

Gujarat Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board, Gandhinagar**UNIT TEST-4****Standard: 12****Subject Code: 006****Subject: English (FL)****Medium: English****Time Allotted: 1 Hour****Total Marks: 25**

Instructions: -

[1] There are 3 sections in this question paper. All the questions (1-21) are compulsory to answer.

[2] Maintain the sequence of the questions.

SECTION A**Read the following passage and the questions given below it. Choose the correct answer. (each carries 1 mark) [04]**

All the time there were many sounds to be heard in the forge. The big bellows groaned, and the burning coal cracked. The fire boy shovelled charcoal into the maw of the furnace with a great deal of clatter. Outside roared the waterfall, and a sharp north wind whipped the rain against the brick-tiled roof. It was probably on account of all this noise that the blacksmith did not notice that a man had opened the gate and entered the forge, until he stood close up to the furnace. Surely it was nothing unusual for poor vagabonds without any better shelter for the night to be attracted to the forge by the glow of light which escaped through the sooty panes, and to come in to warm themselves in front of the fire.

Questions:

1. Which non-living things are attributed the qualities of a living being?
 - a. Coal and Charcoal
 - b. Bellows and Wind
 - c. Shovel and Charcoal
 - d. Bellows and Furnace

2. The noise inside the forge was in sync with the _____.
 - a. chilling cold outside the forge
 - b. drizzling and cool rain outside the forge
 - c. noise outside the forge
 - d. cracking sound of the gate outside the forge

3. The frequent visits of the poor vagabonds in the forge was considered as _____.
 - a. casual
 - b. noteworthy
 - c. unusual
 - d. peculiar

4. The man remained unnoticed _____.
 - a. until the glow of light became brighter
 - b. until the blacksmith was amazed
 - c. until all the noise mellowed
 - d. until he moved close to the furnace

Read the following stanza and the questions given below it. Choose the correct answer. (each carries 1 mark) [04]

Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth
 Of noble natures, of the gloomy days,
 Of all the unhealthy and o'er-darkened way
 Made for our searching: yes, in spite of all,
 Some shape of beauty moves away the pall
 From our dark spirits. Such the sun, the moon,
 Tress old, and young, sprouting a shady boon.

Questions:

5. The gist of the first four lines of the stanza is that _____.
 - a. humans are unhealthy but have noble natures
 - b. humans intentionally create gloomy and dark ways in this world
 - c. humans often have to face sorrows and deal with the crooked ways of the world
 - d. humans search in life lead them to despondence of noble natures

6. Beauty is attributed with the power to _____.
 - a. challenge the dark spirits
 - b. move the pall and display sunshine
 - c. move around with varied shapes of beauty
 - d. remove gloominess from human's life

7. Things of beauty from nature that provide inspiration and happiness are _____.
 - a. the sun, the moon, the trees
 - b. the nature, the sun, the trees
 - c. the sun, the moon, the earth
 - d. the gloom, the moon, the dearth

8. Identify the figures of speech in the line: 'Trees old and young, sprouting a shady boon'.
 - a. Antithesis and Tautology
 - b. Antithesis and Personification
 - c. Personification and Paradox
 - d. Personification and Tautology

SECTION B

Answer the following questions in about four to five sentences each. (each carries 2 marks) [04]

9. From where did the peddler get the idea of the world being a rattrap in the unit 'The Rattrap'? Why was he amused by this idea?
10. The peddler comes out as a person with a subtle sense of humour. How does this serve in lightening the seriousness of the theme of the story and also ender him to us?

Answer the following questions in about four to five sentences each. (each carries 2 marks) [04]

11. What does the line '*Therefore are we wreathing a flowery band to bind us to earth*' from the poem 'A Thing of Beauty' suggest to you?
12. While hatred against a member of the enemy race is justifiable, especially during wartime, what makes a human being rise above narrow prejudices? Answer with reference to the chapter '*The Enemy*'.

