

**SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER**  
**SECOND TERM EXAMINATION**  
**SUB: ENGLISH LANGUAGE -1**

STD XI  
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**Instructions:-**

1. The question paper is divided into four sections – A, B,C and D. All questions are compulsory.
  2. Write the number of each question clearly.
  3. Questions 4 to 13 and 19 to 24 are MCQ type and have four alternatives of which only one is the correct answer. Choose the right answer and write it against the appropriate question.
  4. Questions 15 to 18, 29, 30 and 35, 36,38 & 39 have an internal choice.
  5. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.
  6. Figures to the right indicate marks.
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**(SECTION A – READING SKILLS)**

**Read the following passage:-**

Ecotourism, a portmanteau of ‘ecology’ and ‘tourism’ has emerged as a popular travel trend. Unlike traditional tourism focused on sightseeing and entertainment, ecotourism prioritises responsible travel that benefits the environment and local communities. Ecotourists actively seek experiences that minimise their ecological footprint and support conservative efforts. Ecotourists actively seek destinations with unique ecosystems, aiming to learn about and appreciate the natural world.

This responsible approach often involves visiting pristine natural habitats like rainforests, coral reefs, and national parks. Tourists participate in activities like guided nature walks, wildlife observation, cultural immersion with indigenous communities, hiking in protected areas or volunteering in conservation projects. These experiences foster a deeper appreciation for the natural world and its delicate balance.

The economic benefits of ecotourism are significant. Local communities gain revenue through tourist fees, which can be used to fund conservation projects and improve infrastructure. Additionally, ecotourism creates jobs for local guides, lodge owners and artisans, promoting sustainable development. This empowers them to become stewards of their environment, recognising the value of conservation for their own well-being. However, challenges exist. Unmanaged ecotourism can lead to environmental degradation and cultural exploitation, for instance, through increased foot traffic in sensitive areas. Additionally, ensuring that local communities truly benefit requires careful planning and fair distribution of resources. It is crucial to choose responsible tour operators committed to minimising ecological impact and respecting local traditions. As responsible travel becomes increasingly important, ecotourism is poised for continued growth.

**On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer questions 1, 2 &3 briefly in about 10-15 words each and questions 4 to 8 by choosing the best alternative from those provided:**

1. What is the main difference between ecotourism and traditional tourism? (1)
2. Mention two benefits of ecotourism. (1)
3. Describe a potential challenge associated with ecotourism (1)

**Complete the following sentence by choosing the correct alternative from those given below:**

4. Ecotourists actively seek experiences that minimise their ecological footprint and \_\_\_\_\_ (1)

- \* enhance coconut trees plantation
- \* support conservative efforts
- \* support the plantation of mango trees
- \* maximise the growth of palm oil plantations

**Give the meaning of the word in the context of the passage from the alternatives given below:**

5. portmanteau (1)

- \* maintaining ecotourism
- \* maintaining a port
- \* a word formed by combining two other words
- \* name of a port in Italy

6. pristine (1)

- \* unpolluted and in a natural state
- \* name of a plant
- \* in a polluted settlement
- \* running away from

**The alternatives provided are words from the passage. Select the alternative that best matches the meaning given below:**

7. native to a particular place (1)

- \* infrastructure
- \* poised
- \* indigenous
- \* immersion

8. to keep and protect something from damage

(1)

- \* sustainable
- \* conserve
- \* footprint
- \* indigenous

**Read the following passage carefully:**

Breakfast is often referred to as the most important meal of the day. It helps to break the overnight fast, providing your body with the energy it needs to start the day. Skipping breakfast, especially among primary and secondary school children, affects mental performance in the classroom. Children who skip breakfast do not make up for nutrients and energy deficits later in the day and they tend to perform more poorly in tests of cognition than those who eat their breakfast. Studies have shown that children who eat breakfast tend to have better concentration and focus throughout the morning. Eating a healthy breakfast was found to improve performance in retention of new information like recall of stories and word lists, but does not influence other aspects such as intelligence tests or mental tasks related to conditioning or developed skills. It provides essential nutrients and energy that contribute to the overall diet quality and adequacy.

