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**Class: X<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sub: English**

**SECTION A - READING**

**Q1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

**The Power of Thoughts**

1. Ideas rule the world. You shape your fate and decide your destiny by your thoughts. You have to think high to rise. You have to believe and be sure of yourself to win a prize. Life's battles do not always go to the stronger or the faster man. But, sooner or later, the man who wins is the man who thinks he can.
2. Success starts with your thoughts. Whatever your mind can conceive and believe, it can achieve. And your mind is nothing more than a bundle of thoughts. Since you have the power to shape your thoughts, you automatically have the power to fashion your fate and decide your destiny. Thus, your thoughts are the most potent, powerful and prime source of your success.
3. For your thoughts to blossom into success, they should be combined with definiteness of purpose, perseverance and a burning, pulsating strong desire to translate them into action. Believe that you will succeed and believe it firmly. You will then do whatever is necessary to bring success about.
4. Faith in yourself as well as the confidence that you can and will succeed are the key to your success in any venture. If you keep your mind riveted on your goal and focus your thoughts on the great and splendid things that you wish to have, you will find yourself unconsciously seizing upon the opportunities that are required for the fulfillment of your desires.
5. Thoughts are supreme. Preserve the right mental attitude of courage, frankness and good cheer. Think of success in your work and you will then do automatically and unconsciously, the things necessary to bring success about. If your desire is weak and your efforts are erratic your achievements will also be slight and fleeting. But, if you go after your goal with the single-mindedness of a bulldog after a cat, nothing and nobody under the sun can stop you. Your goal should also be well-defined, clear-cut and specific and should be linked to a fixed timeframe so that your definite energies and efforts can be focussed and forcefully directed towards its attainment.

**1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage given above, answer the following questions.**

(a) The basic triggers of achieving success are:

(i) Be sure of yourself (ii) Think high

(iii) Have the power (iv) Both (i) & (ii)

(b) The suitable heading for para 3 is:

(i) Be positive (ii) Dream big

(iii) Success only depends on you (iv) Streamline your life

(c) Which of these plays the most important role in achieving our success?

(i) our health (ii) our thoughts

(iii) hardwork (v) confidence

(d) In order to change our thoughts into success, we must also have:

(i) definiteness of purpose (ii) Perseverance

(iii) Strong desire (iv) All of these

(e) If you go after your goal with the \_\_\_\_\_, you will achieve success.

(i) In a hurry (ii) Think about obstacles

(iii) Be alert (iv) Single-mindedness

(f) The key to your success in any venture is:

(i) Faith (ii) Confidence

(iii) Both (i) & (ii) (iv) None of these

(g) Preserve the right mental attitude of courage, frankness and \_\_\_\_\_

(h) Thoughts are not that important. (True/False)

**Q2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

1. The press is a pillar of democracy. In a democracy every man is entitled to form and express his own opinion. The daily press is a convenient vehicle through which he can voice it.

2. The press is an educator. It creates and moulds public opinion. It voices public demands and ventilates public grievances. It safeguards people's rights and interests. It raises its powerful

voice against any attempted invasion of people's rights and liberties. It acts as a check on the vagaries of men placed in high position. It exposes immoral, inefficient and corrupt officials. It is the champion of all good and noble causes.

3. By criticising the actions and lapses of the Government officials, it gives a healthy tone to the administration. Naturally the Government of a country cannot ignore the press. It cannot treat its view with disrespect.

4. Such being the character of the function of the press, it is obvious that it should be allowed a large measure of freedom. If rigid restrictions are placed on the publication of news of expression of views, the press cannot perform its duties faithfully and fearlessly.

5. Freedom from Government control does not, however, mean complete freedom for the press. That is because there are newspapers which are either party papers or are owned or controlled by big business magnates. They have to echo 'their master's voice'. They have to present news and views only in accordance with the policy of the party or the wishes of the press baron (master). They indulge in one-sided propaganda. They suppress or distort the truth. They give coloured version of reality.

6. In the USA and some other countries freedom of the press is guaranteed under their Constitution. Under our Constitution this freedom is implicit in the 'Freedom of Speech and Expression' granted to every citizen as one of his fundamental rights. In countries under the iron heels of a dictator, freedom of the press is practically non-existent.

7. Freedom of the press, like all other freedoms, carries with it certain obligations. Publication of correct news is one of them. Avoidance of mischievous or malafide criticism of the Government is another. The idea is that liberty should not degenerate into license. The press should use the great power, which it possesses, with due restraint and judgment. It is equally the duty of the people who patronise it to exercise a healthy check upon the conduct of the press. They should teach it a lesson whenever they find that its power is being used against their interests. That they can do withholding their patronage.

8. In India, the press is free. We hope that it will place before itself the high ideal of serving the interest of public and will conduct itself in a spirit of independence, without bearing for anybody's fear of favour.

**2.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions in 30-40 words.**

(a) What are the different advantages of press?

(b) Why cannot the government ignore press?

(c) In what conditions can press not perform its duties well?

