

**SAINIK SCHOOL GOPALGANJ**

**SUB: ENGLISH**

**CLASS - XI**

**ASSIGNMENT- 3**

**Part – I**

**Q1. Given below are four options against each question. Choose the option which you consider the most appropriate as your answer.**

- (i) In the story “Summer of the Beautiful White Horse”, two poor Armenian boys who belong to a tribe whose hallmarks are
- (a) Politeness and hospitality.
  - (b) Unity and patriotism.
  - (c) Trust and honesty.
  - (d) Hatred and corruption.
- (ii) Aram was surprised when he saw Mourad in the early morning because
- (a) Mourad never gets early in the morning.
  - (b) Mourad was with a beautiful white horse.
  - (c) Mourad knocked the door.
  - (d) Mourad invited him to play.
- (iii) Who was uncle Khosrov?
- (a) Aram’s father
  - (b) Mourad’s father
  - (c) Aram’s Uncle
  - (d) Mourad’s uncle
- (v) John Byro was sad because
- (a) he had not harvested the required amount
  - (b) he was ill-treated by uncle Khosrove
  - (c) he lost his home
  - (d) he walked a long way to reach Aram’s house
- (vi) “This was the part that wouldn’t permit me to believe what I saw.” What part does the narrator hint at?
- (a) Poverty of Garoghlanian family
  - (b) white horse
  - (c) Mourad’s presence in the morning
  - (d) The beautiful morning
- (vii) “It was true, then. He had stolen the horse. There was no question about it.” The narrator convinces himself as
- (a) stealing a horse for a ride was not the same thing as stealing something else

- (b) they should return the horse to the owner
  - (c) he should not join Mourad
  - (d) none
- (viii) Mourad is considered the natural descendent of Uncle Khosrove because
- (a) Mourad is a careless boy
  - (b) He does not take care of birds and animals
  - (c) Mourad seems to inherit the crazy streak
  - (d) both A and B
- (ix) Capricious means
- (a) Changeable
  - (b) Unpredictable
  - (c) Overconfidence
  - (d) Both A and B
- (x) 'Vagrant' indicates to a person
- (a) who is brilliant
  - (b) who is strong enough to face any danger
  - (c) wilful
  - (d) who has no home or job

**Q2. In the question below, there is a sentence with jumbled up parts. Rearrange these parts, which are labelled A, B, C and D to produce the correct sentence. Choose the proper sequence.**

- 2.1 It is possible that he thinks his .....
- a. job is to be a clerk
  - b. and to read the results out loud as he stands at the cash register
  - c. to keep people from stealing things
  - d. to type letters into a computer
- (i) abcd      (ii) adbc      (iii) acbd      (iv) bcda
- 2.2 Once reluctant to be .....
- a. seems to have
  - b. Congress vice president Rahul Gandhi
  - c. seen with Lalu Yadav
  - d. turned the page
- (i) cbad      (ii) abdc      (iii) dbac      (iv) bada
- 2.3 Stung by years of criticism that it has coddled .....
- a. Wall Street criminals, the Justice Department issued new policies
  - b. to turn over evidence against their executives
  - c. on Wednesday that prioritize the prosecution of individual employees
  - d. not just their companies, and put pressure on corporations

- (i) cbad      (ii) acdb      (iii) dbac      (iv) bada

- 2.4 One cannot recall any movement.....  
a. which has gripped the imagination of the entire human race  
b. in world history  
c. which started nearly twenty-five years ago  
d. so completely and so rapidly as the Green Movement  
(i) cbad      (ii) abdc      (iii) dbac      (iv) badc

- 2.5 I would like to express.....  
a. my deep acknowledgement  
b. towards editing the manuscript into a visual learning tool  
c. who dedicated a lot of time and effort  
d. to the copy editor and the technical editor  
(i) bdac      (ii) adcb      (iii) dbac      (iv) badc

**Q.3 Select the most appropriate word which is synonym of the given word.**

- 3.1 FUGITIVE  
a. escaping      b. enduring      c. ignoring      d. Nurturing
- 3.2 EXPONENT  
a. meddler      b. cancel      d. advocate      d. hurried
- 3.3 RECUPERATE  
a. rehabilitate      b. recover      c. reimburse      d. relocate
- 3.4 GOAD  
a. soothe      b. save      c. intention      d. worship
- 3.5 DELECTABLE  
a. noble      b. enjoyable      d. delicious      d. sumptuous
- 3.6 DIELECTRIC  
a. non-conductor      b. instructive      c. constructive      d. destructive
- 3.7 PALTRY  
a. insignificant      b. unfair      c. average      d. slovenly
- 3.8 DISPARAGE  
a. scatter      b. discriminate      c. belittle      d. waste
- 3.9 ALACRITY

