



THE VILLAGE
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
"We Nurture Dreams"

<i>Date: 18th February 2022</i>	<i>Annual Examination 2021-22</i>	<i>Max. Marks: 40</i>
<i>Grade: XI</i>	<i>English Core 301</i>	<i>Time: 2 hours</i>

General Instructions:

1. *The Question Paper contains THREE sections-Reading, Writing & Grammar and Literature.*
2. *Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.*
3. *Write the Date and Name of the exam as given in the question paper.*
4. *Write your name and class on the right-hand top of the facing sheet.*
5. *Number the pages.*
6. *The answers have to be written along with the options chosen.*
7. *Submission process after exam:*
 - i. *Scan the answer scripts as a single pdf.*
 - ii. *Rename the Pdf as Name, class & Div. No. of Pgs. English Annual Exam*
 - iii. *Mail to rajasryv.tvvis@gmail.com*
8. *You can leave the exam only after getting confirmation regarding the correct submission of the answer script*

SECTION A: READING (12 Marks)

1.	<i>Read the given passage carefully</i>	7 Marks
	<i>1. Is it an asteroid? Is it a planet? Is it a comet? If there is a solar system object that neither gives a resounding yes nor a certain no to these questions, then the chances are that they belong to a class of celestial objects called centaurs. While estimates for the number of centaurs in the solar system are now placed anywhere above 44,000, they still remain mysterious with secrets to be revealed. Despite their current count being in the thousands, we have been aware of their existence for less than half-a-century. And it all started in 1977, when Chiron, the first identified member was then a new class of objects that was discovered.</i>	

	<p>2. American astronomer Charles Kowal, who had already discovered one of the moons of Jupiter, was searching for peculiar objects in the solar system. Working at the Hale Observatories in California, the US, Kowal photographed the skies with telescopes and then examined them on a blink comparator- the device that had enabled American astronomer Clyde Tombaugh to discover Pluto in 1930. Using photographic plates of the sky in the constellation Aries on October 18 and 19, 1977, Kowal was able to discover Chiron on November 1.</p> <p>3. While media organizations were ready to call it the most distant asteroid discovered, or even the 10th planet, the astronomers realized that they had a question in their hands as classification wasn't proving to be straightforward. It eventually became the first centaur, named after the half-human, half-horse being in Greek mythology, a new class of objects. The first centaur to be discovered, in fact, was 944 Hidalgo in 1920. It wasn't until 2060 Chiron was discovered that astronomers realized that these belonged to a distinct group unlike any other in the solar system. Chiron, too, has been identified in images going back to 1895 following its discovery, which enabled us to determine its orbit more accurately.</p> <p>4. Centaurs are known to be a little bit of everything asteroids, planets and comets. Small solar system bodies orbiting the sun between the outer planets, they usually have unstable orbits and are too small to be observed. Most centaurs inhabit the complex, dynamic region between Jupiter and Neptune Blue centaurs are composed of ice and are covered by a layer of dust much like comets. This dust, along with highly elliptical orbits, suggests that some centaurs either are or could become comets.</p> <p>Based on your understanding of the passage, answer ANY SEVEN out of the Eight questions by choosing the correct option:</p>	
1.1	<p>The article talks about a solar system object which is neither a planet nor an asteroid in order to</p> <p>(a) tell people about the second moon</p>	1

	<p><i>(b) introduce to the people celestial objects called centaurs</i></p> <p><i>(c) talk about the solar system</i></p> <p><i>(d) inform about the different planets</i></p>	
1.2	<p><i>Despite their current count being in thousands. Pick the option in which the meaning of 'count(ed)' is NOT the same as it is in the passage.</i></p> <p><i>(a) The count of my savings will decide upon my next phone</i></p> <p><i>(b) In Europe. I chanced upon their new Count and Countess</i></p> <p><i>(c) The count of the money my mother had saved was more than she expected</i></p> <p><i>(d) you have to hold the position on a count of seven</i></p>	1
1.3	<p><i>Based on your reading the passage, choose the option that lists the information given in the passage in a proper sequence.</i></p> <p><i>1. Blue centaurs are composed of ice</i></p> <p><i>2. The first centaur was discovered in 1920</i></p> <p><i>3. Centaurs are a combination of asteroids, planets and comets.</i></p> <p><i>4. Kowal discovered Chiron on November 1</i></p> <p><i>5. Clyde Tombaugh discovered Pluto in 1930</i></p> <p><i>(a) 1.2.3.4.5</i></p> <p><i>(b) 5.4.2.3.1</i></p> <p><i>(c) 1.3.5.2.4</i></p> <p><i>(d) 5.4.3.2.1</i></p>	1
1.4	<p><i>The narrator says, "they still remain mysterious with secrets to be revealed." NOT BEING mysterious means, being</i></p> <p><i>(a) something which is difficult or impossible to understand</i></p> <p><i>(b) easy to understand</i></p> <p><i>(c) complex and difficult to interpret</i></p> <p><i>(d) underrated</i></p>	1
1.5	<p><i>"and then examined them on a blink comparator" Pick the correct pair of words which does NOT mean the same as "examine"</i></p> <p><i>(1) inspect and observe</i></p> <p><i>(2) survey and scan</i></p> <p><i>(3) help and aid</i></p> <p><i>(4) study and test</i></p> <p><i>(a) Option (2)</i></p>	1

