



<b>DATE: 14/02/2024</b>	<b>Annual Examination [2023-2024] ENGLISH CORE</b>	<b>Max Marks - 80</b>
<b>GRADE - XI</b>		<b>TIME - 3 Hours</b>

**Instructions:**

1. This question paper has three sections: A, B and C
2. The first 15 minutes is dedicated for reading the question paper.
3. **DO NOT** change the number format.

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	<p><b>Section A (Reading Comprehension -21 marks)</b></p> <p><b>1. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.</b></p> <p>1. A Schoolboy named PUGLOO wakes up one morning and finds that a circus troupe has pitched a tent in front of his house. It is summer vacations and Pugloo has planned to sleep late every morning. But the loud music played at the circus keeps him awake till late at night and the loud noise of rehearsals awakens him at dawn. Pugloo has been taught about freedom of speech and expression in school. He has understood it to mean that he cannot object to the noise of the circus. He is quite upset.</p> <p>2. In a new comic series created by Ahmedabad-based lawyer sister—Kelly 27 and Kanan, Pugloo learns fundamental rights and fundamental duties. Law and legal cases are so hard for the general public to understand. We thought a graphic book series would help children become familiar, at least with the basics, say the two sisters. Kelly, an Oxford University student, and Kanan, a graduate of the London School of Economics, named their comic series LAWTOONS and put it up on a crowd-funding website for donations. In June this year, after a nail-biting wait of three months, they reached their target of Rs 2,75,000/-. The first volume in the series is now set for release soon.</p> <p>3. With a comic series, the sisters realized that they could take some of the basic knowledge about the law to a wider audience. First, they created a ten-page prototype which they tested on two municipal and three private schools in Ahmedabad over six months. A total of two hundred students from the five schools attended sessions and the</p>	10

	<p>results were positive. Students identified with the character Pugloo and seemed excited to learn about the law, says Krishna Panchal, an activist associated with the testing of Lawtoons.</p> <p>4. In order to make the comic series effective and interesting, a group of legal experts and animation and design specialists helped structure the stories and their depiction. This team included Sekhar Mukherjee, head of animation film design at the National Institute of Design (NID). Ahmedabad and Margie Sastry, writer and former associate editor and Amar Chitra Katha. The law is complicated, even for professional lawyers sometimes. Lawtoons helps make it easier and more fun for children to understand basics at a very young age, says Bhadrish Raju, who is now working to have Lawtoons introduced as reading material at juvenile homes.</p> <p>5. This is the best time to experiment with this form (using comic series) even for a serious subject like law, because youngsters these days are glued to visual media, comments Margie Sastry. A part of the work on the second volume which explains basic laws, legal clauses, and laws relating to children, the environment, and women's issues, has also begun.</p>	
1.	<p><b>On the basis of the above passage answer the following questions. (ANY TEN)</b></p> <p>What is your understanding of 'freedom of speech' ?</p>	10x1=10marks
2.	<p>Who was the creator of Lawtoons?</p> <p>(a)Legal Experts (b)Animation and design specialists (c)Two sisters – Kelly and Kanan (d)All of these</p>	
3.	<p>What are Bhadrish Raju's views about Lawtoons?</p> <p>a. It is difficult to learn the basics of the law b. It makes it easier for children to understand the law c. Professional lawyers do get confused at times d. It must be introduced compulsorily at juvenile homes</p>	
4.	<p>Find the word similar in meaning to "flock" in paragraph 2.</p> <p>(a)Release (b)Graphic (c)Crowd (d)Series</p>	
5.	<p>Find the word opposite in meaning to "dusk: in paragraph 1.</p> <p>(a)Pitched (b)Dawn (c)Troupe (d)Object</p>	
6.	<p>Find the word similar in meaning to "minor" in paragraph 4.</p> <p>(a)Effective (b)Associate (c) Depiction (d) Juvenile</p>	

