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NEB - GRADE XII

Compulsory English

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable. The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Time: 3 hrs.

Full Marks: 100

Pass Marks:35 (For partial students only)

Attempt **all** the questions.

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.5x3=15

America has witnessed an alarming increase in the incidence of violence in the lives of children. On a daily basis, children in America are victims of violence, as witness to violent acts in their homes or communities, or as victims of abuse, neglect or personal assault. The causes of violent behaviour in society are complex and interrelated.

Among the significant contributors are poverty, racism, unemployment, illegal drugs, inadequate or abusive parenting practices and real life adult models of violent problem solving behaviour. At the same time that there has been an increase in the number of reported violent acts directed at children, there has been an increase in the amount and severity of violent acts observed by children through the media, including television, movies, computer games, and videotapes, and an increase in the manufacture and distribution of weapon like toys and other products directly linked to violent programming.

The media industry ought to serve the public interest and ought to be subject to government regulation. The responsibility of adults and of public policy ought to be to protect children from unnecessary and potentially harmful exposure to violence through the media and to protect children from television content and advertising practices that exploit their special vulnerability.

Questions:

- a) According to the speaker, what has America witnessed during the past decade ?

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- b) Name the different types of violence illustrated in the passage.
 - c) What are the contributors of violence ?
 - d) What role should media industry have to play to discourage violence ?
 - e) What should be the responsibility of adults and public policy ?
2. Answer any **five** of the following questions. 5x3=15
- a) How do the birds help the children in the forest ? (Hansel and Gretel)
 - b) Sketch the character of Mrs. Mooney briefly. (The Boarding House)
 - c) Why are more and more rain forests converted to pastures in a country like Brazil ? (Two Long Term Problems..)
 - d) Why does the boy's uncle ask the boy to keep an eye on the Charra ? (A Story)
 - e) Why does Annie Turnbo-Malone open "Poro College" ? (Women's Business)
 - f) What do the old man and the boy struggle for ? (Purgatory)
3. Answer any **one** of the following questions. 10
- a) Why does the narrator decide to take the life of the old man ? Do you think it is right to have such a decision ? (The Tell-Tale Heart)
 - b) What is the significance of the repetition of words 'have trod...' ? Does this repetition show the unhealthy condition of environment ? (God's Grandeur)
4. Change the sentences below, using **sure to**, **likely to** and **unlikely to**, whichever is appropriate. 5
- a) By the end of next decade electric cars will probably occupy more than 80% market.
 - b) In ten years time, everyone will get health insurance certificate.
 - c) The Government will probably ban the cell phone in schools and colleges.
 - d) I doubt if there will be bus service from Kathmandu to Dhaka.
 - e) I am sure a new chairman will be appointed soon.
5. Join the following sentences using **relative clause**. 5
- a) I could not solve the problem. The problem was given to me by my teachers.
 - b) The children were asked to play on the ground. They were taken there by their parents.
 - c) The man is very helpful. The man is sitting at the back.
 - d) The tall man joined politics. He was 48 then.

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- e) He proudly showed me round his house. He had paid 30 million for it.
6. Using proper structure, as in the example, write a sentence for each of the following. 5
- Example :** *Read the instruction/switch on the machine*
You should read the instruction before you switch on the machine.
- a) Measure the room/order the carpet
 b) Turn off the electric blanket/get into bed
 c) Check the answer/leave the exam room
 d) Read the contract/sign it
 e) Take off your shoes/enter the room.
7. Rewrite the following questions as **indirect questions**, beginning with the words given. 5
- a) When does the new rule come into effect ?
 Do you know..... ?
- b) What have the farmers earned ?
 Have you any idea ?
- c) Can she work longer hours... ?
 I want to know
- d) Is the new man working well ?
 The boss wants to know
- e) Where is the cinema from the station ?
 Do you have any idea ?
8. Change the sentences below using **must**, **can't** and **may/might**, whichever is appropriate. 5
- Example :** *I am sure she is coming.*
She must be coming.
- a) It is possible that she is writing her first article.
 b) Perhaps she is working on her first novel.
 c) I am sure they stole money.
 d) I am sure people trusted the leader.
 e) I am sure he was not cycling down.
9. Rewrite these sentences beginning '**If there is one thing**' 5
- a) People who spend money unnecessarily irritate me.
 b) I detest people who take up all the seats on buses.

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- c) I hate people who create communal disharmony in the society.
 - d) People who don't take interest in local culture annoy me.
 - e) I appreciate people who provide employment to local people.
10. Write a paragraph about the memorable event in your life. 5
11. Imagine, you had five hours free time in your college, what would be the different things that you would do in college ? 5
12. Write an article on 'Medical Tourism' in Nepal. 10
13. Write a letter to your friend abroad, describing the changes taken place in your village, especially, in drinking water, roads, electricity, communication and education. 10