

Gujarat Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board, Gandhinagar**UNIT TEST-4****Standard: 11****Subject Code: 006****Subject: English (FL)****Medium: English****Time Allotted: 1 Hour****Total Marks: 25**

Instructions: -

[1] There are 3 sections in this question paper. All the questions (1-21) are compulsory to answer.

[2] Maintain the sequence of the questions.

SECTION A**Read the following passage and the questions given below it. Choose the correct answer. (each carries 1 mark) [04]**

We have shifted –one hopes, irrevocably – from the mechanistic view to a holistic and ecological view of the world. It is a shift in human perceptions as revolutionary as that introduced by Copernicus who taught mankind in the sixteenth century that the earth and the other planets revolved round the sun. For the first time in human history, there is a growing worldwide consciousness that the earth itself is a living organism – an enormous being of which we are parts. It has its own metabolic needs and vital processes which need to be respected and preserved. The earth's vital signs reveal a patient in declining health. We have begun to realize our ethical obligations to be good stewards of the planet and responsible trustees of the legacy to the future generations.

Questions:

1. The narrator is hopeful about the shift from the mechanistic view to a holistic and ecological view of the world being _____.
 - a. permanent
 - b. positive
 - c. sensible
 - d. conscientious

2. Copernicus' teaching made the people realize about the _____.
 - a. earth's revolution against the sun
 - b. sun's stance limited to the sixteenth century
 - c. actual movement of the planetary system as it is known in the present
 - d. proximity of the earth and other planets to the sun

3. Who is the patient?
 - a. The planets
 - b. The earth
 - c. The human history
 - d. The future generations

4. It is our ethical obligation to _____.
 - a. work as stewards and trustees on the earth
 - b. consider the earth as a living organism
 - c. be respectable and good habitants of the earth

- d. protect and preserve the earth for the future generations

Read the following stanza and the questions given below it. Choose the correct answer. (each carries 1 mark)

[04]

I am the Poem of Earth, said the voice of the rain.

Eternal I rise impalpable out of the land and the bottomless sea.

Upward to heaven, whence, vaguely form'd, altogether changed, and yet the same.

I descend to lave the droughts, atomies, dust-layers of the globe.

And all that in them without me were seeds only, latent, unborn.

Questions:

5. The journey of the rain from the earth to the sky is _____.
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| a. intangible | b. impulsive |
| c. unchangeable | d. poetic |
6. '*Upward to heaven, whence, vaguely form'd, altogether changed, and yet the same*'. This line suggests that _____.
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| a. the rain ascends the heaven vaguely |
| b. the rain changes the formation of heaven |
| c. the rain changes in its form but remains the same |
| d. the rain though vague in its form changes everything |
7. Identify the figures of speech in the line: 'I am the Poem of Earth.'
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| a. Oxymoron | b. Simile | c. Hyperbole | d. Metaphor |
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8. The rain gives life to the _____.
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| a. earth | b. seeds | c. sea | d. globe |
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SECTION B

Answer the following questions in about four to five sentences each. (each carries 2 marks) [04]

9. What does the notice 'The world's most dangerous animal' at a cage in the zoo at Lusaka, Zambia, signify? Answer with reference to the chapter, '*The Ailing Planet: the Green Movement's Role*'.
10. 'Laws are never respected nor enforced in India'. Explain the significance of this line with reference to the chapter, '*The Ailing Planet: the Green Movement's Role*'.

Answer the following questions in about four to five sentences each. (each carries 2 marks) [04]

11. There is a parallel drawn between rain and music in the poem '*The Voice of the Rain*'. Which words indicate this? Explain the similarity between the two.
12. Astrologers' perceptions are based more on hearsay and conjecture than what they learn from the study of the stars. Comment with reference to the story, '*Ranga's Marriage*'.

SECTION C

Fill in the blanks (13-17) with an appropriate word. Write only the answers maintaining the proper sequence of question numbers. (each carries 1 mark) [05]

{ vary ignominious biologists languish about }

Scientists have catalogued _____ **13** _____ 1.4 million living species with which mankind shares the earth. Estimates _____ **14** _____ widely as regards the still -uncatalogued living species – _____ **15** _____ reckon that about three to a hundred million other living species still _____ **16** _____ unnamed in _____ **17** _____ darkness.

Do as Directed. (each carries 1 mark) [04]

18. Are we to leave our successors a scorched planet of advancing deserts, impoverished landscapes and ailing environment? (Make it Assertive)
19. What goes under the pot now costs more than what goes inside it. (Add a Question Tag)
20. The concept of sustainable development was popularized in 1987 by the World Commission on Environment and Development. (Change the Voice)
21. The growth of world population is one of the strongest factors distorting the future of human society. (Change the Degree - Positive)