

# **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**

### **SET - C**

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#### **SECTION - A (READING COMPREHENSION) 20 Marks**

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

**12 Marks**

#### **ACTION BUT NOT ITS FRUIT**

1. Life, that marvelous gift we enjoy day-by-day, minute-by-minute, makes sense to those who, at every moment, try to do their very best – to those who fulfil their duties with joy, with total devotion even when the task is difficult.
2. I want to tell you that, from a very young age, I have been obsessed with a single idea: not to abandon this world with empty hands. This image of empty hands that are always filled, because they are always giving, has been with me all of my life.
3. About ten years ago, a famous Indian painter asked me to select one of his paintings honouring Mother Teresa, the beloved nun. Without hesitating I chose the one that represented Mother Teresa's extraordinary capacity for love and devotion to the poor and the needy: a marvelous painting of her skinny but expressive hands. I tell you this because I believe that giving with generosity is what makes life meaningful.
4. There is something we should not forget however: we must give without expecting a reward. In this regard, ancient Indian tradition is of great value because of its emphasis on detached action. This was the philosophy of life that guided Mahatma Gandhi in his struggle of peaceful resistance for the independence of his country.
5. It is only when we understand that giving is more important than receiving, loving than being loved, serving than being served, that we find ourselves on the path that leads to inner peace and the plenitude of life.
6. When the time came for me to choose a professional career, I selected teaching. There were two reasons for this: my mother wanted one of her daughters to become a teacher and, perhaps, without being completely aware of it at the time, I sensed that I had a vocation for teaching.

7. Like the farmer, we plant the seed in the hope that it will germinate, grow and bear fruits. But, unlike the farmer who looks forward to harvesting his crop, the teacher knows that the fruits of her labour do not belong to her. Just as children must learn to leave the parental nest and fly with their own wings, so the students must follow his or her own path.

8. To a certain extent, this is the duty everyone is born to fulfil: to act without any attachment, to the results. This is the only way to be free. It is the only way by which life can achieve plenitude; the only way by which our hands may be filled with the miracle of giving.

**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**

a) What kind of people find life a marvelous gift?

- i) those who find success in life
- ii) those who find love and happiness
- iii) those who perform even difficult duties joyfully
- iv) those who gain power

b) Why did the author choose Mother Teresa's painting with her skinny hands?

- i) because her hands show her generous giving
- ii) because her hands symbolize her love and devotion
- iii) because they reflect the fact that she always gave the poor
- iv) all the above

c) What gives our lives freedom and plenitude?

- i) acting without attachment to results
- ii) being served
- iii) not abandoning the world with empty hands
- iv) struggling for peaceful existence

d) Mother Teresa had .....

- i) a frail physique
- ii) a capacity for love and devotion
- iii) control over the hearts of her followers
- iv) an extraordinary capacity for making friends

e) 'plenitude' in para 5 means .....

- i) wealth
- ii) happiness
- iii) contentment
- iv) completeness

f) 'germinate' in para 7 means .....

- i) fill up with germs
- ii) become a gem
- iii) sprout
- iv) fight germs

**1.2 Answer the following questions briefly.**

**6 Marks**

- a) What is meant by detached action?
- b) Which path leads to inner peace?
- c) Why did the author choose the career of teaching?
- d) How is a teacher different from a farmer?
- e) Find the word in the passage which means the same as 'extremely thin'.
- f) Find the word which means the same as 'grow'.

**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. The Delhi High Court has made helmet compulsory even for women pillion-riders on two-wheelers. Prepare a poster in not more than 50 words to be put up by the Delhi Police on the issue.

**4 Marks**

4. As Office Manager, Spring Meadow's School, Nasik, place an order for stationery including A-4 size paper, HP DeskJet ink cartridge, refills (red and blue), chart paper, and boxes of chalk. Write a letter to Khanna Brothers, Stationers, Nasik, giving details regarding the mode of dispatch and the mode of payment.

**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 Mark**

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) _____	_____
f) _____	_____

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 and write the word in your answer sheet.

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	Before	Word	After
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**

*'He speaks: I cannot understand  
 Myself, why anger grows from grief.  
 We each put out an empty hand,  
 Longing for something to forgive'.*

a) Who are 'we' in the third line?

- i) stranger and son
- ii) father and son
- iii) mother and son
- iv) father and mother

b) Who is the poet?

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

c) What are they both trying?

