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AMRITA PRE BOARD EXAMINATION 2019 - 20

Class : X

Marks : 80

Time : 3 hrs

ENGLISH

General Instructions:

1. This paper is divided into three sections : A, B and C.

Section A : Reading 20 marks

Section B : Writing and Grammar 30 marks

Section C : Literature 30 marks

2. All questions are compulsory.

3. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.

4. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.

5. Strictly adhere to the word limit prescribed.

SECTION A - READING

1. Read the passages given below and answer the questions that follow.

Hibernation is one of the main adaptations that allow certain northern animals to survive long, cold winters. Hibernation is like a very deep sleep that allows animals to save their energy when there is little or no food available. The body functions of true hibernators go through several changes while they are in hibernation.

Body temperature drops and the heart rate slows down. For example, a hibernating woodchuck's body temperature drops by more than 30 degrees Celsius and its heart rate slows down from 80 to 4 beats per minute! Other true hibernators include the jumping mouse, little brown bat, eastern chipmunk, and several ground squirrels. Other animals such as the skunk and racoon are not considered true hibernators, as they wake up in winter to feed and their body functions do not change as much.

Since they only sleep for a little bit at a time, the term 'dormancy' or 'light sleeping' is used to describe their behaviour.

The largest animals to hibernate are bears. Their heart rate may slow down from a usual 40-50 beats per minute to 8-12 beats per minute, but their body temperature changes very little, so they are able to wake up quickly.

Hibernating animals have a special substance in the blood called hibernation inducement trigger, or HIT. This substance becomes active in the fall when the days become cooler and shorter. When HIT becomes active, the animals start preparing for winter.

Some animals store food so that they can eat when they wake up and some animals eat a lot in late summer and fall to add excess fat to their bodies. This fat keeps them warmer and acts as a source of energy while they are sleeping.

Some animals also make changes to the places where they will sleep. They add leaves and grasses to keep themselves warm.

On the basis of your reading of the passage given above, answer the following questions. 8

- Why do animals hibernate?
- The body functions of true hibernators go through no changes while they are in hibernation. (true /

- false)
- c) Which of the following is not a true hibernating animal?
(Woodchuck, Jumping mouse, Skunk, Little brown bat)
 - d) What is full form of HIT?
 - e) When do animals start preparing for hibernation?
(When days become cooler and shorter, When days become hot and humid, When they have stored plenty of food, When they want to take rest)
 - f) _____ is a special substance in the blood of hibernating animals.
 - g) What is the term 'dormancy' used for?
 - h) During hibernation, the heart beat of the bear goes down but body temperature doesn't change much. (true / false)

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

Illiteracy is a state whereby one is unable to read and write. In its simplest form, it can be defined as lack of any or sufficient education. Illiteracy is a scar in our national life. Millions of people in our country are still in the darkness of illiteracy and ignorance. They are deceived in every walk of life. Lack of literacy is a hurdle for the overall development and well-being of this country. It weakens the backbone of our country. It is not only baffling our democracy slowly but steadily also leading the vast democratic set up of this country to jeopardy.

Sometimes people who have had very basic education also experience challenges in reading and writing. Illiteracy makes a personal enemy of mankind. It is like a curse on his life, on his family and on his nation because the work of illiteracy is that of an inhibitor. This is to say, the more the number of illiterate people in a country, the harder it will be for the country to develop. We can clarify this fact with an example.

America whose illiteracy rate is below 5 per cent and Canada whose illiteracy rate is around 8 per cent are developed countries, whereas countries like Turkey and Iran with illiteracy rates of 61 per cent and 43 per cent respectively are underdeveloped countries. The illiterate population is unskilled and less productive. It is a fact that it is always tougher and more expensive to train illiterate people than to train educated ones. Due to ignorance and lack of rational thinking, they are easily deceived by intermediaries and employers. Again, taking an example of the glittering diamond industry of Surat, the labourers who cut and polish diamonds are largely betrayed just because 95 per cent of them are uneducated and the diamond companies take its fullest advantage. They enforce overtime and low wages on them.

2.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any four of the following questions in about 30-40 words each.

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- a) How does illiteracy make a man enemy of mankind?
- b) What do you mean by illiteracy?
- c) Why are countries like Canada and America developed countries and countries like Turkey and Iran underdeveloped?
- d) Give a suitable title for the above passage.
- e) Why are illiterate people less productive?
- f) How are the uneducated labourers working in glittering diamond companies of Surat betrayed?

