



Date: July 2022 Grade: XI	Monthly Test 1 2022-23 English Core 301	Max. Marks: 20 Time: 1 hour
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General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE Sections-Reading, Writing & Grammar and Literature.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION A: READING

Read the following passage carefully:

1. We live in an age of wonders and miracles. It has been called the 'Age of Science', and different aspects of our life that changed in the preceding centuries have been attributed to science. This is completely true, but it is only one side of the coin. The flip side is that as we have advanced more in the field of technology, values such as empathy and concern for our fellow beings are gradually being eroded.
2. Take the example of the internet. On one hand, access to information and knowledge at the click of a button is a veritable boon to everyone (especially students) and this has made our lives much simpler. On the other hand, it has severely limited actual contact with teachers, friends and elders. Thus, the learning is incomplete because it lacks personal advice that a person gives on the basis of their knowledge and practical experiences.
3. Today a small child can access and navigate the Internet with ease, but at the same time miss out on the basic human traits of friendships and family values. Owing to excessive technology, children often miss out on the most enriching childhood experiences such as playing outdoor games with friends, which apart from being immensely enjoyable and physically exhilarating, also develop traits such as team work and discipline at an early age. As friendship is gradually being limited to virtual friends, it has harsh implications on the personality development of a child because the time

spent with computers or mobile phones can never substitute for the holistic benefits of outdoor play.

4. As for me, I think this age of rapid development has created at least as many problems as it has solved, if not more. The reason is that the basic goal of life, which should be the pursuit of happiness, has now been replaced by the pursuit of money. Money and happiness are considered analogous in our present society, but they actually are not so. In this mindless pursuit of money, nobody has time now to appreciate the beauty of life, which consists not of multi-billion-dollar skyscrapers but a simple act of kindness to someone in a time of need

I. On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the questions given below:

(1x4=4)

1. According to the passage, it is like one side of the coin to say that life has changed owing to science as:
 - A. Age of science has brought wonders and miracles.
 - B. Different aspects of life have changed due to science.
 - C. There is another side of the coin to look at.
 - D. This side of the coin is true and sufficient to look at.

2. Which of the following is not true about the internet?
 - A. It's an easy access to information and knowledge.
 - B. It has made our lives simpler.
 - C. It has limited actual contact with teachers and friends.
 - D. It can easily give advice based on personal experience.

3. Internet hampers the holistic growth of a child by:
 - A. Encouraging human traits of friendship, society and family.
 - B. Enriching childhood experiences of outdoor games.
 - C. It has limited actual contact with teachers and friends.
 - D. It can easily give advice based on personal experience.

4. The word 'veritable' in Paragraph 2 means:
 - A. Actual
 - B. Big

- C. Latest
- D. Perfect

SECTION B: Writing and Grammar

II. RKS International School is looking for a receptionist for the school. Write an advertisement on behalf of the Administrative Officer in the classified column of the local newspaper giving necessary details.

Draft the advertisement in about 50 words. **(3 marks)**

III. Rearrange the following to form a meaningful sentence. **(5 marks)**

- a. how/ you had/ at the interview/ done/ us/ let/ know
- b. the class/ at once/ ordered/ you/ are/ to leave
- c. she/ rather/ surrender/ would/ than/ die.
- d. this/ letter/ has/ been/ your/ grandfather/ by/ written/
- e. had/ winning/ a medal/ he/ my/ i told him/ until/ about/ known/ not

SECTION C: Literature

IV. Answer the following by choosing the correct option.
(1x2=2)

1. The author listened to grandmother reciting the prayers because
 - a. he wanted to learn them
 - b. he loved the prayer
 - c. he loved her voice
 - d. He had no other choice.

2. Find the statement which is not true about Uncle Khosrove.
 - a. Uncle Khosrove was short tempered.
 - b. He was short with a big black beard.
 - c. He had the largest moustache in the San Joaquin Valley.
 - d. Uncle Khosrove was an irritable man.

V. Answer the following in about 40-50 words.
(2x3=6)

- a. How did the grandmother adapt herself to the city?
- b. How does Aram justify Mourad's possession of the horse?
- c. What does Khushwant Singh tell us about his grandparents?