

# ANNUAL EXAMINATION

## ENG XII- M2

### Class 11 - English Core

**Time Allowed: 3 hours**

**Maximum Marks: 80**

#### **General Instructions:**

- The Question Paper contains three sections.
- Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

#### **Section A**

**1. Read the following passage carefully:**

**[10]**

There is no need to define morality, let a man be simply compassionate. This sentence expresses the basic essence of morality, the extent to which it relies on compassion for its definition. For when we think about it, is not that truly human feeling of compassion the basis of all morality?

Morality rests for its very meaning on the concepts of 'good' and 'bad' where 'good' refers to all thoughts and deeds that do not aim at or accomplish any harm or injury or do not involve an attempt to inflict suffering on others. Thus morality is based on man's ability to understand, being able to sympathize, feel kindness and sorrow for, and identify himself with the sufferings of his fellow men. So, only compassion can give rise to oral thoughts and feelings.

Depriving a person of what is his or what must belong to him – what is called stealing – for selfish ends, taunting or insulting others through words or actions for self-gratification, violence – expressed verbally or as acts of torture, killing, etc. – for the sake of violence contradict morality as well as an inner feeling of kindness and compassion.

When we talk about social morality of any kind, what comes into play is our ability to feel for the well-being of our society. A certain moral code of conduct is ultimately necessary to ensure that the society does not fall prey to degeneration of values, which would lead to rampant suffering and ultimately chaos. It is a concern to help the society by safeguarding it from unwanted ills and malaises and ensuring its well-being. Society's concerns are our concerns; anything capable of causing a detrimental impact on it in the short term or in course of time is ultimately bound to affect us and our children.

There is the need to realize that man must continue to feel compassion for the sake of himself as well as society. But like any other human trait, compassion ought to be continually exercised if it is to remain a dormant force. Unfortunately, in modern society what we witness is the complete lack of kindness and sympathy between fellow beings. One can only shake one's head and say that just like other cherished values even compassion is getting eroded in the hustle and bustle of the mechanical existence of these times. What remains is material values that look only towards immediate personal gains and in the process rid man of whatever 'humanness' is left in him.

I. To define morality, one relies on:

- a) Compassion    b) Values    c) Human Feelings    d) All of these

ii. Morality is based on:

- a) Inducing sufferings for others    b) Differences between good and bad  
c) Giving rise to oral thoughts    d) Man's ability to understand and sympathize

iii. The good in morality deals with:

- a) Feel kindness and sorrow for others      b) Not inflicting suffering on others
- c) Men being able to sympathize      d) All of these

iv. What is gratification?

- a) Depriving a person of his necessities      b) Pleasing oneself by insulting others
- c) Taunting people for fun      d) Killing inner feelings of morality

v. How can one ensure that society does not suffer?

- a) By preaching the lessons of Buddha
- b) By teaching them the lesson of morality
- c) By following a model code of conduct
- d) By feeling for the well-being of society

vi. How society's concerns are our concerns?

- a) What goes around, comes around; our karma
- b) Capable of having a detrimental impact immediately
- c) In due course of time, these concerns are bound to affect everyone
- d) The world is a small place; one has to bear the consequences

vii. Man must continue to feel compassion for:

- A. His family      B. His friends      C. Himself      D. The society
- a. Only A and B      b. Only A, C and D      c. Only C and D      d. All of these

viii. What does one witness in modern society?

