The advent of digital age makes public libraries obsolete. Advancement in technology and changing cultural practices have made the traditional public libraries difficult to exist.

Although e-book usage has not become widespread as quickly as many anticipated with advent of computer, this slow adoption is beginning to accelerate with the recent development of specialized e-book readers which use electronic paper technology, such as the high profile Amazon Kindle, which has sold tens of thousands of units. Just as consumers are moving away from hard-copy formats in music and videos, towards electronic files, the same will happen with books once e-reader technology reaches the 'killer app' level achieved by the iPod for music. With the decline of the physical book will come the necessary decline of the physical library.

The internet is bringing about a culture where information and files are shared freely, negating the need for public institutions to hoard and distribute books. This has already been observed in music and videos – despite their best efforts, recording companies cannot stop the inevitable, free sharing of data. The same process is under way with books – Project Gutenberg makes it possible to find almost any popular public domain classic free online, while Google Books is doing the same with more obscure selections. Already there is a large collection of commercial books which have been scanned into digital formats and are available for download.

The internet presents a better way to achieve the goals of libraries than physical libraries themselves namely free and open access to information and books. Providing free access to the internet would be a more effective way of making e-books available than building and supporting larger buildings filled with unread books. Once this fact becomes apparent to governments, it will become difficult to justify the larger relative cost of running a traditional library.

Furthermore, the internet has demonstrated its effectiveness for bringing people together in a social network to share preferences within a given domain. Last is a popular music sharing

and discovery resource. These types of sites are popular amongst the current generation, and are a likely candidate to replace the community fostered by traditional libraries. Trends indicate that traditional libraries will soon become obsolete.

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(A) Answer the following questions

- a. What has made paper books obsolete?
- b. What technology do the e-books make use of?
- c. What will happen once 'e-reader' technology reaches the 'killer app' level?
- d. Is free access to technology an effective way to promote e-reading?
- e. What will happen when the Government becomes aware of the importance of e-books?
- f. How has the internet demonstrated its effectiveness?
- g. What do the trends indicate?
- h. Find the word from the passage which mean the same as 'unavoidable'

Q2. Read the given passage carefully

The new generation is breaking out of the traditional mold and is ready to take risk and opt for offbeat careers. Think out of the box, achieve new heights, question conventional wisdom and live your dreams, this seems to be the mantra of the new generation. Yes, we are talking about pursuing careers requiring creative inputs and not confining to run-of-the-mill options. Today's generation is ready to take risks and opts for offbeat career to become successful. More students are choosing offbeat careers for themselves like graphic designing, sculpting, fashion designing, film making, tourism and travel and much more. Gone are the days when children are forced to crack engineering or medical entrance tests to bag a plum job. With increasing competition, a good degree from a good institute does not guarantee a good job. Then there are some students who have a creative bent of mind. Take the case of Anirudha Thorat, a mechanical engineer, who completed his course but then chose to chart his career in photography. He says, "The mechanical engineering course was simply out of family pressure. I would like to see myself as a famous photographer rather than a good mechanical engineer." The world of fashion offers opportunities as fashion designers, textile designers, jewellery designer etc. A creative person can certainly succeed as a creative artist, commercial artist, animation expert, film maker, graphic artist, professional photographer, copywriter, to name a few. In case, a student has taken up graphic designing, he can easily find a place in advertising, animation, printing technology.

Says Cahvi Swaroop, a career counselor, "As the world globalizes, the need for a formal degree or certificate is no longer considered the basic requirement for success. What is needed is an inherent talent, liking for a job, motivation and commitment." No other industry exemplifies this better than the media industry. One could work and succeed as an illustrator if one is good at art, sketching or cartooning. Purvesha Pitale, a placement coordinator says, "globalization is bringing a lot of opportunities to India and has made youngsters opt for a career as per their interests. Career in Pr and event management firms, creative writing, advertising and fashion journalism are attracting bright talented youngsters. Bold attitude, courage to accept challenge and risk taking are some of the features of the youth of today who are moving to offbeat careers."

(A) Answer the following questions

[4x2=8]

- Enumerate as to how today's generation is different from earlier generations.
- Does the world of fashion provide an excellent platform to showcase creativity? How?
- Why does a good degree not guarantee a good job?
- State some of the qualities that have motivated the youth towards the offbeat careers.

