

**Practice Paper (Term – II)**  
**Class – XII**  
**English Core (Code: 301)**

**Time: 2 hours**

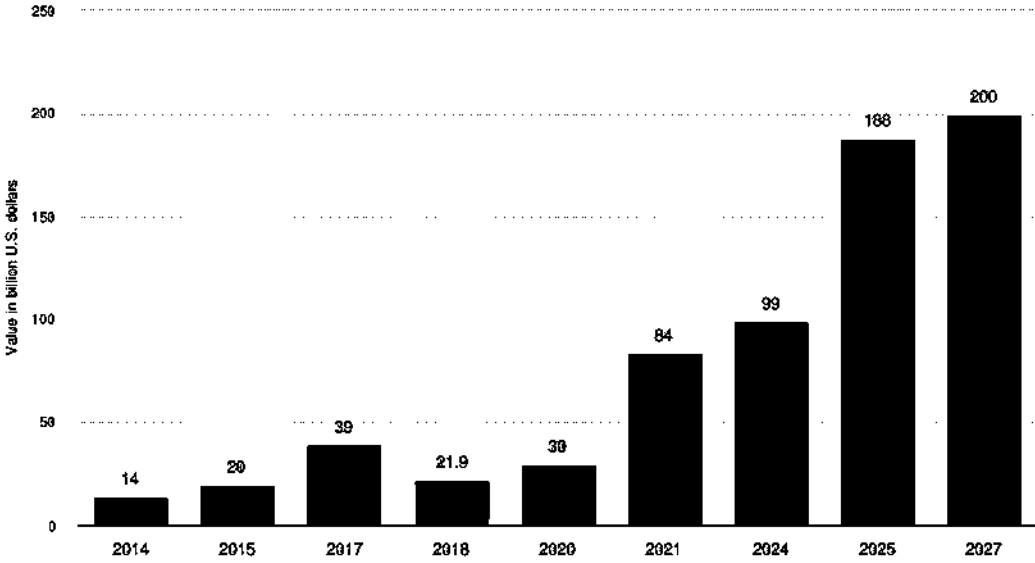
**Maximum Marks: 40**

***General Instructions:***

1. The Question Paper contains Three sections- READING, WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Line No.	<b>SECTION A- READING (14 Marks)</b>	
	<b>1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.</b>	
	Have we ever thought consciously as to how much food we waste on daily basis. Have we ever started evaluating how much food our household, culture, nation and the environment are wasting?	
5	It's not something that scares individuals who have food readily accessible whenever they feel hungry. However, for those who are not even able to consume one square meal in a day, they always wonder if they should have filled their stomach with all the food that is wasted around them.	
10	In medium and high-income countries, food fit for human consumption is discarded in vast amounts at the supermarket and market level. In particular, major food and waste losses exist in the food supply chain in low-income countries at the manufacturing and processing stages.	
15	Data reveals that India wastes as much food as the whole United Kingdom eats, contrary to Indians' perception that we don't waste food. In fact, food waste in India is a troubling concern, and the streets of the country, especially garbage bins and landfills have ample evidence to prove this. Up to 40 per cent of the food produced in India is wasted, according to the United Nations	
20	Development Programme, and about 21 million tons of wheat is wasted annually.	

25	<p>Every year in India, about 67 million tonnes of food is wasted, which has been estimated to be around of Rs 92,000 crores. In other words, this amount is adequate to feed all of Bihar for a year. Nearly 21 million metric tons of wheat is found to rot in India per year. This number is equivalent to the gross annual production of Australia.</p>	
30	<p>For global food security and the climate, food wastage is a topic of priority. Not only does food waste have a negative impact on the environment, but it also influences economy of a nation by creating economic losses. Approximately one-third of all food created for human consumption is lost or wasted, according to an FAO study. The economic effects of this food pollution are considerable, amounting to about \$1 trillion per year.</p>	
<p><b>Based on your understanding of the passage, answer ANY EIGHT questions from the nine given below.</b></p>		<p>1x8 =8</p>
i	<p>The writer says that food wastage is not something that scares individuals who have food readily accessible. Whom does it actually scare and how?</p>	<p>1</p>
ii	<p>Cite a point in evidence, from the text, to suggest that food wastage in medium and high-income countries differs from low-income countries.</p>	<p>1</p>
iii	<p>How Indians' perception that they don't waste food is contradictory to evidences?</p>	<p>1</p>
iv	<p>According to the passage, how much food is sufficient to for people in Bihar?</p>	<p>1</p>
v	<p>Rewrite the given sentence by replacing the underlined phrase with a similar one, taking cues from lines 12 to 15.</p>	<p>1</p>
vi	<p>Along with pollutants like nitrogen, Sulphur and ozone, particulate matter is also a <u>reason to worry</u> amid rising pollution.</p> <p>Select a suitable phrase from lines 1 to 3 to complete the following sentence appropriately.</p> <p>Many athletes restrict their salt intake <u>on purpose</u>, believing this will help prevent blood pressure problems.</p>	<p>1</p>
vii	<p>Is 'food wastage' a national issue or a global one? Why?</p>	<p>1</p>

