

**MAYOOR SCHOOL, AJMER**

English Core/XI/ Annual Examination/Saturday/March 7<sup>th</sup> 2009

**KNT-125**

(Time allowed: 3 Hours)

**PBJ-XI Arts**

**M.M.-90**

(Reading Time: 15 Minutes)

**UNS-XI Sc.**

**KNT-XI Com.**

**General Instructions:**

1. This paper is divided into four sections A, B, C and D. All sections are compulsory. Do not mix up the sections while answering.
2. Separate instructions are given with each section. Read them carefully.
3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit. Negative marking will be done for crossing the word limit.
4. Write down the serial number of the question in the margin before answering it.
5. The paper consists of 14 questions.

**SECTION A (READING SKILLS)**

**20 marks**

**Q.1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

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1. In the days gone by, heroes emerged when wars broke out and messiahs appeared when decadence overtook societies. Through the centuries, adversities have inspired people to rise to the occasion and display special skills which have earned them the label of a leader.
2. The driving force behind a leader's action and behaviour is his instinct. It guides silently, telling him what to do, which way to go and how to develop skills that can enable him to overcome any challenge that life proposes. Abraham Lincoln failed in almost all his endeavours through his life. And yet his instinct urged him to keep trying, finally culminating in earning him the highest seat of political leadership in America.
3. So what is instinct? Is it genetic, or is it cultivated? Instinct is what drives a newborn into sensing that he is hungry or cold, making him cry for help. It is that strange, solitary voice that sometimes compels us to do what the rest oppose, proving in time that we were right.
4. It can be best described as a compass of objective observation, although born with it, we tend to lose touch with our instinct as we grow.
5. If everybody is born with this sense, why is it that some people become leaders others don't? Firstly, external circumstances greatly dictate our evolution. Just as a plant kept in shade without light and water eventually wilts, losing its inherent ability to blossom, so all people who are deprived of opportunities to develop their latent abilities, fail to grow into leaders. But life bestows its benevolence on some, providing them all the challenges which urge them to flower. Hardships have a way of bringing out the best in people. And this is the silver lining that dark clouds bring with them. The opportunity to evolve may be even grow into a leader.
6. The second reason relates to internal attitude. There are many people who despite being blessed with all the right opportunities, still fail. This is because they are insensitive to their own instincts. Ignoring all the symbols that can enable them to act appropriately. Listening is a critical skill that needs to be evolved over time. When they overlook their instinct, they choose that road that leads them away from possible leadership. Most of the complex situations that we face in life, are fairly unique. While our earlier experiences enable us to list and put evaluated choices, it is eventually our instinct that helps us in determining which one to go for. At such times, people who are tuned in to their instincts are more likely to make the right decisions than those who are not. Instinct is like a psychometer. When a leader gives his team an emotionally charged speech in the attempt to motivate them into action, he can invariably tell even before he

has completed it, whether or not he has succeeded. In fact, right through the process of speaking, he is constantly modulating his behaviour. Sometimes being gentle and understanding, and at other times firm and non-committal.

7. Leadership is a quest for doing the right things. A quest that is initiated not for fulfilling one's own selfish needs but for the greater good of all concerned. Be it a family unit, an organization, a neighbourhood, a society, a whole nation, leaders always put others before themselves, for leadership is a perilous journey where an inward search for the correct answers results in material prosperity for the larger world.

(a) Answer the following questions based on your reading of the passage:

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| (i) Leaders are born when .....                | 1 |
| (ii) Instinct guides a person by .....         | 1 |
| (iii) Some people become leaders because ..... | 1 |

(b) Answer the following questions based on your reading of the passage:

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| (i) How do hardships help an individual to blossom?                 | 2 |
| (ii) Why does the writer say that instinct acts like a psychometer? | 2 |
| (iii) Some people succeed while others vanish, why?                 | 2 |

(c) Find words which mean the same as:

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| (i) a fall to a lower level in morals, ethics etc (para 1) | 1 |
| (ii) hidden (para 5)                                       | 1 |
| (iii) search (para 7)                                      | 1 |

