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SAMPLE PAPER

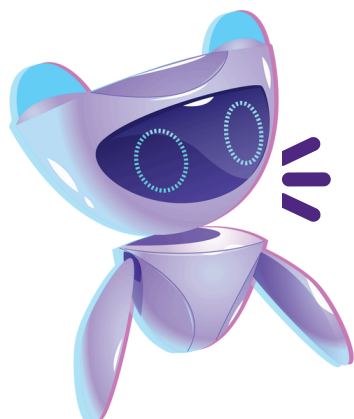
GRADE 11- 12



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER

- 1.Total Questions: 25
- 2.Marks Distribution: Each question carries 2 marks.
- 3.Total Marks: 50
- 4.Time Allowed: 60 minutes
- 5.Marking Scheme:
- 6.Correct Answer: +2 marks
- 7.Wrong Answer: -1 mark (negative marking applies)
- 8.Unattempted Questions: No marks deducted
- 9.General Guidelines:
- 10.All questions are MCQs-based, with four options provided for each.
- 11.Read each question carefully and select the correct option (a, b, c, or d).
- 12.Do not mark two options for a single question; only one answer will be considered.
- 13.Ensure all answers are marked clearly.
- 14.Submission Instructions:
- 15.Attempt all questions within the given time.
- 16.Recheck your answers before submission to ensure accuracy.
- 17.Note: Negative marking is applied for incorrect answers, so choose wisely!



BEST OF LUCK!

COMPREHENSION

Read the passage below carefully and answer the following questions:

Passage:

Technology is transforming the world we live in. From AI to quantum computing, new developments are pushing the boundaries of what's possible. The rapid pace of change has led to both excitement and concern. While some celebrate the opportunities these innovations provide, others worry about the ethical implications and the potential for widening inequalities. As technology continues to evolve, it's important for society to engage in thoughtful discussions on how to harness its power for the greater good.

1. What is the main theme of the passage?

- a) The importance of technology
- b) Ethical concerns surrounding technology
- c) The rapid pace of technological change
- d) Opportunities in technology

2. What are the two perspectives discussed in the passage regarding technological developments?

- a) Excitement and celebration
- b) Ethical concerns and opportunities
- c) Innovation and stagnation
- d) Widening inequalities and new opportunities

3. What is meant by “harness its power for the greater good”?

- a) Exploit technology for personal gain
- b) Use technology to address societal issues
- c) Improve the economy
- d) Maintain technological advancements

4. Which word in the passage is closest in meaning to "implications"?

- a) Effects
- b) Innovations
- c) Opportunities
- d) Discussions

5. Based on the passage, what role does society play in technological development?

- a) Innovating new technologies
- b) Embracing technological changes without concern
- c) Engaging in discussions on technology's impact
- d) Limiting technological advancements

Read the passage below carefully and answer the following questions.

Passage:

Leadership is not about being in charge. It's about taking care of those in your charge. A good leader inspires others to follow, not through power, but through empathy, guidance, and support. Leadership is not a title or a position; it's the ability to influence others in a positive direction. Effective leaders understand the strengths and weaknesses of their team and know how to bring out the best in each individual.

6. According to the passage, what is true about leadership?

- a) Leadership is only for those in powerful positions.
- b) Leadership is about motivating others through empathy and support.
- c) Leadership is defined by the number of followers.
- d) Leadership is about exerting power over others.

7. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a quality of a good leader in the passage?

- a) Empathy
- b) Power
- c) Guidance
- d) Support

8. How do good leaders bring out the best in their team, according to the passage?

- a) By focusing on weaknesses
- b) By using their own strength
- c) By recognizing individual strengths
- d) By controlling the team's actions

9. What does the passage suggest about the title of a leader?

- a) The title is the most important factor in leadership.
- b) A leader is only as good as their title.
- c) Leadership is not determined by title, but by influence.
- d) Titles determine who is a good leader.

10. Choose the synonym of "reliable":

- a) Untrustworthy
- b) Dependable
- c) Dishonest
- d) Unstable

11. Choose the antonym of "beneficial":

- a) Harmful
- b) Advantageous
- c) Helpful
- d) Positive

12. Which of the following is a one-word substitution for "a person who helps others in need"?

- a) Philanthropist
- b) Beneficiary
- c) Altruist
- d) Volunteer

13. What is the correct phrasal verb for "to reduce the intensity or impact"?

- a) Turn down
- b) Cut off
- c) Tone down
- d) Break down

14. Identify the homophone for "compliment":

- a) Complement
- b) Complete
- c) Complementary
- d) Complicate

**15. Choose the correct form of the conditional sentence:
Which of the following sentences correctly expresses a hypothetical situation in the present or future?**

- a) If I would have known about the meeting, I would have attended.
- b) If I were you, I would reconsider the offer.
- c) If he studied harder, he would pass the exam.
- d) If I had studied, I would have passed the exam.

16. Which sentence is in the passive voice?

- a) The teacher explains the lesson clearly.
- b) The report was reviewed by the committee.
- c) She completed the assignment on time.
- d) They are discussing the proposal.

