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**CLASS –XI**

**SUBJECT-ENGLISH**

**M.M=100**

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS-**

- (1) This paper is divided into four sections: A,B ,C andD.All the sections are compulsory.**
- (2) Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them accordingly.**
- (3) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions:**

**READING SECTION**

**Q1-Read the passage carefully:**

1. After a long and arduous struggle to popularise yoga, the world is now waking up to its wonders. Upon my arrival in New York on the evening of June 20, the Art of Living volunteers and the officials at the Permanent Mission of India informed me that the weather forecast predicted heavy rains, even thunderstorms over the next 24 hours. There was concern on their faces as they continued with preparations for the International Day of Yoga celebrations at the United Nations headquarters and Times Square. I remained confident that this momentous day would go well.

2.To the delight of the organising teams, the sun came out just as we arrived at the venue. The UN Secretary General and his wife, the President of the General Assembly, and many ambassadors participated in the programme. UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon even said, "We should do this before every negotiation, so that we can work with a calm mind".

3.WHOhas warned that depression will become the biggest killer after HIV/AIDS by 2030. Today, an estimated \$150 billion is spent on mental illness and depression in the US alone. While the remission rate through medical treatments is less than 14 percent, a study has shown that the remission rate will be 64 percent through meditation and yoga. I suggested to the Secretary General that if countries around the world spend 1 percent of their defence budget on peace education and peace-building through yoga and meditation, it would make a significant difference.

4.In terms of the way forward, we cannot have all and sundry teach anything in the name of yoga. We need to bring quality control and standardisation in teaching. Like cell phones have

enhanced comfort and connectivity, yoga can take you to a whole new level. It can be used as a powerful tool in conflict resolution and trust building.

5. When we started our efforts to bring this ancient wisdom to the fore, it was not easy. There was a lot of prejudice against yoga and even meditation. Today, meditation posture has become synonymous with relaxation and comfort. Earlier, the younger generation in the western world would often struggle to convince their parents to open up to the benefits of yoga. Perhaps, this declaration by the UN will make their job easier.

**ShriShri Ravi Shankar**

**On the basis of your understanding of the passage answer the following questions with the help of the given options :**

**[1X4=4]**

**a. The remission rate for depression through medical treatment is less than**

- (i) 20 percent
- (ii) 14 percent
- (iii) 15 percent
- (iv) 24 percent

**b. The declaration by the UN will make the job of Art of Living volunteers**

- (i) tougher
- (ii) easier
- (iii) harder
- (iv) comfortable

**c. Where was International Day of Yoga celebrated in USA?**

- (i) WHO Headquarters
- (ii) United Nation Headquarters and Times Square
- (iii) White House
- (iv) Central Park

**d. Who arrived in New York on the evening of June 20.**

- (i) Shankaracharya
- (ii) Sri Sri Ravi Shanker
- (iii) General Ban Ki-moon
- (iv) NaredraModi

**Answer the following questions briefly.**

**1X6=6**

- (e) What did the weather forecast predict for the city of New York?
- (f) Who all participated in the International Day of Yoga celebration?
- (g) Who is the founder of 'The Art of Living'?

(h) What warning has the WHO issued?

(i) How can Yoga be used as a powerful tool?

(j) What was the role of the younger generation in the western world to promote Yoga?

(k) Find words from the passage which mean the same as :

[1X2=2]

i) decrease, less severe

(para

3)

ii) tough, difficult

(para

1)

**Q2-Read the following passage carefully:**

1. On a serious level, when was the last time you remember keeping your emotions solely to yourself, when a disaster struck? Or was averted? Agreed, humans are social beings who need feedback based on their social interactions. But, in today's times, where people-men and women alike-thrive on social approval, it feels like your happiness is on a leash depend on social media, or society at large. A person could possibly go to any extent to seek attention. Lying, cheating, manipulating, constantly blabbing or being intentionally silent, are all a part of the process to be the centre of attention. Everyone want to be liked and be popular. Attention gives a pleasurable high and does wonderful thing to one's ego and self-worth. It is when to seeking exceeds normalcy that the trouble begins. Both too much of attention and the lack of it are obvious signs of trouble.

2. Also known as Histrionic Personality Disorder, attention-seeking is an attempt to desperately attract the attention of other people, typically by disruptive or excessively extrovert behavior. To find an attention-seeker around you, look for someone who says, "I want to kill myself," after a mere bad day at work, or simply throws a tantrum for not being given enough time. Taking on the role of a victim or a damsel-in-distress is a typical trait of an attention-seeker. Simply put, attention-seekers are the drama queens we come across frequently in our life. According to clinical psychiatrist, Dr Harish Shetty, from Hiranandani Hospital, Mumbai, "Attention-seeking is not exactly a disorder. We all want approval in some way or the other from the people we are

around with. It massages our ego and therefore, has a feel-good factor to it. Seeking approval enhances our identity.” He explains how attention-seeking, if casual, can be encouraging, “but once out of control, if the persons’ obsession sets in, the trouble that follows ruins a person’s relationships and eventually their peace of mind.”