Q.2. Read the passage given below:

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- Centuries ago, man discovered that removing moisture from food helps to preserve it, and that the easiest way to do this is to expose the food to sun and wind. In this way North-American Indians produce pemmican (dried meat ground into powder and made into cakes), the Scandinavians make stockfish and the Arabs, dried dates and 'apricot leather'.
- All foods contain water- cabbage and other leafy vegetables contain as much as 93 percent water, potatoes and other root vegetables 80 percent, lean meat 75 percent and fish anything from 80 percent to 60 percent, depending on how fatty it is. If this water is removed, the activity of the bacteria which cause food to go bad, is checked.
- Fruit is sun-dried in Asia Minor, Greece, Spain and other Mediterranean countries and also in California, South Africa and Australia. The methods used vary, but in general, the fruit is spread out in trays in drying yards in the hot sun. In order to prevent darkening, pears, peaches and apricots are exposed to the fumes of burning sulphur before drying. Plums for making prunes, and certain varieties of grapes for making raisins and currants, are dipped in an alkaline solution in order to crack the skins for drying.
- Nowadays most foods are dried mechanically. The conventional method of such dehydration is to put food in chambers through which hot air is blown at temperatures of about 100 degree C at entry to about 43 degree C at exit. This is the usual method for drying such things as vegetables, minced meat and fish.
- Liquids such as milk, coffee, tea, soups and eggs may be dried by pouring them over a heated horizontal steel cylinder or by spraying them into a chamber through which a current of hot air passes. In the first case, the dried material is scraped off the roller as a thin film which is then broken up into small, though still relatively coarse, flakes. In the second process, it falls to the

bottom of the chamber as a fine powder. Where recognizable pieces of meat and vegetables are required, as in soup, the ingredients are dried separately and then mixed.

6. Dried foods take up less room and weigh less than the same food packed in cans or frozen, and they do not need to be stored in special conditions. For these reasons, they are invaluable to climbers, explorers and soldiers in a battle, who have little storage space. They are also popular with housewives because it takes so little time to cook them. Usually, it is just a case of replacing the dried-out moisture with boiling water.

(a) *On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it using a suitable format. Use recognizable abbreviations and supply a suitable title to your notes.* 5

(b) *Write down the summary of the passage in about 80 words.* 3

### SECTION B (WRITING SKILLS)

20 MARKS

**Q.3.** You are Manoj / Abha of 354 Pitampura, New Delhi. You want to sell the first floor of your newly constructed house. Draft an advertisement in not more than 50 words for publication in 'The Indian Express'. Include relevant details like location, type of accommodation, contact number, address etc. 4

OR

You are Rohit / Ritu. You have been invited by Lion's Club to act as one of the judges for the fancy dress competition for children. But due to a previous engagement, you cannot accept the invitation. Write a formal reply to the President of the club regretting your inability to accept the invitation in about 50 words. 4

**Q.4.** Write an article in 100-150 words for your school magazine on 'Journalism as a Career'. You may use the following points as well as your own ideas: 8

-- Journalism suitable for those good at languages—who desire to present truth to the public—new forms are TV news, sports, travel—journalism can bring fame—needs courage and honesty.

OR

You are Ravi / Rina, reporter for 'The Hindustan Times'. Write a report to be published in the newspaper on a seminar held on the topic "Reducing Burden of Studies among School Children" by NCERT at Kanpur Club, Cantonment Area, Kanpur. Several eminent speakers addressed this issue and discussed several aspects of the problem and pondered about their possible solutions like skill based education and alternate careers. Write the report. 8

**Q.5.** As Krishna Kumar, you had employed the services of Decent Packers 1469, D Block, Connaught Place, New Delhi to pack and transport your household goods and car to Chennai. Complain to the Manager of the following:

--the goods did not reach in time—the rear doors of the car were damaged—the electronic equipment too was damaged—claim compensation for the damage. 8

