

Bhavan's Tripura Vidyamandir
1st Terminal Examination: (2025-2026)

Class:- 11
Time:- 3 Hours

Subject:- English
Total :- 80 Marks

Name of the student:

Roll: Sec:

A. Read the following passage :-

Topic: Climate Change and Youth Activism

In recent years, youth-led climate activism has gained unprecedented momentum around the world. From school strikes to international conferences, young people have stepped up to voice their concerns about the state of the planet. Greta Thunberg, a Swedish teenager, became a global figure when she initiated a solo protest outside the Swedish parliament, demanding stronger climate action. Her movement, "Fridays for Future," soon inspired millions of students globally to participate in similar strikes.

This rise in youth activism is not merely symbolic. Young activists are increasingly being included in global climate summits, advisory panels, and policy discussions. Their energy, determination, and unique perspectives have made them important stakeholders in climate discourse.

However, youth climate activism is not without challenges. Activists often face criticism, political backlash, and emotional burnout. Balancing activism with academics and personal life becomes increasingly difficult as the movement grows. Despite these hurdles, young people remain undeterred, driven by the urgency of climate change and a desire to shape a sustainable future.

Experts agree that engaging youth is essential in the fight against climate change. They bring innovation, digital fluency, and a sense of moral clarity that can inspire real change. As the world faces intensifying environmental crises, the voice of the youth is proving to be not just powerful but necessary.

Choose the correct answer in the following question

(1X10 =10)

1. Who is mentioned as a key figure in youth climate activism?
A. Malala Yousafzai B. Greta Thunberg C. Emma Watson D. Wangari Maathai
2. What is the name of the movement started by Greta Thunberg?
A. Earth First B. Global Strikes C. Fridays for Future D. Save the Climate
3. According to the passage, why are youth activists considered important stakeholders?
A. They have political power B. They donate money to environmental causes
C. They bring energy and unique perspectives D. They create legal policies
4. What is one of the challenges faced by youth climate activists?
A. Lack of media coverage B. Difficulty accessing internet
C. Balancing activism with personal life D. No support from their peers
5. Which of the following statements is not true according to the passage?
A. Youth activists have been completely ignored in policy discussions
B. Youth activists face emotional burnout
C. The youth are participating in global climate summits
D. Youth activism has gained global momentum
6. What is one quality of youth that makes them effective in climate activism?
A. Financial independence B. Digital fluency C. Political neutrality D. Formal education
7. What inspired millions of students to participate in climate strikes?
A. A government campaign B. School circulars
C. Greta Thunberg's solo protest D. A viral video on pollution
8. What do experts believe about the involvement of youth in climate change efforts?
A. It slows down policy-making B. It is a temporary trend
C. It is essential for real change D. It lacks scientific backing

9. What does the word "momentum" mean as used in the first paragraph?
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| A. Delay or pause | B. Speed or force of movement |
| C. Lack of interest | D. Confusion |
10. Choose the correct synonym of the word "undeterred" from the options:
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| A. Discouraged | B. Hesitant | C. Unshaken | D. Fearful |
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B. Read the following passage and answer the following :

(1X8= 8)

The Power of Reading

Reading is more than just a way to pass time— it is a powerful tool for mental growth and emotional development. When a person reads, the brain is stimulated, imagination is triggered, and new ideas are born. Research shows that people who read regularly tend to have better cognitive skills and are more empathetic towards others.

In today's fast-paced world dominated by digital media, the habit of reading books is gradually declining. People prefer quick content—social media updates, short videos, and snippets of information. While these offer convenience, they rarely provide the depth and richness of a well-written book.

Moreover, reading enhances vocabulary, improves focus, and reduces stress. A good book can transport a reader to different worlds, offer new perspectives, and even act as a source of comfort during tough times. Developing a consistent reading habit requires discipline, but the rewards are immense.

Inculcating the habit of reading among young people is crucial. Parents and educators play a vital role in encouraging reading by providing access to diverse books and leading by example. In a world of distractions, reading remains a timeless skill that empowers individuals to think critically, communicate effectively, and grow personally.

II. Choose the correct answer from the following :

- What is one of the major benefits of regular reading, according to the passage?

A. Increased social media followers	B. Improved cooking skills
C. Better cognitive and empathetic skills	D. Faster typing speed
- What is replacing the habit of reading books in the modern world?

A. Board games	B. Digital media content
C. Physical exercise	D. Painting
- What is the emotional benefit mentioned in the passage about reading?

A. It helps avoid emotional burnout	B. It connects people with technology
C. It reduces stress and provides comfort	D. It creates emotional dependence
- According to the passage, what do short videos and snippets lack compared to books?

A. Accessibility	B. Entertainment	C. Richness and depth	D. Visual appeal
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- How can young people be encouraged to read more?

A. By reducing school hours	B. By offering monetary rewards
C. By giving access to diverse books and setting an example	D. By banning video games
- What is the main purpose of the passage?

A. To entertain the reader	B. To promote digital content
C. To highlight the benefits of reading and encourage the habit	D. To compare different book genres
- What does the word "empathy" mean as used in the first paragraph?

A. The ability to read fast	B. The skill to argue effectively
C. The ability to understand and share others' feelings	D. The skill to memorize facts
- Choose the correct antonym of the word "declining" as used in paragraph two:

A. Growing	B. Weakening	C. Confusing	D. Shrinking
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C. Read the following passage :

Time management is the process of organizing and planning how to divide your time between specific activities. Good time management enables you to work smarter, not harder – so you get more done in less time, even when time is tight and pressures are high. Failing to manage your time damages your effectiveness and causes stress.

