



DOON GLOBAL SCHOOL
PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION (2023-24)
CLASS - XII
SUBJECT- ENGLISH (301)

TIME – 3 Hour

Marks- 80

Max.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Read the following questions very carefully and strictly follow them.

- This question paper has 13 questions. All questions are compulsory.
- This question paper contains three section .
- Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number and part thereof in your answer sheet.
- Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.
- Separate instructions are given with each question/ part, wherever necessary.

SECTION A: Reading Skills

1 Read the passage given below.

(10)

1. I know many friends of mine who drink coffee regularly but do not know that coffee exists in different forms other than instant coffee. There are many who swear by Nescafe Classic or Bru Gold, which they consider premium coffee. I may sound offensive but instant coffee is not the only way; in fact it's a very bad way of making coffee! Instant coffee cannot match up to brewed coffee's flavor nor does it have Arabica beans. It uses Robusta beans that are lower in flavor.
2. That plant might be a genius! It created a chemical that would keep pests away. Fortunately for us and unfortunately for the plant- that plan did not work the way it intended to. The chemical might have averted a few pest attacks, but attracted far greater threat- human beings. The plan I am talking about is coffee and chemical is caffeine.
3. To begin from the beginning – coffee is from a more mature part of the tree- the seed- unlike other stimulants. The ripe berry is picked and de- pulped leaving us with a seed called 'green coffee'. Green bean is uncharacteristically bland with a taste nowhere close to that of coffee, but it is valued for its higher antioxidant levels.
4. It's an interesting phenomenon to see how this bland green bean turns to a flavorful coffee bean. Coffee bean is a seed and like any other seed is rich in proteins, fats and all necessary ingredients for giving birth to a new plant. When exposed to heat, the fats and carbohydrates in the bean turn into essential oils, which give the characteristic taste and aroma to the coffee bean. The degree of roasting depends on the need or purpose of use.
5. These beans are ground so that the surface area of the bean is increased, which makes extraction easier. The bean can be ground or crushed but making the particles uniform will ensure equal extraction, or else the smaller particle will get over extracted and the larger one under extracted, Hence, the burr grinder is used to ensure that the coffee bean gets ground in a uniform way in which all particles are of similar sizes.
6. Does under extraction give a lighter coffee and over extraction a stronger one? No. For a stronger or lighter coffee less or more coffee powder has to be used. Why? Under extraction will

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the questions given below.

(1x10=10)

- (i) Complete the sentence by choosing an appropriate option.
The author complained that his friends _____
 - (a) consumed only Flora classics
 - (b) were not aware of different forms of coffee
 - (c) were severely addicted to drinking coffee
 - (d) considered Coco gold as premium coffee
- (ii) Comment on the writer's reference to the unique feature of coffee plant. **(Para 2)**
- (iii) List the reason why the author refers to humans as 'great threat to coffee' plants.
- (iv) Select an option that conveys the same meaning as 'energizer' from words used in **para 3**.
 - (a) Bland
 - (b) Mature
 - (c) Antioxidant
 - (d) Stimulants
- (v) Complete the given sentence with an appropriate inference. Fats and carbohydrates turns into essential oil leading to _____ .
- (vi) Comment on the writer's reference to the interesting phenomenon in **para 4**.
- (vii) Over-extraction does not give a stronger coffee. Based on your understanding of **para 6**, list one method to get stronger coffee.
- (viii) The writer would not agree with the given statements based on **para 5** EXCEPT
 - (a) The burr grinder grinds coffee beans uniformly.
 - (b) Less surface area makes extraction easier.
 - (c) Grinding gives stronger aroma.
 - (d) Good coffee is a mix of smaller and bigger particles.
- (ix) Why is it fair to say that the right degree of extraction of coffee is important?
- (x) Select the most suitable title of the above passage.
 - (a) The Art of Coffee Making
 - (b) Benefits of Consuming Coffee
 - (c) Green Coffee- The Perfect Antioxidant
 - (d) The Coffee Addict

2. Read the passage given below. (10)

1. News- If you can't remember the last time, you saw a teenager reading a book, newspaper, or magazine, you're not alone. In recent years, less than 20 percent of teens report reading a book, magazine, or newspaper daily for pleasure. More than 80 percent say they use social media every day, according to research published by the World Psychological Association.

2. “Compared with previous generations, teens in the 2010s spent more time online and less time with traditional media, such as books, magazines and television.” said lead author of the book Gen and professor of psychology at ABC University. “Time on digital media has displaced time once spent enjoying a book or watching TV.”

3. Swaner and her colleagues analyzed data concluded from an ongoing study of a nationally representative sample of approximately 50,000 eighth, tenth, and twelfth-grade students annually. They looked at survey results from 1976-2016, representing more than 1 million teenagers. While the study started with only twelfth- graders in the 1970s, eighth and tenth graders were added in 1991.

