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MOCK TEST-3

ENGLISH (Communicative)

Integrated Classroom Course for
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Hints & Solutions

- A1.**
- (i) Answer (2) [1]
 - (ii) Answer (1) [1]
 - (iii) It is because readers value prestige more than linguistic simplicity. [1]
 - (iv) Answer (1) [1]
 - (v) Answer (3) [1]
 - (vi) folk wisdom [1]
 - (vii) Answer (4) [1]
 - (viii) The underlined part refers to when the readers were made aware that the text they read was authored by someone famous. This knowledge affected their ratings. [2]
 - (ix) Answer (3) [1]
 - (x) Readers evaluate the text not only by the quality of the arguments but also by how well they understand what the author is trying to say. Simple words and sentences make the point clear. Big words make it hard to understand. So simple texts were given higher ratings. [2]
- A2.**
- (i) Answer (2) [1]
 - (ii) Answer (2) [1]
 - (iii) Answer (1) [1]
 - (iv) Answer (3) [1]
 - (v) According to Derren Brown, unchecked scepticism may cause us harm. Therefore, we need to be careful when challenging beliefs through doubts. [2]
 - (vi) absolute [1]
 - (vii) This sentence in the last paragraph works as an argument to be empathetic towards people believing something unscientific. [2]
 - (viii) Answer (4) [1]

A3. Email writing**Sample:**

From:	nilam_555@vvp.in
To:	shikha.srivastava@vvp.in
CC:	principaloffice@vvp.in
Date:	May 10, 2024, 16:16
Subject:	Request to mark attendance in today's English class

[3]

Dear Madam

I apologise for being late in today's class and missing the roll call. Unfortunately, I encountered unforeseen traffic congestion that significantly delayed my commute. I understand the importance of punctuality and assure you that this incident was an exception. I request you to mark me present for today's class.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Nilam

A4. Factual Description**Suggested Value Points:**

- Format: Topic sentence, supporting details, closing sentence
- Unity, cohesion, the logical development of thought
- The entire piece concerning itself with a single controlling idea
- Use of appropriate connectives and linking words
- Adequate physical description and details in a sequential manner
- Careful use of tenses while giving a factual description

[4]**A5. Formal Letter**

- Format
- State the purpose of the letter
- Main Body – Cause of concern, immediate effects, suggested resolution
- Conclusion – Appropriate closing seeking timely resolution from authorities

[7]**(i) Sample:**

H-20, Patel Nagar West

New Delhi

Delhi 110008

May 1, 2024

The Editor

The Indian Express

Sector 10, Noida

Uttar Pradesh

Subject: Highlighting importance of laughter in our busy world

Dear Sir

I want to draw your attention and express my concern about the scarcity of laughter in our increasingly busy world.

In our fast-paced lives, filled with stress and responsibilities, laughter has become a rarity. However, its benefits are immense. Laughter is a natural stress-reliever, boosts our immune system, and enhances our overall well-being. It strengthens social connections, promotes positivity, and improves mental health.

By shedding light on the importance of laughter through a dedicated column, we can raise awareness among the masses about its numerous advantages. It will encourage people to prioritise joy and humour amidst their daily struggles, fostering a healthier and happier society.

I humbly request you to consider including this topic in your esteemed publication, helping to spread the message and impact lives positively.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely

Farida Khatun

OR

(ii) **Sample:**

H-20, Patel Nagar West

New Delhi

Delhi 110008

May 1, 2024

The Editor

The Indian Express

Sector 10, Noida

Uttar Pradesh

Subject: Exploring the holistic benefits of sports

Dear Sir

I am writing this letter to stress upon the multifaceted benefits of participating in sports, beyond the obvious physical advantages, and to propose that your esteemed newspaper consider dedicating a column to spread awareness about these benefits.

