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SET- A

**CLASS- X
TIME- 3Hrs**

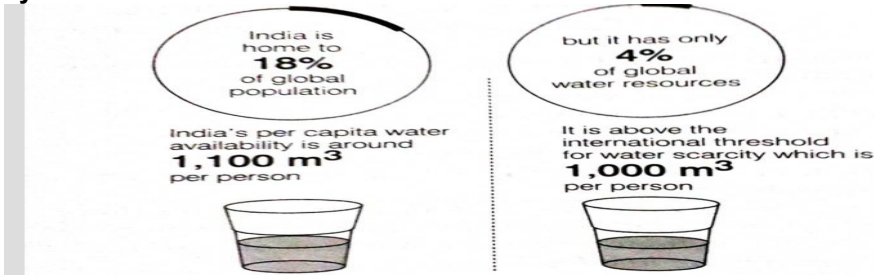
**SUBJECT- ENGLISH
MAXIMUM MARKS- 80**

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS :

- 15 minutes reading time allotted for Question - Paper reading.
- The Question- Paper contains Three sections- READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
- Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

	SECTION- A (READING)	20
Q.1	Read the passage and answer the questions that follow :	10
1	A youngster quit Facebook in December after spending over three years on the social networking site. With that one act, he bid a silent adieu to more than 300 contacts that he had added to his account during the period. Like almost everyone from his "friend's circle," the 20-year-old was a regular on the service; visiting it every day to post photos and status updates but last week a new feature on Facebook called Timeline forced him to reconsider the pros and cons of being on the networking site.	
2	Everyone has some skeletons in their closet and I am just not comfortable with Facebook digging up and displaying all the facets of my life on a bulletin board, says this youngster who joined the network in July 2007, while he was in class 11th.	
3	Facebook, you see, had compressed the time he spent on the site and arranged it in chronological order. While he initially liked the new neatly organised scrapbook-like feature he wasn't happy to reveal posts from the past that until recently were hidden under layers and layers of recent updates. Just clicking on a date on the timeline could transport his friends back in time and enable them to view every embarrassing comment link or photo he had posted on his profile.	
4	"I think it's a recipe for disaster," he says. "In 2007, I had some wall posts which seemed appropriate at the time but now after a lapse of four years, I have moved on and don't want them to be openly displayed for all to see.	
5	He is not alone. While some have privacy concerns, others feel that the site meant to bring them closer to their friends actually does the opposite- it reduces their friendship to something superficial.	
6	Poking and liking are not enough to keep a friendship going,' says a business analyst. Having quit Facebook three years ago, she prefers meeting her "real" friends face-to-face, instead of reading their trite posts online. "On Facebook, people hype everyday issues including what they ate and where they went on a daily basis," says this analyst who continues to use Twitter.	
7	"Facebook has become a time sink and it could not justify the time I spent on it, he says. "I spend more time calling up friends or relatives over the phone now I also go out and meet people whenever possible and have a good offline life. I do not regret the change. Today, Facebook has 800 million users of which 37 million are Indians. The site has become an online identity for most, and many of those who decided to quit cannot overcome the withdrawal symptoms and return. Facebook, fully aware of its addictive powers, facilitates this return by allowing users to 'deactivate their accounts but continues to store information on its servers so that they can return from their 'break', whenever they wish.	
	On the basis of your understanding of the passage, attempt the questions that follow:	
i	<p>Which of the following statements best describes the reason for the youngster's reaction to the posts he made in the past?</p> <p>(a) He was embarrassed of the post. (b) He reminded memories of the bitter past. (c) He felt it unnecessary. (d) He did not want to remind the past.</p>	1