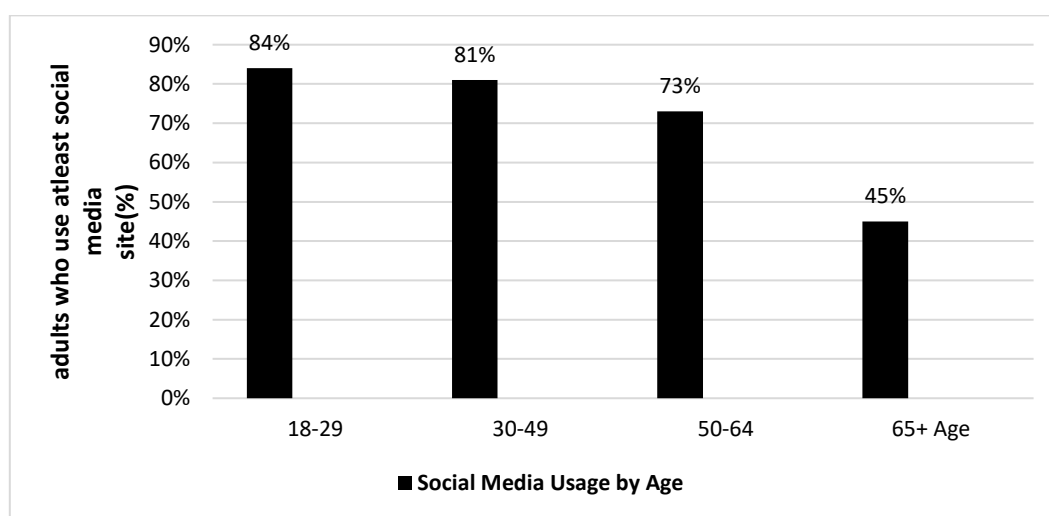
4. Use of digital media increased substantially from 2000 to 2016. Among twelfth-graders internet use during leisure time doubled from one to two hours per day during that period. It also increased by 75 percent for tenth-graders and 68 percent for eighth-graders.

5. ‘In the mid- 2010s, the average twelfth-grader reported spending approximately two hours a day texting, just over two hours a day on the internet-which included gaming-and just under two hours a day on social media.” said Swaner. That’s a total of about six hours per day on just three digital media activities during their leisure time.

6. In comparison, tenth-graders reported a total of five hours per day and eighth-graders reported four hours per day on those three digital activities. Consequently, the spent time in the digital world is seriously degrading the time they spend on more traditional media such as print books and newspapers.

7. The decline in reading print media was especially steep. In early 1984, 33 percent of tenth-graders said they read a newspaper almost every day. By 2016, that number was only 2 percent. In the 1970s, 60 percent of twelfth-graders said they read a book or a magazine almost every day; by 2016, only 16 percent did. Twelfth graders also reported reading fewer books each year in 2016 compared to how much they read in 1976, and approximately one-third did not read a book (including e-books) for pleasure in the year prior to the 2016 survey.

8. There's no lack of intelligence among young people. However, due to over dependence on digital media, they find it difficult to focus for long periods of time and to read long-form text. Subsequently, they find it challenging to understand complex issues and develop critical thinking skills.



Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

(1x10=10)

- (i) Does the following statement agree with the information given in para 1?
The writer believes that very few teens indulge in reading as a pleasurable activity. Select from the following:
True If the statement agrees with the information.
False If the statement contradicts the information.
Not given If there is no information on this.
- (ii) Select the option that displays the most likely reason for this research.
In order to find out.....

(a) Reading choices of teenagers	(b) Digital competency of teenagers
(b) Speed of reading text	(d) The decline of time spent on traditional media
- (iii) Complete the statement based on the following statement.
Traditional media has been replaced by digital media, we can say this because.....
- (iv) Do you think that the researchers of study added tenth and eighth graders to the survey deliberately?
- (v) Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option
The concluding sentence of the text makes a clear case for..... by listing it as a core competency for analysis and application.

- (a) Following social media (b) reading long texts
(c) building focus and consideration (d) developing constructive habits
- (vi) Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option.
The digital activities that the twelfth-graders indulge in are.....
(a) texting, gaming, television (b) texting, gaming, social media
(b) newspapers, books, magazine (d) television, books, gaming
- (vii) Complete the sentence appropriately with one/two words.
Teens today hardly read print media for.....
- (viii) Based on the reading of the text, state a point to challenge the given statement.
“Time on digital media has displaced time once spent enjoying a book or watching T.V.”
- (ix) What does the author mean by ‘degrading the time’ in **para 6**?
(a) Spending less time (b) Waste of time
(c) Consuming more time (d) Saving time
- (x) As per the fig. the percentage of people above 50 years is..... percentage of teenagers using social media.
(a) greater than (b) less than (c) equal to (d) negligible to

SECTION B: Creative Writing Skills

[20]

3. Attempt **any one** of the two in about 50 words.

A. You are the Secretary of the Neighborhood Watch Scheme, Jastinapur, Sector- D-3 Society. Draft a notice for the Society notice board, informing residents about the change of personnel, Head Security, Gate 2 and share necessary details. Also, include the news of installation of the much awaited security camera, on the Eastern periphery of the society.

