

Second Terminal Examination, 2016-17**Subject : English****Class : XI****Time : 3 Hrs.]****[M. M. : 80****General Instructions :**

- (i) The paper is divided into three sections : A, B and C.
- (ii) Read all the instructions carefully.
- (iii) Do not exceed the word limit.

SECTION : A**(READING)****20 Marks****1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :****12**

1. In my most frustrated moments of navigating chaotic Delhi traffic, I close my eyes in the back seat and imagine what it would be like if some day just a thought would transport me from one place to another.
2. At times, sitting relaxed on my terrace, I look at the green tree tops that I see everyday and wonder if some day, just with the power of my thoughts I would be able to create the image of the most vivid blue ocean and a sandy beach in front of me ? Then having had enough of that, could my thoughts switch the scene to that of snowy mountain peaks ?
3. Just thinking of these seemingly impossible things gives me a sense of well-being, because I do believe that if you can think it, you can will it and achieve it. If it occurs as a thought, it is possible to fructify as reality. After all, everything big started with a thought. Looking at birds flying freely in the sky, humans must have thought of the possibility of flying centuries before the invention of aeroplanes. The tallest skyscraper, the longest bridge across the ocean, the fastest train, the internet, cellphones – all are the end result of one thought.
4. As technology advances and we become more confident in our abilities to transform thoughts to reality, the gap between the ideas and implementation keeps shrinking. Today one of the biggest thrills of living is watching impossible-seeming thoughts turn to reality within one's lifetime !

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5. If with the power of his 'big thought' Donald Trump becomes the President of the USA, what then is impossible? As he says in his book, 'Think Like a Billionaire', "I like thinking big. To me it is very simple. If you're going to be thinking anyway, you might as well think big."
6. True. None of the big achievements or discoveries in life happened by thinking small. To achieve big stuff, you have to think big. Most people avoid thinking big because of laziness, fear of extra work and the instinct to stay unnoticed -- and hence out of trouble. A large part of the workforce just wants to do their designated work and get done with it.
7. And then there are those who let their own small success become the enemy of possible bigger success later. Sitting back to celebrate a small achievement, they underestimate their own potential. Who ever said that aspirations or possibilities have any limitations? The most pleasurable moments can be spent imagining what seems the impossible -- Come on, let your imagination run wild! Believe in yourself and your thoughts. Some of the tips Donald Trumps shares to mould yourself to think big are, "Walk softly but carry a big attitude, conquer your doubts and ditch them; be proud of your big ego, and get into the habit of speaking your mind."
8. The power of thought is a form of energy that is impervious to time, space or present reality. It is important to hone and direct your thoughts towards bigger and better, impossible-to-imagine things. What you believe about yourself and what you believe about possibilities is crucial to not just what you become, but also critical to the world as we all experience it -- now and in the future.
9. Dreams and thoughts must rule free without any limitations. Thoughts have to reach beyond and encompass the impossible, the unthinkable, the weird, the unheard of and the shocking. Think beyond the realms of possibility and then aim to get there. Once there, think much beyond that possibility too. And then get going once again.....

Answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option from the given ones :

1 × 4 = 4

- (a)make(s) living more thrilling in modern times.
- (i) Big thoughts
 - (ii) Watching impossible-seeming thoughts turn to reality within one's life time
 - (iii) Thinking small
 - (iv) All of these

- (b) The passage suggests that.....
- (i) one should stop after making a seemingly-impossible, possible
 - (ii) dreams and thoughts should have limitations
 - (iii) one should continue to think big for ever
 - (iv) time, space and present reality affect the power of thought
- (c)stop(s) people from achieving big.
- (i) Avoiding thinking big
 - (ii) Sitting back to celebrate small success
 - (iii) Underestimating their potential
 - (iv) All of these
- (d) The author's wish list DOES NOT include.....
- (i) just a thought transporting her from one place to another
 - (ii) creating the image of blue ocean in front of her
 - (iii) switching the blue ocean image into that of snowy mountain peaks
 - (iv) feeling frustrated while navigating chaotic Delhi traffic

Answer the following briefly :

1 × 6 = 6

- (e) Thinking of impossible things gives the author a feeling of well-being. Why?
- (f) Why do many people do not think big ?
- (g) Name any two wonderful results of seemingly impossible thoughts.
- (h) What prevents bigger success in case of many people ?
- (i) What has been decreasing the gap between the ideas and their implementation ?
- (j) What does a large part of workforce get done with ?

Find the word/phrases in the passage which mean the same as :

- (k) qualities and abilities (Para 7) 1
- (l) include, cover (Para 9) 1

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

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1. Jahangir was born on 30 August 1569, to Akbar, the Mughal Emperor and his Hindu wife, Jodha Bai. He was crowned on 24 October 1605. In the twenty-two years he was Emperor, till his death on 28 October, 1627, he had many battles to fight and many rebellions to suppress. But he always

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found time for his greatest hobby -- the study of animals and plants. He was an avid bird watcher, or an ornithologist as he would be called now, and a keen naturalist. The care and accuracy with which Jahangir described various characteristics of animals and birds, their geographical distribution and behaviour, would have done credit to a full-time naturalist. His observations are recorded in his memoirs, the Tuzuk-i-Jahangiri.