(B) Find the following from the passage

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- Synonym of traditional
- Antonym of breach
- Synonym of innovative
- Antonym of "not-for-profit"

Section- B

Writing and Grammar(30 Marks)

3. The young generation has lost its regard for the older generations. In the modern race of money and luxury, the youth of today has forgotten the elderly. Write an article on the loneliness and the feeling of isolation the old people go through. (8 Marks)

OR

You are Poonam Arora living at F-506 Indirapuram Ghaziabad. You've got admission in a prestigious college of South Delhi. Write a letter to the Dean of Vcukateshwara College making necessary inquiries about the college.

4. Write a story in about 150-200 words using the following hints. (10 Marks)

Hints: Sonu and Monu/waited eagerly/sisters for Rakhi/did not come/till evening/came at night/the reason for their not coming disclosed by one of them.

OR

Develop a story with the help of the following opening line---

Once upon a time two poor merchants lived in a city.....

5. Fill in the gaps by choosing the most appropriate words from the options given below.

[4]

Blending is now becoming (a)----- popular form of exercising. There are also a variety (b)----- dances (c)----- have been used as workouts in the past. (d)----- most popular forms have been the Zumba. Belly dancing and Salsa but the latest variety to have caught the headlines is Bokwa dancing.

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| (a) (i) an | (ii) very | (iii) the | (iv) a |
| (b) (i) on | (ii) of | (iii) in | (iv) at |
| (c) (i) where | (ii) when | (iii) that | (iv) who |
| (d) (i) A | (ii) The | (iii) An | (iv) Of |

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against each line of the passage. (1x4=4)

	Error	Correction
The biggest advantage by smart	(a)-----	-----
Classes is that they are good on	(b)-----	-----
all kinds of learners. A class room have	(c)-----	-----
students of varied levels of understanding	(d)-----	-----

7. Rearrange the following groups of words and phrases to form meaningful sentences: (1x4=4)

- (a) soul / is / culture / Bihu / Assamese / the / of
 (b) state / celebrated / is / parts / in / all / it / of / the
 (c) Bihu / Bihus / solemn / kaati / is / all / most / of
 (d) empty / time / period / harvest / is / are / farmers / granaries / good / this / a / when / and / for / pray.

SECTION C-LITERATURE (30 MARKS)

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (1x4=4)

People will take
 Balls, balls will be lost always, little boy.
 And no one buys a ball back. Money is external

- (a) People will go on:
 (i) Playing with new balls (ii) keeping the new balls
 (iii) possessing the new balls (iv) buying new balls
- (b) Balls will always be:
 (i) liked (ii) possessed (iii) preserved (iv) lost
- (c) Money cannot buy the ----- back.
- (d) Money can't compensate emotional losses as it is -----

OR

Kisa Gotami had an only son and he died. In her grief she carried the dead child to all her neighbours, asking them for medicine, and the people said, "She has lost her senses. The boy is dead."

- (a) Kisa Gotami's only son
 (i) was lost in a fair (ii) was very ill
 (iii) suffered from an incurable disease (iv) died
- (b) She carried the dead child:

- (i) to all her neighbours
(ii) to all the sages
(iii) to all the doctors
(iv) to all the wise men
- (c) Kisa Gotami asked for-----
(d) The people thought that she had lost her-----

9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each: (2x5=10)

- (a) What were the various types of freedoms Nelson Mandela talks about? How were they different from one another?
(b) Why does Maxwell call the airhostess "the very queen of her kind"?
(c) Why did the lawyer hate his work?
(d) Why did the thief smile in the most appealing way at the end of the story? How was this smile different from the previous smile?
(e) How can it be said that Horace Danby was a typical thief? Explain.
(f) What opinion of Chubukov do you form after reading 'The Proposal'?

Q10. Answer the any one of the following questions in about 100-150 words (8 Marks)

Write a character sketch of Peggy.

OR

Give a brief character-sketch of Anne Frank highlighting the contradictions and conflicts she faced in her short life.

11. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-150 words (8 Marks)

Griffin, the scientist, misused his discovery in many of his acts. Did he do that out of compulsion or was he a lawless person by nature? Elucidate with examples.

OR

'He was the most trusting person I had ever met.' Justify this statement of Hari Singh about his benefactor, Anil. Did he breach Anil's trust?
