

**TERM II**  
**SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER (2021-2022)**  
**ENGLISH – CORE**  
**CLASS – XII**

**Time: allowed: 1½Hrs.**

**Maximum Mark : 40**

**General Instruction:**

1. The Question paper contains THREE sections- READING WRITING AND LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

**SECTION A- READING (14 mark)**

**1. Read the passage given below.**

- i. School is a place where students learn the initial lesson of life. Within the precincts of a safe environment, children experience moment of joy, challenges, achievements, failures and disappointment, all which have a lasting impact on their future. However, there has been a paradigm shift in the way we look at the teaching learning process. The hybrid school model and a dynamic style of synchronous and asynchronous blended learning is here to stay. Before we realised... the new normal has' become 'the normal' for the times to come.
- ii. Our future is shaped by the generation that stands strong mentally and physically. Amid uncertainty and stressful event like the Covid-19 pandemic, some children develop more intense reactions of anxiety, depression, or behavioural problems.
- iii. While this can happen to any child, it is important to know that there are some children who are at higher risk as they may have had significant losses or may have experienced traumatic events. Children in this group may need even more consistency with routines, sleep schedule, emotional support, and reassurance about the outbreak.
- iv. It is imperative for them to get a support for their mental well-being and at the same time, empower them to deal with change by accepting it the way it is. It is important to teach them coping strategies and instill psychological characteristics such as engagement, perseverance, resilience, optimism, connectedness, and happiness. With increased focus on emotional and mental well-being we create a scaffold for children, so that they emerge from this experience as a resilient generation.
- v. As per the educational philosophy, teaching students to be lifelong learners is important. Education today, is not just limited to classrooms or text books. Participation in extra-curricular activities provides students an opportunity to express their inner creativity and showcase their talent and skill in the areas of interest.
- vi. Creativity, pro-social skill, problem solving, conflict resolution are some of the skills that one develops through play, Extra- curricular activities create opportunities to communicate, developing skill of negotiation and patience in children. It also teaches students to work as a 'unit' and be team players.
- vii. Technology has transformed the education sector to a larger scale and will continue to do so. Tech integration in the teaching learning process has become a 'way of life' and also the need of the hour. New and innovative approaches to teaching by integrating technology in the classroom offers multiple benefits. With planning and creativity, digital technology can be used to create meaningful learning experiences. When students leave the classroom to enter the real world, adapting to the use of technological tools will be an integral part of their professional lives.
- viii. For the educators, imbibing technology has become an irreplaceable professional tool. Due to its everyday use, technology has become its own form of literacy. Allowing students to learn and refine these skills prepare them for life beyond the classroom.

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any eight out of the ten questions given below.**

1. How the narrator has defined the role of schools, according to paragraph 1?
2. What is hybrid school model?
3. Define synchronous and asynchronous blended learning in your own words.
4. What is new normal, according to the passage?
5. How has the Covid-19 pandemic impacted some children?
6. What has the narrator suggested about the children who have experienced traumatic events?
7. Why is it important to instil psychological characteristics amongst the children?
8. How is the contemporary education defined in the above passage?
9. Find out the word from paragraph 7 which means 'inherent or intrinsic',

**2. Read the following passage carefully.**

- i. One of the world's most renowned scientists is setting up a service to map individual's entire genetic codes that could help predict how and when they might die.
- ii. For 400,000 pounds, Craig Venter, who help decipher the human genome-man's genetic code-plans to provide details of a person's genes within a week. Armed with such information, the individual will be able to check for mutations linked with illnesses such as cancer and Alzheimer's.
- iii. Although at present, scientist know the genetic abnormalities to blame for only a few dozen diseases, thousands more are expected to be discovered in the coming decades.
- iv. Venter, who has annoyed the scientific establishment with his commercial approach, said he had already signed up several millionaires, though he declined to name them.
- v. 'I have been approached by a number of people who want to have their individual genome decoded,' he said. 'Initially, we will be able to decode people's genes in less than a week but hope eventually to bring it down to less than a day.'
- vi. Venter an American, is spending 25 million pounds on the new facility, which will offer the service from later this year. Individuals will get a CD enshrining a full description of all their genes to pass on to their descendants. The technique maps the genes unique to the individual and then matches them with DNA common to all humans.
- vii. Venter says his main aim is to used customers' genes-and money- to test out new ultra-fast techniques for analysing DNA that could one day enable everyone to have a map of their genomes.
- viii. Other researchers are sceptical. Among geneticists, Venter is renowned as the brilliant but abrasive researcher who dropped out of the publicly-funded international Human Genome Project (HGP), which was set up in the mid-1980s to map humanity's genetic code.
- ix. He established his own rival laboratories and, to the fury of his former colleagues, started working on the human genome. He even suggested that he might take out parents on humanity's 'blueprint for life'.
- x. The HGP accelerated its work on the genome to publish it before Venter until, after a series of rows, both teams agreed to make their work publicly available.
- xi. Venter's new facility will enable him to crack the genetic codes faster than ever before. His scientists are already working on the genomes of 40 species. However, other experts are Sceptical about the value of mapping individuals' genes.

- xii. Tim Hubbard, head of human genome analysis at the Sanger institute in Cambridge, said knowing some one's genome was not the same as understanding it.

**Based on your understanding of the passage, Answer any six out of seven questions given below.**

1. What new service is being offered? How will it help mankind and how much will it cost?
2. How far is present knowledge about genes confined? What's expected in the coming decades?
3. What do you learn about Craig Venter's personality and his new facility?
4. What according to Venter is the aim of new facility? How far is it likely to help mankind?
5. How do others scientists react to mapping individuals' genes?
6. What was the objective of Human Genome Project?
7. Who deciphered the human Genome-man's genetic code plans?

**SECTION -B WRITING (8 MARKS)**

3. As Secretary of the Literacy Club of St Anne's School, Ahmedabad, draft a formal invitation in not more than 50 words for the inauguration of the club in your school. 3marks.

Or

You are Puneet/Puneeta, your friend, PV Sathish, has invited you to attend the wedding of sister, Jaya. You find that you have an important paper of pre-Board examination on the day of the wedding. Thus you cannot attend the event. Write in about 50 words a formal reply to the invitation expressing your regret.

4. You are Rajeev/ Radhika from 21 cherry road, Madurai, Draft an application with bio-data, for the post of the Librarian in Vision seniorSecondary School, Calicut 5marks

Or

You are Karuna/karan. 5<sup>th</sup> June has been recognized as World Environment Day. Your school conducted various activities to commemorate the day. Write a report about it, for you school magazine.

**SECTION C- LITERATURE 18 Marks**

5. Attempt **ANY FIVE** of the six questions given below, within 40 words each.  $2 \times 5 = 10$

- i. What hospitality did the peddler receive from the crofter.
- ii. Why did Raj Kumar Shukla want to take Gandhi ji to Champaran?
- iii. What is endless fountain and what is its effect?
- iv. What is weight that lies heavy on Aunt Jennifer's hand?
- v. Why did Roger Skunk go to the owl?
- vi. Why does Mr. Lamb leave his gate always open?

6. Answer **Any Two** of the following in about 120-150 words each.  $4 \times 2 = 8$

- i. Before the start of the examination and during the course of it, the Governor is beset by feelings of uneasiness. How did he manage to put these feelings at rest each time?
- ii. Derry and Mr. Lamb both are Victims of physical impairment, but their attitudes towards life are completely different. Explain
- iii. The Champaran episode was a turning point in Gandhiji's life. Elucidate