2. Jahangir had a small zoo and he would spend hours – sometimes days and nights together – on his observations. For the first time in the history of ornithology, he noted how sarus cranes mate, brood over their eggs in turn, and how chicks are hatched and taken care of. He also observed one human quality in this bird : the parents love not only their eggs and chicks but also each other.
3. The Emperor had several famous painters in his court. When he came across a rare animal, bird or plant, he would instruct an artist to draw it. The painter who excelled in this art was Ustad Mansur. For modern ornithologists, Jahangir's collection of paintings provides a strikingly accurate description of the natural history of the day. Unfortunately, most of these paintings are no longer to be found in India. With the disintegration of the Mughal Empire, foreign adventures looted this treasure. Most of the paintings were thus lost.
4. In 1958, a Russian researcher, A Ivanov, created a sensation when he discovered, a rare portrait of the dodo, a large non-flying pigeon-like bird, which became extinct about three centuries ago. This portrait was found in a collection of paintings at the Institute of Orientalists of Soviet Academy of Sciences. There was no way of identifying the painter, but the style, without doubt was that of Ustad Mansur. Now there is evidence to show that it was the portrait of Mauritian dodo that was presented to Emperor Jahangir around 1624. Over three centuries after their death, Jahangir and his dodo made a dramatic reappearance in the world of ornithology !
5. Jahangir also loved gardens, but his dissertations in botany and horticulture were mostly confined to how a lotus traps hornets or how saffron sprouts from soil. However, he was responsible for the cultivation of high altitude trees such as the cypress, juniper, pine and Javanse sandal in plains.
6. Jahangir had many other scientific interests. He once conducted an experiment to show that the air of Mahmudabad (in Gujrat) was healthier than that of Ahmedabad. He was fascinated by the movement of the stars and the planets and used to regularly record the occurrence of solar and

lunar eclipses. When a comet made its appearance, he recorded the growth and decay of its tail.

- (a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it in points. Also suggest a suitable title. 5
- (b) Write a summary of the passage in not more than 80 words using the notes made. 3

SECTION : B

(ADVANCED WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR)

30 Marks

3. As Secretary of the Activity Club of your school, draft a notice for the school notice board, informing students of the Inter Class Quiz contest being organised by the school. You are Nafisa/Pankaj. [Word limit : 50] 4

OR

Abha/Abhay has a very good knowledge of all the tourist attractions in Delhi. (S)He wants to work as a Tourist Guide. Draft a suitable advertisement for publication in the classified columns of a local daily.

4. You are Nishant/Nishita residing at K-44, Basant Enclave, New Delhi. You have seen an advertisement by Zeenat Marketing Research Company for two month summer jobs for those waiting their class XI results. Write a job application along with resume to the Director of the company. [120 words] 6

OR

Despite much effort by the govt., heaps of garbage, choked and overflowing drains are a common sight across Delhi. Some reasons being, ever rising number of people and lack of civic sense in the city dwellers. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily raising this issue and suggesting practical solutions. You are Farzana/Danish of 4/99, Urvashi Enclave, New Delhi.

5. Besides bringing foreign exchange, tourism promotes nationalism and internationalism. Write an article on 'Importance of Tourism'. You are Kaushiki/Ketan. [150-200 words] 10

OR

Write a report to be published in your school magazine, describing how the Annual Day was celebrated in your school this year. You are Puneet/Puneeta of XI E. [150-200 words]

6. There is an error in each of the following lines. Write the incorrect word and the correct word in the given space. The first one has been done as an example : $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

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	Incorrect	Correct
Intelligence is praised to one and all.	<u>to</u>	<u>by</u>
We say that intelligence mean	(a)	
being able to solve problems. Some animal	(b)	
seem abled to do this. For ex. cats often	(c)	
find her way home from long distances.	(d)	
To do this they had to remember and think.	(e)	
Young birds are also able to made long journeys.	(f)	
They are borne with this ability. This is	(g)	
not intelligence. We call these instinct.	(h)	

7. Do as directed :

1 × 4 = 4

- (a) You will not eat fast food. (Change into Passive Voice)
- (b) You cannot do this. Your brother cannot do this. (Join using 'Neither.....nor')
- (c) You are late. Youtake a taxi to reach in time. (Supply suitable 'modal')
- (d) Narrating a story.....(be) a big fun. (Supply correct form of the verb given in the bracket)

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

1 × 2 = 2

- (a) Do/believe in/ghosts/you/of/the existence ?
- (b) No./at all/don't/do not/I/exist/they/do.

SECTION : C

(LITERATURE AND LONG-READING TEXT)

30 Marks

9. Read the given stanza and answer the questions that follow :

1 × 3 = 3

Though we have lived together now
 In the same house for years, I know
 Nothing of him, so try to build
 Up a relationship from how
 He was when small.

- (i) How are 'I' and 'him' related ?
- (ii) What pains 'I' ?
- (iii) Name the poet.

OR

Was it the day I ceased to be eleven

Was it the time I realised that Hell and Heaven

Could not be found in Geography

and therefore could not be.

Was that the day !

- (i) What is the poet pondering about ?
- (ii) What does the poet learn about hell and heaven ?
- (iii) Name the poem and the poet.

10. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each. (Attempt any three only)

3 × 3 = 9

- (a) What efforts did Andrew make to revive the new-born baby ?
- (b) What do you mean by 'sustainable development' ?
- (c) Why did Crocker Harris not disclose Taplow's result ?
- (d) What does the poet realise about the adults ?
- (e) How is George Pearson treated at the club ?

11. What impression of Andrew Manson do you form on the basis of the story 'Birth' ? [120-150 words] 6

OR

The story 'We are not afraid to die' has a lesson 'optimism helps to endure direst stress'. Do you agree ? Why/Why not ?

Attempt both the questions from either Part A or Part B :

PART - A

12. "The novel 'The Canterville Ghost' celebrates and promotes love and sympathy." Do you agree ? Why/Why not ? 6
13. Give a character sketch of Virginia. 6

PART - B

12. What motivated Booker T. Washington to set-up the Tuskegie Institute ? What were the challenges that he came across ? [120 words] 6
13. "Olivia Davidson was a right match for Booker T. Washington." In the light of the above statement, discuss the character of Olivia A. Davidson. [120-150 words] 6

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