7.	<p>Why were the legal experts and animation specialists involved in the production of Lawtoons?</p> <p>(a)To entertain people                      (b)To help children learn the basics of the law  (c)To help everyone learn about law    (d)To make the law understandable</p>	
8.	<p>To educate children about law, the comic series is an effective tool these days. Why?</p> <p>a. Children find it easy to relate and learn more  b. Comic series help in quick growth of the business  c. Children love reading comics  d. Using fun methods to explain serious subjects is a new experiment</p>	
9.	<p>What does the first volume of Lawtoons aim at?</p> <p>(a)Explain laws related to the environment  (b)Explain fundamental rights and duties  (c)Explain basic laws and legal clauses  (d)Explain the rights of women in society</p>	
10.	<p>Why would youngsters love to watch Lawtoons according to Sastry?</p> <p>(a)Youngsters today are attracted more towards visual media  (b)None of these                      (c)Both of these  (d)It presents a serious subject in a fun way</p>	
11.	<p>What is the content of the second volume of Lawtoons?</p> <p>(a)Environmental Laws                      (b)Basic laws and legal duties  (c)Laws related to women and children    (d)All of these</p>	
12.	<p>Though Pugloo feels disturbed by the circus troops, he does not complain. Why?</p> <p>(a)He likes circus                      (b)The circus was being organized by his friends  (c)He doesn't wish to enter into chaos  (d)He believed they had freedom of speech &amp; expression</p>	
	<p><b>2. Read the following passage and answer the following questions:</b></p> <p>1. Following the onset of industrialisation and the sustained urban growth of large population centres, the build-up of waste in the cities has caused a rapid deterioration in levels of sanitation and the general quality of urban life. The streets are gradually becoming choked with filth due to the lack of waste clearance regulations. So keeping cities clean is essential for keeping the residents healthy. Our health depends not just on personal hygiene and nutrition, but critically also on how clean we keep our cities and our surroundings. The spread of dengue</p>	<p>11x1=  11mar  ks</p>

and chikungunya is intimately linked to the deteriorating state of public health conditions in our cities.

2. Waste management is the complete process of handling, processing, transporting, storage, recycling and disposal of human, industrial and environmental waste. Waste management is a global phenomenon, but its ramifications are more prominent in developing countries.

3. The good news is that waste management to keep cities clean is now getting attention through the "Swachh Bharat Mission" in our country. However, much of the attention begins and stops with the brooms and the dustbins, extending at most to the collection and transportation of the mixed waste to some distant or not so distant place, preferably out of sight.

4. The challenge of processing and treating the different streams of solid waste and safe disposal of the residuals in scientific landfills have received much less attention in municipal solid waste management than is expected from a health point of view. Weak institutions, chronic under-resourcing and rapid urbanization are major challenges to the waste management in a developing country like India.

5. One of the problems is that instead of focusing on waste management for health, we have got sidetracked into "waste for energy". If only we were to begin by not mixing the biodegradable component of solid waste (close to 60 percent of the total) in our cities with the dry waste, and instead using this stream of waste for composting and producing a gas called methane.

6. Waste collection and disposal methods vary widely among different countries and regions. For example, curbside collection is the most common method of disposal in most European countries, Canada, New Zealand and many other parts of the developed world in which waste is collected at regular intervals by specialised trucks. Domestic waste collection services are often provided by the local government authorities, or by private companies for industrial and commercial waste. Some areas, especially those in less developed countries, do not have formal waste-collection systems.

7. In major areas of our country, city compost from biodegradable waste provides an alternative to farmyard manure (like cow-dung). It provides an opportunity to simultaneously clean up our cities and help improve agricultural productivity and quality of the soil. Organic manure or compost plays a very important role as a supplement to chemical fertilisers in enriching the nutrient-deficient soils. City compost can be the new player in the field.