A healthy breakfast should be balanced and must include foods from all food groups such as fruits and vegetables, whole grains, proteins and healthy fats. Fruits and vegetables provide vitamins, minerals and fibre. Whole grains provide complex carbohydrates which give you sustained energy. Proteins help you feel full and satisfied and healthy fats are important for brain health and can help you absorb nutrients from other foods.

**On the basis of your reading of the above passage, choose a suitable title and choose the para-wise main topics and sub-topics, from the alternatives provided, using the format given below:**

Title :	_____	9	_____
I :	_____	10	_____
A :	_____	11	_____
II :	_____	12	_____
A :	_____	13	_____

9. \_\_\_\_\_

(1)

- \* Nutrients and energy
- \* Disadvantages of a Healthy Breakfast
- \* Importance of Healthy Breakfast for children
- \* Breakfast

10. \_\_\_\_\_ (1)

- \* Healthy fats
- \* Full and satisfied
- \* Demerits of a Healthy Breakfast
- \* Benefits of eating Breakfast

11. \_\_\_\_\_ (1)

- \* Better concentration, focus, improves performance in retention
- \* Role of a teacher
- \* Complex carbohydrates
- \* Break the fast

12. \_\_\_\_\_ (1)

- \* Diet quality
- \* Nutritional elements in a Healthy Breakfast
- \* Mental performance
- \* Important meal

13. \_\_\_\_\_ (1)

- \* Classroom discipline
- \* Recall of stories
- \* Poor children
- \* Fruits, vegetables, whole proteins, fats

14. Write a summary of the above passage in about 70 words using the topic sentences of the paragraphs. (3)

**(SECTION B – READING SKILLS)**

**Attempt any ONE of the following:** (3)

15. You are Shailesh/Shanti, the Cultural Secretary of Model Higher Secondary School, Margao. Write a notice for the school notice board inviting students to participate in a Rangoli competition, giving necessary details. (30-40 words)

OR

You are Anjali/Ajay Naik. You have lost your dog. Draft a suitable advertisement for the classified columns of 'The Navhind Times'. Give suitable details. (30-40 words)

**Attempt any ONE of the following:**

**(5)**

16. Write a report for your school magazine about the activities undertaken at the Field trip organized by the school during the Diwali holidays. You are an N.S.S. volunteer of Murgao Higher Secondary School, Murgao -Goa. (70-80 words)

OR

You are Nichelle/Naresh, a Staff reporter for a local newspaper. You have been asked to cover the road accident that took place on the highway. Write a report in about 70-80 words.

**Attempt any ONE of the following:**

**(8)**

17. Write a letter to the Editor of 'The Navhind Times' expressing your views on how the standard of performance in sports can be improved in India. You are Daniel/Daniella Pinto residing at P-12, Pinto Road, Vasco – Goa. (100-150 words)

OR

Write a letter to the Minister for Urban Development expressing your concern about the lack of parking spaces available around residential areas and the problems caused by this. You are Fayaz/Rahina Shaikh, Antique Apartments, Shiroda - Goa (100-150 words)

**18. Write an essay in about 200-250 words on any ONE of the following topics:**

**(10)**

- \* Cinema not entertains but also educates. Give your views.
- \* The Pleasures of Travelling.
- \* India is fast emerging as a super power, with the advancement in every field. Express your views.
- \* Time Management – a stepping stone to success.
- \* If I were the Manager of a factory in Kundaim.

**(SECTION C – GRAMMAR)**

**Rewrite the sentence by selecting the correct alternative from the options given below each sentence according to the instructions given in the brackets:**

19. The incident surprised all of us.

**(1)**

(Select the best alternative from those provided below and rewrite the sentence by changing the voice)

- \* All of us were not surprised by the incident.
- \* All of us were surprised by the incident.
- \* The incident was surprising for all of us.
- \* All of us will be surprised by the incident.