	<p>(b) Option (1) (c) Option (3) (d) Option (4)</p>	
1.6	<p>What information about the orbit of Chiron has been given here?</p> <p>(a) It is unstable and too small to be observed. (b) It is very big and noticeable (c) It has a stable orbit. (d) Its orbit is always on the trajectory</p>	1
1.7	<p>According to the passage, the astronomers stated that Chiron is the first centaur. But as per the media organizations, it was only their</p> <p>(a) thought. (b) assumption (c) misunderstanding (d) prediction</p>	1
1.8	<p>Pick the option showing the CORRECT meaning of the word 'composed'</p> <p>(a) Water is composed of carbon dioxide and oxygen (b) My sister has a calm and composed personality. (c) William Shakespeare composed several poems and plays. (d) I will compose a cake with my mother for her birthday</p>	1
2.	Read the passage given	5 Marks
	<p>1. Well-being is not just the absence of disease or illness. It is a complex combination of a person's physical, mental, emotional and social health factors. Well-being is strongly linked to happiness and life satisfaction. In short, it could be described as how one feels about oneself and one's life. Every aspect of one's life influences the state of one's well-being. Researchers investigating happiness have found the following factors which enhance a person's well-being: network of close friends, enjoyable and fulfilling career, enough money, regular exercise, nutritious diet, sufficient sleep, fun hobbies and leisure pursuits, healthy self-esteem, optimistic outlook and so on.</p> <p>2. The factors that influence one's well-being are interrelated. For example, a job provides not just money but purpose, goals,</p>	

	<p><i>friendships and a sense of belonging. Some factors also make up for the lack of others; for example, a good marriage can compensate for a lack of friendship, while religious beliefs may help a person to accept physical illness. Money is linked to well-being, because having enough money improves living conditions and increases social status. But various international studies have shown that it is the quality of our personal relationships, not the size of our bank balance, which has the greatest effect on our state of well-being. Believing that money is the key to happiness can also harm a person's well-being.</i></p> <p><i>3. Understanding the well-being of the population is very important. Measuring well-being, however, in a population is difficult because the interpretation of well-being is so subjective — how one feels about peoples' lives largely depends on the way one sees it. Like the saying goes: 'one person's problem is another person's challenge.'</i></p> <p><i>4. Keeping track of a population's well-being helps governments to decide on particular policies. It also acts as an indicator for various population trends. For example, knowing the average weekly income of a population helps to set the 'poverty line', which may then influence decisions on social welfare reforms. Well-being can be achieved through a variety of means. Some are as follows : developing and maintaining strong relationships with family and friends, making regular time available for social contact, trying to find work that is enjoyable and rewarding, rather than just working for the best pay, eating healthy, nutritious foods, doing regular physical activity, involving oneself in activities that interest the people, joining in local organisations or clubs that appeal, setting achievable goals and working towards them and trying to be optimistic and enjoying each day.</i></p>	
(a)	<p><i>On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it using headings and sub-headings. Use recognisable abbreviations wherever necessary. Supply an appropriate title to it.</i></p> <p><i>Write a summary of the above passage in 50-75 words.</i></p>	<p><i>3 marks</i></p> <p><i>2 marks</i></p>

(b)		
	SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR	<i>14 Marks</i>
3.	<i>As part of the community service wing of your school, make a poster to create public awareness on the importance of keeping safe from the pandemic.</i>	<i>3 Marks</i>
4.	Attempt <u>ANY ONE</u> from A and B given below	<i>5 Marks</i>
a.	<i>You are Atul Wason/ Varda Varma, the class Prefect for grade 11, Sunshine Public School, Vadodara. Write a letter to the Senior section Coordinator, asking her to provide you with extra library periods. Mention the need for the extra periods and how it will benefit you, being students of the senior secondary. (120-150 words)</i>	
b.	<i>The debate club of your school is organising a debate on the topic 'Academic excellence is the only requirement for a successful career' as part of its weekly meeting for members. Write the debate against the motion. (120 – 150 words)</i>	
5.	Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct option.	<i>1x4=4</i>
i.	<i>During Akbar's reign the Mughals ----- the supreme power in India. a) become b) had become c) became d) would become</i>	
ii.	<i>I ----- for his reply since last week. a) had been waiting b) have been waiting c) am waiting d) was</i>	
iii.	<i>_____ of the candidates have passed this exam. a) Enough b) Fewer c) Either d) Most</i>	
iv.	<i>I don't think that's the only dry cleaners around here. I think there is ----- near the bus stand.</i>	

	<p>a) <i>Other</i> b) <i>Others</i> c) <i>The other</i> d) <i>Another</i></p>	
6.	Rearrange the following to form meaningful sentences.	$1 \times 2 = 2$
a.	<i>characterized / labyrinth of / decisions / is / by / a / student life / choices, / and / conflicts</i>	
b.	<i>academic performance / a toll / course options / juggling / often takes / between/on youngsters/and</i>	
	SECTION C: LITERATURE	<i>14 Marks</i>
7.	Attempt <u>ANY THREE</u> of the Five questions given below, within 40 words each.	$2 \times 3 = 6$
i.	<i>How was Mr. Crocker Harris different from other masters?</i>	
ii.	<i>What does Markus Naten tell us about adults in his poem?</i>	
iii.	<i>Explain "I give life to my own origin" in the poem 'The Voice of the Rain'.</i>	
iv.	<i>Why was there a difference of opinion about Albert Einstein in the History teacher and the Math teacher?</i>	
v.	<i>Why did Mrs. Pearson disagree with Doris' seeing Charlie Spence?</i>	
8.	Answer <u>ANY TWO</u> of the following in about 120-150 words each.	$4 \times 2 = 8$
i.	<i>Nick Middleton in his travelogue, 'Silk Road' talks of the various difficulties and disappointments he had during the journey to Mount Kailash. What difficulties did he face and why was he disappointed?</i>	
ii.	<i>How did Dr. Andrew fulfil the long-cherished desire of the Morgans?</i>	
iii.	<i>Which are the earth's principal biological systems? What is their current ecological status?</i>	