ii	Based on your reading of the text, list any two disadvantages of the social media site Facebook.	2
iii	Complete the sentence appropriately. Bidding adieu means_____.	1
iv	The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other From the sets (a)-(e) below, identify a set of antonyms. a) Pros and disaster (b) Superficial and real c) Quit and regular (d) Addictive and lapse (e) Facilitates and updates	1
v	Complete the sentence appropriately. According to the author, feature of Timeline takes away a person's privacy.	1
vi	Why did the youngster change his mind later regarding staying on Facebook?	2
vii	In Paragraph 7, the author says 'allowing users to 'deactivate their accounts but continues to store information on their servers so that they can return from their 'break', whenever they wish. State the reason for doing so by Facebook.	1
viii	Evaluate the APPROPRIATE characteristic that can be apt for the lives of people who had quit Facebook. (a) Social and Real (b) Sad and Hysterical (c) Embarrassing and Addictive (d) Nostalgic and Fear of missing out	1
Q.2	Read the passage and answer the questions that follow :	10
1	India is home to 18 percent of the global population but has only 4 percent of the global water resources. Its per capita water availability is around 1,100 cubic meter (m), well below the internationally recognised threshold of water stress of 1,700 m ³ per person and dangerously close to the threshold for water scarcity of 1,000 m ² per person.	
2	Paradoxically, India is also the largest net exporter of virtual water (the amount of water required to produce the products that India exports) and has one of the most water-intense economies Despite looming water scarcity, India is one of the largest water users per unit of GDP suggesting that the way in which India manages its water resources accounts for much of its water woes. The problem lies with the government capacities which are lacking in improving water management, while policies and incentives often favor inefficient and unproductive use of water. This coupled with weak or absent institutions (e.g. for water regulation) and poor data collection and assessment results in the increasing state of water woes in the country.	
3	When it comes to improving water service delivery, India can learn from Brazil, Colombia, Mozambique and New South Wales (Australia). We don't even have to go overseas to see good examples of water resources management. The Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority, established under a World Bank project, is putting in place policies, regulations, institutions and incentives that promote more efficient and more productive use of water. Efforts to establish effective authorities are also underway in other states and Maharashtra is disseminating the lessons learned from its experience.	

4	Further, the World Bank's Country Partnership Framework for India recognises the importance of the efficient use of natural resources, including water, in support of the country's ambitious growth targets. Several World Bank projects support India's efforts in the water sector: Through the National Mission for Clean Ganga, the World Bank is helping the Government of India build institutional capacity for the management and clean-up of the Ganga and investing to reduce pollution.	
5	<p>Another World Bank project, the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project, has improved the safety and performance of 223 dams in the country. The National Hydrology Project is providing significant support to strengthen capacities, improve data monitoring and analysis and laying the foundations for benchmarking and performance-based water management. There are many more such projects that aid an efficient water management system.</p>  <p>On the basis of your understanding of the passage, attempt the questions that follow:</p>	
i	Complete the following sentence appropriately. Virtual water can be defined as.....	1
ii	Complete the following correctly with a word/ phrase from the passage. The writer of the given passage blames (government/ common masses) for the country's (pollution/water woes).	1
iii	How does the Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority serve as an example for the nation?	2
iv	State one example which proves the statement. The way in which India manages its water resources accounts for much of its water woes.	1
v	What does the author mean by 'water-intense economies'?	1
vi	Which word can substitute the word 'threshold' in the following, sentence from Paragraph 1: "...well below the internationally recognised threshold of water stress of 1,700 m ³ per person." (a) margin (b) amount (c) cut (d) rate	1
vii	Why are the water woes in the country ever on rise?	2
viii	What is the National Mission for Clean Ganga? (a) A Mission by the World Bank for the management of the river Ganga. (b) A mission of the Government of India in building institutional capacity for the management of the river Ganga. (c) A mission to build institutional capacity for the management and clean-up of the Ganga and investing to reduce pollution. (d) A mission for cleaning the river Ganga while reducing the pollution causing elements.	1