3.Attention-seeking generally happens in a large magnitude to people who blame others. The blaming is a type of coping mechanism the attention-mongers feel is essential to justify the mistakes they refuse to own up to. Dr. Shetty elaborates, “People who are narcissistic will seek attention in a larger than life manner like dramatizing even the smallest of things that happens to them. Also, adults who have been spoilt as children will have a lesser sense of responsibility towards other as well as themselves, so are more likely to be narcissistic.” This behavior can be seen in adults who have had an unpleasant past, i.e. they have been ignored, neglected bullied, or abused in may way before. They gradually start becoming addicted to it. They think making up for all the years of unfairness they have faced as a child is best done by seeking attention. They pre-teen years are extremely significant as they mould the child he or she is to become when they fully grow up. Frustration, anger, and disturbing relationships ensue if there is an excess of this behavior. The person can also grow to be extremely anxious and develop an nervous anxiety. Dr. Shetty adds, “Mostly seen in kids, this behavior generally tends to die out with age. But as adults, people suffering from a terminal illness, ones who have faced a huge loss in business, break-ups or divorces, also portray such behavior. If not handled with maturity, it worsens. But, when someone faces a challenge, they think they are incapable of handling, it can amplify uneasiness in them and they resort to playing the victim all the time. A lot of other causes, however are varied and highly subjective.”

- (a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it, using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations (wherever necessary – minimum four) and a format you consider suitable. Also supply an appropriate title to it. 5 b) Write a summary of the passage in about 80-100 words. 3**

### **SECTION-B(WRITING)**

**Q3-DAV** Public School in Delhi requires cricket and hockey coaches. Draft a suitable advertisement in not more than 50 words for the 'Situations Vacant' column of the 'Daily Herald',

stating your requirements regarding age, qualification, experience etc. You are the Principal of the school.

**4Q4-**Your school is holding an exhibition of the handcraft objects made by the students. Prepare a poster announcing the event and showing its highlights.

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**Q5-**You are Abhinav/Abha.. You have planned a 2-week course to be arranged to help the children of your Group Housing Society at Kanpur, acquire the oral communication skills. Prepare a notice for the society's notice board, stating the objective of the course, giving necessary details of the course and requesting the children of the society to join the course.

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**Q6-**You are Kanchana /Kavi staying at 12 VaibhavApartment ,New Delhi. Last month you purchased a computer from K V Dealers ,Gandhi Market,New Delhi with a warranty of 2 years. All of sudden it has stopped functioning. Write a letter to the dealer complaining about it and request to replace it against the warranty that goes with it.

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**Q7-**Devika is a student of Holy Child School, New Delhi. She reads a report on the miserable condition of the Child Labour in India in the Times of India. She is moved and wants to express her strong feelings against the widespread exploitation of children in an article. Using the hints given below in the input, help Devika to write a purposeful article on The child Abuse for the school-magazine.

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Child Abuse-a painful fact - children exploited – India a poor country – about 10 million child labour in India – employed in dangerous trades and industries – exploited - living and working in inhuman conditions – Effective legislation against Child labour

**Q8- Read the advertisement given below and write a suitable application in response to it. Sign yourself as Neha/Nitin.**

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Wanted Office Assistant cum Administrator, preferably a commerce graduate, with minimum two years of experience in a concern of repute. Knowledge of computer is a must. Good communication and command over written and spoken English is desired. Apply within 10 days to the Manager, Tulip India Ltd, Muzaffarnagar.

**SECTION-C(GRAMMAR)**

**Q9-Fill in the blanks with suitable clauses.**

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- (a) He ran so fast.....
- (b) You should act.....
- (c) He is the boy.....

**Q10-Rearrange the words in each set to make meaningful sentences.**

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i-reeling under/a tsunami/at present/the blow/is /of /Japan

ii-the second world war/ is/ as great as/ it/ a catastrophe

iii-encouragement/ seem/and/deep/ inspiration/ gone/to have/temple/into/ the construction/of the

**Q11-There is a word missing in each line .Find the place where you think a word is missing and write the word in your answer sheet. The first one has been done as an example.**

**4**

It been so for generation. The Patil family  
had landowners without being cultivators.  
One morning while the tenants cultivating  
the land, there an order from the Deputy  
Collector that the land was to taken away  
from the landlord and was to be to the e-  
tenants. RamsaPatil made a poor man by  
the new law. Ramsa been promised a  
compensation but never got one. Moreover  
the law did not seem to improved the condition  
of the farmer.

e.g. It had been

a-

b-

c-

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f-

g-

h-

**SECTION-D(LITERATURE)**

**12-Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow: 3**

*Silence surrounds us .I would have  
Him prodigal, returning to  
His father's house ,the home he knew ,  
Rather than see him make and move  
His world.I would forgive him too,  
Shaping from sorrow a new love*

- a- Name the poem and the poet.
- b. What does prodigal refer to?
- c.Tell the poetic device used in the above stanza with examples.

***A sweet face, 4***

***My mother's that was before I was born.  
And the sea, which appears to have changed less,  
Washed their terribly transient feet.***

- i. Name the poem and the poet.
- ii. "My mother's sweet face", was she really the mother of the poet at that time?
- iii. How does the sea usually appear?
- iv. Explain the expression" their terribly transient feet".

**Q13-Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words.**

**3x6=18**

- i-How did the narrator realize that she had come to the right address?
- ii-Why is January 5, 2005 important in the saga of King Tut?
- iii-What arrangements did the narrator make with Shastri , the astrologer?
- iv-How doesMrs Pearson express her disapproval of Charlie Spence?
- v-Oh God! I've done something real at last." Why did Andrew utter such words?
- vi- How did Andrew Manson solve the dilemma?

**Q14-)** a) "The Tale of Melon City" tells the story of a king who either does not govern or misgoverns. It is a satire on a ruler who has no concern for justice or welfare of the people in his kingdom, blame gets shifted from one to other. Do you think the poem echoes the misgovernance prevailing in modern India? Write an essay giving your suggestions of what steps the people and the government need to take to put the country on the track of progress and growth.

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b) There lies a great difference between Textbook medicine and the world of practicing physician. Discuss in context to 'The Birth.'

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c) "Forests precede mankind; deserts follow", Examine the validity of this remark in the light of reading "The Ailing Planet": The Green Movement's Role'.

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