

# **COUNCIL OF CBSE AFFILIATED SCHOOLS IN THE GULF**

## **GULF SAHODAYA EXAMINATIONS: SAUDI CHAPTER – 2018**

**SUBJECT: ENGLISH CORE**  
**CLASS: XI**

**MAX.MARKS: 80**  
**TIME: 3 HOURS**

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2. It is indeed often forgotten, and India is no exception, that the purpose of education is primarily to help students become better human beings and effective citizens. Making people into good engineers, doctors, accountants, managers and lawyers is, at least in the long term, a secondary objective of education.

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4. In my work on electoral and political reforms as a civil society activist, I continue to be struck by the large proportion of people from all walks of life, including intelligentsia and college students, who seem to be blissfully ignorant of the fact that being a citizen also entails some responsibilities. While most people I come across, seem to be quite aware and knowledgeable about the fundamental rights enshrined in our Constitution, few seem to be aware of the fundamental duties of citizens listed in Article 51(a).

5. This is one of the major ills of Indian society. The civics and social studies curricula at various levels of education do not seem to have been effective in delivering the appropriate level of citizen education. There

is, therefore, an urgent need to devise mechanisms to ensure that all citizens, not only school and college students, become conscious of their responsibilities as citizens.

6. US Supreme Court judge, Felix Frankfurter, noted that an active citizenry is an essential condition for democracy to succeed. No office in the land is more important than that of being a citizen.

**1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the best of the given choices:** **6 Marks**

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- i) Education gives opportunity to do progress in life.
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- i) citizens should know their rights
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e) 'Core' in para 1 means.....

- i) important
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e) 'Mechanisms' in para 5 means.....

- i) machinery
- ii) institutions
- iii) systems
- iv) schools and colleges

**1.2 Answer the following questions briefly.**

**6 Marks**

a) What does the NCERT director consider a secondary objective of education?

b) What strikes the author in the course of his work on electoral and political reform?

- c) What is meant by ‘no office in the land is more important than that of being a citizen’?
- d) How can citizen education be improved?
- e) Find the word in the passage which means the same as ‘relating to an occupation or employment’.
- f) Find the word which means the same as ‘staff’.

**2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

**8 Marks**

1. Myanmar sits at the crossroads of Asia’s great civilizations of India and China and looks out onto the vast Indian Ocean next to Thailand. One of South-east Asia’s largest and most diverse countries, Myanmar stretches from the sparkling islands of the Andaman Sea in the south right up into the eastern Himalayan range.

2. Myanmar offers all the traditional delights of Asia in one fascinating country-virgin jungles, snowcapped mountains and pristine beaches, combined with a rich and glorious heritage spanning more than two thousand years. Spectacular monuments and ancient cities attest to a vibrant culture that is still home to 135 different ethnic groups.

3. The country’s tourism infrastructure boasts of five-star properties, intimate boutiques, hotels and family guesthouses in all the major centres, as well as stunning mountain and beach resorts. It also boasts of one of the lowest tourist crime records in the world. So, the visitors can rest assured their holiday will be carefree from start to finish.

4. Wherever you go in Myanmar, whether it be cruising down the mighty Ayeyarwaddy river in style, drifting over the ancient city of Bagan by hot air balloon, or searching for that elusive tiger on the back of an elephant, there is always a feeling of adventure.

5. With two modern internal airlines upgrading and expanding their networks, new and exciting destinations off the beaten track are gradually being opened – from mountain trekking and rafting in the north to world-class diving in the Mergui Archipelago. But, above all, Myanmar offers the warmest welcome in Asia. Known as the ‘Land of Gold’, it promises to provide one a mystical adventure full of mountains and historical places.

6. Yangon (Rangoon), the capital of Myanmar, lies in the fertile delta country of southern Myanmar on the wide Yangon river, about 30 km from the sea. Although the population hovers around 4 million, the city seems so full of trees and shades that some neighbourhoods are practically jungle giving it a totally different feel from other Asian cities of comparable size. At night, Yangon’s wide boulevards come alive with hordes of stalls selling delicious foods and piles of huge cigars. Yangon is home to the gold-plated Shwedagon Paya. Other sights include the colonial architecture of the legendary Strand Hotel, the colossal reclining Buddha in Chaukhtatgyi Paya and the peaceful Kandawgyi and Inya Lakes.