SECTION C

Fill in the blanks (13-17) with an appropriate word. Write only the answers maintaining the proper sequence of question numbers. (each carries 1 mark) [05]

{ cry wrinkled package jagged view }

The young girl opened the _____**13**_____, which was so badly done up that the contents came into _____**14**_____ at once. She gave a little _____**15**_____ of joy. She found a small rattrap, and in it lay three _____**16**_____ ten kronor notes. But that was not all. In the rattrap lay also a letter written in large, _____**17**_____ characters.

Do as Directed. (each carries 1 mark) [04]

18. He was truly clean and well dressed. (Make it Exclamatory)
19. She looked at him compassionately. (Change the Voice)
20. The stranger did not cause any trouble. (Make it Affirmative)
21. No, I couldn't think of it. (Add a Question Tag)

**GUJARAT SECONDARY & HIGHER SECONDARY EDUCATION,
GANDHINAGAR**

UNIT TEST-4

STD- 12 (GENERAL)

Max. Marks:-25

Subject:-ENGLISH (013)

Time:-1.00 hours

i. There are total 21 questions in this Unit Test.

ii. Students will have to write the answers of this Unit Test in their notebooks.

SECTION-A

❖ **Write whether the sentences are True or False :** [2]

1. The red ants do not keep the black ants as slaves.

2. The umbrella ants are found in South America.

❖ **Find out and write the nearest meanings:** [2]

3. **relish:** carry, lift, enjoy, feed

4. **indolent:** active, lazy, busy, energetic

❖ **Select the most appropriate language functions from the brackets and write them against sentences :(expressing comparison, expressing time, expressing contrast)** [2]

5. However rich Henry was, he was not happy.

6. No sooner did Madam call me than I rushed to her.

❖ **Select and write the most appropriate responses** [2]

7. Parimal: Do you know Ritesh?

Sunil: _____ [Describing Person]

A) I don't know him.

B) He is an ideal student of our school who lives in village.

C) Our school is a popular school in our town.

D) The teachers teach very well.

8. Nikita: How shall I reach Kankaria?

Vinita: _____ [Showing Condition]

- A) Though you hire Uber, you will not reach Kankaria in time.
- B) Take either Uber or city bus to reach Kankaria in time.
- C) You should hire a taxi with a view to reaching Kankaria in time.
- D) If you hire Uber, you will reach Kankaria.

❖ Select and write the most appropriate questions to get underlined words/phrases as their answers: [2]

9. Driver ants are dangerous.

- A) Where are driver ants?
- B) How are driver ants?
- C) Who are driver ants?
- D) Why are driver ants dangerous?

10. You should think twice before you speak.

- A) When should you think?
- B) How often should you think before you speak?
- C) How should you think before you speak?
- D) What should you do before you speak?

SECTION-B

Read the extracts and answer the questions: [4]

The ants at the top began climbing down into the pit backward, each holding the tail end of another ant in front. In this way an ant- chain was soon formed which slowly dropped down the steep side. When it reached the ants waiting with their loads, they easily climbed up the chain and came out at the top.

11. Did the ant climb down backward into the pit?

12. How was the ant chain formed?

Such behaviour, showing the adeptness of ants, has been noticed and studied by many. Now science has discovered some things about ant life which seem to show that the intelligence of these tiny creatures is very close to human intelligence. Not all scientists concede to this view, but you may look at some of these facts and form your own opinion.

13. What has science discovered about ant life?

14. Find out the correct similar word for 'adeptness' from the paragraph:

a) intelligence b) attachment c) expertise

SECTION-C

❖ **Read the stanza and answer the questions:** **[2]**

*Remember, no men are strange, no countries foreign
Beneath all uniforms, a single body breathes
Like ours: the land our brothers walk upon
Is earth like this, in which we shall lie
They, too, aware of sun and air and water,*

15. What does the poet want us to remember?

16. Where do we live on? What are we all aware of?

❖ **Read the following passage and answer the questions:** **[4]**

After returning to India, Salim tried to get a job as an ornithologist with the Zoological Survey of India but was rejected since he did not have an M.Sc. or Ph.D. degree. He decided to study further to acquire eligibility for the job. Salim went to Germany and got trained under Professor Stresemann, an acknowledged ornithologist in Berlin.