- a. briskness            b. fear            c. frankness            d. alarm

3.10 ANNIHILATE

- a. destroy            b. entrain            c. forward            d. testify

**Answer the following questions**

- Q.4** Describe the shifts in the narration of the events as indicated in the three sections of the lesson “We’re Not Afraid to Die...”. Give a subtitle to each section.
- Q.5** What difference did you notice between the reaction of the adults and the children when faced with danger – “We’re Not Afraid to Die...”?
- Q.6** How does the story “We’re Not Afraid to Die..” suggest that optimism helps to endure “the direst stress”?
- Q.7** What lessons do we learn from such hazardous experiences when we are face-to-face with death?
- Q.8** Why do you think people undertake such adventurous expeditions as the narrator of the lesson “We’re Not Afraid to Die.....” in spite of the risks involved?
- Q.9** Justify the name of the chapter “We're Not Afraid to Die...if We Can All Be Together”.
- Q.10** When and why did the narrator and his wife Mary almost lose all hopes of survival?
- Q.11** What was the narrator’s immediate action when he saw his cousin Mourad was on a beautiful white horse?
- Q.12** Why did Aram run over to his cousin’s house soon after John Byro had gone? What promise did he extract from Mourad?
- Q.13** Mourad claimed he had a way with a dog as well. How did he support his claim?
- Q.14** Compare and contrast the characters between Mourad and Aram.

**Q.15** The narrator's uncle Khosrove was known to be a crazy fellow. Give a few instances of his craziness?

**Q. 16** Read the passage given below and answer the following questions.

A comprehensive emergency obstetrics and neonatal care centre block will be constructed at an estimated cost of 9 crore with World Bank assistance at the Annal Gandhi Memorial Government Hospital here. A three-member World Bank team from New Delhi led by Preeti Kudesia and Sundararajan S Gopalan, (Senior Health Specialists) and Sangeeta Pinto (Operations Analyst), which visited the site of the proposed block at the Hospital, expressed satisfaction about the site. Talking to the media persons, Dr Preeti Kudesia said that the team-members would discuss the proposed project with the Tamil Nadu Health Secretary and other officials at Chennai in a day or two. The proposed block was expected to be constructed in a span of two years even though the project period would be three years, she said. She pointed out that the World Bank was supporting the Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project. It provided soft loan to the Tamil Nadu Government for implementing various health projects. The World Bank had provided nearly 90 million US dollars for health care projects in 270 secondary level hospitals in the last five years and planned to provide a total assistance of 117 million US dollars for various health care projects in the next three years in Tamil Nadu. Dr. Kudesia said that her team had earlier visited several hospitals including Namakkal, Salem and Dharmapuri districts in the last few days and pointed out that the team had visited the first Medical College Hospital only in Tiruchi. Dr. MA Aleem, Dean (in-charge) of Annal Gandhi Memorial Government Hospital, took the World Bank team to the maternity ward and explained to them the various developments being carried out in the hospital. He also showed the project plan to the team. V Sukumar, Expert Advisor, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project, explained about the proposed site for constructing the block.

**Answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option**

- 17.1 Which of the following is true?  
(a) The world bank has provided nearly 90 million US dollars for health care projects  
(b) The world bank will provide nearly 90 million US dollars for health care in the future  
(c) The world bank has provided nearly 117 million US dollars for health care projects  
(d) The world bank will provide nearly 117 million US dollars for health care in the future
- 17.2 The word neonatal means  
(a) Extensive care for children  
(b) Related to new advances in hospital management  
(c) Ward for children in hospital  
(d) Related to an infant during the first month after birth
- 17.3 The tone of the passage cannot be labelled as:  
(a) Informative (b) Factual  
(c) Descriptive (d) Descriptive
- 17.4 The World Bank team first visited the medical college hospital in:

- (a) Namakkal (b) Salem  
(c) Tiruchi (d) Delhi

- 17.5 V Sukumar works for  
(a) Govt of Tamil Nadu (b) World Bank  
(c) Govt of India (d) Annal Gandhi Memorial Hospital

**Q. 18** You are Krishna, a resident of Ambedkar Nagar, Noida, and have been coming across certain headlines in the newspapers on shortage of electricity. You are also facing erratic supply of electricity in your locality. Write a letter to the District Magistrate regarding your plight and mentioning the inconvenience faced by the residents of the locality.

**Q. 19** You have noticed many polythene bags full of litter lying along the road early in the morning. These litter bags cause pollution. You have already written to the concerned authorities, but no action has been taken so far. Write a letter to the Editor of a leading newspaper expressing your views on the nuisance created by plastic bags full of litter. Sign yourself as Parul/Prem Saxena, of B-22, Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi.

**Q. 20** Last week as you were coming back from school you happened to see a huge plastic bag full of leftovers of food being flung into the middle of the road from a speeding car. You wondered how people can be so devoid of civic sense. Write an article in about 200 words on "Why do we lack civic sense and how civic sense can be inculcated in children at a very young age?". You are Shiva/Shamini.

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