	<p>8. Benefits of compost to the farm are well-known. The water holding capacity of the soil which uses compost helps in drought-proofing, and the requirement of less water per crop is a welcomed feature for a water-stressed future. By making the soil porous, use of compost also make roots stronger and resistant to pests and decay. Farmers using compost, therefore, need less quantity of pesticides. There is also an evidence to show,that horticulture crops grown with compost have better flavour, size, colour and shelf-life.</p> <p>9. City compost has the additional advantage of being weed-free, unlike farmyard manure which brings with it the seeds of undigested grasses and requires a substantial additional labour cost for weeding as the crops grow. City compost is also rich in organic carbon, and our soils are short in this. Farmers clearly recognize the value of city compost. If city waste was composted before making it available to the farmers for applying to the soil, cities would be cleaned up and the fields around them would be much more productive.</p> <p>10. Quite apart from cleaning up the cities of biodegradable waste, this would be a major and sustainable contribution to improving the health of our soil without further damage by excessive chemical inputs. What a marvellous change from waste to health!</p> <p>11. The good news is that some states are regularly laying plastic roads. Plastic roads will not only withstand future monsoon damage but will also solve a city’s problem of disposal of non-recyclable plastic. It is clear that if the mountains of waste from our cities were to be recycled into road construction material, it would tackle the problem of managing waste while freeing up scarce land.</p> <p>12. The government should initiate awareness campaigns and advertisements informing people about the adverse effects of excess waste. New and advanced technology should be used for the disposal of waste. Maximum recycling and reuse of the waste should be encouraged. Waste management is the call of the hour.</p>	
13.	What is identified as a consequence of the build-up of waste in cities according to the passage?	
14.	According to the passage, what is waste management? (Write in your own words, sentences copied from the passage will not be accepted).	
15.	Which initiative is mentioned in the passage as addressing waste management in the country?	



25.	<p>You are Ashish / Ashita of A /4, Radission road, Kanpur. You see an advertisement in the newspaper that India Chemical Industry, Delhi requires accounts officers, where minimum qualification should be a B.Com degree. The person should have min 4 yrs experience and job requires ability to maintain books of accounts, to prepare balance sheet etc. Considering yourself suitable for the job, apply to the managing director, ICJ, B-112, Barkhamba Road, Delhi.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>You are General Manager, Hotel Dosa, Gurgaon. You need a lady Front Office Assistant with sound knowledge of computers. She must be a graduate and good in communication skills with pleasing manners. Draft an advertisement in not more than 50 words to be published in Gurgaon Times.</p>	5 marks
26.	<p>Write a speech in 150-200 words on the topic, 'A student must know how to manage his time'. It is to be delivered in the morning assembly. You are Karan/Karuna, Head Boy/ Head Girl of the school.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>Your grandfather is very upset about the rising prices and keeps thinking of his olden times when things were very cheap. You are convinced that inflation has made life difficult for common man. Write a letter in 150 words to the editor of a national daily describing the difficulties faced by poor families.</p>	5 marks
27.	<p>Reorder the following words into meaningful sentences (ANY FOUR):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. returned / I / an appalling / there / when / was / spectacle</li> <li>ii. did not / Wanda / there / was / because / she / sit / rough / and / noisy.</li> <li>iii. increase/cities/they help/connectivity between</li> <li>iv. he was hiding/ was not/ the dustbin/ on the lorry/ in which</li> <li>v. promote / will surely / our tourism / such services / sector</li> </ul>	4 marks
28.	<p>Choose the correct form of the verb from the options given below: (ANY FOUR)</p> <p>vi. I ..... my foot playing tennis last week, and now I can hardly walk.  (a)was injuring            (b)injured                            (c)injure                            (d)have injured</p> <p>vii. My math teacher wasn't happy yesterday. I ..... to bring my calculator to class.  (a)was forgetting    (b)have forgotten                    (c)forgot                            (d)forget</p> <p>viii. I ..... anything since breakfast so I feel very thirsty now.  (a)wasn't drinking    (b)haven't drunk                    (c)don't drink                    (d)didn't drink</p> <p>ix. My grandmother ..... for 62 years and she never even coughs. What a lucky woman!  (a)smokes                            (b)smoked                            (c)is smoking                    (d)has smoked</p>	4marks