**2.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary (minimum 4). Use a format you consider suitable. Also supply an appropriate title to it.**

**5 Marks**

**2.2 Make a summary of the above passage in not more than 80 words using the notes made.**

**3 Marks**

### **SECTION - B (WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR) 30 Marks**

3. You are working for an advertising agency. Draft an attractive advertisement for a company which is launching a new mobile phone in not more than 50 words. **4 Marks**

4. You are Nakul, of 65, Chand Nagar, Ghaziabad. You are an IIT aspirant. You have seen an advertisement by the NIIT JEE offering coaching for NIIT JEE examinations. Write a letter to them enquiring about the method of teaching, the fee structure and the duration of course. **6 Marks**

5. You have often come across headlines such as:

Teenager murders grandfather for property

Terrorists gun down 10 of a family

Young man stabbed by eve-teaser

Friends kidnap classmate for ransom

Students disqualified for cheating

Students burn buses

The growing tendency towards violence among young people is specially a cause for concern. Write an article in about 150 – 200 words on 'Teen aggression and the Media'. You are Abhijeet Sarkar/ Anita Sarkar. **10 Marks**

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Underline the error and write the correct word in front of it in your answer sheet.  $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$  Marks

We passed dark tents pitched on splendid isolaton,  
usually of a huge black dog, a Tibetan mastiff, standing guard.  
These beasts will cock their great big heads  
when they became aware for our approach  
and fix us at their sights.  
As we continued into draw closer, they would  
explode for action, speeding directly towards us,  
like a bullet from a gun and nearly as fast.

Incorrect	Correct
<u>on</u>	<u>in</u>
a) _____	_____
b) _____	_____
c) _____	_____
d) _____	_____
e) _____	_____
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By now we see snow-capped mountains gathering	a) _____	_____	_____
on horizon. We entered a valley where the river was	b) _____	_____	_____
wide and mostly clogged with ice, brilliant white glinting	c) _____	_____	_____
in the sunshine. The trail hugged its bank, twisting meanders	d) _____	_____	_____
as we gradually gained height and valley sides closed in.	e) _____	_____	_____
The turns became sharper and ride bumpier.	f) _____	_____	_____

**8. Rearrange the following jumbled words to form meaningful sentences.**

**4 Marks**

monsters/ than/ shaggy/ these/ were/ darkest/ blacker/ night/ the

Eg. These shaggy monsters were blacker than the darkest night.

- i) bright red/ wore/ and barked/ with/ they / usually/ collars/ furiously/massive jaws/
- ii) completely/ fearless of/they/ shooting/ our/ straight/ were/ into/ our path/ vehicle,
- iii) dog/ chase/ metres/ easing off/ the/ would/ hundred/ or so/ make/ for a/ before
- iv) imperial courts/ understand/ Tibetan mastiffs/ popular/ ferocious/ difficult/ wasn't/ why/ to/ became/ in China's/ it

**LITERATURE AND LONG READING TEXT) 30 Marks**

**9. Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow.**

**1x3=3 Marks**

'A sweet face,  
My mother's, that was before I was born.  
And the sea, which appears to have changed less  
Washed their terribly transient feet.'

- a) Who does 'I' refer to in the second line given above?
  - i) poet
  - ii) poet's mother
  - iii) Betty
  - iv) Dolly
- b) Who is the poet?
  - i) Walt Whitman
  - ii) Shirley Toulson
  - iii) Ted Hughes
  - iv) Elizabeth Jennings
- c) What does the phrase 'terribly transient feet' mean?
  - i) the sea has not changed because it is a part of nature
  - ii) happy sea holiday
  - iii) loss of mother is extremely painful to the poet
  - iv) the ever - changing imprints of the feet left on the sea sand

**10. Answer the following questions briefly.**

**3x3=9 Marks**

- a) Why was Tutankhamun's body buried with gilded treasures and precious things?
- b) Show how the blame for the arch was transferred from person to person.
- c) Mention three reasons why the author's grandmother was disturbed when he started going to the city school.

**11. Answer the following in about 150 words.**

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'Our optimistic attitude helps us to face extremely dangerous situations'. Discuss with reference to the story 'We're Not Afraid to Die.....'

**Long Reading Text:**

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**12.** “Virginia with her rare sensitivity is the only one who understands the ghost and helps him in gaining salvation”. Discuss.

**13.** Sir Simon’s funeral was a stately traditional one. Give an account of it.

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- a) Who or what are losers in the education process?
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**2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

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1. Everyone needs a holiday, both to relax and to have a change of environment. The holiday makers feel relaxed and refreshed at the end of the holiday and look forward to the resumption of their duties, be it at school, office or factories, with renewed vigour. This is the reason why all establishments grant their employees annual leave. With the end of the academic year the schools and universities grant their pupils a long holiday during mid-summer. This will last until early September when the new school term starts. Of course the parents will like to take advantage of this and take their leave to coincide with the children’s vacations. This has become a traditional holiday season in most European countries particularly in England.

