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## Practice Examination 2020-2021

**Std. : 12<sup>th</sup>**

Date : 22/03/2021

**Subject - English**

**Marks : 80**

**Time : 11.30 To 2.30**

## Section I : PROSE

(Reading for Comprehension, Language Study, Summary, Mind Mapping)

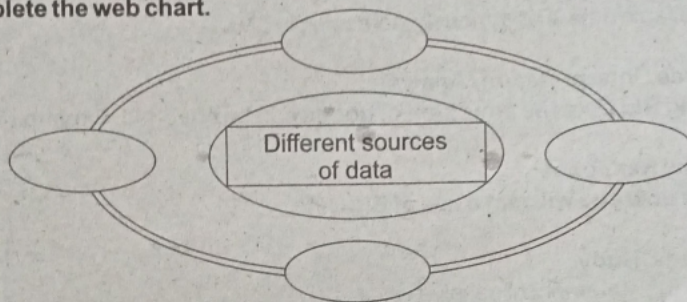
**Q.1 A) Read the extract and complete the activities given below.**

**A1. Complete the web chart.**

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There is a revolution in the lifestyle of people which has been affected by Big Data. Our food habits, our health care, our travelling, our scientific pursuits, you name it and everything has changed 360 degrees. The massive data available with us can really work wonders. Friends, do you know what happens when we like a post on Facebook or share a post on WhatsApp, visit any website, make online purchases, or watch videos ? Yes, whatever activity we do online is recorded monitored and analysed. So a huge amount of data is collected. Let me give you an idea of how huge the data might be. Big Data can be petabytes or exabytes of data consisting of billions to trillions of records of millions of people- all from different sources, for example web, sales, customer contact centre, social media, mobile data and so on. The data available to industries and companies is enormously increasing in volume, variation, velocity, veracity and value. Such a Big Data is easy to obtain but so massive that it challenges the current computing technologies and hence Big Data analytics is used to give insights that were previously incomprehensible. Big Data analytics is the complex process of examining large and varied data sets or Big Data to uncover information such as hidden patterns, unknown correlations, market trends and customer preferences. With such a huge data available with the industries they can have innumerable advantages hence all the industries are trying to reap the maximum benefit from it. Many industries have advanced by miles from their competitors. It's not the amount of data that is important but what the organizations do with the data is what matters.

**Uses of Big Data**

- 1. Location Tracking :** Big Data has been useful in identifying and tracking the exact location of a place. Your GPS and Google Maps make use of Big Data. With geographic positioning and radio frequency identification sensors we get the real-time data about traffic, congestion on a particular route, information if the route is closed or if it is a one-way route, understanding accident prone areas etc. You can plan your own route according to the travel time and the transportation of goods. If you have ordered something online you can track the location of your goods in transit, you can also track the condition of the goods. This has immensely helped the logistics companies to reduce risks in transport, improve speed and reliability in delivery.
- 2. Understanding the Weather Patterns :** There are weather sensors and satellites set-up all around the globe. Huge amount of data is continuously being received from them. They help us to

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understand the weather and help in weather forecasting. Weather patterns give us warnings of the impending natural calamities like floods, earthquakes, tsunami etc. Necessary preparations to combat them can be made well in advance. We can study global warming, predict availability of natural resources like water.

**A2. Complex Factual. 2**

Read the following statements and write down they are true or false.

- 1) Everything including food habits, healthcare and travelling has changed 360 degrees.
- 2) Whatever activity we do offline is recorded and monitored.
- 3) Big Data can be gigabyte.
- 4) The available data is enormously increasing in 5 Vs.

**A3. Inference / Interpretation / Analysis. 2**

By using Big Data the condition of goods can be checked. Explain.

**A4. Personal Response. 2**

Narrate how you will make use of Big Data.

**A5. Language Study. 2**

- 1) Choose the statement of passive voice.
  - a) Many industries have advanced by miles from their competitors.
  - b) Huge amount of data is continuously being received from them.
- 2) Big Data has been useful in identifying and tracking the exact location of place.  
(Use 'to identify' and rewrite the sentence making necessary changes)

**A6. Vocabulary. 2**

Find four words with a similar meaning to 'massive'

**B1. Language Study 3**

- 1) The novel has ..... beginning, a middle and ..... end.  
(Rewrite using suitable articles)
- 2) The joker ..... the circus was wearing a big hat ..... his head.  
(Rewrite using suitable prepositions)
- 3) Fraternity means a sense of common brotherhood of all Indians.  
(Frame a wh question to get the underlined part as an answer)

**B2. Spot the error and correct the sentence. 1**

I was not completed the task.