	SECTION B (GRAMMAR AND WRITING)	20															
Q.3	Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.	10															
i	Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line from a travel magazine. Tourists are warned that they _____be fined if they tease animals. (a) will (b) may (c) should (d) might																
ii	Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct option. My family _____ in the village since many years. (a) have been living (b) has been living (c) is living (d) was living																
iii	Convert the following sentences into indirect speech. "We played Tennis for our school", said Sapna. (a) Sapna told that they played tennis for our school. (b) Sapna said that they'd played tennis for their school. (c) Sapna said that she'd played tennis for our school. (d) Sapna said that they'd played tennis for there school.																
iv	Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence from a commercial company's current marketing strategy. The company aimed at increasing authority in areas frequently visited by the clients. Use the given format for your response. <table><tr><td>ERROR</td><td>CORRECTION</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	ERROR	CORRECTION														
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v	Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line: At the end of the street stand the tallest building in the city. <table><tr><td>OPTION</td><td>ERROR</td><td>CORRECTION</td></tr><tr><td>(a)</td><td>end</td><td>ending</td></tr><tr><td>(b)</td><td>stand</td><td>stands</td></tr><tr><td>(c)</td><td>tallest</td><td>taller</td></tr><tr><td>(d)</td><td>in</td><td>on</td></tr></table>	OPTION	ERROR	CORRECTION	(a)	end	ending	(b)	stand	stands	(c)	tallest	taller	(d)	in	on	
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vi	Report the following sentence. My mother often says to me, "Honesty is the best policy".																

vii	Complete the given narrative, by filling the blank with the correct option. The experience of nursing an injured bird left me _____grateful for knowing the importance of being kind and compassionate to all creatures. (a) feeling (b) having felt (c) felt (d) feels					
viii	Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. Behind every success film there is a lengthy creative process. Use the given format for your response. <table><tr><td>ERROR</td><td>CORRECTION</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	ERROR	CORRECTION			
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ix	Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the slogan. _____ EDUCATED MIND CAN TEACH MANY. (a) THE (b) A (c) AN (d) THIS					
x	Read the conversation below and complete the sentences by reporting the conversation correctly. Shilpa: Can I borrow your English textbook? Jaya :Sure you can. But when will you return it ? Shilpa asked Jaya (a).....Jaya replied that she could and asked her when she would return it.					
xi	Choose the correct option to fill in the blank. We_____ borrow money as there was lack of funds. (a) can (b)should (c) would (d) had to					
xii	Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option. We have _____ (few/ little/ many) money right now, we should go out for dinner another day.					
	WRITING SKILL	10				
Q.4 A	You are Asha/Aman residing at Green View Apartments, Pune. The rising prices of daily commodities have added to the problems of the common man who is finding it difficult to meet his daily needs. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily in 100-120 words voicing the problems you are facing because of this inflation and requesting the concerned authorities to look into the matter. OR	5				
B	As the head of the music department of your school, write a letter to Mysore Music Association, placing an order for some instruments. You are Nancy/ Namit Verma of Army School. Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi. (100-120 words)					
Q.5 A	The number of tigers, the biggest cats in the world, is gradually decreasing. Given below is a data which reveal the number of Royal Bengal Tigers in different countries. Write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words interpreting the data.	5				

B	<p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>The arrival of a stranger at an inn in winter was in any case an unusual event. A stranger of such uncommon appearance set all tongues wagging. Mrs Hall, the landlord's wife, made every effort to be friendly. But Griffin had no desire to talk, and told her. "My reason for coming to Iping is a desire for solitude. I do not wish to be disturbed in my work. Besides, an accident has affected my face."</p> <p>Satisfied that her guest was an eccentric scientist, and in view of the fact that he had paid her in advance, Mrs Hall was prepared to excuse his strange habits and irritable temper. But the stolen money did not last long, and presently Griffin had to admit that he had no more ready cash. He pretended, however, that he was expecting a cheque to arrive at any moment.</p>	
i	<p>In which of these does 'ready' have the same meaning as used in the extract?</p> <p>(a) Griffin didn't believe that he was ready to speak before the audience. (b) The landlord usually got the rooms ready before any guests arrived. (c) Mrs Hall said there was a ready supply of food at the hotel. (d) The stranger was getting ready to take on new challenges.</p>	1
ii	<p>Mrs Hall was prepared to ignore Griffin's rudeness and weird behaviour. State two reasons why this was so.</p>	2
iii	<p>Complete the analogy by selecting a suitable word from the text. arrival: exit :: _____: company</p>	1
iv	<p>Why did the people start talking about the stranger's arrival?</p> <p>1. because he was mostly quiet 2. because he was mean to people 3. because he was enjoying the snow 4. because he paid the inn charges in cash 5. because he was dressed in a strange manner</p> <p>Select the correct option.</p> <p>(a) Only 1 & 5 (b) Only 2 & 3 (c) Only 3, 4 & 5 (d) Only 4</p>	1
Q.7	<p>READ THE GIVEN EXTRACTS AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS FOR ANY ONE OF THE TWO GIVEN:</p>	5
A	<p>"I heard an old religious man But yesternight declare That he had found a text to prove That only God, my dear, Could love you for yourself alone And not your yellow hair."</p>	
i	<p>'Yesternight' is a word made of combination of two words to form a new word. Hence, it is a compound word. Choose the words that DO NOT fit the description.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <pre> graph LR A[1. day] --> B[yester] C[2. month] --> B D[3. year] --> B E[4. fall] --> F[night] G[5. out] --> F H[6. moon] --> F </pre> </div> <p>a. 3, 4 b. 2, 6 c. 3, 5 d. 1, 4</p>	1
ii	<p>Complete the sentence- The above stanza strongly defies the idea of _____ .</p>	2

