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ENGLISH
FIRST PAPER

[According to the Syllabus of 2026]

Subject Code :

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Time—3 hours

Full marks—100

[N.B. Answer all the questions. Figures in the right margin indicate full marks.]

Part A—Reading Test

Marks—70

Read the passage and answer questions no. 1, 2 and 3 :

Humans can neither change the sun's radiation nor the earth's orbit around the sun. But they can control the increase in the amount of greenhouse gases and its effect on the atmosphere. Only during the last hundred years the carbon dioxide concentration has been raised alarmingly in the atmosphere and we humans can be held responsible for this.

The main cause of the increase in carbon dioxide level in the atmosphere is the burning of fossil fuels. Since the end of the 19th century, industrial activities increased rapidly giving rise to many factories. These factories required energy, which was produced through the combustion of coal. Besides coal, other sources of energy, such as mineral oil and natural gas were also burned to heat our houses, run cars and airplanes or to produce electricity. Nowadays, about 85 million barrels of crude oil are burned daily. Every time a fossil raw material is burned, it releases carbon dioxide into the air.

Therefore, it is clear that more and more greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide are being generated worldwide by humans. Moreover, we are also strengthening the greenhouse effect by deforestation, which means cutting down trees. Every year enormous areas of forests are destroyed by people to obtain wood and to clear regions for mining and to create pasture. This loss of the forest causes dual problems. Trees that are burned up release large volumes of carbon dioxide gas into the air. On the other hand, as forests absorb a lot of carbon dioxide from the air and deliver oxygen instead, we also destroy an important storehouse of carbon dioxide when we clear forests.

Marks

1×7=7

1. Choose the correct answer from the following alternatives :

(a) "Forests absorb a lot of carbon dioxide from the air." Here

'absorb' means—



take in

(ii)

take up

(iii)

take down

(iv)

take after

(b) "Crude oil" refers to—

(i)

refined oil

(ii)

purified oil



unpurified oil

(iv)

both (i) and (ii)

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- (c) According to the text, the loss of the forest causes—— problems.
- (i) single (ii) double
(iii) triple (iv) quadruple
- (d) What does the word 'combustion' mentioned in the passage mean?
- (i) Comforting (ii) Burning
(iii) Consumption (iv) Concentration
- (e) What is not beyond human capacity?
- (i) Controlling the emission of greenhouse gases
(ii) Controlling the sun's orbit
(iii) Controlling the sun's radiation
(iv) Controlling the earth's orbit
- (f) Greenhouse gases have—— effects on the environment.
- (i) pleasant (ii) smooth
(iii) dangerous (iv) positive
- (g) Which of the following is an immediate atmospheric consequence of rising carbon dioxide levels as described in the text?
- (i) Cooling of the upper atmosphere
(ii) Strengthening of the greenhouse effect
(iii) Decrease in global energy demand
(iv) Expansion of the earth's orbit

2×5=10

2. Answer the following questions :
- (a) What are fossil fuels and why do we need them?
(b) Why are trees important for protecting our environment?
(c) In what ways can we reduce the rise of greenhouse gases in the air?
(d) How are we strengthening the greenhouse effect?
(e) Do you agree that humans are responsible for greenhouse effect? Give reasons for your answer.

3. Read the above passage again and fill in each gap with a suitable word based on the information in the passage :
- Each time a kind of non-renewable (a) —— is burned to run vehicles or heat our (b) —— . The atmosphere receives more (c) —— gas. This gas slowly stores in the air and traps more heat (d) —— the earth. Over time, this process weakens the natural (e) —— that helps to protect the earth from dangerous climate change.

1×5
=5

Answer	(a) energy	(b) houses	(c) greenhouse
	(d) within/surrounding	(e) balance	

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions no. 4 and 5 :

Walt Whitman was a poet, essayist, journalist and humanist. He was born on 31 May 1819 in West Hills, Long Island, New York. He grew up in a large family and attended public school until the age of eleven. After leaving school, he worked as a printer's apprentice and later as a teacher and journalist.

In 1855, Whitman published the first edition of his most famous poetry collection, 'Leaves of Grass'. Though it received mixed reviews at first, the book became highly influential and was expanded many times throughout his life. During the American Civil War in 1861 Whitman served as a volunteer in Washington DC caring for wounded soldiers. His wartime experiences deeply influenced his later writings. Whitman received widespread recognition during his lifetime and is now considered one of America's greatest poets. In 1873, he suffered a stroke, after which he moved to Camden, New Jersey, where he lived for the rest of his life. Walt Whitman died on 26 March 1892 in Camden and was buried in Harleigh Cemetery.