2.2. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following.

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- a) The Noun form of 'labourer' is _____.
(liberty, labour, laborious, laboratory)
- b) The Adjective form of 'literary' is _____.
(literate, literature, literal, liberty)

- c) The synonym of the word 'shining' is _____.
(bright, fade, dull, glittering)
- d) The antonym of 'overdeveloped' from the passage _____.
(developing, defined, sufficient, underdeveloped)

SECTION B - WRITING AND GRAMMAR

3. You are Krithi / Krishnan of 23D, Aurobindo Ghosh Road, Kozhikode. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the editor of a newspaper about the nuisance caused by loudspeakers in the city during examination days drawing the attention of the concerned authorities to the problem. 8

OR

You are Ram / Rani. You have seen the following news item in the newspaper.

Video games, Internet, Cell phones and other high-tech gear are just part of growing up in a digital world. But parents are concerned about the amount of time their children spend with these and worry that it might be distracting and cramping academic and social development.

Write an article in about 100-150 words describing both the benefits and drawbacks of using these high-tech devices.

4. **Write a short story, in about 200-250 words with the cues given in the boxes below. Give a suitable title to the story.** 10

Jasmine, Arjun and two other friends decided to go on a picnic to a beach. They packed their bags and were quite excited. They reached the picnic spot and came across a small child who was crying

OR

Ramesh packed his luggage and went to the bus stand. He boarded the bus going to his village Sarjapur. It was the last bus of the day. Sadly, the bus broke down after going to a distance of 10 km.

5. **Complete the following conversation with the help of given options. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers.** 4

Mohit - When a) _____ from Bangalore?

Rohit - Yesterday evening.

Mohit - How was the weather there? b) _____ very warm?

Rohit - Well, the weather was very pleasant, How many places c) _____? d) _____ visit Ooty?

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| a) (i) have you returned | (ii) will you return | (iii) did you return | (iv) may you return |
| b) (i) Could it be | (ii) Was it | (iii) Would it be | (iv) Won't it be |
| c) (i) will you be visiting | (ii) can you visit | (iii) have you visited | (iv) did you visit |
| d) (i) Did you not | (ii) Should you not | (iii) Can you not | (iv) Could you not |

6. **The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number.** 4

	Error	Correction
Tsunami is a series in waves	a) _____	_____
generated in a body from water	b) _____	_____
through an impulsive disturbance	c) _____	_____
causing damage to property or loss of life.	d) _____	_____

7. **Rearrange the following words and phrases into meaningful sentences.** 4

- a) of mankind / the habit / reading is / one of / resources / of / the greatest /
- b) are / we enjoy / that / belong to us / than if / much more / they / borrowed / reading books /
- c) book / formality / a certain considerate / must be treated / with / a borrowed /
- d) no book / that / afraid to / you should / mark up / own / you are /

SECTION C - LITERATURE

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

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Belinda paled, and she cried Help! Help!
But Mustard fled with a terrified yelp,
Ink trickled down to the bottom of the household,
And little mouse Blink strategically household.

- Why did Belinda cry for help?
- Where did Blink hide himself?
- Pick out the word which means the same as 'ran away'.
- Name the poet.

OR

No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin or his background or his religion. People must learn to hate and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite. Even in the grimmest times in prison, when my comrades and I were pushed to our limits, I would see a glimmer of humanity in one of the guards, perhaps just for a second, but it was enough to reassure me and keep me going. Man's goodness is a flame that can be hidden but never extinguished.

- Why is it easy to learn to love?
- What was the opinion of Mandela about the man's goodness?
- Trace a word from the passage that means 'serious'.
- What is a flame in the passage?

9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words

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- What is the theme of the poem - How to Tell Wild Animals?
- Why does Anne Frank think of having a diary?
- What was Buddha's remedy for curing Kisa Gotami's son? Was she able to fulfill it?
- What you think about Griffin as a scientist?
- Why was Bholi's father worried about her?
- Why did Hari Singh return to Anil, although he had stolen money and escaped easily?

10. Lencho was very innocent that he wrote a letter to God. Discuss it in light of his second letter.

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OR

Why did the young seagull remain all alone on the ledge? Why did he not fly with his family members?

11. What plan did Ausable make to get rid of Max?

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OR

Give the character sketch of the Hack Driver.