- i) to live on their own
- ii) to compromise
- iii) to be angry
- iv) to put out an empty hand

**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) Explain the concept of sustainable development.

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

**6 Marks**

The boys Mourad and Aram do not think they have stolen the white horse even though they keep it with them for a long time. Why did they take the horse? Why did they return it?

**Long Reading Text:**

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

**6x2=12 Marks**

**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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### **SECTION - A (READING COMPREHENSION) 20 Marks**

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

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#### **A DESERT COOLER**

1. The only hill station in a dry stretch of desert, the sand seems to have heaved itself up with preternatural effort in the black rocks of the Aravalli Hills. Perched upon a 1,200m high plateau in the south of the state, the hill station, otherwise a tiny speck of a city in the beautiful Rajasthani landscape forms a tiny 3 km amphitheatre around the Nakki Lake and can be covered in 30 minutes by car.
2. But what a 30 minute jaunt it turns out to be. So take Mt Abu at a pace it is meant to be taken walking.
3. I drove down from Jaipur. After the hot capital, the hill station was bliss. Compared with the hill stations in other states, especially the Northeast, Mt Abu would be close to the bottom of the list of the '50 most beautiful hill stations of India'.
4. But the hill station suggests itself not simply on account of its beauty but rather for its novelty. It is not unlike 'discovering' *razais* in summer. Once you get over the *surreal* experience of trekking and exploring mountain trees and flowers in the only desert state in our country, it is easy to enjoy oneself.
5. The road leading to the top of the delightful hill station scythes through mango, bamboo, eucalyptus, palm, silk and lime trees. Mount Abu is not picture postcard green. The rugged Aravalli Mountains show in gashes of brown rock visible from under the green. Meandering upwards, another thing that strikes one almost immediately is that Mt Abu has none of the colourless insipidity of a typical hill station.
6. 'Cold lands have cold people', goes a Norwegian proverb. But then, the Norwegian have yet to discover Mt Abu. The warmth of the plain has sustained itself in the hearts of the Rajasthanis, and it is rare to see drab browns and greys. The *odhnis* are always and everywhere bright – and the *ghaghras* swirl in a rush of oranges and reds.
7. I detest hill stations that are nothing but verdant hills and pretty heights. I decided never to go to a place where there is little other than nature. Even if one travels to a hill station to relax or simply trek, I need to trek towards something.

8. The Nakki Lake sits right in the middle of the town. It's an artificial lake and is overhung by the enormous toad rock. There are little islets that are fun to explore. The lake is said to have been dug out by the gods themselves with their nails. The name 'Nakki' begins to make sense.

9. Unlike in other lakes, where one can do little other than stare up at mountains looming up ahead, the lake offers an excellent view of Rajput Havelis. Most of these have now been changed into hotels and are excellently maintained.

10. The sun gradually drowns itself in the Nakki Lake. The best place to get this view is the sunset Point, South-west of Nakki Lake. Steps lead up to a high terrace which offers an awe-inspiring view of the setting sun.

**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**

a) Mt Abu is shaped like an amphitheatre which is situated .....

- i) in the middle of a desert
- ii) in forests
- iii) in a hill station
- iv) around the Nakki Lake

b) Mt Abu is a ..... hill station.

- i) beautiful
- ii) novel
- iii) picturesque
- iv) all the above

c) The narrator likes the places which .....

- i) are verdant hills and pretty heights.
- ii) are full of Nature's bounty.
- iii) provide a surreal experience of trekking.
- iv) are too cold to remind one of 'razais'.

d) The narrator suggests to go around Mt Abu .....

- i) by car
- ii) walking
- iii) on horse back
- iv) by local conveyance

e) Which word is the exact synonym of the word 'jaunt'?

- i) a short drive
- ii) a bad experience
- iii) journey to the hill station
- iv) excursion

f) Which word is the exact antonym of the word 'verdant' as used in para 7?



- i) meadowy
- ii) patchy
- iii) withering
- iv) stony

**1.2 Answer the following questions briefly.**

**6 Marks**

- a) Mt Abu was bliss because .....
- b) The author's expectation from hill stations is .....
- c) What sets Nakki Lake apart from other lakes?
- d) How did the lake at Mt Abu get its name?
- e) Find the word in the passage which means the same as 'strongly dislike'.
- f) Which word means the opposite of 'common'?

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

**8 Marks**

1. The Indian students' need to go abroad stems from the fact that they feel that the western markets offer better job opportunities with high pay packets, they are safe from the point of law and they offer a good quality of life. What is attractive to an Indian is the global recognition for a foreign degree. Until now, a UK or a US degree was more acceptable worldwide and for entry into a multinational company. The Indian Institutes of Technology has now got global recognition, thanks to the large number of Indians who have reached positions of eminence in the United States.