OR

B. Every year in the central park of the city a flower show is held in the month of February. Your school has received a circular from the District Collector inviting your students to visit it. Write a notice in about 50 words informing the students about the show and advising them to go and enjoy it. You are Navtej/Navita, Head Boy/ Head Girl, Sunrise Public School.

4. Attempt **any one** of the two in about 50 words.

A. You are Manoj/Meena. You have received an invitation from your friend Vijay to a party to celebrate his admission in a prestigious Management Institute. Write an informal letter accepting the invitation. Mention the day, date, time and venue.

OR

B. You are Rajesh Sharma. You have bought a new house in Meerut. Write an informal letter of invitation inviting your friends and relatives to the housewarming ceremony. Mention the day, date, time and venue.

5. Attempt **any one** of the two in about 50 words.

A. You are Prakriti/Prabhat, a resident of College Road, Bhopal. You see the following advertisement in the newspaper, for the job of a Marketing Officer, in Chaitanya Enterprises, Mumbai. Write an application with detailed bio-data in about 120-150 words to the Public Relations Officer of the firm.

SITUATION VACANT

Chaitanya Enterprises requires an experienced Marketing Officer for its Mumbai Branch. The applicant must have.

-B.Sc. / B.A. in Marketing

6 + years experience

Additional skills

Effective written and communication skills

Thorough understanding of marketing techniques and principles

Knowledge of MS Office, social media and web analytics

B. You are Sujoy/ Sujata of Nehru Colony, Indore. You recently visited Shimla with your family. You were perturbed to see the tourist throwing empty bottles and cans all over the place. Write a letter to the editor of National in about 120-150 words expressing your concern and offering suggestions to improve the situation. Use the given cues with your own ideas to compose the letter.

Eco friendly Travel, create less waste, dispose garbage properly. 40% pollution increase during the tourist season.

Do sustainable travel

Waste and pollution have far-reaching impacts in wildlife, the environment, create a healthy and clean vacation destination

Ecological conservation – A need of the hour

6 Attempt **any one** from A and B given below.

A. Your school recently conducted an inter school heritage quiz contest as a student reporter write a report of the event in about 120-150 words to be published in your school magazine you are Amit/ Archana mention day, date, time and venue.

Know Your Heritage

An Inter-School Quiz Contest

History, Mythology, Culture, Monuments, Handicraft

Attractive prizes for audience question

Friday 14th March, St. Marks School

B. Aggressive driving has been a problem on our roads for a while and it seems to be only getting worse. Incidents of screaming, rude gestures and sometimes even violence are reported frequently on our roads, resulting into road rage. As Lalit/ Lalita a Staff Correspondent for “The Times of India”, write a report on one such incident of road rage witnessed by you with the help of the following clues. [120-150 words]

Clues

A man fired a truck driver, the criminal was arrested, shot missed saving the person, case of attempted murder.

SECTION-C- Literature & Supplementary

7. Read the extracts given below and answer the following questions. (Do any 1) (06)

A. *It would be an exotic moment
without rush, without engines
we would all be together
in a strange strangeness*

(Keeping Quiet)

- (i) In the given passage, the poet promotes
 (a) Peace (b) Self- Introspection (c) Fraternity (d) All of these
- (ii) State whether the given statement is True or False, with reference to the extract.
 The poet wants peace and calmness.
- (iii) Complete the sentence appropriately.
 The use of the word 'sudden' indicates.....
- (iv) The phrase 'without rush, without engines, means what?
- (v) Complete the following analogy correctly.
 Rhyme scheme: Free verse : : : Alliteration
- (vi) Why will the moment be exotic?
 (a) as it will be a moment of self-introspection
 (b) because it will be solemn
 (c) because there will be no noise around
 (d) because there would be no wars

OR

B. *Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across a screen
 Bright topaz denizens of a world of green
 They do not fear the men beneath the tree,
 They pace in sleek chivalric certainty.*
 (Aunt Jennifer's Tigers)

- (i) Why are the tigers called Aunt Jennifer's Tigers?
 (ii) Match the following correctly:

(i)	Prance	(a)	to walk with long steps in a direction
(ii)	Pace	(b)	move about in a predatory manner
(iii)	Stride	(c)	to move quickly with exaggerated steps
(iv)	Prowl	(d)	to walk up and down in a small area many times

- (a) (i) c (ii) d (iii) a (iv) b
 (b) (i) d (ii) a (iii) b (iv) c
 (c) (i) b (ii) a (iii) d (iv) c
 (d) (i) a (ii) c (iii) b (iv) d

- (iii) Why are Aunt Jennifer's Tigers prancing across the screen?