- A. Material Values hold importance
- B. There is no humanness left in society
- C. Complete lack of sympathy between fellow beings
- D. Compassion being eroded by machines
- a) Only A and B      b) Only A, B and C      c) Only C and D      d) All of these

ix. Find a word similar in meaning to 'impose' in paragraph (i)

- a) inflict      b) accomplish      c) attempt      d) identify

x) Find a word similar in meaning to "widespread" in paragraph (iv)

- a) concern      b) malaises      c) degeneration      d) rampant

xi) Find a word opposite in meaning 'active' to paragraph (v)

- a) trait      b) hustle      c) eroded      d) dormant

2. **Read the following passage carefully: Attempt any Eight only**

**[8]**

1. The North-East of India is a melting pot of variegated cultural mosaic of people and races, an ethnic tapestry of many hues and shades. Yet, these states are lesser explored as compared to the rest of the country. The new generations of travellers who are 'money rich and time poor' are increasingly looking for unique experiences - a phenomenon being called the emergence of the 'experience economy'. For this new and growing breed of tourists, the North-East with its variety and uniqueness holds immense attraction.
2. A study conducted in 2020 by Dr. Sherap Bhutia, revealed that the foreign tourist arrival in the North-East increased from 37,380 persons in 2005 to 118,552 in 2014. The overall growth rate of tourist (both domestic and foreign) in the North-East was as high as 26.44% during 2005-06. A high and positive growth of 12.53% was registered in foreign tourist visits to North-East States of India during 2012 from 2011, which further rose to register a growth of 27.93% during 2013 from 2012. Foreign tourist arrivals in the North-East

witnessed a growth of 39.77% during 2014 from 2013, according to data provided from the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.

3. The study recommendations for tourism planners included the need to concentrate on some key areas like enhancement of tourist facilities, tourism financing, focus on community involvement and others for the formulation of a sustainable tourism strategy in the North-East States of India.

i. Infer one reason for the following, based on information in paragraph 1.

The rate of tourism in the North-East of India puzzles tourism officials

ii. Select the appropriate option to fill in the blanks.

From paragraph 1, we can infer that the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the North-Eastern states aid attracting the 'money rich and time poor' tourists.

1. distinctiveness
2. conventionality
3. diversity
4. uniformity
5. modernity

1. i & iii

2. ii & iv

3. ii & v

4. i & iv

iii. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/ phrase from paragraph 1:

aroma : cooking :: \_\_\_\_\_ : painting

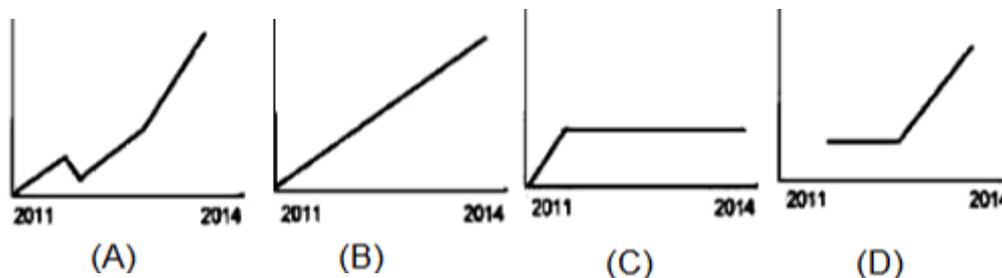
(Clue: Just like aroma is integral to cooking, similarly \_\_\_\_\_ is/are integral to painting)

iv. Select the correct option to complete the following sentence:

Travellers advocating the 'experience economy' seek a holiday package with (Paragraph 1)

1. grand facilities, expensive hotels and excellent services to pamper them.
2. a wholesome experience within the budget they have planned for.
3. places and cities to buy things from and opportunities spend money.
4. cost-effective services, affordable accommodation and many days of touring.

v. Select the chart that appropriately represents the trend of foreign tourist travels in the North-East, from 2011-2014, as per paragraph 2.



1. Option 1
2. Option 2
3. Option 3
4. Option 4

vi. Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option.

The study of tourist travel statistics in the North-East, from 2005 to 2014 showed \_\_\_\_\_ results.

1. expected
2. encouraging
3. inconsistent
4. questionable

vii. Substitute the word 'witnessed' with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following, sentence from paragraph 2:

Foreign tourist arrivals in the North-East witnessed a growth of...

viii. List any 2 examples of **tourist facilities** as referred to, in Paragraph 3.

ix. List one reason why the researchers recommend that the formulation of a tourism strategy in the North-Eastern States of India be sustainable.

x. Select the option that titles paragraphs 1-3 appropriately, with reference to information in the text.