4. Complete the table below with the information from the above passage : 1×5
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Who/What	Event/Activity	Year/When	Place/Where
Walt Whitman	was born	1819	(i) _____
(ii) _____	was published	1855	New York
Walt Whitman	worked as a volunteer	(iii) _____	Washington DC
He	moved after stroke	1873	(iv) _____
He	(v) _____	1892	Camden

Answer

(i) West Hills, Long Island, New York.

(ii) 'Leaves of Grass'

(iii) 1861

(iv) Camden, New Jersey

(v) died

5. Write a summary of the above passage in your own words. 10
 6. Match the parts of sentences given in column 'A', 'B' and 'C' to write 1×5
=5
 five complete sentences.

Column A	Column B	Column C
(a) The ground	(i) can fall	(i) by every builder.
(b) Tall buildings	(ii) sits	(ii) when an earthquake happens.
(c) Bangladesh	(iii) need to know	(iii) in a big shake.
(d) Earthquake resistance building codes	(iv) skakes	(iv) what to do during an earthquake.
(e) People	(v) must be followed	(v) on moving tectonic plates.

Answer

(a + iv + ii)

(b + i + iii)

(c + ii + v)

(d + v + i)

(e + iii + iv)

7. Put the following parts of the story in correct order to make the whole story. Only the corresponding numbers of the sentences need to be written. 1×8
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- (a) The courtier considered him an ordinary person and did not treat him duly.
 (b) Instead of eating, Saadi began putting the food into his pockets, saying his dress deserved it.
 (c) One day the emperor invited Saadi to his palace.
 (d) The courtier welcomed him warmly and served him delicious food.
 (e) Sheikh Saadi was a great Persian poet who led a simple life.

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- (f) Later, Saadi again stopped at the same house on his return journey but this time he wore a rich dress. Marks
- (g) The courtier realized his mistake and apologized for it.
- (h) Saadi set out for the palace wearing an ordinary dress and stopped at a courtier's house on the way to spend the night.

Answer e + c + h + a + f + d + b + g

- ✓ 8. Answer the following questions from poems (any five out of eight): $2 \times 5 = 10$
- (a) What does the phrase 'useless years' mean in Whitman's poem 'O Me! O Life!'?
- (b) Why does Eleanor Farjeon call each book 'a magic box'?
- (c) Who are the two mothers in Joann Snow Duncanson's poem 'Two Mothers Remembered'?
- (d) Why does Charles Kingsley call the river 'cruel' and 'hungry' in the poem 'The Sands of Dee'?
- (e) Why is time called an 'old gipsy man' in the poem 'Time, You Old Gipsy Man'?
- (f) Describe the scenery where the poet Robert Frost stopped in the poem 'Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening'.
- (g) What does the word 'sleep' mean in the line 'And miles to go before I sleep'?
- (h) What is the final message of the poem 'Solitude' by Ela Wheeler Wilcox?

- ✓ 9. Answer the following questions from stories (any five out of eight): $2 \times 5 = 10$
- (a) Describe Ameen's character as mentioned in Rahad Abir's story 'Mr. Moti'.
- (b) How was the milliner's shop decorated in the story 'The Purple Jar'?
- (c) Why didn't Rasamond examine the purple jar well before buying it?
- (d) 'But I would rather find out the use first.'—Who said this in the story 'The Purple Jar'? Why did she say so?
- (e) Who was Bassanio? Why was he short of money all the time?
- (f) What type of man was Shylock?
- (g) How many caskets did Portia's father make? Which casket contained the portrait of Portia?
- (h) Who was the wise lawyer that saved Antonio's life? What type of person was she?

Part B—Writing

Marks—30

10. Read the beginning of a story and complete it in your own way : 15
- Motin is a poor farmer living in a village. His wife Dilara is an honest and pious woman. They have old parents and two school going children living with them. So, they had to maintain the family with great difficulty. One day Dilara bought a lottery ticket and kept it in her bag. When the draw took place, she found.....
11. Suppose, you are Abir and your friend is Bablu. Bablu was a good student but he is now very inattentive to his study. He is always busy with playing online games on his smart phone. But smart phone has also some beneficial side. Now, write a dialogue between you and your friend Bablu about the uses and abuses of smart phone. 15