2. Traditionally, the West has been a magnet for people from other parts of the world. However, as a person has to pass multiple exams to get through their system, especially in professional areas such as medicine and engineering, students from India need to be focused on their options to study and work there. However, most European countries have made the entry of skilled Indian workers easier by easing up visa regulations. The UK, which has traditionally seen many skilled and unskilled workers migrate, has eased up visa regulations for Indians who wish to seek jobs in the skilled sector such as IT whereas Scotland which has a separate Parliament within the UK, and a new entrant to the Indian education market, has taken several steps to woo Indian and other foreigners.

3. In the US, the largest number of foreign students comes from India followed by china. The numbers from both the countries are 79,736 in the academic year 2003-04 according to the Institute for International Education, an internationally recognized non-governmental organization. For the third consecutive year, India is the leading country of origin for international students in the US.

4. The assistant secretary of state, consular affairs, US department of state, Maura Harty, stated recently, "The education industry in the US is a \$12 bn industry....students and business travellers became our number one priority so that we could regain the competitive advantage of attracting students to the US. It was our responsibility to make visa process as efficient a process as we could as the hard-earned salaries of Indian parents are best applied in American varsities. Indian students bring a great diversity to our campus, great experience, great wisdom and they are good students."

5. Australia has eased up study and tourist visas for Indians. After study, a person from India does not have to come back to the country to apply for a work visa. Individual regions in Australia compete with each other for attracting students.

6. IDP Australia boasts of being the major export development and marketing company for Australian education as it is a conglomerate of all Australian universities and operates in 34 countries, India being one

of them. There is expected to be a 15 percent to 25 percent increase in the number of Indians going to Australia for higher education.

7. Moving over to Canada, popular with Punjabi migrants, it has traditionally attracted non- skilled and skilled workers in equal measure from India. That country has now opened its doors to international students including India, making use of the decline in the student population post 9/11 US terror blasts, when the US tightened its security and visa measures. The country has an excellent public education system and education is more or less free. However, foreigners are charged market rates. The decrease in young population has necessitated Canada to open up its education system for foreign students.

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**3. Design a poster on Clean City Campaign highlighting the importance and giving necessary details in not more than 50 words,. You are Raman / Rupa. 4 Marks**

**4. You are Mr K L Sareen. You have seen an advertisement in ‘The Hindustan Times’ for the post of a Logistic Manager. Write an application with complete bio-data. 6 Marks**

**5. Teenage is commonly perceived as the most joyful period of an individual’s life. Virat/ Veena who represents the teenagers of today feels that the pressure of the competitive world they live in has made the teen years less exciting and expresses his/her ideas in an article entitled, ‘ On Being a Teenager’ for the ‘Youth Times’. Write the article in 150 – 200 words. 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. ½ x 6=3 Marks**

	Incorrect	Correct
Traders of nearly 2,250 roads and streets	<u>of</u>	<u>on</u>
across Delhi got the respite from	a) _____	_____
sealing and demolition of the Municipal	b) _____	_____
Corporation of Delhi following a Supreme	c) _____	_____
Court’s order in September 29 allowing	d) _____	_____
continuation of commercial activities on	e) _____	_____
residential areas, pending the final	f) _____	_____
decision in the matter.		

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On the banks of Ganga, where  
it emerges of the Himalayan foot-hills,  
there are long stretches forest. There are  
villages the fringe of the forest inhabited  
by bamboo cutters and farmers. This area an  
ideal hunting ground and animals  
are not numerous as they used to be.

	<u>of</u>	<u>the</u>	<u>Ganga</u>
a)	_____	_____	_____
b)	_____	_____	_____
c)	_____	_____	_____
d)	_____	_____	_____
e)	_____	_____	_____
f)	_____	_____	_____

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

**4 Marks**

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

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- iii) to be angry
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10. Answer the following questions briefly.

**3x3=9 Marks**

- a) Why was Aram both delighted and frightened when he saw his cousin Mourad on a beautiful white horse?
- b) Why did the narrator of the story want to forget the address?
- c) George, Doris and Cyril were all ungrateful. How?

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

**6 Marks**

“The mummy is in very bad condition because of what Carter did in the 1920s”, said Zahi Hawass, the expert on Egyptian antiquity. How far is the statement true? Explain

**Long Reading Text:**

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

**6x2=12 Marks**

**12.** Describe the funeral scene of Sir Simon as depicted in the story.

**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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