1. (1) Full Speed Ahead!, (2) Ups and Downs, (3) Cause for Concern
2. (1) Winds of Change, (2) Numbers Don't Lie, (3) Time for Action
3. (1) Inspecting Trends, (2) Statistically Speaking, (3) Let's Investigate
4. (1) Cause & Effect, (2) Dynamic Data, (3) Dependable Facts

3. **Read the following passage carefully:**

[8]

The tests of life are its plus factors. There is no question that one of the things that people tend to run away from in life is the feeling of pain. Most people will run away from these feelings because they will find them to be overwhelming and they consider them to be a form of punishment. The good news is that emotional pain is actually a necessary thing to experience because it allows you to evolve and grow stronger as an individual. For example, when a person breaks your heart, you are going to experience a very strong level of emotional distress and this is always going to be a difficult thing to handle. You can choose to hide from those feelings and shut them down by avoiding them, or you can choose to allow yourself to feel them without any restraints. Similarly, when you are ill or have a disease, either you can sit down and mourn and kill yourself emotionally, or you can stand up with the courage, confidence and target to fight it. The latter is likely to get rid of the disease faster. Hence, overcoming illness and suffering is a plus factor for its moulds character. Steel is iron plus fire, soil is rock plus heat. So, let's include the plus factor in our lives.

Sometimes the plus factor is more readily seen by the simple-hearted. Myers tells the story of a mother who brought into her home - as a companion to her own son - a little boy who happened to have a hunchback. She had warned her son to be careful not to refer to his disability, and to go right on playing with him as if he were like any other boy.

The boys were playing and after a few minutes she overheard her son say to his companion: "Do you know what you have got on your back?" The little boy was embarrassed, but before he could reply, his playmate continued: "It is the box in which your wings are and someday God is going to cut it open and then you will fly away and be an angel".

Often it takes a third eye, or a change in focus, to see the plus factor. Walking along the corridors of a hospital recently where patients were struggling with fear of pain and tests, I was perturbed. What gave me fresh perspective were the sayings put up everywhere, intended to uplift. One saying made me conscious of the beauty of the universe in the midst of pain, suffering and struggle. The other saying assured me that God was with me when I was in deep water and that no troubles would overwhelm me.

The import of those sayings also made me aware of the nether springs that flow into people's lives when they touch rock-bottom or lonely or even deserted. The nether springs make recovery possible, and they bring peace



today.

- (v) **Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows:**

Mother: You should not take so much stress.

Suraj: Don't worry. Please give me a hot cup of tea.

The mother advised him not to take so much stress. Suraj told his mother \_\_\_\_\_.

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| a) not to worry and requests her to give him a hot cup of tea | b) not to worry and requested her to give him a hot cup of tea  |
| c) don't worry and requested her to give him a hot cup of tea | d) did not worry and requested her to give him a hot cup of tea |

- (vi) He said to me, "I have often told you not to play with fire".

**Reported speech:** \_\_\_\_\_

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| a) He told me that he had often told me not to play with fire. | b) He said that he has often been telling me not to play with fire. |
| c) He said to me that he often told me not to play with fire.  | d) He reminded me that he often said to me not to play with fire.   |

- (vii) Find a correct sequence of sentences:

- commercial area and convention center
- the largest fountain in the world
- The Suntec City Mall is an enormous
- that boasts the Fountain of Wealth

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| a) cdab | b) cadb |
| c) dabc | d) bcda |

- (viii) Rearrange the following words in the meaningful sentence:

She said on the phone that she would report for duty the next day.

- We found it locked
- We waited for a few days then we decided to go to her place
- But she did not
- Even after that, we waited for her for quite a few days

Eventually, we reported to the police.