2. With the coming of August, the traditional holiday season in Britain reaches its peak point and most of the holiday resorts are packed to capacity. In order to avoid the crowd, some prefer to take their holiday a little easier if facilities so warrant. Those who have already taken their holidays can console themselves not only with reflections on the happy days spent in the country, at the seaside or abroad, but also with the thought that holiday expenses are over for the year and that by taking an earlier holiday they missed the August rush.

3. The main thing, of course, is the weather and that it would be hazardous to prophesy. But whatever the weather is like, the essence of a holiday for most is the carefree atmosphere in which it can be enjoyed. “Take all you need but leave all your worries behind”, is the sound advice for the holiday maker. Private worries are not always easy to escape from. However, even the pessimist would admit that for the moment things are brighter than they have been.

4. Holiday time is surely a time for shedding serious pre-occupations and seeking the pleasures that appeal to us. It is true that we may not always succeed in finding them; indeed there are people who maintain that the great thing about holiday is that it gives you an ampler appreciation of home comforts – a view no doubt more widely held among the elderly than you.

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**3. You want to sell your house at 15 Rajendra Nagar, New Delhi. Draft an advertisement in not more than 50 words, giving necessary details, to be published in the classified columns of ‘The Indian Express’. You are Raman / Rupa. 4 Marks**

4. Write a letter to the editor of 'Deccan Chronicle' about the poor and unhygienic condition of the Cooperation land adjoining your school premises. It has become a health hazard for your school children. You are Anurag / Amrita of Don Bosco Higher Sec. School, Chennai. **6 Marks**

5. You are Mohan / Mohani of St. Xavier Senior Secondary School, New Delhi. Your school has organized a debate on Republic Day. The topic selected is 'Justice delayed is justice denied'. Write the debate in 150 – 200 words. **10 Marks**

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The next day during the brake	<u>brake</u>	<u>break</u>
when all the teacher and students	a) _____	_____
was eating their snacks, the mother	b) _____	_____
left the school building hurriedly.	c) _____	_____
The boy saw him walking	d) _____	_____
quickly from of the school gate.	e) _____	_____
He was drank water after his meal and	f) _____	_____
wondered where his mother was going.		

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I never forget one of my childhood	<u>I</u>	<u>can</u>	<u>never</u>
experiences. I was trying climb a tree	a) _____	_____	_____
when my foot slipped and fell and	b) _____	_____	_____
fainted. My friends thought I dead.	c) _____	_____	_____
They all left me and ran. When	d) _____	_____	_____
I regained consciousness I found I could	e) _____	_____	_____
not move part of my body.	f) _____	_____	_____

8. Rearrange the following jumbled words to form meaningful sentences.

**4 Marks**

- chosen/ Head Boy/ school/ the/ been/ of/ have/ I/ be/ to/ the
- responsibility/ Children's Day/ given/ I/ organizing/ the/ the/ in/ was/ the/ school/ programme/of/
- meeting/ Students' Council/ decide/ had/ members/ the/ programme/ I/ with/ a/ the/ of/ the/ to
- morning/ decided/ assembly/ special/ we/ to/ have/ a/ cultural/ and/ programme/ a

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*'A sweet face,  
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And the sea, which appears to have changed less,  
Washed their terribly transient feet'.*

a) Name the figure of speech in the fourth line given above?

- i) metaphor
- ii) simile
- iii) alliteration
- iv) personification

b) Who is the poet?

- i) Walt Whitman
- ii) Shirley Toulson
- iii) Ted Hughes
- iv) Elizabeth Jennings

c) What has not changed much?

- i) mother's face
- ii) poet
- iii) sea
- iv) feet

**10. Answer the following questions briefly.**

**3x3=9 Marks**

- a) Describe the village scene when Ranga returned from Bangalore.
- b) "I have done something, Oh God! I've done something real at last". Why did Andrew make this statement?
- c) Give two instances each of humour and irony from the poem 'The Tale of Melon City'.

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'Our optimistic attitude helps us to face extremely dangerous situations.' Discuss with reference to the story 'We're Not Afraid.....'.

**Long Reading Text:**

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**12.** What is the dramatic significance of the blood-stain that proves persistent?

**13.** Describe the last encounter between the Ghost and Virginia.

**OR**

**12.** Give an account of how Tuskegee Normal Institute became an institute of world repute from humble beginnings.

**13.** The slaves, though ignorant and illiterate, were completely and accurately informed about the progress of The Civil War. How did this happen?

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