Engaging in sports not only improves physical fitness but also nurtures valuable life skills. It instils discipline, teamwork, perseverance, and resilience. Sports enhance cognitive abilities, boost self-confidence, and teach valuable lessons in goal-setting and time management. Moreover, they provide a platform for social interaction, cultural exchange, and community building.

By highlighting the holistic benefits of sports through a dedicated column, we can inspire individuals to embrace sports as an integral part of their lives. It will promote physical and mental well-being, and encourage a more active and inclusive society.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Yours sincerely

Farida Khatun

A6. Article Writing**[8]**

Format: Title, Name of the author, and Body

Content:

- Para 1: short introduction of the topic
- Para 2 & 3: analysis of the subject matter – causes, current scenario, advantages/ disadvantages depending upon the topic, immediate effects, any other relevant and related information
- Para 4: conclusion – Reemphasise the main idea along with suggested resolutions

(i) **Sample:**

The Crucial Role of Scientific Mentality

By Rajanish

Scientific mentality refers to a mind-set characterised by curiosity, critical thinking, and a thirst for knowledge. It is an essential attribute that should be embraced by people of all ages. Without it, we may fall prey to misinformation, superstitions, and stagnant thinking.

Instilling this mindset from an early age is crucial. Schools should focus on promoting hands-on experiments, encouraging questions, and teaching the scientific method. Parents can foster curiosity by engaging their children in scientific discussions and supporting their explorations. Providing access to reliable resources, such as books and documentaries, can also nurture scientific thinking. Moreover, society can play a significant role by promoting scientific literacy through science festivals, public lectures, and interactive exhibits.

In conclusion, the scientific mentality empowers individuals to question, analyse, and seek evidence. By fostering this mindset from an early age, we can cultivate a society that values critical thinking, innovation, and evidence-based decision-making.

OR

(ii) **Sample:**

Challenges to National Integration in India

by Ashani

National integration in India has always been a commendable pursuit, given its incredible cultural as well as linguistic, religious, and ethnic diversity. However, the nation faces various challenges in achieving a truly unified and cohesive society.

Firstly, religious and communal tensions continue to pose a significant obstacle. Instances of communal violence and religious polarisation often disrupt the fabric of unity, hindering the process of national integration. Secondly, regionalism and linguistic differences can create barriers to national cohesion. States' demands for autonomy and the preservation of regional identity can sometimes lead to conflicts and hinder a sense of shared national identity. Thirdly, socio-economic disparities and caste-based discrimination persist, further fragmenting society. Lastly, political divisions and ideological differences among various groups can challenge national integration. The presence of diverse political ideologies and regional parties can sometimes overshadow the larger objective of national unity.

National integration is a continuous process that requires collective efforts from the government, civil society, and individuals to ensure a harmonious and unified India.

- A7. A.** (i) Answer (d)
(ii) Answer (c)
(iii) Answer (b)

[1×3=3]

B.	No.	Error	Correction	[1×4=4]
	(i)	more	many	
	(ii)	less	lesser	
	(iii)	were	are	
	(iv)	the	a	
	(v)	grown	growing	
	(vi)	it's	its	

C. (i) Those brave among us have always wanted to conquer them. [1]
 (ii) (a) affirmed [1]
 (b) he often did not stay in a good mood [1]

A8. A. (i) Jenkins is a publisher whereas the narrator is a writer, who writes ghost stories for his publications. [1]
 (ii) Jenkins meant that the ghosts in the narrator's stories were realistic in the way that they appealed to the readers. [1]
 (iii) The extract highlights the problematic influence of the market on art treating artistic creations as commodities to be supplied on demand. [1]
 (iv) The narrator said this when he was unaware of the role of ghosts in his creative process but had the feeling that those stories came to him from somewhere else. [1]

B. (i) The language is evocative and atmospheric, using vivid imagery and archaic vocabulary to create a sense of mystery and intrigue. [1]
 (ii) The mariner stops one of the three wedding guests who were going to attend a marriage feast. [1]
 (iii) Answer (1) [1]
 (iv) Answer (4) [1]