iii	<p>Choose the option that lists the person who correctly wrote a quote best representing the central idea of the given stanza. Choose the correct option out of the ones given below.</p> <table><tr><td>Harpreet You can never meet your potential until you truly learn to love yourself.</td><td>Manav Never apologize for being yourself.</td><td>Joel God loves you unconditionally, as you are and not as you should be.</td><td>Nawaz Your time is limited so don't waste it living someone else's life.</td></tr></table> <p>a. Harpreet b. Manav c. Joel d. Nawaz</p>	Harpreet You can never meet your potential until you truly learn to love yourself.	Manav Never apologize for being yourself.	Joel God loves you unconditionally, as you are and not as you should be.	Nawaz Your time is limited so don't waste it living someone else's life.	1
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iv	<p>Choose the option that displays the likely image of the man mentioned in the extract.</p> <div></div> <p>a. option 1 b. option 2 c. option 3 d. option 4</p>	1				
B	<p>OR</p> <p>“I sit inside, doors open to the verandah writing long letters in which I scarcely mention the departure of the forest from the house. The night is fresh, the whole moon shines in a sky still open the smell of leaves and lichen still reaches like a voice into the rooms.”</p>					
i	<p>Which poetic device is used in the last line of stanza?</p> <p>a. metaphor b. simile c. enjambment d. onomatopoeia</p>	1				
ii	<p>Name the poem and poet.</p>	2				
iii	<p>What was the poet doing?</p>	1				
iv	<p>Where are the trees in the poem?</p>	1				
Q.8	<p>Answer <u>ANY FOUR</u> of the following five questions, in about 30-40 words each.</p>	4X3= 12				
i	<p>How has Robert Frost used symbolism in his poem ' Fire and ice '?</p>					
ii	<p>What does courage mean to Mandela?</p>					
iii	<p>How can we say that Natalya and Lomov were not compatible couple yet they decide to spend their life with each other?</p>					
iv	<p>What is the central idea of the chapter 'Madam rides the bus'?</p>					
v	<p>Explain the sentence ' Money is external'. (The Ball Poem)</p>					

Q.9	Answer <u>ANY TWO</u> of the following three questions, in about 30-40 words each.	2X3=6
i	Describe the gradual progress of Tricki at the surgery.	
ii	How did Think - Tank interpret the Humpty Dumpty nursery rhyme	
iii	Hobbies play a very important role in one's life . Elaborate this with reference to ' The Making of a scientist.'	
Q.10	Answer <u>ANY ONE</u> of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.	1X6=6
A	Difficulties come in life but they are not bound to stay forever. They are transient – they come and go. Comment referring to the poem 'Fog' and Lencho's life in ' A Letter to God'. What did he do in the face of crisis? How did he overcome the crisis?	
B	OR Inspired by the diversity in the chapter, 'Glimpses of India'. Write a paragraph on 'Diversity-the Uniqueness of India'.	
Q.11	Answer <u>ANY ONE</u> of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words each.	1X6=6
A	Destiny had been cruel to Bholi yet she made a place for herself in a conservative society. Discuss.	
B	OR Imagine Mme Forestier writes a diary entry after meeting Matilda describing how she felt on meeting her old friend. Write this diary entry in about 100-120 words.	