20. "I have spoken the truth," said the prisoner. **(1)**

(Select the best alternative from those provided below and rewrite the sentence in the Indirect speech )

- \* The prisoner exclaimed that he had spoken the truth.
- \* The prisoner told that he spoke the truth.
- \* The prisoner said that he had spoken the truth.
- \* The prisoner said that he has spoken the truth.

21. The doctor \_\_\_\_\_keep a constant check on the patient's progress. **(1)**

(Rewrite the sentence by selecting a modal of compulsion from the alternatives provided below)

- \* will
- \* might
- \* shall
- \* must

22. The man was too lazy to walk. **(1)**

(Select the best alternative from those provided below and rewrite the sentence by replacing 'too' and using 'so...that')

- \* The man was so lazy that he could not walk.
- \* The laziness of man was so that he could not walk.
- \* The walking of the man was so lazy.
- \* He was so that lazy to walk.

23. That library is the oldest building in the town. **(1)**

(Select the best alternative from those provided below and rewrite the sentence using the Comparative Degree of Comparison)

- \* No other building in the town is as old as the library.
- \* The library is one of the oldest buildings in the town.
- \* That library is older than any other building in the town.
- \* Few other buildings are as old as the library.

24. I will not drive a new car, if it is not easy to drive. **(1)**

(Select the best alternative from those provided below and rewrite the sentence using 'unless')

- \* I will not drive a new car, unless it is not easy to drive.
- \* Unless it is easy to drive a car, I will drive a car.
- \* I will not drive a new car, unless it is easy to drive.
- \* Driving of car is not easy unless we know how to.

**(SECTION D – TEXTUAL)**

**Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions that follow by selecting the correct alternative given below:**

**\* ‘The whole tree trembles and thrills  
It is the engine of her family..’**

25. Why does the tree tremble? Why is the image of the engine evoked by the poet? **(1)**

26. Name and explain the figure of speech in second line. **(1)**

**\* ‘We speak like strangers,  
there’s no sign of understanding in the air..’**

27. How is the father’s helplessness brought out in the poem? Name the poet who has written this poem. **(1)**

28. Name and explain the figure of speech in the first line. **(1)**

**Answer the following questions in about 25-30 words:**

29. Which are the most poetic lines in the poem ‘Childhood’? Why? **(2)**

**OR**

29. In the last verse, how does the poet use her anguish to awaken the consciousness of ‘normals’?

30. To what is the bird’s movement compared? What is the basis for the comparison? **(2)**

**OR**

30. Does the poem ‘Father to son’ have a consistent rhyme scheme?

**Answer the following questions in about 25-30 words:**

31. What do you understand by the terms 'outsider art' and 'art brut' or 'raw art'? (2)
32. 'Are we to leave our successors a scorched planet of advancing deserts, impoverished landscapes and an ailing environment.' Express your viewpoint. (2)
33. Comment on the character of Taplow. (2)
34. Why has the article been titled as 'Silk Road'? (2)
35. What do you gather about Crocker Harris from the play? (2)

OR

35. Why do people willingly undergo the travails of difficult journeys. Comment in the context of 'Silk Road'.
36. How are the earth's principal biological systems being depleted? (2)

OR

36. What is the contribution of the untutored genius who created a paradise to art?

**Answer the following questions in about 50-60 words:**

37. Narrate 'The Tale of Melon City' in your own words. (4)
38. How did Andrew Manson work out a miracle in the lives of Joe and Susan Morgan? (4)

OR

38. The narrator describes his land as 'barren and ungrateful' but for Shivram it was a 'honeycomb'. Comment.

39. What issues are raised in the play 'Mother's Day'?

OR

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39. Describe the character of Shivram.

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