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Practice Assignment 2

CLASS – XI

ENGLISH (301)

SECTION A – Reading

1	<p>Read the following passage carefully:</p> <p>The number of deaths on the road is staggering. Each year, hundreds die as a result of traffic accidents. Many a time, these accidents could have been prevented if both the drivers and pedestrians had taken more care on the road.</p> <p>One of the greatest dangers on the road are the irresponsible drivers. Whether they are drunk, sleepy or in a hurry, they show little consideration for other vehicles and pedestrians whose safety is in peril just because they refuse to be more thoughtful. The greatest threat comes from drunk drivers. After all, it is not unknown that alcohol dulls one's reactions as well as vision. Without both in tip-top condition, choosing to drive is an act of terrible willfulness. Many fatal accidents have occurred during festive seasons. The traffic police have taken the pains to plant roadblocks to ensure that drivers do not have high levels of alcohol in their blood as well as put up posters and advertisements to warn against drunk driving. Yet, many still choose to believe that they will not be caught.</p> <p>Other drivers who are in a hurry also show little care for the safety of others. They zigzag in and out of traffic lanes to get ahead of everyone else, oblivious to the menace that they are. This could result in fatal accidents as the drivers have little time and inclination to react to flaws in their judgment, which could be something as simple as assuming that the road ahead is clear in the next lane. When an obstruction suddenly appears before them, they instinctively swerve the car away, sometimes into the car next to them or onto the pavement where innocent pedestrians are. When they are finally sorry for being so careless, it is almost always too late.</p> <p>Faulty traffic lights are also a hazard on the road. When green lights flash simultaneously at a cross-junction, accidents can occur as drivers are confused by them and end up in a messy pile-up. Also, drivers who are cautious tend to adopt a wait-and-see attitude because they are not sure if the lights are really not working. As a result, the drivers behind in the congestion become impatient and angry, which could lead to lots of honking and shouting. This could result in unpleasant flare-ups and quarrels.</p> <p>Pedestrians themselves can be hazardous to safety on the road. Many of them do not obey traffic signs and signals, choosing to cross the road as and when they please. Rather than walking fifty meters to the pedestrian crossing, many prefer to take their chances with the heavy traffic. They fail to realize that the pedestrian crossing was there for the sole purpose of ensuring their own safety. Others choose not to walk on the designated pavements but on the roads instead. This causes problems to drivers who find themselves having to 'invade' the next lane temporarily or even stop hastily. Many accidents have been caused by such inconsiderate pedestrians. Thus, it is clear that road accidents are caused more often than not by human errors. It is important that both the drivers and pedestrians take care to ensure their own safety as well as that of others to minimize the dangers on the "highway of death," as roads are commonly dubbed.</p>
1.1	<p>On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes using Headings and sub-headings. Supply an appropriate title to it. Write down summary of the passage in about 80 words.</p>
2	<p>SECTION B - Grammar and Writing</p> <p>Rearrange the jumbled words/phrases to make meaningful sentences.</p>

	<p>a) elephant/land animal/largest/is/today/the b) mild/peace/is/animal/loving/is/animal/it/a/and c) more easily/that is why/domesticated/be/can/and/it/trained d) the/sensitive/mammal/trunks/organ/their/most/in/any/are</p>
3	You are an electrical engineer in need of a job in or around Bengaluru. Write an advertisement for publication in a local daily. You are Ayan / Alisha
4	Academic excellence is the only requirement for a successful career." Write a debate in 120 – 150 words, either for or against the motion. You are Vedant / Savleen.
SECTION C – Literature	
Read the given extracts carefully and answer the questions that follow:	
5	<p>I don't understand this child Though we have lived together now In the same house for years, I know Nothing of him so try to build Up a relationship from how He was when small</p>
(i)	<p>The expression 'this child' actually refers to...</p> <p>(a) a newly born son. (b) an adolescent son (c) a grown-up adult son. (d) a middle-aged son.</p>
(ii)	<p>A word that BEST describes the quality of the relationship between the father and the son here is</p> <p>(a) affinity (b) affection (c) assurance. (d) alienation</p>
(iii)	<p>The speaker wishes to...</p> <p>(a) have nothing to do with his son (b) understand and know his son better (c) forget the childhood days of his son (d) ensure that his son moves out to a home of his own</p>
(i)	<p>What is the contrast in the personalities of the two women?</p> <p>(a) Polite vs Assertive (b) Gentle vs Sensible (c) Scared vs Brave (d) They have nothing to contrast</p>
6	<p>Tired and hungry, I started breathing through my mouth. After a while, I switched to single nostril power which seemed to be admitting enough oxygen but, just as I was drifting off, I woke up abruptly. Something was wrong. My chest felt strangely heavy and I sat up, a moment that cleared my nasal passages almost instantly and relieved the feeling in my chest.</p>
(i)	Who is 'I' in the above lines?
(ii)	What made the narrator catch a cold?
(iii)	Find the antonym of the word 'alleviate'.
7	Answer Any Three of the following questions in about 40-50 words each:
	<p>(a) What problem did the king's ministers face after the king was hanged? What did they do to solve it? (The Tale of Melon City')</p> <p>(b) A doctor's place in society is next to God. What are the values displayed by Dr. Andrew to indicate that he was a doctor to the core? ('Birth')</p> <p>(c) How did Professor Gaitonde behave at Azad Maidan? What was the reaction of the audience? (The Adventure)</p> <p>(d) Which do you think is the most important step towards adulthood? Why? (Childhood)</p>
8	What difficulties did the author encounter and overcome when he set out to reach Mount Kailash?