viii	The passage highlights few ironic situations. Cite an example/data of anyone of such ironic situation.	1																				
ix.	Give at least one suggestion to reduce food wastage, be it at individual level, community or national level.	1																				
<p><b>2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.</b></p> <p>The past two decades have seen a perpetual shift in the way we interact, engage, consume information or make a purchase decision, and the emergence of the ‘online’ culture has further played a key role in giving this trend a big push. Not just consumers, but even the retailers and traders have adapted the online culture in order to fulfil the gap created with the lack of physical movement during the pandemic.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fig.1</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Market size of e-commerce industry across India from 2014 to 2018, with forecasts until 2027 (in billion U.S. dollars)</b></p>  <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Value (in billion U.S. dollars)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2014</td> <td>14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2015</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2017</td> <td>39</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2018</td> <td>21.9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2020</td> <td>30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2021</td> <td>84</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2024</td> <td>99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2025</td> <td>188</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2027</td> <td>200</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Sources</b> India Brand Equity Foundation; Various sources (Media sources); BCG; Bain &amp; Company; Morgan Stanley © Statista 2021</p> <p><b>Additional information:</b> Various sources (Media sources); BCG; Bain &amp; Company; Morgan Stanley; 2014 to 2018</p>		Year	Value (in billion U.S. dollars)	2014	14	2015	20	2017	39	2018	21.9	2020	30	2021	84	2024	99	2025	188	2027	200	6
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<p>The Covid-19 pandemic has accelerated changes in consumer habits and has made digital shopping grow. Still, many of us miss the interaction and personalized attention that a physical purchase entails, and we don't want to leave that behind. This duality has led to the birth of the concept of phygital experience that aims to take advantage of the best of e-commerce and point of sale.</p>																						

	<p>How many times have we gone to an electronics store to see, touch and test a product only to leave empty-handed and buy it online? And how many times have we thoroughly combed the web – visited various brand websites, compared specifications, and read dozens of reviews – before making a purchase? Phygital connects two environments: online and offline. In other words, it tries to unite the best of the physical and digital worlds to create a much more complete and satisfying user experience.</p> <p>Thinking about how often we have found ourselves in both situations can help us understand why the phygital phenomenon is becoming the new frontier of customer experience, even confirming itself as one of the main trends in digital strategies 2021.</p> <p><b>Based on your understanding of the passage, answer ANY SIX out of the seven questions given below.</b></p>	
i	What made retailers and traders adapt the online culture?	1
ii	What does the researcher mean by ' changes in consumer habits'?	1
iii	What Exactly Is ‘The Phygital Experience’ and how does it serve a dual purpose?	1
iv	What does a consumer miss in online purchases that forms a significant feature of physical purchases?	1
v	How is the market size of e-commerce industry across India from 2014 to 2018, in sharp contrast with forecasts from 2020 to 2027 (in billion U.S. dollars)? What is the reason of this sharp contrast? Substantiate with reference to Fig.1.	1
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	What was the impact of Pandemic on consumer habits?	
vi	With reference to fig.1, Which year would you consider as a time of transition or a beginning of steep rise in e commerce?	1
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	Which perpetual shift is being discussed in the first three sentences of the passage?	
vii	The writer concludes by writing, “Thinking about how often we have found ourselves in both situations....” Which two situations are being referred to?	1

<b>SECTION B- WRITING</b>		<b>8 Marks</b>
<b>3</b>	You are the Principal of St. Thomas Public School, Meerut. The school is organising a week-long Book Fair as reading event. Famous journalist and writer Ravish Kumar has consented to be the chief guest for the inaugural reading event. Design an invitation card to be sent to the parents and other invitees. Do not exceed 50 words.	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Attempt <b>ANY ONE</b> from <b>A</b> and <b>B</b> given below.	<b>5</b>
<b>A</b>	<p>You are Ashish/Asma of B – 94 Fort Road, Jammu. You have read the advertisement given below. You are qualified for the job. Write an application in 120 – 150 words along with resume.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>India Chemical Industries, Delhi          Requires Accounts Officers          Qualification : BCom.          Experience : Minimum 4 years          Job requirement : Maintaining books of accounts, preparation of Balance Sheet, etc.          Salary : Best in the industry          Apply to: Managing Director, ICI, B-12, Barakhamba, New Delhi</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p>	
<b>B</b>	You are Saba Parvin/ Parveen Kumar, a staff reporter of a national daily. You have been asked to cover an incident of major fire that broke out on the 19th floor of a 20-storey residential building Sachinam Heights located in Tardeo area of central Mumbai. The blaze erupted around 7 am, when many of its residents were still asleep. At least six persons were killed and 23 others injured in the incident. Write a report in 120-150 words.	

<b>SECTION C - LITERATURE</b>		<b>18</b>
<b>5</b>	<p>Attempt <b>ANY FIVE</b> of the six questions given below, within 40 words each.</p> <p>i. Why did the rattrap peddler sign himself as Captain von Stahle?</p> <p>ii. Why was Gandhi ji's trial delayed?</p> <p>iii. What is the tone of the poem 'Aunt Jennifer's tigers' ?</p> <p>iv. Why does a beautiful thing not "pass into nothingness ?</p> <p>v. How are Derry and Mr. Lamb different from each other?</p> <p>vi. Why did Jo think Roger Skunk was better off with the new smell?</p>	<p><b>5x2 =10</b></p> <p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>2</b></p>
<b>6</b>	Answer <b>ANY TWO</b> of the following in about 120-150 words each.	<b>2x4 =8</b>
<b>i</b>	Self – reliance, Indian Independence and help to sharecroppers were all bound together. Elucidate with reference to the lesson "Indigo".	<b>4</b>
<b>ii</b>	How does Evans live up to his popular tag of 'Evans the Break'?	<b>4</b>
<b>iii</b>	How does Keats show his unhappiness with human beings?	<b>4</b>

