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**R. M. Salgaocar Higher Secondary School**  
**Margao – Goa**

**STD: XI**

**FIRST TERM EXAM 2023-24**

**TIME: 3hours**

**Date:20 /10/2023**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE – I**

**Max Marks:80**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- i) The question paper is divided into 4 sections – A, B, C, D. All questions are compulsory.
- ii) Write the number of each question clearly.
- iii) Questions 4 to13 and 19 to 24 have four alternatives and only one of them is the right answer. Choose the right answer and write it against the appropriate question number in your answer book.
- iv) Questions 15 to18 and 30 and 37 have an internal choice.
- v) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.
- vi) Figures to the right indicate marks.

**SECTION A**  
**(READING SKILLS)**

1. Read the following passage carefully

International day of yoga is also called World Yoga Day. United Nations General Assembly had declared the 21st of June as an International Yoga Day on the 11th of December in 2014. Yoga originated in India in ancient times when people used to do meditation to transform their body and mind.

Yoga is essentially a spiritual discipline that focuses on bringing harmony between body and mind. It is an art and science of healthy living. Yoga is very necessary and beneficial for all human beings if it is practised by all on a daily basis in the early morning.

Yoga is a practice of controlled body part movements and control of breath. It enhances the inner and outer body and mind strength by connecting both to nature. It is not a physical practice only as it makes a human able to get control over mental, emotional, and spiritual thoughts. It can be practised by people at any age during childhood, teenage, adult or old age. It needs only safe, slow and controlled movements of the body with controlled breathing. Yoga can be practised by anyone as it is irrespective of age, religion, or health circumstances. It

improves discipline and sense of power as well as provides a chance to live a healthy life without physical and mental problems.

Yoga is a very safe, easy and healthy way to stay fit your whole life without any problems. It just needs regular practice in the right way of body movements and breathing. It regularizes the functioning of all body organs and prevents the body and mind from getting disturbed because of some bad situations and unhealthy lifestyles. It helps in maintaining health, knowledge and inner peace. Providing good health fulfils our physical needs, through knowledge it fulfils our psychological needs and through inner peace, it fulfils the spiritual need thus it helps in maintaining harmony among all.

Source: CBSE

words: 315

**On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer questions 1, 2 & 3 briefly in 10-15 words and questions 4, 5 ,6, 7 & 8 by choosing the best alternative from those provided.**

1. When is International yoga day celebrated? 1mk
2. What is the main aim of yoga? 1 mk
3. Why should one practice yoga on a daily basis? 1mk

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

4. Yoga can be practised by \_\_\_\_\_ 1mk

- people at any age
- children up to a certain age
- teenage and sick people only
- old people only

**Choose the correct meaning of the word from the alternatives given below:**

5. transform 1mk
- stagnate
  - renew
  - keep
  - hold

6. harmony  
o discord  
o hatred  
o imbalance  
o affinity

1mk

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

7. a contemplative discourse, often on a religious or philosophical subject.

1mk

- o yoga  
o power  
o meditation  
o practice

8. a particular incident

1mk

- o discipline  
o circumstance  
o health  
o component

**Read the following passage carefully:**

Artificial intelligence (AI) is making a difference to how legal work is done. AI is making impressive progress and shaking up things all over the world today. The assumption that advancements in technology and artificial intelligence will render any profession defunct is a false one. The only purpose this assumption serves is creating mass panic and hostility towards embracing technology that is meant to make our lives easier. Let us understand what this means explicitly for the legal world. The ambit of AI includes recognizing human speech and objects, making decisions based on data, and translating languages. Tasks that can be defined as 'search-and-find' type can be performed by AI.

Introducing AI to this profession will primarily be for the purpose of automating mundane, tedious tasks that require negligible human intelligence. The kind of artificial intelligence that is employed by industries in the current scene, when extended to the law will enable quicker services at a lower price. AI is meant to automate a number of tasks that take up precious working hours lawyers could be devoted to tasks that require discerning, empathy, and trust-qualities that cannot be replicated by even the most sophisticated form of AI.

Words: 198

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, give it a suitable title and write the para-wise topics using the format given below:

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_\_

I: \_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_

A: \_\_\_\_\_ 11 \_\_\_\_\_

B: \_\_\_\_\_ 12 \_\_\_\_\_

II: \_\_\_\_\_ 13 \_\_\_\_\_

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

- Artificial Intelligence- making impressive progress
- Artificial Intelligence- outdated
- Artificial Intelligence- very hostile
- Artificial Intelligence- not useful

1mk

10. \_\_\_\_\_

- Cannot perform assigned tasks
- Cannot recognize human speech
- Disadvantages of Artificial Intelligence
- Advantages of Artificial Intelligence

1mk

11. \_\_\_\_\_

- time consuming
- makes life easier
- difficult legal work
- nine to five desk jobs

1mk

12. \_\_\_\_\_

- express human emotions
- hours of work
- Automation of tedious work
- required human Intelligence

1mk



13. \_\_\_\_\_

1mk

- o Save precious working hours
- o not useful for teachers
- o unprofessional
- o extended to only legal work.