17. Why did Salim Ali fail to get a job in Zoological Survey of India?

18. What was Professor Stresemann?

Mansi was standing at the counter of the museum gift shop making purchase when the couple approached. Mansi observed the couple carefully. The man after paying the bill pulled out a white stick and tapped his way towards the gate. Mansi learned something about patience, courage and love, that day.

19. What was Mansi doing at the counter?

20. How can you say that the man mentioned in the paragraph was blind?

SECTION-D

21. Hemant Shah has received a power bank from Amazon which is not working properly. So write an email for the replacement of it to amazon@shop.co.in. [5]

OR

Prepare a report about the **Environment Day** celebration in your school.

Gujarat Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board, Gandhinagar**UNIT TEST-4****Standard: 11****Subject Code: 006****Subject: English (FL)****Medium: English****Time Allotted: 1 Hour****Total Marks: 25**

Instructions: -

[1] There are 3 sections in this question paper. All the questions (1-21) are compulsory to answer.

[2] Maintain the sequence of the questions.

SECTION A**Read the following passage and the questions given below it. Choose the correct answer. (each carries 1 mark) [04]**

We have shifted –one hopes, irrevocably – from the mechanistic view to a holistic and ecological view of the world. It is a shift in human perceptions as revolutionary as that introduced by Copernicus who taught mankind in the sixteenth century that the earth and the other planets revolved round the sun. For the first time in human history, there is a growing worldwide consciousness that the earth itself is a living organism – an enormous being of which we are parts. It has its own metabolic needs and vital processes which need to be respected and preserved. The earth's vital signs reveal a patient in declining health. We have begun to realize our ethical obligations to be good stewards of the planet and responsible trustees of the legacy to the future generations.

Questions:

1. The narrator is hopeful about the shift from the mechanistic view to a holistic and ecological view of the world being _____.
 - a. permanent
 - b. positive
 - c. sensible
 - d. conscientious

2. Copernicus' teaching made the people realize about the _____.
 - a. earth's revolution against the sun
 - b. sun's stance limited to the sixteenth century
 - c. actual movement of the planetary system as it is known in the present
 - d. proximity of the earth and other planets to the sun

3. Who is the patient?
 - a. The planets
 - b. The earth
 - c. The human history
 - d. The future generations

4. It is our ethical obligation to _____.
 - a. work as stewards and trustees on the earth
 - b. consider the earth as a living organism
 - c. be respectable and good habitants of the earth

Answer the following questions in about four to five sentences each. (each carries 2 marks) [04]

11. There is a parallel drawn between rain and music in the poem '*The Voice of the Rain*'. Which words indicate this? Explain the similarity between the two.
12. Astrologers' perceptions are based more on hearsay and conjecture than what they learn from the study of the stars. Comment with reference to the story, '*Ranga's Marriage*'.

SECTION C

Fill in the blanks (13-17) with an appropriate word. Write only the answers maintaining the proper sequence of question numbers. (each carries 1 mark) [05]

{ vary ignominious biologists languish about }

Scientists have catalogued _____ **13** _____ 1.4 million living species with which mankind shares the earth. Estimates _____ **14** _____ widely as regards the still -uncatalogued living species – _____ **15** _____ reckon that about three to a hundred million other living species still _____ **16** _____ unnamed in _____ **17** _____ darkness.

