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Sample Paper – 2011 Class – X Subject – ENGLISH | | MARKS: 40 TIME: 1hr 30min | General instructions | | All questions are compulsory. | | You may attempt any section at a time. | | All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order. | | | Section: A Reading (10 marks)

Q1. Read the passage carefully. 1. Not so long ago almost any student who successfully completed a university degree or diploma course could find a good career quite easily. Companies toured the academic institutions, competing with each other to recruit graduates. However, those days are gone, even in Hong Kong, and nowadays graduates often face strong competition in the search for jobs. 2. Most careers organizations highlight three stages for graduates to follow in the process of securing a suitable career: recognizing abilities, matching these to available vacancies and presenting them well to prospective employers. . Job seekers have to make a careful assessment of their own abilities. One area of assessment should be of their academic qualifications, which would include special skills within their subject area. Graduates should also consider their own personal values and attitudes, or the relative importance to themselves of such matters as money, security, leadership and caring for others. An honest assessment of personal interests and abilities such as creative or scientific skills, or skills acquired from work experience, should also be given careful thought. 4.

The second stage is to study the opportunities available for employment and to think about how the general employment situation is likely to develop in the future. To do this, graduates can study job vacancies and information in newspapers or they can visit a careers office, write to possible employers for information or contact friends or relatives who may already be involved in a

particular profession. After studying all the various options, they should be in a position to make informed comparisons between various careers. 5. Good personal presentation is essential in the search for a good career.

Job application forms and letters should, of course, be filled in carefully and correctly, without grammar or spelling errors. Where additional information is asked for, job seekers should describe their abilities and work experience in more depth, with examples if possible. They should try to balance their own abilities with the employer's needs, explain why they are interested in a career with the particular company and try to show that they already know something about the company and its activities. Q1. Read the questions given below and write the option you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet. 5 Marks) 1. In paragraph 1, 'those days are gone, even in Hong Kong', suggests that: (a) In the past, finding a good career was easier in Hong Kong than elsewhere. (b) Now everyone goes to Hong Kong to get a job. (c) No one helps to get a job in Hong Kong.. (d) There are various job opportunities in Hong Kong. 2. According to paragraph 4, graduates should: (a) find a good job easily and then compare it with other careers (b) ask friends or relatives to get them a good job (c) get information about a number of careers before making comparisons (d) never inform employers of the comparisons they have made 3.

The advice given in the first sentence of paragraph 4 is to: (a) never look for information on various careers. (b) examine the careers available and how these will be affected in future. (c) only consider career which are easy and comfortable to them. (d) find out about the kind of training that will be available. 4. 'them' in paragraph 2 refers to: (a) careers organizations (b)

three stages (c) abilities (d) available vacancies 5. In paragraph 2, highlight is closest in meaning to: (a) generous (b) emphasize (c) determine (d) future

6. In paragraph 5, 'in more depth' could best be replaced by: (a) more carefully b) more honestly (c) in greater detail (d) using more words Q2.

Read the passage carefully (5 marks) At a time when we are enjoying longer, more healthful lives, ominous headlines announce: ' Researchers Tie Aluminium to Alzheimers Disease' and ' Coffee Linked to Cholesterol rise' As a result of alarming and sometimes ambiguous bulletins, minor health worries often become major medical threats, and speculations about disease prevention become ' proven' cure. Part of the problem is that media often trumpet questionable research findings as major medical break throughs.

In 1985, three French scientists told reporters at a press conference that the drug cyclosporine appeared to halt the growth of the AIDS virus. They based the announcement on their observation of two AIDS patients treated for eight days. Never mind that no actual study had been done; for the media the announcement was enough and the story became front-page news around the world. Unfortunately, one of the patients died within days.

Cyclosporine was no miracle cure. Q2. Read the questions given below and write the option you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet: 1. ominous is closest in meaning to:) secure b) convince c) forgetful d) threatening 2. The undue publicity given to such research a) does not have any effect on people's lives in general b) adds to people's worries and gives them false hopes c) never fills people's lives with death and destruction d) Fails to create awareness among the people about medical break throughs. 3. The three French Scientists based their announcement on their

observation ... a) of the actual study done to find a cure for AIDS. b) of the effect of drug cyclosporine c) of many patients suffering from AIDS. d) of two AIDS patients 4.

According to some of the research findings, coffee is responsible for the rise in a) Cyclosporine b) Alzheimer's Disease c) Aids d) Cholesterol level 5. The drug Cyclosporine was reported a) as a treatment for AIDS b) as having no effect on the treatment of Aids c) as accelerating the growth of AIDS d) as being responsible for the death of two AIDS patients. SECTION: B: WRITING

(10Marks) Q3. Given below is an extract from an article in Newsweek. (6 Marks) | How Unhealthy Is Fast Food | | Wake up people.