14. Write a summary of the above passage in about 65 words using the topic sentences of the paragraphs.

3mks

**SECTION B  
(WRITING SKILLS)**

Attempt any one of the following:

3mks

15. You are Sarvesh/Sarita Naik, the Cultural Secretary of St. Mark's Higher Secondary School, Margao. Your school is going to organize an elocution competition on National Games. Write a notice about it for your school notice board giving details.  
(About 30-40 words)

OR

15. You are Misha/Mark Rebello. You want to sell your four-wheeler. Draft an advertisement giving all the relevant details for the classified columns of a local newspaper. You are residing at F-5, Block A, Riverdale Enclave Fatorda. Contact No 9890723412.  
(About 30-40 words)

Attempt any one of the following:

5mks

16. You are Richie/Rochell Fernandes, the Cultural Secretary of Sarojini Naidu Higher Secondary School, Old Goa. Write a report about the Dahi Handi Celebrations held in your school for your school magazine. (About 70-80 words)

OR

16. You are Aniket /Anaida Shirodkar, the General Secretary of St. Antony's Higher Secondary School, Vasco. Your school organized a Road Safety workshop for the students of XI. Write a report about the event for your school magazine.  
(About 70-80 words)

**Attempt any one of the following:**

**8mks**

17. Many of our Wildlife Sanctuaries have been found littered with empty food packets and plastic bottles left by tourists causing harm to the environment and the animals in the sanctuaries. Write a letter to the Editor of The Navhind Times highlighting the matter and suggesting ways to improve the situation. You are Ruksana/Rasik Shaikh, residing at H. No 5, Kamath Enclave, Fatorda, Margao. (About 100-150 words)

**OR**

17. You are Sairaj/Smita Govekar, staying at Villa D'Souza, Sansa Nagar, Chorao. Write a letter to the chairman of the Margao Municipal Council complaining about the Lack of parking facilities for four wheelers in the city and suggesting ways to change the situation. (About 100-150 words)

**Write an essay of about 200-250 words on any one of the following topics:**

**10mks**

- 18. The Importance of good nutrition.
- 18. Narrate a funny incident from your school life.
- 18. Describe a significant year in your school life that changed you.
- 18. India's festivals – Unity in Diversity
- 18. Mobile usage amongst youngsters. Express your views about it.

**SECTION C**  
**(GRAMMAR)**

**Choose the correct alternative from the options given below each sentence according to the instructions given within brackets:**

19. During peak hours, it \_\_\_\_\_ take more than two hours. **1mk**  
(Choose the best alternative from those provided below to rephrase the sentence using the modal of ability)

- will
- shall
- should
- can

20. They are not meeting us.

1mk

(Choose the best alternative from those provided below to rephrase the sentence using the Passive Voice)

- We have not being met by them.
- We are not being met by them.
- We are being not met by them.
- They will meet us.

21. If you do not agree, I shall not sign the document.

1mk

(Choose the best alternative from those provided below to rephrase the sentence using 'unless')

- Unless you agree, I shall not sign the document.
- Unless you agree, I shall sign the document.
- Unless I shall not sign the document, if you do not agree.
- Unless you do not agree, I shall not sign the document.

22. No other doll is as beautiful as the Barbie doll.

1mk

(Choose the best alternative from those provided below to rephrase the sentence using the comparative Degree of Comparison).

- The Barbie doll is the most beautiful doll.
- Very few dolls are as beautiful as the Barbie doll.
- The Barbie doll is more beautiful than any other doll.
  - Barbie doll is one of the most beautiful dolls.

23. This food is too salty to be eaten.

1mk

(Choose the best alternative from those provided below to re-phrase the sentence by removing 'too' and using 'so...that')

- The food is so salty that to be eaten.
- This food is so salty that it cannot be eaten.
- The food is salty too be eaten.
- Eating of so salty food is not possible.



24. I \_\_\_\_\_ for half an hour when it suddenly started to rain. 1mk  
(Choose the best alternative from those provided below to re-phrase the sentence by choosing the verb in the right tense)

- have walked
- have been walking
- had been walking
- is walking

**SECTION D  
(TEXTUAL)**

Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions that follow in about 10-15 words each:

It is the engine of her family  
She stokes it full, then flirts out to a branch-end  
Showing her barred face identity mask.

25. What is referred to as "The engine" in the above lines? 1mk  
26. Name and explain the figure of speech in the first line. 1mk

Eternal I rise impalpable out of the land and the bottomless sea,  
Upward to heaven, whence, vaguely  
Form'd, altogether changed, and yet the same.  
I descend to lave the droughts, atomies, dust-layers of the globe.

27. Why does the rain call itself eternal? 1mk  
28. Name and explain the figure of speech in the last line. 1mk

Answer the following questions in 25 - 30 words: 4mks

29. What happened when the Goldfinch entered the laburnum tree?  
30. What does the rain do day and night?

OR

30. Which phases of an individual's life are depicted in the poem 'A Photograph'?



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

**12mks**

31. In 'The Portrait of a Lady', which qualities of the grandmother portray that she is a religious lady?
32. Why was King Tut's body buried with gilded treasures?
33. What were the narrator's thoughts about his children when he landed on the island, 'Ile Amsterdam'?
34. What does shanshui refer to in "Landscape of the Soul"?
35. What changes did Amenhotep IV introduce in Egypt?
36. What is the difference between the Chinese view and the European view of art?

**Answer any three of the following questions in about 40-50 words. 12mks**

37. Bring out the humour in the conversation between uncle khosrove's and John Byro's meeting with reference to 'The Summer Of a Beautiful White Horse'

**Or**

37. Who was Mrs Dorling? What did the narrator learn about her from her mother?.
38. Indian society has moved a long way from arranged marriages. Explain with reference to 'Ranga's Marriage'.
39. The school system often curbs individual talents. Comment with reference to 'Albert Einstein at School'.

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