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SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER (TERM 2)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)

Class X

ANSWERS

1.

- i. According to the theorists in the second half of the 20th century, which concept of intelligence did they believe in and which one did they reject?

Ans. According to these theorists, the only intelligence which mattered was academic intelligence. They dismissed social and personal intelligence as of not much use.

- ii. Which two qualities of a person are considered to be responsible for a person's personal intelligence?

Ans. Common sense and intuition are considered to be responsible for a person's personal intelligence.

- iii. Rewrite the following sentence by replacing the underlined phrase with a word that means the same from paragraph 3:

“Your plan for the project might work,” she grudgingly acknowledged, “but I still think mine is better.”

Ans. The word is ‘conceded.’

- iv. Why is knowing one's emotions considered to be a ‘bedrock’ of emotional intelligence?

Ans. It helps an individual to understand his emotions and manage his reactions to various situations accordingly.

- v. Which of the emotional intelligences listed would you be using while
- consoling someone who is in grief?
 - working on a fitness regime?

Ans. a. Empathy

b. Self-motivation

vi. In order to be a highly successful individual, why is self-motivation necessary?

Ans. Self-motivation helps an individual not to lose sight of one's goal by keeping him/her focussed and not losing control over one's impulses and desires.

2.

i. Why has food security been termed as a 'global paradox'?

Ans. Food security has been termed as a 'global paradox' because all over the world there are tonnes of food wasted which could have instead gone to people dying of hunger every year.

ii. According to the Food Waste Index Report, what is the source of maximum food waste, and as per the statistics in the image what is the amount of food wasted globally.

Ans. The maximum food waste produced globally comes from households. The amount of food waste globally equals 23 million fully-loaded 40-tonne trucks.

iii. Name any four sources which contribute to large amounts of wasted food as mentioned in the passage.

Ans. Households, restaurants, food processing companies and food storage units are four sources which contribute to large amounts of food wastage. (also other food services/harvests/food packaging plants)

iv. What was shocking about the information about the weight of global food waste in a recent year?

Ans. What was shocking about the weight of food wasted globally in 2019–20 was that it equalled India's total production of food grain, oilseeds, sugarcane and horticulture produce.

v. Suggest one way a consumer can show good planning and not contribute to food wastage.

Ans. One way a consumer can show good planning and not contribute to food wastage is by not buying excessive perishable groceries.

(Also by storing food properly/ by cooking the right amounts of food etc.)

vi. High food safety regulations also contribute to a significant amount of food wastage. Why is this so?

Ans. Food processing companies end up creating waste, often for minor reasons only because they have to comply with strict policies regarding production.

3.

i. Answer yourself.

ii. Answer yourself.

4.

Ans. a. knew – know

b. their – his

c. the - a

5.

- Ans. a. if she knew where TK Shopping Centre was.
b. it was along the main street.

6.

- i. How did the *pader* and his family look? Why is a person with a plump physique compared to a baker?

Ans. The *pader* and his family looked happy and prosperous. Their plump physique was testimony to it. It is for this reason that a person with a plump physique is compared to a baker.

- ii. Valli refused the conductor's offer of a cold drink. What does this tell you about Valli?

Ans. This tells us that Valli was fiercely independent. She truly regarded herself as a grown-up who does not need any help or special consideration from others. Valli did not have the money to buy the drink for herself, and she did not want the conductor to pay for her drink either.

- iii. How is Amanda instructed to sit? What does the fact she is 'slouching' suggest about Amanda?

Ans. Amanda is instructed to sit up straight. The fact that Amanda is slouching suggests that she is bored. She does not feel motivated to do anything. She is weary of being always instructed. She does not have the freedom to do what she likes and be herself.

- iv. According to the poet, how are animals different from humans?

Ans. Unlike humans, animals do not whine and complain about their condition. They do not lie awake at night and weep for their sins. They do not bother others with lofty talk of one's duty to God. They keep to themselves and are self-contained. They do not crave for possessions – so no one is dissatisfied or unhappy. They do not have false notions of honour, respectability or worship.

- v. Was Custard really a coward, or was he a 'realio, trulio' dragon?

Ans. Custard was a 'realio, trulio' dragon, but it can also be said that he was a coward. Like a true dragon, he fights the evil pirate and saves Belinda and the other pets. But he does not regard himself as a brave dragon. He believes he is a coward, and that is perhaps the reason why others think of him as a coward too.

- vi. Why did Mme Loisel start weeping after she read the invitation? What did she ask her husband to do?

Ans. Mme Loisel started weeping after she read the invitation because she had no suitable dress to wear to such an occasion. She asked her husband to give the invitation to any colleague of his whose wife was better fitted out than she was.

- vii. What did Bholi see around the walls of her classroom that fascinated her?

Ans. Bholi saw a lot of pictures on the walls of her classroom. The pictures were colourful and fascinated her. They reminded her of the birds and animals she saw in her village

7.

- i. The author says that the Buddha's first sermon was about 'one inscrutable kind of suffering.' What is that inscrutable suffering? Why is it called 'inscrutable?'

Ans. The inscrutable suffering is death. It is called inscrutable because no one knows how death can be stopped or why it is inevitable. According to the Buddha, there is no means by which those who have been born can avoid dying. Just as ripe fruits must fall to the ground, so will living beings die after reaching old age. As all earthen vessels made by the potter will in the end break, so will the life of all living beings come to an end. The young and the old, the foolish and the wise – all succumb to death. No one can save anyone from dying. The wise therefore do not grieve, as they know death to be an inescapable fact of life.

- ii. *The Proposal* is a play about rich people wanting to marry for economic reasons, overlooking the fact that they do not get along well. Justify the statement.

Ans. It was common for aristocratic families in nineteenth-century Russia to marry for money. Economic considerations rather than love were the reason for marriage. Chubukov and Lomov are both wealthy landowners. A marriage between the two families would therefore be an advantageous proposition. There are other reasons too – Natalya is past the marriageable age, and Lomov too is at a critical age and keeps poor health. But it is clear that they are not compatible. They fight over petty issues, and their marriage may only aggravate their quarrelling. Yet, this never enters their minds. When Natalya learns that Lomov had come to propose to her, she wants him back at any cost. Lomov too comes back, notwithstanding the insults he has had to face in her house.

- iii. The narrator in the story *The Hack Driver* describes himself as a country boy who is sick of the city. Do you think that is why the narrator quickly trusted Bill and got fooled?

Ans. The narrator is a simple young man who works in the city. He dislikes his work which takes him to notorious areas of the city to serve summons to disreputable people. In the course of his work, he often gets beaten up too. So when he is sent to a small town like New Mullion to serve summons to a man called Oliver Lutkins, the narrator is happy. Though New Mullion does not fit his ideal of the quaint, picturesque village, Bill, the delivery man he meets at the station, does. Bill's open and friendly manner, his affectionate warmth are the very things the narrator misses in the city. He regards Bill's offer to find Lutkins as the readiness of the villagers to help a complete stranger. Had the narrator not been so sick of the city, he would perhaps have been more wary in the village and not been fooled so easily.