	<p>x. My big sister ..... a baby. She's going to call it Yoshi.  (a)was having (b)has had (c)has (d)had</p> <p>xi. .... my hand on a piece of glass. Do you have a Band-Aid?  (a)I've cut (b)I was cutting (c)I cutted (d)I cut</p> <p>xii. I like your watch. How long ..... it?  (a)you have (b)have you had (c)did you have (d)are you having</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Section C (Literature- 37 marks)</b></p> <p>29. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:  There, before heading east, we took on two crewmen—American Larry Vigil and Swiss Herb Seigler—to help us tackle one of the world's roughest seas, the southern Indian Ocean. On our second day out of Cape Town, we began to encounter strong gales. For the next few weeks, they blew continuously. Gales did not worry me; but the size of the waves was alarming - up to 15 metres, as high as our main mast.</p> <p>i. Which port did the ship leave just before the incident narrated?  (a)Plymouth (b) None of these (c)Cape Town (d)Indian Ocean</p> <p>ii. The author was worried about:  (a)going in a right direction (b)his family (c)size of the waves (d)strong winds</p> <p>iii. Which one of the following is the world's roughest sea according to the lesson?  (a)Arctic Ocean (b)Pacific Ocean (c) Atlantic Ocean (d) Southern Indian Ocean</p>	3marks
30.	<p>Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow:  Then sleek as a lizard, and alert, and abrupt,  She enters the thickness, and a machine starts up  Of chitterings and a tremor of wings, and trilling  The whole tree trembles and thrills.</p> <p>i. Who is she in the given lines?  (a)A snake (b)A goldfinch (c)A parrot (d)A sparrow</p> <p>ii. What change comes in the tree?  (a)It becomes lively. (b)It becomes a savior. (c)It becomes beautiful. (d)All of these</p> <p>iii. Identify the poetic device used in sleek as a lizard.  (a)Alliteration (b)Metaphor (c)Smilie (d)Transferred Epithet</p>	3x1=3 marks
31.	<p>Read the following extract (Snapshots) and answer the questions that follow:  We were poor. We had no money. Our whole tribe was poverty stricken. Every branch of the Garoghlanian family was living in the most amazing and comical poverty in the world. Nobody</p>	4x1=4 marks



	<p>could understand where we ever got money enough to keep us with food in our bellies, not even the old men of the family. Most important of all, though, we were famous for our honesty. We had been famous for our honesty for something like eleven centuries, even when we had been the wealthiest family in what we liked to think was the world. We were proud first, honest next, and after that we believed in right and wrong. None of us would take advantage of anybody in the world, let alone steal.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Who is the speaker here?</li> <li>ii. What is comical about the speaker's poverty?</li> <li>iii. For what was the speaker's community famous?</li> <li>iv. Why does the speaker say that none of his community can steal?</li> </ol>	
32.	<p>Answer the following questions in 40-50 words (<b>ANY TWO</b>) :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Why do you think the narrator calls his grandmother a religious woman?</li> <li>ii. What steps did the narrator take to protect the ship? What did he do after the storm hit?</li> <li>iii. Why do people resent Howard Carter's investigations?</li> </ol>	3x2=6
33.	<p>Answer the following questions in 40-50 words (<b>ANY TWO</b>) :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The grandmother from the lesson 'the portrait of a lady' was an empathetic lady. Justify.</li> <li>ii. What steps did the narrator take to protect the ship? What did he do after the storm hit?</li> <li>iii. Why do people resent Howard Carter's investigations?</li> </ol>	3x2=6
34.	<p>Answer the following question in 40-50 words (<b>ANY ONE</b>) :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Why do you think the boys returned the horse?</li> <li>ii. Why does the narrator want to forget the address?</li> </ol>	3x1=3
35.	<p>Answer <b>ANY ONE</b> of the following questions in 100-120 words:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Describe the three phases of the author's relationship with his grandmother.</li> <li>ii. Discuss how the Laburnum Top is a metaphor for life.</li> </ol>	6 marks
36.	<p>Answer <b>ANY ONE</b> of the following questions in 100-120 words:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Why did the narrator look for the burn mark on the table cloth? Discuss in detail.</li> <li>ii. What is the conflict in the Address?</li> <li>iii. Describe how Aram convinces himself that he and his brother had not stolen the horse.</li> <li>iv. How would you defend that practice and observation makes a man with theoretical knowledge perfect in his field?</li> </ol>	6 marks

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