- (a) because they are real animals
 (b) because they love her
 (c) because they are showing their actions
 (d) because they are the product of her imagination

- (iv) Name the poet of the given extract.

- (v) State whether the given statement is True or False. "The Tigers are seen prancing on the screen. They are yellow like topaz (a precious stone)."

- (vi) What is the meaning of the word 'denizens'?

8. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for any one of the two given. (1x4=4)

A. Everyone stood transfixed in stupefaction. They looked wildly at each other and blinked. "O wise prophets! It was I who spoke." This time there were no grounds for doubt. It was the infant born just ten days ago who had enunciated the words so clearly. The chief astrologer took off his spectacles and gazed intently at the baby. "All those who are born will one day have to die. We don't need your predictions to know that. There would be some sense in it if you could tell us the manner of that death", the royal infant uttered these words in his little squeaky voice.

(vi) From the extract Jansie comes across as a _____ person.

- (a) Practical (b) dominating (c) immature (d) starstruck

OR

B. Unaware of what his name represents, he roams the streets with his friends, an army of barefoot boys who appear like the morning birds and disappear at noon. Over the months, I have come to recognize each of them.

“Why aren’t you wearing chappals?” I ask one.

“My mother did not bring them down from the shelf,” he answers simply.

“Even if she did, he will throw them off,” adds another who is wearing shoes that do not match. When I comment on it, he shuffles his feet and says nothing. “I want shoes,” says a third boy who has never owned a pair all his life. Travelling across the country I have seen children walking barefoot, in cities, on village roads. It is not lack of money but a tradition to stay barefoot, is one explanation.

(i) What is the writer’s purpose in allowing the boys to speak for themselves via dialogue, as opposed to only a writer’s commentary?

(ii) Rewrite the sentence by replacing the underlined phrase with its inference/meaning.

- (a) A fact (b) A plot point (c) An opinion (d) A theme

(iii) Explain any one possible inference that can be drawn from the line, “an army of barefoot boys who appear like the morning birds and disappear at noon”.

(iv) Identify the line from the text that bears evidence to the fact that the writer’s association with the boys is not a recent one.

(v) Based on the context provided in the extract, select the most likely comment that the writer would have made, based on the boy’s reaction to the mismatched shoes.

(a) “Why are your shoes mismatched? That’s not a good look.”

(b) “Don’t worry about your shoes, you can wear a matching pair later.”

(c) “I like your shoes. What matters is that they protect your feet.”

(d) “Have you chosen to mismatch your shoes?”

(vi) Complete the sentence with ONE word.

The phrase “he answers simply”, suggests that the boy’s response to the writer’s question about why he wasn’t wearing chappals was _____

10. Answer any five of the following six questions, in about 40-50 words. (2x5=10)

(i) Douglas uses sensory details to create a vivid image of the unfortunate experience in the pool. What might be the impact on the reader if the narration were more informative than sensory?

(Deep Water)

(ii) Why don’t the people in Firozabad organize themselves into a cooperative? *(Lost Spring)*

(iii) Write about the poet’s fear as a child. Why does it surface when she is going to the airport?

(My Mother at Sixty Six)

(iv) How did the peddler show his gratitude to Edla?

(The Rattrap)

(v) Umberto Eco, with reference to “The Name of the Rose” says, “I think if I had written The Name of the Rose ten years earlier or ten years later, it wouldn’t have been the same”. What could he have meant?

(The Interview)

(vi) What are we single minded about?

(Keeping Quiet)

11. Answer any two of the following questions in about 40-50 words. (2x2=4)

(i) What were the two significant things that happened on the seventh day in ‘The Enemy’?

(ii) What was the objective of the ‘Students on Ice’ program?

(iii) What does the play 'On the Face of It' suggest about the importance of empathy in overcoming prejudice and stereotypes?

12. Answer any one of the following two questions, in about 120-150 words.

(i) Why is the Champaran episode considered to be the beginning of the Indian struggle for independence? *(Indigo)*

OR

(ii) How does the poet represent the pathetic state of mind of the people who run the roadside stand? *(The Roadside Stand)*

13. Answer any one of the following questions in 120-150 words.

(i) 'We too are human- beings' highlights high caste- low caste discrimination in society? How do low caste people suffer on account of this? What advice is given to Bama to overcome the problem? *(Memories of Childhood)*

OR

(ii) ' Knowing too much of your future is never a good thing'. In light of this quote, examine how knowing the future paved the way for the king's end. *(The Tiger King)*