**17. Choose the correct sentence with subject-verb agreement:
Which sentence correctly follows the rules of subject-verb agreement?**

- a) The team have completed the task.
- b) The team has completed the task.
- c) The team is completing the tasks.
- d) The team were completing the task.

18. Which of the following sentences uses punctuation correctly?

- a) Let's eat Grandpa!
- b) Let's eat, Grandpa!
- c) Lets eat, Grandpa!
- d) Lets eat Grandpa!

19. Which sentence uses the correct form of the verb?

- a) If I have known about the deadline, I would have submitted the report earlier.
- b) If I had known about the deadline, I would have submitted the report earlier.
- c) If I would have known about the deadline, I would have submitted the report earlier.
- d) If I known about the deadline, I would have submitted the report earlier.

20. A company has issued a formal letter to its clients informing them about a new policy regarding late payments. The letter begins:

"Dear Valued Client, We are introducing a revised late-payment policy effective January 1st, 2024. Payments delayed beyond 30 days will incur a 2% penalty. This policy ensures timely transactions and efficient services."

What is the primary purpose of the letter?

- a) To announce a discount offer
- b) To inform about a new late-payment policy
- c) To promote the company's services
- d) To request immediate payments

21. Lisa stared at the old photograph of her grandmother's house, a place she had never visited. The image had a strange familiarity, as if the rusted gates and winding pathway were part of her own memories. Determined to find answers, she packed her bags and set off to the countryside.

What theme does the passage primarily explore?

- a) The importance of family traditions
- b) The mystery of unfamiliar memories
- c) The value of preserving history
- d) The significance of rural landscapes

22. The article discusses the environmental impact of plastic waste, highlighting its long degradation period and effects on marine ecosystems. It emphasizes the importance of reducing plastic usage and adopting sustainable alternatives like reusable materials and biodegradable packaging.

What is the best summary of the article?

- a) Plastic is harmful to marine life, but recycling is unnecessary.
- b) Plastic waste takes time to degrade and harms ecosystems; sustainable alternatives are needed.
- c) Plastic is the leading material used worldwide.
- d) Reducing marine life is the main goal of sustainability efforts.

23. During a team meeting, Sarah interrupted a colleague mid-presentation. Realizing her mistake, she said, "I apologize for interrupting. Please continue with your point."

What communication skill did Sarah demonstrate in this scenario?

- a) Giving compliments
- b) Apologizing appropriately
- c) Making formal requests
- d) Debating effectively

24. "The early bird catches the worm" is a common proverb suggesting that success comes to those who prepare and act early. However, some argue that being early doesn't guarantee success if the preparation lacks quality or relevance.

Which of the following interpretations aligns with the proverb's deeper meaning?

- a) Only early preparation guarantees success.
- b) Timing is irrelevant when it comes to success.
- c) Acting promptly with proper preparation increases chances of success.
- d) Procrastination is more effective than preparation.

25. The poet describes the sea as a "restless soul," constantly moving and changing. The waves are likened to "whispers of a storyteller," suggesting the sea's deep, endless narratives.

What literary device is primarily used in the description of the sea?

- a) Hyperbole
- b) Personification
- c) Irony
- d) Simile

ANSWER KEY

1. C) THE RAPID PACE OF TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE
2. A) EXCITEMENT AND CELEBRATION
3. B) USE TECHNOLOGY TO ADDRESS SOCIETAL ISSUES
4. A) EFFECTS
5. C) ENGAGING IN DISCUSSIONS ON TECHNOLOGY'S IMPACT
6. B) LEADERSHIP IS ABOUT MOTIVATING OTHERS THROUGH EMPATHY AND SUPPORT
7. B) POWER
8. C) BY RECOGNIZING INDIVIDUAL STRENGTHS
9. C) LEADERSHIP IS NOT DETERMINED BY TITLE, BUT BY INFLUENCE
10. B) DEPENDABLE
11. A) HARMFUL
12. A) PHILANTHROPIST
13. C) TONE DOWN
14. A) COMPLEMENT
15. B) IF I WERE YOU, I WOULD RECONSIDER THE OFFER
16. B) THE REPORT WAS REVIEWED BY THE COMMITTEE
17. B) THE TEAM HAS COMPLETED THE TASK
18. B) LET'S EAT, GRANDPA!
19. B) IF I HAD KNOWN ABOUT THE DEADLINE, I WOULD HAVE SUBMITTED THE REPORT EARLIER
20. B) TO INFORM ABOUT A NEW LATE-PAYMENT POLICY
21. B) THE MYSTERY OF UNFAMILIAR MEMORIES
22. B) PLASTIC WASTE TAKES TIME TO DEGRADE AND HARMS ECOSYSTEMS; SUSTAINABLE ALTERNATIVES ARE NEEDED
23. B) APOLOGIZING APPROPRIATELY
24. C) ACTING PROMPTLY WITH PROPER PREPARATION INCREASES CHANCES OF SUCCESS
25. B) PERSONIFICATION