

**KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA AFS MANAURI  
HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION**

**Class-XI**

**SUB: - English Core**

**SESSION 2016-17**

**Time: - 3 Hrs**

**MM-80**

**General Instructions:-**

1. The paper is divided into five sections-A, B, C, D and E. 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 faithfully.
3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.
4. Please write down the serial number of the question in the answer script before attempting.

**SECTION A (READING) 20 MARKS**

**Q.1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: - 12 Marks**

1. Today there is a lot of talk about the environment. All nations are coming to an agreement to save planet earth. Like we pollute the earth, we pollute the water. We also pollute the subtle environment through our negative feelings and emotions. We have become a victim of our environment. We are not in control of our mind. We hear a lot about other things in life but we spend very little time to hear about ourselves. . The most unfortunate thing is that we have not learnt: How to handle our mind? How to be in the present moment? How to be happy and grateful? Then, what is the solution. This is where we miss a very fundamental principle that governs our environment, our mind, our emotions and our life in general.
2. Our body has the capacity to sustain much longer the vibration of bliss and peace than it does negative emotions because positivity is in the centre of our existence. Just like, in the structure of an atom, protons and neutrons are in the centre of the atom and electrons are only the periphery, same is with our lives; the centre core of our existence is bliss, positivity and joy but it is surrounded by a cloud of negative ions. Through the help of the breath we can easily get over our negative emotions in a short period of time. Through meditation and certain breathing techniques, we can clear this negative cloud.
3. This life has so much to offer to you. You can see this once you take some time off, rejuvenating the soul. Your soul is hungry for a smile from you. If you could give this, you feel energized the whole year and nothing whatsoever can take the smile from you.
4. Everyone wants to be successful in life. But without knowing what success is, you want to be successful. What is the sign of success? Just having a lot of money, is that success? Why do you think money means success? Because money gives you freedom so that you can do whatever you want. You may have a big bank balance, but, you have stomachaches, ulcers, you may have to go for bypass surgery; can't eat this, can't do this, can't do that. It is very bad

mathematics. We spend half our health to gain wealth and spend half our wealth to gain back the health. Is this success?

5. Look at all those who claim to be successful - are they successful? No, they are miserable. Then, what is the sign of success? It is confidence, compassion, generosity and a smile that none can snatch away, being really happy and being able to be more free. These are the signs of a successful person.
6. Take sometime off to look a little deep into yourself and calm the mind down. Thus erasing all the impressions that we are carrying in our minds and experience the presence, the divine that is the very core of our existence. This is feeling the presence!

**I. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions: 7 x 1 = 7M**

- a) How do we pollute our subtle environment?
- b) What is the most unfortunate thing?
- c) How can we get rid of our negative emotions?
- d) What, according to the author, is 'bad mathematics'?
- e) What do we miss in a very fundamental principle about environment?
- f) How does our positivity help us?
- g) How can we keep our mind quiet and calm?

**II. Choose the most appropriate option from the ones given below:-**

2 x 1 = 2m

- a) The signs of a successful person are \_\_\_\_\_
  - i) having a lot of money.
  - ii) freedom that money gives you.
  - iii) confidence, compassion, generosity and a happy smile.
  - iv) wasting health to gain wealth and then wasting wealth to regain health.
- b) We can feel the 'Presence' \_\_\_\_\_
  - i) if we have a big bank balance.
  - ii) if we are able to wipe out all the impressions we are carrying.
  - iii) if we are free.
  - iv) if we are successful.

**III Find words from the passage which mean the following:**

3x 1 =3 Marks

- a) prey (para 1)
- b) to make someone feel or look younger and more lively (para 3)
- c) Bring to normal condition/ peaceful ( para 6)

**Q.2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: - 8 Marks**

1. Parents play an important role in the personal and scholastic achievement of their children. Home is the best place for education and the first school of the child.

2. One of the major changes in India has been the growing number of working mothers. Both parents cannot devote much time to their children. As a result they find themselves incapable of inculcating moral values in their children.
3. Most parents take active interest in the studies of their children only during examination days or when the child does not achieve the desired academic performance. Similarly they do not have sufficient time to motivate their children to take up co-curricular activities.
4. Most parents restrict their responsibilities to spending money on their children .They should understand that their child needs much more from them, besides paying for tuition fees. Providing books and pocket money.
5. The first and foremost solution to this problem is devoting time to children. Parents should try to provide a congenial and harmonious environment to their children. If parents display disturbed behaviour, there is likelihood that it will badly effect the mental and physical health of children.
6. Moreover, parents should try to update their knowledge about the changing educational techniques like use of computers and other audio-visual aids. They should ask for progress reports of children regularly.
7. They can further help their children by keeping a watch on their attendance, the company they keep and the items on which they spend pocket money.
8. They should attend parents-teachers associations and counselling centres to understand their ward's psychological and sociological and educational problems. Such exercises will help their offspring to be physically healthy and mentally well- balanced. It also develops a strong family bond and gives them ability to face the world. This, in turn, will shape them as good citizens, resulting in the decline of crimes.