**Q.2 A) Read the extract and complete the activities given below. 12**

**A1. Read the following statements and arrange them in the sequential order as they occur in the extract. 2**

- 1) Always wear the correct fit.
- 2) At the beginning shoes were flat and without a heel.
- 3) High heels can be hazardous.
- 4) Wearing high heels interferes with your normal gait.

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When shoes were first made, they were made flat without a heel. Since normal walking requires that the heel of the foot should strike the ground before the toes, these early shoes used to wear out quickly at the heel, prompting shoemakers to reinforce the heel, and so creating heeled shoes.

③ Women have been wearing high - heeled shoes for centuries in the pursuit of fashion. However, regularly wearing shoes with high heels can be hazardous. The biggest risk, perhaps, is losing your balance and breaking an ankle. Wearing high heels interferes with your normal gait. They throw your weight forward, making it difficult to sustain upright balance. They force you to use a lot of extra muscular effort to keep from falling forward. Much of this extra effort is concentrated in the lower back arch, which can lead to back pain. Experts warn that high heels can also result in a variety of foot problems, including metatarsalgia, which is pain in the ball of the foot. Another condition called Morton's neuroma, which is 10 times more common in women than men, is caused by the thickening of tissue around a nerve between the third and fourth toes. It usually envelops in response to imitation and excessive pressure, such as the burden of weight high heels place on the ball of the foot.

However, if one cannot resist wearing 'heels, the following tips can help to keep your feet healthy.

① Always wear the correct fit. Have both feet measured the next time you buy shoes. You will probably find that one foot is larger than the other - always buy shoes to fit the larger foot, never buy shoes that are too tight. Buy shoes later in the day when your feet are a bit swollen. Never wear a heel higher than 6.5 cm. Only buy heels that you are comfortable in.

**A2. Give information.** 2  
**Write any four drawbacks of regularly wearing shoes with high heels.**  
 Drawbacks of regularly wearing shoes with high heels are :-  
 1) ..... 2) .....  
 3) ..... 4) .....

**A3. Guessing.** 2  
**Guess the intention of writing this extract.**

**A4. Personal Response.** 2  
 To wear shoes with high heels is good or bad. (Give your opinion)

**A5. Language study.** 2  
**Do as directed.**  
 1) They throw your weight forward, making it difficult to sustain upright balance.  
 (Make it compound sentence)  
 2) Always wear the correct fit.  
 (Choose the correct alternative that shows the type of this sentence)  
 a) Interrogative sentence  
 b) Imperative sentence  
 c) Exclamatory sentence

**A6. Vocabulary.**  
**Write the correct meaning of the following words from the given alternatives.** 2  
 1) Centuries

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- a) Thousands of years
- b) Hundreds of years

**2) Hazardous**

- a) Dangerous
- b) Hard

**3) Gait**

- a) Style of giving
- b) Style of walking

**4) Pursuit**

- a) Carrying purse and suit
- b) To achieve something

**B) Summary Writing.**

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Write a brief summary of the above extract with the help of the points given below. Suggest a suitable title for it.

Earlier shoes, need of high heels, drawbacks of wearing high heels regularly, suggestions about wearing shoes etc.

**C) Mind Mapping.**

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Develop a 'Mind Mapping' frame / design to show the 'Benefits of games and sports' to the students. You can take the help of the following points in order to develop each of them into further branches :

(Fitness and stamina, team spirit and sportsmanship, group behaviour, killer's instinct, will to win)

**SECTION II : POETRY (POETRY AND APPRECIATION)**

**Q.3 A) Read the extract (The Poem) and do all the activities.**

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When I had money, money, O!  
I knew no joy till I went poor;  
For many a false man as a friend  
Came knocking all day at my door,