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| a) abcd | b) bacd |
| c) cdab | d) cbad |

5. You are Dr Madhu, MD. You are looking for an independent house in Ghaziabad on a reasonable rent for your residence-cum-clinic. Draft a suitable advertisement in not more than 50 words to be published in Hindustan Times, New Delhi. Your telephone no. is 12341234. [3]

OR

You are Shirish Saxena of 47, Mall Road, Shimla. You are a young man of 35 with seven years of experience as an expert executive. You seek an immediate change to some prestigious export house in Mumbai/Bangalore. Draft a suitable advertisement for the Situation Wanted column of a National Daily.

6. The Directorate of Education, Orissa state is organizing an Essay Contest for all the students of the state. Prepare [3]

a suitable poster which can be sent to different schools for display on their notice board.

OR

Design a poster in about 50 words to create awareness among the people of your city on the importance of following traffic rules.

7. Write a speech in 150-200 words on the topic, 'Discipline shapes the future of a student'. It is to be delivered in the morning assembly. You are Karuna/Karan. [5]

OR

Today's children are not yet aware of many opportunities awaiting them after they complete their school education. As an academic counsellor give a talk to the students of St Antony's School on the need for career guidance and how knowledge of the available careers can benefit the youth. Write the speech in 150-200 words.

8. Consumerism is increasing day by day. Luxuries of yesterday have become necessities of today. The result is that the more we want the more miserable we become. Write a debate in 150-200 words on 'The only way to minimise human suffering and pain is to control our needs.' You are Navtej/Navita. [5]

OR

"A career counsellor (not you yourself) is the best person to guide you in the choice of a career." Write a debate in 150 - 200 words either for or against the motion.

### SECTION C

9. **Read the extract and answer the questions** [3]

There, before heading east, we took on two crewmen - American Larry Vigil and Swiss Herb Seigler - to help us tackle one of the world's roughest seas, the southern Indian Ocean. On our second day out of Cape Town, we began to encounter strong gales. For the next few weeks, they blew continuously. Gales did not worry me; but the size of the waves was alarming - up to 15 metres, as high as our main mast.

1. Which port did the ship leave just before the incident narrated?

- a. Plymouth
- b. None of these
- c. Cape Town
- d. Indian Ocean

2. Why two extra crewmen were hired?

- a. To tackle the Southern Indian Ocean.
- b. For maintenance of the ship.
- c. To tackle the ship.
- d. As author wanted extra helpers.

3. The author was worried about:

- a. going in a right direction
- b. his family
- c. size of the waves
- d. strong winds

OR

**Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

Further on, where the plains became more stony than grassy, a great herd of wild ass came into view. Tsetan told us we were approaching them long before they appeared. "Kyang," he said, pointing towards a far-off pall of dust.

When we drew near, I could see the herd galloping en masse, wheeling and turning in tight formation as if they were practising manoeuvres on some predetermined course. Plumes of dust billowed into the crisp, clean air.

1. The 'pile of dust' has been referred in the above extract as
  - a. Stony
  - b. Herd
  - c. Kyang
  - d. Pall
2. The phrase 'more stony than grassy' means
  - a. Terrain now had less greenery
  - b. Terrain had become slippery
  - c. Terrain had become hilly and terrain now had less greenery
  - d. Terrain had become hilly
3. The synonym of the word 'manoeuvres' is
  - a. movement
  - b. inactivity
  - c. stoppage
  - d. ignorance

10. **Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

[3]

When did my childhood go?

Was it the day I ceased to be eleven,

Was; it the time I realized that Hell and Heaven,

Could not be found in Geography,

And therefore could not be,

Was that the day!

- i. Name the poem and the poet.
- ii. When does he think he had ceased to be a child?
- iii. How did he feel about heaven and hell in his childhood?