C. (i) Antony says this to express his confidence in the judgement of the conspirators who killed Caesar, his beloved friend. [1]
 (ii) 'slippery ground' stands for the allegiance shown by Antony to Caesar as well as the conspirators. Antony maintained friendship with the conspirators but couldn't forget Caesar's plight. In an implicit manner, he compared this conflict with standing on slippery ground. [1]
 (iii) Antony suggests that if Caesar's spirit were to witness their current situation, it would be more painful for him to see his friend Antony making peace with his enemies than his own death. [1]
 (iv) Antony refers to himself as potentially being perceived as "a coward or a flatterer" depending on the choices he makes after Caesar's death. [1]

A9. Suggested Value Points:**[2×5=10]**

- (i) The poet refers to his own act of throwing a log at a snake as his "pettiness." He regrets his impulsive and disrespectful action, considering it unworthy of the encounter with such a majestic creature which caused no harm.
- (ii) Yes, I think the author was indirectly talking about the old coachman Ali nearing death like the about-to-disappear stars in the morning sky, but still holding on to his hope of receiving a letter from his daughter with a mind glowing with happy memories.
- (iii) Patol Babu proves that a commoner's struggle for survival doesn't necessarily murder their finer sensibilities or rob them of their true identity. Patol Babu teaches us to go beyond basic instincts, be resilient to the clutches of an increasingly dehumanising world and boldly manifest our true identity.
- (iv) No human creation exists in isolation; it is an amalgamation of inputs from the surroundings. In addition to that, the impossibility to disassociate the author from their work makes it even more difficult to pinpoint an origin. 'The Shady Plot' emphasises this conundrum.
- (v) Poverty has no age-bias and kids like Nicola and Jacopo are often exposed to harsh realities, responsibilities, and challenges very early in life. The need to navigate difficult circumstances and survive in a cruel world forces them to mature quickly, taking on adult roles and concerns before their time.
- (vi) If I were the nightingale, I would have trusted my own voice, embraced my unique style, and resisted the frog's manipulative criticism. I would have stayed true to my art and found my own path to success.

A10. Suggested Value Points:**[8]**

- (i)
 - Even if Mrs. Packletide had successfully hunted and killed a young, healthy tiger on her own, it still wouldn't have proven her superiority over Loona Bimberton.
 - In the excitement of proving Bimberton inferior Mrs Packletide became a victim of the same shallow philosophy of egotism.
 - History stands witness that true greatness is never achieved through self-aggrandisement or diminishing others, but often through self-sacrifice and a genuine concern for others.
 - Mrs. Packletide's misguided pursuit reflects a shallow understanding of greatness, as she was willing to kill an innocent animal solely to satisfy her ego.
 - This superficial idea fails to acknowledge that true greatness lies in empathy, compassion, and the willingness to uplift others without seeking personal glory.
 - The story highlights the importance of recognizing the value of every life, emphasising that the path to true greatness involves putting aside one's ego and selfish desires in favour of a more selfless and compassionate approach.

OR

- (ii)
 - In D.H. Lawrence's poem 'Snake', the speaker's encounter with a snake prompts reflections on the flawed concept of a human-centric world, where other beings are relegated to secondary status.
 - The poem challenges the notion that Earth is exclusively for human beings, highlighting the arrogance and narrow-mindedness of such a belief.
 - The speaker's initial instinct to kill the snake arises from a misguided sense of superiority ingrained by human education.
 - However, as the encounter unfolds, the speaker's perspective shifts. The snake becomes a symbol of dignity and regal world, evoking a desire for connection and understanding.
 - The poem questions the hierarchy imposed by humans, suggesting that all creatures, regardless of their form, deserve respect and coexistence.
 - It calls for humility, acknowledging the flaws in our understanding of our place in the natural world and the need to reconsider our relationship with other beings.