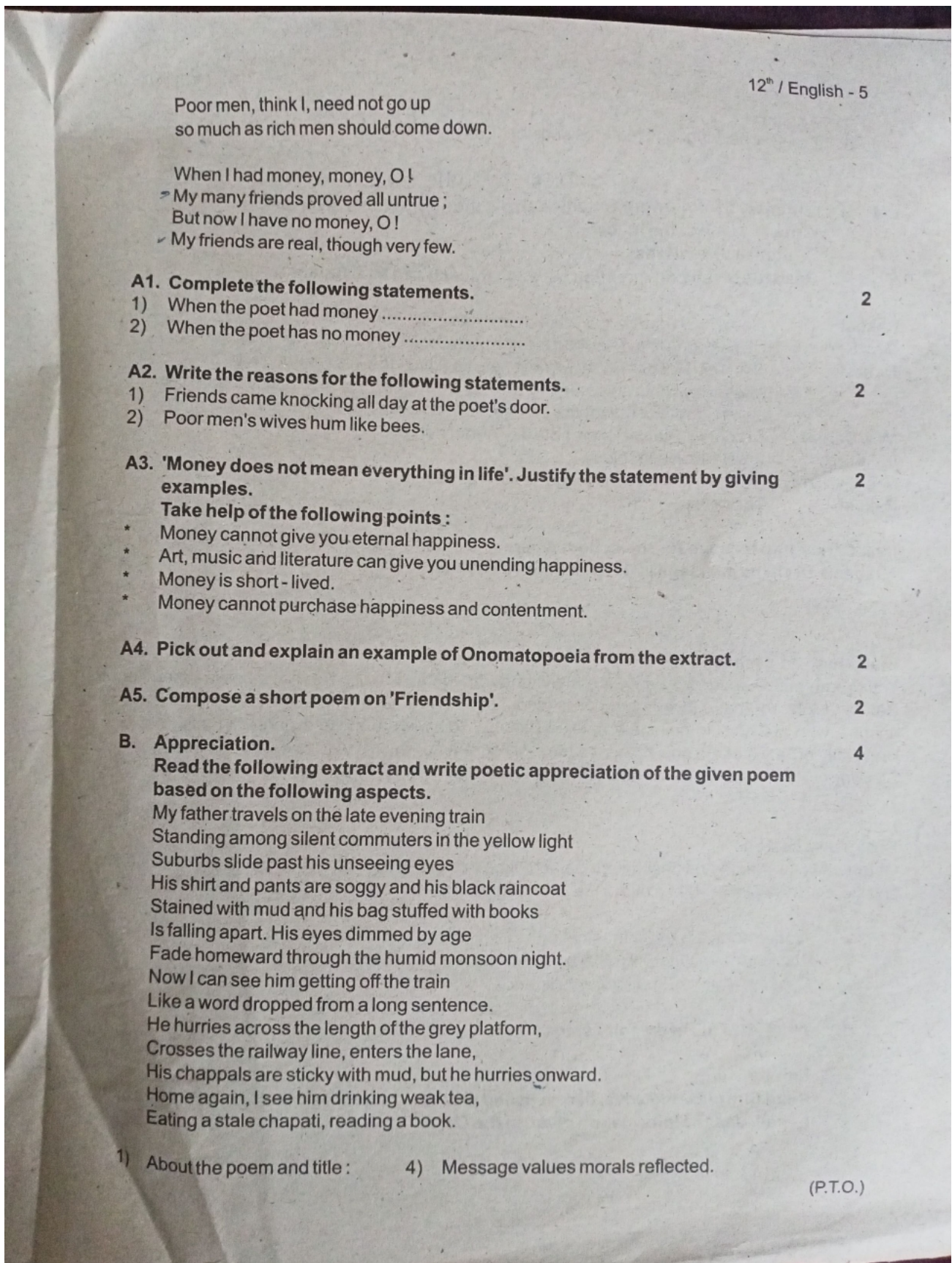
Then felt I like a child that holds  
A trumpet that he must not blow  
Because a man is dead; I dared  
Not speak to let this false world know.

Much have I thought of life, and seen  
How poor men's hearts are ever light;  
And how their wives do hum like bees  
About their work from morn till night.

So, when I hear these poor ones laugh,  
And see the rich ones coldly frown

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- 2) Theme
- 3) Poetic style, language features and poetic devices
- 5) Your opinion about the poem

### SECTION III : (WRITING SKILLS)

**Q.4 A) Complete the following activities as per the instructions given below.**

**Write any One of the following.**

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**Drafting a Virtual Message.**

**Read the given conversation between Rakesh and Mrs. Sarkar.**

- Rakesh :** Hello, may I speak to Dr. Sarkar ?  
**Mrs. Sarkar :** He has gone to the hospital to attend the OPD. May I know who is speaking ?  
**Rakesh :** Yes, I am Rakesh Sood. My wife has been having a severe headache since yesterday. Since this morning she has also developed high temperature. I would be very grateful if doctor could come over to our place to examine her.  
**Mrs. Sarkar :** Of course. Please let me note down your address.  
**Rakesh :** It is B - 49, New Colony.  
**Mrs. Sarkar :** I will give him your message as soon as he returns.  
**Rakesh :** Thank you.

