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SUBJECT : ENGLISH COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Std. XI VOC (OM /AA /CT)

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Marks 20

Duration 1 hr

Instructions:

1. The Question Paper consists of questions from 1 to 16.
2. All questions are compulsory.
3. Figures to the right indicate full marks to each question.

From the alternatives given below, choose the most appropriate synonym for the underlined word: (01)

1. Three people gave testimony that he was absent that time.
 - certificate
 - proof
 - comment
 - excuse

From the below provided alternatives, choose an appropriate antonym of the underlined word. Do not rewrite the sentence: (01)

2. The museum is full of rare and precious treasures.
 - limited
 - cheap
 - worthless
 - ancient

3. Answer the following question in not more than 10 - 15 words: (01)
What is rain water harvesting?

4. Answer the following question in not more than 25 – 30 words: (02)
Whose pictures are hung on the wall in Milkha Singh's house?

Answer the following question in not more than 10 – 15 words each:

*Will no one tell me what she sings?
Perhaps the plaintive numbers flow
For old unhappy far-off things,
And battles long ago*

5. Name the figure of speech used in line 2. (01)

6. Why does the poet say, 'Will no one tell me what she sing?' (01)

7. Answer the following question in not more than 25 – 30 words: (01)
In the poem 'The Solitary Reaper', what has the poet compared the maiden's song to?

Rewrite each of the following sentences as per the instructions given in the brackets.

8. We _____ (clean) the classroom. (Use the Present Perfect tense of the Verb.) (01)

9. That is _____ problem I told you about. (Insert a suitable article.) (01)

Read the passage carefully:

Origami is the Japanese art of creating shapes and figures simply by folding pieces of paper. In Japanese, oru means to "fold", and kami means "paper", so literally, the word origami means "to fold paper". I can make paper animals, flowers, birds, insects or even objects like boats or windmills without the help of scissors or glue. You can easily learn it too. Once you learn the different types of folds that we use in origami, for example, the valley fold, the mountain fold, the reverse fold, the petal fold or the pleat, you can start making the basic shapes.

The finished origami figure is called a 'model', the method for folding a model is called a 'design', and drawn instructions for a model are called 'diagrams'. An origami artist is usually called a 'paperfolder'. Though washi is our traditional paper for origami, nowadays we use almost any type of paper or material so long it can crease and be folded. I have used paper made of rice, hemp, wheat and bamboo and materials like aluminium foil, paper and cloth napkins, and even currency notes! We can also put waste paper to use in origami. The only requirement for origami is a piece of paper, which makes it one of the most accessible and inexpensive arts. Origami today has expanded greatly and evolved beyond birds and boats.

On the basis of your reading and comprehending the above passage, answer the following questions given below in complete sentences in 10 – 15 words:

10. What is the literal meaning of the word 'Origami'? (01)
11. Name the different types of folds used in Origami. (01)
12. What is the difference between 'design' and 'diagram'? (01)
13. What are the different materials that can be used for paperfolding? (01)

From the alternatives provided below, choose the most appropriate meaning of the word given below: (01)

14. Evolved
 - spread
 - advanced
 - moved
 - involved

The alternatives provided are words from the passage. Choose the correct alternative that best matches the meaning given below: (01)

15. Wrinkle
 - pleat
 - petal
 - crease
 - fold
16. Write a descriptive paragraph using the words /phrases given below in the brackets. (04)
(about 50 – 60 words)
(Birthday party, friend, invited, excited, shopping, gift, right in front of my eyes, accident, crowd, injured, ambulance, called relatives, thankful, happy, waited, got late, angry, explained the situation)