

**Directorate of Education, GNCT of Delhi**  
**Practice Paper(Term-II, 2021-22)**  
**Class – XII**  
**English Core (Code: 301)**

**Time: 2 hours**

**Maximum Marks: 40**

**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains Three sections- READING, WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Line No.	<b>SECTION A- READING (14 Marks)</b>	
	<b>1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.</b>	
5	Dugong or the sea cow is the State animal of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. This endangered marine species survives on seagrass and other aquatic vegetation found in the area. It is the only herbivorous mammal that is strictly marine. Dugongs are usually about three-meter long and weigh about 400 kg. Dugongs have an expanded head and trunk-like upper lip. Elephants are considered to be their closest relatives. However, unlike dolphins and other cetaceans, sea cows have two nostrils and no dorsal fin. Distributed in shallow tropical waters in the Indo-Pacific region, in India, they are found in the Gulf of Kutch, Gulf of Mannar, Palk Bay, and	
10	Andaman & Nicobar Islands.	
15	Having being declared vulnerable, the marine animal calls for conserving efforts. Studies have suggested the reasons for the extinction of the animal such as slow breeding rate, fishing, and the loss of habitat. The herbivorous mammal feeds on seagrass, which is at a loss. Human activities such as riding of speed-boats causes death of the animal due to boat and propellor strikes. Further, habitat loss is also attributed to the increase in conversion of coastal forests to banana, areca nut, and coconut plantations and high boat traffic.	

20	<p>Natural factors are also responsible for the decline in Dugongs population. According to study (Das &amp; Dey 1999), extreme weather events such as cyclones and high energy tidal storms may also contribute to the loss of seagrasses in the region.</p>	
25	<p>Dugongs are also known to suffer due to accidental entanglement and drowning in gill-nets. Fishing activities around the Indian, Andaman, Nicobar, and Sri Lankan coasts include gill netting and dynamite fishing.</p>	
30	<p>India's first Dugong conservation reserve will be built in Tamil Nadu for the conservation of Dugong, a marine animal that has been enlisted vulnerable to extinction on a global scale by the World Conservation Union (IUCN). The reserve will spread over an area of 500 km in Palk Bay on the southeast coast of Tamil Nadu. Palk Bay is a semi-enclosed shallow water body with a water depth maximum of 13 meters.</p>	
35	<p>The conservation reserve can promote growth and save the vulnerable species from the verge of extinction. Dugongs are protected in India under Schedule 1 of the Indian Wildlife Act 1972 which bans the killing and purchasing of dugong meat. Community participation in dugong conservation can help in helping the dugong population recover. It also calls for creating awareness among the people, involving the local communities.</p>	
	<p><b>Based on your understanding of the passage, answer ANY EIGHT questions from the nine given below.</b></p>	<p><b>1x8 =8</b></p>
i	<p>According to the passage, what do Dugongs eat?</p>	<p><b>1</b></p>
ii	<p>What characteristic feature of Dugong, make them similar to elephants and different from Dolphins?</p>	<p><b>1</b></p>
iii	<p>Rewrite the given sentence by replacing the underlined word with a phrase similar in meaning, taking cues from lines 10 to 14.</p> <p><i>The present crisis <u>demands</u> mature judgment on the part of our leaders.</i></p>	<p><b>1</b></p>

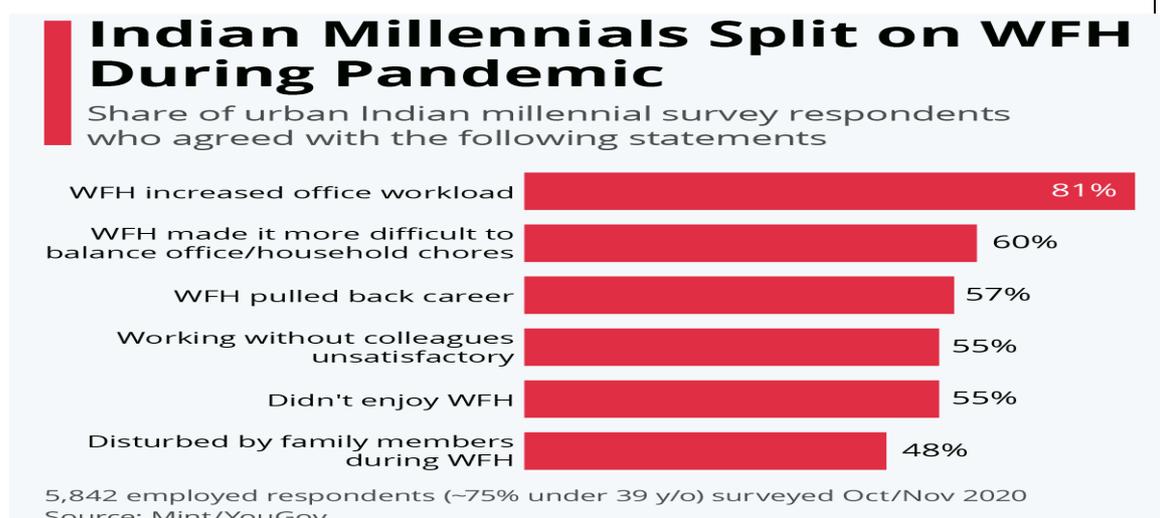
iv	<p>Select a suitable word from lines 25 to 30, that may replace the underlined word, to complete the following sentence appropriately.</p> <p>The house is <u>unsafe</u>, since the foundations are weakened by floods.</p>	1
v	<p>What could be the role of community in Dugong conservation?</p>	1
vi	<p>Which aquatic conditions are favourable for Dugong population?</p>	1
vii	<p>How is the natural habitat of Dugong at risk due to natural events?</p>	1
viii	<p>Which human activities need to be checked to save Dugongs from extinction?</p>	1
ix.	<p>“Dugongs are protected in India under Schedule 1 of the Indian Wildlife Act 1972.” To what extent such laws are successful in protecting the wildlife?</p>	1
<p><b>2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.</b></p> <p>The pandemic has been widely defined as the gateway to a new future for the world. For most people, particularly the millennials the changes were unprecedented, rapid and highly disruptive. Along with major lifestyle changes, Work From Home (WFH) became a reality that most of the working population was pushed into.</p> <p>YouGov Millennial Survey found that the millennials are fundamentally divided in their perception of WFH. Before the pandemic, unlike many developed nations WFH was not a mainstream option for most of the workforce. The general notion was that WFH is a perk reserved for the lucky ones. However, when the pandemic forced the entire generation to WFH, the repercussions were unexpected.</p> <p>The blurring boundaries between home and work has been a major flaw of WFH throughout the world. In this survey as well, 60% of the</p>		6