OR

**Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

And who art thou ? said I to the soft-falling shower,

Which, strange to tell, gave me an answer, as here translated:

I am the Poem of Earth, said the voice of the rain,

Eternal I rise impalpable out of the land and the bottomless sea,

Upward to heaven, whence, vaguely form'd, altogether changed, and yet the same.

- i. What has the poet to translate and why?
- ii. What has been called 'the Poem of Earth'?
- iii. Where does the rain rise from?

11. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[4]

Nobody could understand where we ever got money enough to keep us with food in our bellies, not even the old men of the family. Most important of all, though, we were famous for our honesty. We had been famous for our honesty for something like eleven centuries, even when we had been the wealthiest family in what we liked to

think was the world. We were proud first, honest next, and after that we believed in right and wrong. None of us would take advantage of anybody in the world, let alone steal.

1. What was the top most attribute of the society mentioned in the extract?
  - a. being proud
  - b. being right
  - c. being poor
  - d. being honest
2. Based on above extract please classify following as facts or opinion.
  1. I think we are famous for our honesty
  2. We were aware of our source of income
  3. I think we have never taken advantage of anyone
  4. I believe once upon a time we were rich
  5. We believed in stealing alone
  1. F - 1, 4, 5 and O - 2, 3
  2. F - 1, 2, 4, and O - 3, 5
  3. F - 1, 3, 4 and O - 2, 5
  4. F - 4, 5 and O - 1, 2, 3
3. The phrase **right and wrong** has been used in the extract. Which of the following phrase is not similar to it.
  - a. admit and accept
  - b. poor and rich
  - c. cold and hot
  - d. right and left
4. For what period had they been famous for their honesty in society?
  - a. less than 1100 years
  - b. about 1100 years
  - c. 1100 year
  - d. more than 1100 years

OR

**Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

At the corner of the road I looked up at the name-plate. Marconi Street, it said. I had been at Number 46. The address was correct. But now I didn't want to remember it any more. I wouldn't go back there because the objects that are linked in your memory with the familiar life of former times instantly lose their value when, severed from them, you see them again in strange surroundings.

1. Where was the name plate of Marconi Street put up?
  - a. at the far end of the road ASKUS
  - b. at the edge of the road
  - c. at the front of the house
  - d. at the corner of the road
2. How did author convince herself that she had come at the right address?
  - a. she had looked at the name of the street
  - b. she had looked at the number of the house

- c. she had looked at the number of the house and name of the street
- d. she had looked at the colour of the house

3. Why did she not want to remember the address?

- a. number of the house was already displayed
- b. she did not want to go there again
- c. name of the street was already displayed
- d. she had a poor memory

4. Why did author not want to go back there again?

- a. she noticed her own thing there
- b. her own things had lost their importance for her
- c. her former life was still in her memory
- d. the surrounding was unfamiliar

12. **Answer any two of the following in 30-40 words** [6]

- (i) How Scientific intervention is necessary to unearth buried mysteries?
- (ii) According to Gangadhar pant which was the precise moment where history had taken a different turn?
- (iii) How is the tree transformed during the birds visit? Write the line that shows this transformation.

13. **Answer any ONE of the following questions in 30-40 words each:** [3]

- (i) Why did Dr. Andrew say, Don't fret mother, I will not run away?
- (ii) What was the problem faced by the ministers after the king's execution? Answer in the context of **The Tale of Melon City**.

14. **Answer any ONE of the following questions in 120-150 words each:** [6]

- (i) Gradually the author and the grandmother saw less of each other and their friendship was broken. Was the distancing in the relationship deliberate or due to the demand of the situation?
- (ii) Both wry with the laboured ease of loss. The poet Shirley Toulson is missing her mother. What is the role of the mother in forming the personality of a child?

15. **Answer any ONE of the following questions in 120-150 words each:** [6]

- (i) Husbands, sons, daughters should be taking notice of wives and mothers, not giving them orders and treating them like dirt. What do you think about it?
- (ii) Do you think the title of the story 'The Address' is appropriate?