(d) Does freedom of press carry with it certain obligation? If yes then specify.

**2.2. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following.**

(a) The synonym of 'advocacy' as given in para 5 is

(i) license (ii) news

(iii) propaganda (iv) judgement

(b) The synonym of 'incorporated' as given in para 6 is \_\_\_\_\_

(c) The antonym of 'freedoms' as given in para 4 is \_\_\_\_\_

(i) function (ii) press

(iii) restrictions (iv) fearlessly

(d) The antonym of 'reveal' as given in \_\_\_\_\_

### **SECTION B - WRITING & GRAMMAR**

Q3. You happened to notice a lot of garbage strewn in your locality. The inefficiency of the authorities in clearing the garbage on time has resulted in an unbearable stink. The people feel that this indifference is sure to spread diseases. Write a letter in about 100-150 words to the editor of a newspaper on this problem and what you think can be done to curb this menace. You are Ishu/Vivan, F-506, Vikas Puri, New Delhi.

**Or**

You are Sanjay/Poonam, Activity Incharge of VSPK School, Dwarka, New Delhi. Your school is planning to visit Trivandrum during winter vacations with 150 students and 7 teachers. Write a letter of inquiry to the Manager, Satguru Tours and Travels, Connaught Place, Delhi, enquiring about the itinerary, charges, accommodation, food and other facilities.

**Q4. Complete the story with the help of the following clues in about 150-200 words.**

**Hints:** Mohit going to school/saw an old woman/ helpless/bitter cold/took her home/gave something to eat/old age home/blessed him.

**OR**

**Develop a story taking the help of the picture given below: (100-150words)**



**Q5. Fill in the gaps by choosing the most appropriate words from the options given below.**

Mobile phones take up much more battery power when (a) \_\_\_\_\_ are in vibration mode than when the ringtone is (b) \_\_\_\_\_. Keep brightness to a minimum, (c) \_\_\_\_\_ switch off your bluetooth (d) \_\_\_\_\_ times when you are not sharing files.

(a) (i) it (ii) them (iii) that (iv) they

(b) (i) in (ii) on (iii) of (iv) to

(c) (i) after (ii) but (iii) and (iv) nor

(d) (i) on (ii) many (iii) to (iv) at

**Q6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against each line of the passage.**

	Incorrect	Correction
Music can takes us to ecstatic heights. Put your heart and soul in	e.g. takes (a).....	take .....
it and it fills your up with real	(b).....	.....
happiness. All kind of music is divine.	(c).....	.....
Any kind of music have the ability	(d).....	.....
to uplift your mood and the power to recondition your mind.		

**Q7. Rearrange the following groups of words and phrases to form meaningful sentences:**

- (a) own /their /live /overconfident /thoughts /people/ within
- (b) others/they/of/know/unaware/are/but/ themselves/they
- (c) experience/others/use/of/of/they/unable/the/ are/to/make
- (d) habit/concerned/all/this/highly/to/of/kind/ damaging/is

**SECTION C - LITERATURE**

**Q8. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:**

*I am an orphan, roaming the street.*

*I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet.*

*The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet.*

- (a) Amanda imagines herself as a \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) She is:
  - (i) roaming around the valley (ii) roaming around the town
  - (iii) roaming around the fields (iv) roaming around the street
- (c) She makes patterns on soft dust with her:
  - (i) fingers (ii) hands
  - (iii) shoes (iv) bare feet
- (d) The silence is \_\_\_\_\_ the freedom is sweet.

**OR**

Mij and I remained in London for nearly a month. He would play for hours with a selection of toys, pingpong balls, marbles, rubber fruit, and a terrapin shell that I had brought back from his native marshes. With the ping-pong ball he invented a game of his own which could keep him engrossed for up to half an hour at a time.

- (a) Mij and the narrator remained in London for:
  - (i) a week (ii) a fortnight
  - (iii) twenty days (iv) nearly a month

(b) He would play for hours:

(i) with a ball (ii) with a football

(iii) with a selection of toys (iv) with his master

(c) He invented a game of his own with \_\_\_\_\_

(i) a ping-pong ball (ii) a rubber ball

(iii) a tennis ball (iv) marbels

(d) The game could keep him \_\_\_\_\_ for up to half an hour.

**Q9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each:**

(a) Why was Valli amazed to hear herself 'a child'?

(b) What was Trickett's condition when Mrs. Pumphrey recollected him?

(c) Why was the narrator sent Lutkins back to New Mullion? Who went with him?

(d) How did Bholi react when her father caught her by the hand to take her to school?

(e) What did Lencho call the raindrops? How did he value them?

(f) What animated Mandela's life and transformed a frightened young lawyer into a bold criminal?.

**Q10. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-150 words.**

What things did Mij do which tell you that he was an intelligent, friendly and fun loving animal who needed love?

OR

Write a brief note about Coorgis.

**Q11. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-150 words.**

Science has given us many things. But it is the man who misuses them. Griffin had made wonderful discovery but he misused it. Explain.

Or

Describe ANIL'S qualities as a man and as an employer.