Effective time management requires an important shift in focus from being busy to being productive. You may often find yourself occupied all day but still feel you haven't accomplished anything. That's because you're not managing your time effectively.

The key to good time management is setting goals, prioritizing tasks, and avoiding distractions. Learn to say no to tasks that do not serve your purpose. Use tools like planners, to-do lists, and digital calendars to track your progress. Regular breaks, proper rest, and staying organized are also crucial elements in ensuring efficiency.

Time is a limited resource. Once lost, it cannot be regained. Hence, using it wisely is the key to personal and professional success.

- i. Make notes based on the above passage using proper format. Use recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary. Give a suitable title. (5 marks)
- ii. Write a summary of the passage in about 50 words . (3 marks)

Writing Section

D. You are the Marketing Manager of Sunrise Coaching Centre, which offers tuition in all subjects for classes 6 to 10. Draft a classified advertisement in about 50 words to be published in the "Educational" column of a local daily. Include details such as facilities, location, contact info, and special features.

(3 marks)

E. Design an eye-catching poster to create awareness about "Say No to Plastic" in your school. Include a slogan, visuals or symbols (if needed), and write in not more than 50 words. Your poster should encourage students to avoid single-use plastic and promote eco-friendly alternatives. (3 marks)

F. You are Priya / Pranav, a student of Class 11. Prepare a speech to be delivered in the morning assembly on the topic "The Importance of Mental Health in a Student's Life."

Write your speech in about 150–200 words, highlighting the causes of stress, the need to talk openly, and ways to maintain emotional well-being. (5 marks)

G. "Social media has done more harm than good to today's youth."

Prepare arguments either for or against the motion. (5 marks)

Grammar

H. Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the verbs given in brackets.

(1X4=4)

1. She ____ (work) in this company since 2020.
2. If he ____ (study) harder, he would have passed the exam.
3. By the time we reached the station, the train ____ (leave).
4. The baby ____ (sleep) peacefully when the doorbell rang.

I. Rearrange the following words/phrases to form meaningful sentences.

(1X3=3)

1. can / a / smile / change / day / your / completely
2. the / technology / world / changing / rapidly / is
3. every / plants / help / day / should / we / grow

Literature

J. Read the following extract and answer the question that follows:

(1X3=3)

*"When did my childhood go?
Was it the time I realised that my mind was really mine,
To use whichever way I choose,
Producing thoughts that were not those of other people
But my own, and mine alone –
Was that the day!"*

1. What realization marks the poet's growth in this stanza?
 - A. That he has become physically strong
 - B. That he can think independently
 - C. That others don't support him
 - D. That childhood is boring
2. What does "my mind was really mine" suggest?
 - A. He became selfish
 - B. He lost control of his thoughts
 - C. He discovered his individuality
 - D. He started copying others
3. Which poetic device is used in the line "my mind was really mine"?
 - A. Metaphor
 - B. Repetition
 - C. Allusion
 - D. Personification

K. Read the following extract and answer the question that follows:

(1X3=3)

"I had no time to worry about bumped heads. After finding a hammer, screws and canvas, I struggled back on deck. With the starboard side bashed open, we were taking water with each wave that broke over us. If I couldn't make some repairs, we would surely sink."

Choose the correct answer

1. What was the narrator trying to do in this situation?
 - A. Steer the ship
 - B. Repair the damaged boat
 - C. Check the navigation system
 - D. Help his children sleep
2. What does the phrase "starboard side" refer to?
 - A. The left side of the ship
 - B. The upper deck of the ship
 - C. The right side of the ship
 - D. The back side of the ship
3. What tone is reflected in this extract?
 - A. Humorous and casual
 - B. Calm and indifferent
 - C. Urgent and determined
 - D. Sad and regretful

L. Read the following extract and answer the question that follows:

(1X4= 4)

"You don't understand. It's never occurred to you that I've been working hard – year in and year out – without a break. Day after day. I'm taken for granted. I'm treated like a domestic servant. It's not fair, and I'm not going to stand for it any longer."

1. Who is the speaker in this extract?
 - A. Mrs. Pearson
 - B. Doris Pearson
 - C. Mrs. Fitzgerald
 - D. George Pearson
2. What emotion is being expressed by the speaker in this extract?
 - A. Joy and excitement
 - B. Anger and frustration
 - C. Fear and confusion
 - D. Sarcasm and humour
3. What does the phrase "taken for granted" imply in the context?
 - A. Given too much attention
 - B. Ignored and undervalued
 - C. Treated like royalty
 - D. Treated like a guest
4. What change does the speaker want to bring about?
 - A. A new house
 - B. A holiday trip
 - C. Equal respect and recognition
 - D. A new job

M. Answer any three of the following questions :

(3X3 = 9)

- i. Describe the condition of the ship after it was hit by the massive wave?
- ii. How does the story "The Adventure " blend science with history?
- iii. What new clues were obtained through CT Scan regarding Tutankhamun's death?
- iv. Describe Doris's reaction when she sees the change in her mother.

M. Answer the following question :

(6X2=12)

- i. How did modern technology help in unravelling the mystery of King Tut's death?
 OR, How does Markus Natten use simple language to explore a complex idea in the poem "Childhood"? Explain.
- ii. "Respect must be earned, not demanded."How does Mrs Fitzgerald help Mrs Pearson earn the respect of her family?
 OR, How does the story 'Birth' reflect the theme of hope, responsibility and professional dedication?