OR

By mistake you forgot your briefcase in an autorickshaw. It contained some important documents. At the end of the day, you were amazed to find that the autorickshaw driver had taken the trouble of locating your address and returning the briefcase intact at your house. Write a letter to the Editor, The

SECTION C (GRAMMAR)

10 Marks

Q.6 Look at the news headlines below and use the information to complete the sentences:

- (a) Idols immersed in River. 1
The ten day Dussehra festival comes to an end today with \_\_\_\_\_ in the Yamuna.
(b) Local Artist's Exhibits on Display. 1
The Lieutenant Governor today inaugurated \_\_\_\_\_ artists.
(c) Maid wins Maruti as prize. 1
The fortune of a housemaid today changed when \_\_\_\_\_ in the local mela raffle.

Q.7. In the passage given below one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after against the correct blank number. Underline the omitted words: 4

A male hyena emerged his burrow stood silently sniffing the night air for news food. He was scavenger of dead flesh and an eater skeletons. He would also pick up small helpless creature that he find. Hyenas carry human children every year. (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h)

Q.8. Do as directed: 3

- (a) He is extremely worried. There is no news from his son. (Combine the sentences using a suitable connector)
(b) It is said \_\_\_\_\_. (Complete the sentence)
(c) being / what / good / but / ? / has / it / to do / with (rearrange the words to make a meaningful sentence)
(d) Since India \_\_\_\_\_ (become) independent many other countries \_\_\_\_\_ (get) their independence too. (Write correct form of verbs given in brackets)
(e) All children needs proper education to become good citizens. (Identify the error and rewrite the correct sentence)
(f) These boys..... playing football..... an hour and a half. (Use these phrases to frame grammatically correct sentence)

SECTION D (LITERATURE)

40 MARKS

Q.9. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

Then with eerie delicate whistle-chirrup whisperings She launches away, towards the infinite And the laburnum subsides to empty.

- (a) Who is she and where does she launch away? 1
(b) Why has the word 'subside' been used with reference to the laburnum tree? 1
(c) Pick out an expression each which show visual and sound imagery. 2

OR

*The sea holiday*  
*Was her past, mine is her laughter. Both wry*  
*With the laboured ease of loss.*

- (a) Who are the two people mentioned in these lines? 1  
(b) How is their past different? 1  
(c) Explain the last line. 2

**Q.10. Answer any two of the following in about 30 to 40 words: 3x2=6**

- (a) What is the poet trying to discover in the poem 'Childhood'? What significant occasions has he mentioned?  
(b) The father wants his son to be like the prodigal son. Why?  
(c) Why does the poet use the metaphor of an engine in the poem 'The Laburnum Top'?

**Q.11 Answer any five out of the six question given below in about 30 words: 2x5=10**

- (a) What was the significance of placing a mirror in the zoo at Lusaka?  
(b) Why did the boy king change his name from Tutankhaten to Tutankhamun?  
(c) Explain the significance of the "middle void" with reference to the lesson 'Landscape of the Soul'.  
(d) Draw a comparison between village school education and city school education of Khushwant Singh.  
(e) How did the children's presence and behaviour during the crisis affect the narrator?  
(f) Why is Taplow bitter?

**Q.12. Answer the following in 125 to 150 words: 10**

Describe the difficulties and disillusionment faced by Nick Middleton during his journey to Mount Kailash.

**OR**

Which are the Earth's principal biological systems? What is their significance and what is their current ecological status?

**Q.13. Answer the following in 75 to 100 words: 4**

Justify the title of the play 'Mother's Day'. Support your answer with examples from the text.

**OR**

Andrew had no premonition that that night would influence his whole future in Blaenelly. How did this happen?

**Q.14. Answer any two of the following in about 30 to 40 words: 3x2=6**

- (a) Give an example to show that the narrator of 'Ranga's Marriage' is proud of his village.  
(b) What do you think induced the boys to return the horse to its owner?  
(c) Why did the King succumb to the public demand? What was the criterion for choosing a man to be hanged? Who was found fit?

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