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- a) **On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it, in points only using headings and sub headings. Use recognizable abbreviations (wherever necessary- minimum 4) and a format you consider suitable. Also supply an appropriate title to it. (5 Marks)**
- b) **Make a summary of the above passage in about 70 words. (3 Marks)**

### SECTION – B (Writing Skills) 20 Marks

- Q.3.** You plan to sell your flat. Draft a suitable advertisement in not more than 50 words to be inserted in the classified columns of a local daily giving all necessary details of the flat. You are Neeraj/ Neeraja, 28, Gopal Nagar Delhi.

OR

(4 marks)

You are Mohan / Namrata, the sports captain of King's Public School. Write a notice to be put up on the school notice board informing the students about the **Inter school Basket Ball** match to be held in your school.(Give all necessary details of the match to be played) (word limit 50)

4. You are Ravi / Kusum, the Head boy / Head girl of ABC School. Write a report for the school magazine about the Annual function organized by your school at Birla auditorium in about 150-200 words only.

OR

10 M

Physical fitness is extremely important for the development of an individual. However, in today's fast-paced existence, physical well-being is not given much importance. Write an article in about 150-200 words for your school magazine, emphasising the need of physical fitness and the ways of acquiring it. You are Raj /Rehana of class XI.

5. You are Naveen /Namrita of 14, Kanpur Road, Bareilly. You read an article in the newspaper regarding the alarming increase in the hours of television viewing among the children. You feel that too much television is bad for children. Unfortunately, parents find it very hard to wean their children away from the idiot box. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper highlighting the need to monitor exposure to television. Also give suggestions on how to divert their minds towards better interests.

OR

6

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You are Ramesh / Ramya of H.No. 132, Vijay Nagar, Vasant Vihar, Ambala. Though the government has banned the use of loud speakers, this nuisance continues and disturbs you in your studies. The blaring horn of loud speakers from religious places and wedding halls disturbs people in the surrounding area, so you decide to write a letter to the Station House Officer, Sadarganj Police Station, Ambala city, making a complaint regarding the same.

**SECTION C GRAMMAR (10 MARKS)**

6. Correct the following sentences. 8 x ½ = 4m
- a) We have the crucial decision to make.
- b) There isn't no milk left in the jug.

- c) People in this area speaks English well.
- d) I have come yesterday.
- e) It was believe that the Earth was flat.
- f) The electric bulb invented by Thomas Alva Edison.
- g) Expressing her surprise, Rekha told Deepti she was very lucky.
- h) The tea is such hot that I cannot drink it.

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

8 x ½ = 4m

<p>Kut Kut a hardworking squirrel. She lived on tree hole .</p> <p>She under the impression that she enough food in store for the bad days, until she found someone had stealing her nuts.</p> <p>She to the old owl to find a solution to problem.</p> <p>old owl listened to her problem patiently.</p>	<p>e.g. Kut Kut <u>was</u> a</p> <p>(a) _____</p> <p>(b) _____</p> <p>(c) _____</p> <p>(d) _____</p> <p>(e) _____</p> <p>(f) _____</p> <p>(g) _____</p> <p>(h) _____</p>
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8. Look at the following words/phrases. Rearrange them to form a meaningful sentence.

2m

- a) my / if / first / selected / this / job / would be
- b) said / well / it / been / has / forests / mankind / that / precede

**SECTION D (TEXT BOOKS & NOVEL) 30 Marks**

Q.9. Read the following questions and choose the most appropriate alternative from those that are given below: 3 x 1  
= 3 Marks

A. When did my childhood go ?

Was it the day I ceased to be eleven,

Was it the time I realized that Hell and Heaven,

And therefore could not be ,

Was that the day !

- a. How did the poet realise his being grown up?
- b. What does the Hell and heaven stand for?
- c. What kind of phase of his life does the stanza reveal?

OR

B. I descend to lave the droughts, atomies, dust-layers of the globe,

And all that in them without me were seeds only, latent, unborn;

And forever, by day and night, I give back life to my own origin,

And make pure and beautify it.

- i) 'I' in the above line is
- ii) the word 'descend' is a contrast to the previous image of \_\_\_\_\_
- iii) Why do 'I' descend?

Q.10. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words (any five) 3 x 3 =9 Marks

- (a) How did the sparrows express their sorrow when the author's grandmother died?
- (b) Why was Howard Carter's investigation resented?
- (c) Describe the Garoghlanian tribe.
- (d) What was the true meaning of education, according to Albert?

(e) What message is conveyed through the play, “Mother’s Day”?

Q.11. What do you gather about Crocker Harris from the play, 'The Browning Version'?

(150 Words).

6m

OR

How is the earth an ailing planet? What is the role of the Green Movement ? (150 words)

Q.12. “Virginia acts as the angel of mercy, who is instrumental in leading the ghost to his final abode of Peace.” Discuss. 6m

Q.13. What is the dramatic significance of the blood-stain that proves persistent? 6m