**Mrs. Sarkar had to leave for the school where she teaches. So she wrote a message for her husband. Draft the message in not more than 50 words.**

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**OR**

**Statement of Purpose.**

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You are an animal lover. You are extremely fond of dogs and birds. You have been a member of Nature's club. You have loved going on a jungle safari. You have taken care of stray animals, or animals who are hurt. In college you liked Biology. You wish to make a career in this field. The University of Texas offers an excellent course / programme which would boost your career. Make a Statement of Purpose which will help you to get admission to this University.

**OR**

**Group discussion :**

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Gaurav, Akash, Sarita and Jasmin are participating in a group discussion on the topic 'The need of soft skills at work place'. Make use of the following points.

- Written and verbal communication
- Ways of interacting with others
- Creative abilities Emotional intelligence

**B) Write any One of the following.**

**Email Writing :**

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**Read the following advertisement and prepare a letter of application to be sent by e-mail. Use the information given in the CV.**

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**SITUATION VACANT**

Wanted

Civil Engineer, Preferably with 2 years experience. Write to :  
The Manager, Kumar Construction Company, Andheri (E),  
Mumbai - 400 069.

E-mail : [kumcons@abc.com](mailto:kumcons@abc.com) Mark your letter as :  
Application for the post of Civil Engineer

**CV (Resume)**

Name : Ajinkya Godbole

Education Qualification : B.E. (First Class)

Pune University

Interests : reading, travelling, wild-life photography.

OR

**Report Writing.**

Imagine you have visited Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve.  
Write a report to be published in your school / college magazine.

OR

**Interview Questions :**

Your college has decided to celebrate the World Environment Day. Dr. Paul Johnson, an environment scientist has been invited as the 'Chief Guest' for the event. You are assigned to conduct an interview with Dr. Paul Johnson. Frame 8/10 questions for the same.

**C) Write any One of the following.**

**Speech Writing.**

Prepare a speech of about 100 words on 'Superstitions' to be presented before an audience on 'Science Day' in your college. You may use the following points.

Popular superstitions

Effect on people

\* Remedies

\* Any other points

OR

**Compering :**

Imagine that you are a compere of the 'Independance Day' function in your school / college.

Write a script for the same. You can take the help of the following points :

- 1) Introduction and Welcome speech - A brief introduction of the programme and welcome of the guest.
- 2) Flag hoisting and National Anthem
- 3) Pledge
- 4) Principal's speech
- 5) Songs
- 6) Vote of thanks

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OR

**Expansion of Idea :**

Expand the idea inherent in the following line 'Where there is a will, there is a way'.

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**D) Attempt any One of the following :****Film Review :**

Write a review for the film you have recently watched with the help of the following points.

1. Story
2. Characters
3. Setting
4. Conflict
5. Message

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OR

**Blog Writing :**

Prepare a blog post on the topic 'Science and Superstition'

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OR

**Appeal Writing :**

Appeal your classmates to 'Say No to Junk Food'. Write an appeal to prefer organic food over junk food.

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**SECTION IV (LITERARY GENRE - NOVEL)****Q. 5 A) Complete the activities given below as per the instructions.**

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**1. Pick out the odd element from the group.**

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1. Arun Joshi
2. Vikram Seth
3. Graham Greene
4. Kiran Nagarkar

**2. State whether the following statements are true or false.**

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1. The eighteenth century has gifted 'Drama' and 'Poetry' to English Literature.
2. 'Tale of Genji' has been described as the world's first novel.
3. Theme is the central idea in the novel.
4. Conflict in the story enhances interest and curiosity about the plot.

**B) Complete the activities given below as per the instructions :**

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1. Give a brief character - sketch of - Denham.
2. Describe in brief the purpose of organizing the half - yearly report programme of students' council.

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**C) Complete the activities given below as per the instructions :**

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**Choose the correct alternatives -**

1. The countries referred to in the extract of the novel 'Around the World In Eighty Days' are -

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- a. China
- b. America
- c. Australia
- d. India

2. Elaborate the quote 'Quitter never wins and winner never quits' in the light of the extract of the novel 'Around the World in Eighty Days'.

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**D) Complete the activities given below as per the instructions :**

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1. Mary received a large and lustrous pearl through the post. Elaborate.
2. Write the central idea of the extract of the novel 'The Sign of Four'.

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