It's not the calories in food that's damaging to your health and waistline. It's the chemical additives such as aspartame | | and MSG (monosodium glutamate). These chemical additives are approved by the FDA and studies show that they lead to weight and disease issues. | Write a letter to the

editor of the daily newspaper on the health hazards caused by Fast food, using your own ideas and ideas from the unit' Health and medicine. ' Your

answer should not exceed 150 words Q4. Write a short bio- sketch of the famous author, Arundhati Roy. You could take the help of the clues given below. 4 Marks) • Suzanna Arundhati Roy - Indian author and essayist • born

- 24 November 1961 • best known works - The God of Small Things (novel),

The Algebra of Infinite Justice (collection of essays) • won the Booker Prize

for The God o Small Things in 1997 • in 2002 won the Lannan Cultural

Freedom Prize • Today one of the most successful Indian women writers.

Section: C: Grammar (10 Marks) Q5. Choose the most appropriate option from the ones given below to complete the following passage. Write the

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answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole passage. 3 Marks) Throughout the ages, birds (1) ----- a source of wonder to all who have (2) -----their soaring flight or listened to their sweet song. (3)----- a group, birds are (4)----- . They are the only animals covered(5) -----feathers. This evolutionary development (6) ----- birds from all other animals. 1. (a) has been (b) were (c) had been (d) have been 2. (a) verified (b) supported (c) claimed (d) observed 3. (a) like (b) as (c) another (d) still 4. a) unique (b) mundane (c) indifferent (d) mediocre 5. (a) by (b) on (c) with (d) as 6. (a) separates (b) separated (c) was separated (d) has been separated Q6. Complete the dialogue choosing the correct option:(3 marks) Raju : Do you know that our school is celebrating its Golden Jubilee next month. Ravi : Yes, I've heard about it. (a)..... Raju : It's on the 15th of next month. (b)..... Ravi : Of course, I will be coming. It's nice to catch up with old friends.

Raju : That's

right, A.

(1) What do you think about it? (2) When is it celebrated? (3) When do you think it has to take place? (4) Where would it happen? B. (1) Are you busy on that day? (2) Will you be coming for this occasion? (3) What is the difficulty in joining us? (4) I don't want you to miss it? C. (1) I am also looking forward to meet our friends. (2) Just forget about them. (3) We will not meet anyone. (4) If our friends don't come? Q7.

Read the following dialogue and then complete the paragraph by choosing the correct option from the ones given below. Write your answers in your

answer-sheet with correct blank number. Do not copy the dialogue and the paragraph. (4 marks) Manu: Where did you go yesterday? Vinay: There is an exhibition of rare paintings at the Art Gallery. I had gone there. Manu: How well have you prepared for the entrance exam next week? Vinay: I have been preparing for the whole week. Manu asked Vinay where (a) Vinay replied that (b)..... at the Art Gallery and he had gone there.

Manu wanted to know(c)..... for the entrance exam next week.

Vinay said that (d)..... a. 1. where he was the previous day. 2. where he had been yesterday. 3. where was he the previous day. 4. where he had gone the previous day. b. 1. there had been an exhibition of rare paintings 2. there was an exhibition of rare paintings 3. there is going to be an exhibition of rare paintings 4. there will be an exhibition of rare paintings c. 1. how well he had prepared 2. how will he prepare 3. how has he prepared 4. how well has he prepared d. 1. he had been preparing for the whole week 2. e was preparing for the whole week. 3. he has been preparing for the whole week. 4. he would have been preparing for the whole week.

SECTION: D Literature (10 Marks) Q8. Read the following extract and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate alternative from those given below. (4 marks) “ I remember the night my mother was stung by a scorpion. Ten hours of steady rain had drawn him beneath the sack of rice. ” a. Who does ‘ I ’ refer to? 1. the father. 2. the narrator. 3. the scorpion. b. Why did he come inside the house? 1. ‘ he ’ came inside to hide beneath the sack of rice.. . ‘ he ’ came inside to escape from the heavy rain. 3. ‘ he ’ came inside the house to bite the mother. Q9. “ I just can’t understand how a

stranger could all of a sudden become so intimate, only sharing a little warmth by giving a silent promise of keeping close” a. Who is the speaker and ‘ the stranger’ in the above line? 1. the elder brother and Babuli 2. Babuli and his wife 3. the sister in law and Babuli’s wife b. Why did the stranger suddenly become intimate? 1. The stranger came to know about the partition. 2. The stranger was going to stay in the ancestral house. 3.

The stranger was promised a lot of money. Q10. Babuli calls himself ‘ heartless’ in the lesson ‘ The Tribute’. Do you also consider him heartless? Give reasons for your answer in 50-60 words (2 Marks) Q11. Imagine you are one of the scientists looking after Cutie pie. Make an entry in your diary after you had examined him and found that he was losing his feathers. The entry should express your feelings of disgust, sympathy as well as helplessness. (150words) (4 marks)

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