Do as Directed. (each carries 1 mark) [04]

18. Are we to leave our successors a scorched planet of advancing deserts, impoverished landscapes and ailing environment? (Make it Assertive)
19. What goes under the pot now costs more than what goes inside it. (Add a Question Tag)
20. The concept of sustainable development was popularized in 1987 by the World Commission on Environment and Development. (Change the Voice)
21. The growth of world population is one of the strongest factors distorting the future of human society. (Change the Degree - Positive)

**GUJARAT SECONDARY & HIGHER SECONDARY EDUCATION,
GANDHINAGAR
UNIT TEST-4**

STD- 11 (GENERAL)

Max. Marks:-25

Subject:-ENGLISH (013)

Time:-1.00 hours

i. There are total 21 questions in this Unit Test.

ii. Students will have to write the answers of this Unit Test in their notebooks.

SECTION-A

❖ Write whether the sentences are True or False : [3]

1. We take a quick pill hoping that our problem will never go away.
2. Yog is good for the digestive system, the nervous system.
3. We always desire new things and are seldom content with what we have.

❖ Find out and write the nearest meanings: [3]

4. **Anxiety:** sadness, happiness, worry, well-being
5. **Vitality:** weakness, strength, fatness, thinness.
6. **Prolong:** decrease, extend, weaken, improve

❖ Select the most appropriate language functions from the brackets and write them against sentences :(expressing condition in the past, expressing contrast, expressing choice, exclamation) [4]

7. What a horrible accident it was!
8. If you had done Yog, you would not have suffered more.
9. He will either sit in the class or stand in front of the class.
10. In spite of his ill health, he took part in sports competition.

❖ **Select and write the most appropriate questions to get underlined words/phrases as their answers:** [2]

11. Brijesh is hospitalised for some severe dietary problem.

- A) Who is hospitalised for some severe dietary problems?
- B) Why is Brijesh hospitalised?
- C) When is Brijesh hospitalised?
- D) What is the problem of Brijesh?

12. A physical disease disturbs the emotions.

- A) What does a physical disease do?
- B) How does a physical disease disturb the emotion?
- C) Why does a physical disease disturb the emotion?
- D) What disturbs the emotions?

SECTION-B

Read the extracts and answer the questions: [4]

Ayurved, on the other hand, teaches harmony with nature, simplicity and contentment as keys to well-being. It shows us how to live in a state of balance in which fulfilment is a matter of being, not of having. It connects us with the source of creativity and happiness within ourselves so that we can permanently overcome our psychological problems. Ayurved provides a real solution to our health problems which requires to change how we live, think and observe.

13. What does Ayurved teach us?

14. Why does Ayurved connect us with the source of creativity?

Yog is a holistic exercise that provides physical, mental as well as spiritual benefits. It provides workout for the muscles. It also benefits joints, ligaments and the skeletal system by improving flexibility and balance. It is good for heart and stimulates the cardiovascular system. It oxygenates the blood and helps strengthen the heart.

15. What is Yog?

16. What are the benefits of Yog?

SECTION-C

❖ Read the following passage and answer the questions: [4]

In 1883, a creative engineer named John Roebling was inspired by an idea to build a spectacular (very impressive) bridge connecting New York with the Long Island. However bridge building experts throughout the world thought that this was an impossible feat and told Roebling to forget the idea. It just could not be done. It was not practical.

17. What was the idea of John Roebling?

18. What did the bridge building experts say about Roebling's idea?

Customer Service Rep.: Can you install LOVE?

Customer: I can do that. I'm not very technical, but I think I am ready to install now. What do I do first?

Customer Service Rep.: The first step is to open your HEART. Have you located your HEART ma'am?

Customer: Yes I have, but there are several programmes running right now. Is it okay to install while they are running?

19. What does C.S.R. ask customer?

20. What does C.S.R. advise customer?

SECTION-D

21. Rajendra Patel has received a pair of sports shoes from flipcart which is not proper. So write an email for the replacement of it to flipcart@co.in. [5]

OR

Prepare a report about the **Independence Day** celebration in your school.