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**CLASS-XI HALF-YEARLY EXAMINATION,  
DECEMBER - 2025**

**कक्षा - XI अर्द्धवार्षिक परीक्षा, दिसम्बर - 2025**

**ENGLISH (Compulsory)**

**I.Sc., I.Com. & I.A.**

कुल प्रश्न : 80 + 25 + 8 = 113

Total Questions : 80 + 25 + 8 = 113

(समय : 3 घंटे)

कुल मुद्रित पृष्ठ : 32

Total Printed Pages : 32

(पूर्णांक : 100)

[ Full Marks : 100 ]

## SECTION - B

### ( Short Answer Type Questions )

**Instructions :** There are 25 short questions in Section-B out of which any 15 questions are to be answered by the candidate. Each question carries 2 marks.

$$15 \times 2 = 30$$

1. How was the European Lock-up different from the cell assigned to Nehru ?
2. How did the sight of the towering Himalayas moved Nehru's heart ?

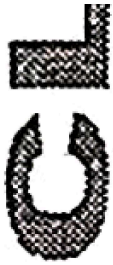




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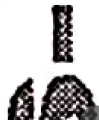
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8. How is liberty a social contract ?
9. Why do the enemies of science abuse exponents ?
10. How will the discarding of clothes affect mankind ?
11. What, according to Gavaskar, is the common trait of crowds all over India ?



12. Why was Gavaskar finding it easy to play in the Delhi test match ?
13. Why is "Love's not a Time's fool" ?
14. How does Shakespeare depict the permanent nature of love ?
15. Why did the speaker of the poem "The Chimney Sweeper" use to sweep chimneys ?
16. How did the Angel help the chimney sweepers ?



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17. Why does the horse shake his harness bells in the poem 'Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening' ?
18. What other sounds apart from the harness bells could the speaker hear in the woods ?
19. What is the tone of the poem 'The Lamentations of the Old Pensioner' ?
20. What did the speaker in Yeats' poem use to do before time disfigured him ?
21. Who did the natives of England call Saxons ?

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24. When did the Great Vowel Shift take place ?

25. What does Tagore mean by "dreary desert sand of dead habit" ?



### **( Long Answer Type Questions )**

**Instructions :** There are 8 questions out of which any 4 questions are to be answered. Each question carries 5 marks. Any question attempted between numbers 26 and 29 must be answered in 100 – 150 words :

26. Write an essay on any *one* of the following :  $1 \times 5 = 5$

a) Future of Artificial Intelligence

b) Biodiversity of India

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26. Write an essay on any *one* of the following :  $1 \times 5 = 5$

- a) Future of Artificial Intelligence
- b) Biodiversity of India
- c) Importance of Physical Education
- d) Water Pollution
- e) A stitch in time saves nine.



27. A catch in time saves nine.

27. Explain any one of the following :

1 × 5 = 5

- a) Prevented from indulging in normal activities we became more observant of nature's ways.
- b) Cultural renaissance can come about in the life of nation only when a large number of determined scholars devote a life-time to search after truth.



30. Match the names of the poets given in List-A with their works in List-B :  $5 \times 1 = 5$

**List-A**

- i) Rabindranath Tagore
- ii) William Shakespeare
- iii) William Blake
- iv) Robert Frost

**List-B**

- a) The Lamentations of the Old Pensioner
- b) Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening
- c) The Chimney Sweeper
- d) The Marriage of True



31. Match the names of the authors given in List-A with their works in List-B : 5 × 1 = 5

**List-A**

- i) Jawaharlal Nehru
- ii) Dr. Rajendra Prasad
- iii) A. G. Gardiner
- iv) R. K. Narayan
- v) J.B.S. Haldane

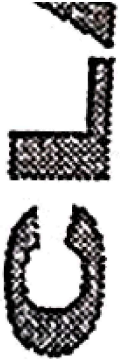
**List-B**

- a) The Scientific Point of View
- b) The Rule of the Road
- c) A Snake in the Grass
- d) Nalanda : Ancient Seat of Learning
- e) Animals in Prison

32. Translate any *five* of the following sentences into English : 5 × 1 = 5

- i) क्या तुम अभी तक उसी घर में रहते हो ?
- ii) मेरी बहन को गणित और अंग्रेजी से डर नहीं लगता ।
- iii) वह भूत-प्रेत पर विश्वास नहीं करता ।
- iv) क्या आप मंदिर जा रहे हैं ?
- v) वह क्या करना चाहता है ?
- vi) पापा कल दिल्ली से आने वाले हैं ।
- vii) तुम उसका मज़ाक उड़ा रहे थे ।





33. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions  
that follow :

5 × 1 = 5

Deep within the heart of Lumeria lay an enchanted forest where sunlight danced through silver leaves and flowers glowed at night. The elves of Lumeria guarded the forest, living in tree houses woven from moonlight and vines. Among them was Elenor, a young elf curious about the world beyond their borders. One morn

# **1. How was the European Lock-up different from the cell assigned to Nehru?**

**Answer: The European lock-up was a small room with a small barred window high up, while Nehru's cell was larger with a low wall and a courtyard.**

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# **2. How did the sight of the towering Himalayas move Nehru's heart?**

**Answer: The sight of the Himalayas moved Nehru's heart by filling him with a sense of peace and a connection to India's past and culture.**

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# **3. Who was Fa-Hien? When did he visit Nalanda?**

**Answer: Fa-Hien was a Chinese Buddhist monk and translator who visited Nalanda around the early 5th century CE, during the reign of Chandragupta II.**



**4. Name four countries from where scholars came to study in Nalanda.**

**Answer: Scholars came to study in Nalanda from countries such as China, Korea, Japan, and Tibet.**

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**5. Who was Dasa and why did he dismiss the information about the cobra?**

**Answer: Dasa was a servant who dismissed the information about the cobra because he believed the person giving the information was a liar and a gossip.**

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**6. Why did the snake-charmer look helplessly about?**

**Answer: The snake-charmer looked helplessly about because he could not find the cobra and was afraid of the consequences of failing to catch it.**



**7. Why did the stout old lady refuse to walk on the pavement?**

**Answer: Because she was afraid of being pushed off the pavement by other people.**

## **8. How is liberty a social contract?**

**Answer: Liberty is a social contract because individual freedom is limited by the need for social order and the rights of others.**

## **9. Why do the enemies of science abuse exponents ?**

**Answer: The enemies of science abuse exponents because they fear the progress and change that scientific advancements bring.**

## **10. How will the discarding of clothes affect mankind?**

**Answer:** Discarding clothes would likely lead to societal chaos, a return to primitive conditions, and a breakdown of modesty and order.

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## **11. What, according to Gavaskar, is the common trait of crowds all over India?**

**Answer:** According to Gavaskar, the common trait of crowds all over India is their passion and enthusiasm for cricket.

## **12. Gavaskar and the Delhi test match**

**Answer: Sunil Gavaskar found it easy to play in the Delhi test match because he was in excellent form and the pitch conditions suited his batting style.**

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## **13. "Love's not a Time's fool"**

**Answer: "Love's not a Time's fool" means that true love is not a temporary, fleeting emotion that is subject to the destructive power of time. It is eternal and unchanging, unlike physical beauty which fades with age.**

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## **14. Permanent nature of love**

**Answer: Shakespeare depicts the permanent nature of love by comparing it to an "ever-fixed mark" that is not shaken by tempests. He states that love "alters not with his brief hours and weeks, / But bears it out even to the edge of doom."**



## **15. The "Chimney Sweeper" speaker's job**

**Answer: The speaker of the poem "The Chimney Sweeper" used to sweep chimneys because he was a young, orphaned child who was sold into the trade by his father after his mother died.**

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## **16. The Angel's help**

**Answer: The Angel helped the chimney sweepers by appearing in Tom Dacre's dream and unlocking the coffins (chimneys) in which the children were trapped. The Angel then led them to a green plain where they could wash off the soot and play freely in the sun.**




## 26. Write an essay on any one of the following

The user is presented with five essay topics and asked to write an essay on any one. Here is a brief explanation of each topic to help in choosing one.

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### a) Future of Artificial Intelligence

Answer: **Conceptual homework problem explanation**

Artificial intelligence (AI) involves creating intelligent machines that can perform tasks normally requiring human intelligence. The future of AI is expected to involve advanced machine learning and deep learning applications that solve complex problems in various industries and daily life. 

## **27. Explain any one of the following**

**a) Prevented from indulging in normal activities we became more observant of nature's ways.**

**Answer:** This statement suggests that a lack of normal human activities can lead to a heightened awareness and appreciation of the natural world. When daily routines are disrupted, individuals may find themselves with more time and opportunity to notice the intricate details and rhythms of nature that might otherwise be overlooked. This forced stillness can shift focus from human-centric concerns to the environment, fostering a deeper connection and understanding of it.

**30. Match the names of the poets given in List-A with their works in List-B**

**Answer: (i)-d, (ii)-a, (iii)-c, (iv)-b**