millennials reported difficulty in balancing household chores and office work. Women employees are projected to be suffering more due to this since they are the primary caregivers and shoulder most of the domestic work.

Presence of family members at home has been rated as a negative component for WFH by about 48% of the respondents. Globally all sections of the population have listed missing social interaction at work, with family and friends as a major problem during the pandemic. Resonating the same sentiment, 55% of the survey participants reported working without colleagues as unsatisfactory. In many fields, especially the creative and media sectors, where brainstorming with entire teams is a necessity, this was a major challenge.

Overall, the survey found that the millennials are gravitating towards perceiving WFH negatively, although numerous positive aspects have also shot to prominence. The changes brought about by the pandemic are expected to have far reaching changes in our lives and will shape our future significantly. But one thing is certain, WFH will continue to remain mainstream in the years to come.

**FIGURE 1**



**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer ANY SIX out of the seven questions given below.**

**1x6  
=6**

- i. What does the researcher mean by saying, 'the millennials are fundamentally divided'? **1**
- ii. Comment a possible reason for the second most common complaint about 'Work From Home' as stated in the survey. **1**
- iii. Write one conclusion that can be drawn from the findings of the Survey and its expected future impacts. **1**
- iv. What can be concluded by the percentage of the survey participants who reported 'working without colleagues as unsatisfactory', with reference to the figure1? **1**

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According to the survey what is the percentage of participants who reported 'working without colleagues as unsatisfactory'?

- v. Elucidate the most common and least common complaints about Work From Home as stated in the survey? **1**

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WFH will continue to remain mainstream in the years to come. Why?

- vi. How WFH (Work from home) was perceived earlier? Substantiate with reasons. **1**
- vii. Identify the reasons responsible for difficulty in balancing household chores and office work specifically in view of gender difference. **1**

	<b>SECTION B- WRITING</b>	<b>8 Marks</b>
<b>3</b>	<p>You are the famous journalist and writer Ravish Kumar, who has received an invitation to be the chief guest for the inaugural reading event from the Principal of St. Thomas Public School, Meerut. The school is organising a week-long Book Fair as reading event. Draft a reply giving your consent for the same. Do not exceed the word limit of 50 words.</p>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<p>Attempt <b>ANY ONE</b> from <b>A</b> and <b>B</b> given below.</p>	<b>5</b>
<b>A</b>	<p>You are Kashish/Kailash, residing at B-94, Bela Road, Dehradun. You have read the advertisement given below. You are qualified for the job. Write an application in 120 – 150 words along with resume.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>India Food Processing Unit, Delhi, requires the following staff:  <b>Food technologist:</b> 2 yrs degree/diploma in food technology having 1-2 years lab experience.  <b>Receptionist:</b> Young female candidates fluent in English with good communication skills and proficiency in computer/Net surfing with 2-3 years of experience.  Please send your detailed resume within seven days to :  <b>Managing Director, IFPI, B-12, Barakhamba, New Delhi</b></p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p><b>B</b> After Russia attacked Ukraine and launched a military operation on February 26,2022, a crisis situation emerged to bring back Indian students studying in Ukraine. You are Praveen Chaudhary/ Maasooma Ghazal, a staff reporter of an Indian national daily. You have been asked to cover the homecoming of Indian students, studying in Ukraine. Write a report in 120-150 words.</p>	

<b>SECTION C - LITERATURE</b>		<b>18</b>
<b>5</b>	<p>Attempt <b>ANY FIVE</b> of the six questions given below, within 40 words each.</p> <p>i. What is the message of the story 'The Rattrap'?</p> <p>ii. How did synthetic Indigo become a problem for poor peasants?</p> <p>iii. Why are Aunt Jennifer's tigers not afraid of men?</p> <p>iv. What image does the poet use to describe the continuity in beautiful bounty of the earth?</p> <p>v. If you were given a chance to choose an end for the story 'On the face of It' What would be that?</p> <p>vi. What was the 'new phase', that Jack referred to with respect to Jo?</p>	<p><b>5x2 =10</b></p> <p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>2</b></p>
<b>6</b>	Answer <b>ANY TWO</b> of the following in about <b>120-150 words</b> each.	<p><b>2x 4= 8</b></p>
<b>i</b>	Give evidences from the story 'The Rattrap' to bring out the differences in the character of the ironmaster and his daughter?	<b>4</b>
<b>ii</b>	Reflecting on the story, what did you feel about Evans' having the last laugh?	<b>4</b>
<b>iii</b>	How does beauty lead to 'a sleep full of sweet dreams' and how does such a sleep help us?	<b>4</b>

