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SECOND UNIT TEST - 2014-15

SUBJECT - ENGLISH

CLASS - XI

Time : 1½ Hrs.

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Instructions :-

- (1) All the questions are compulsory.
- (2) Write all the answers in your answer sheets.
- (3) Do not exceed the word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION A READING; 8

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: 8

Being one of the most important seas of the world, geopolitically, economically and strategically, the South China Sea (SCS) attracts considerable attention in the strategic community in India. It continues to be seen as one of the most difficult regional conflicts in the Asia-Pacific and 'Arena of Escalating Contention.' India has vital maritime interests in the SCS. Around 55 per cent of India's trade in the Asia-Pacific transits through the SCS region. In fact, in recent times, New Delhi has become more active in expressing its interest in the freedom of navigation in the SCS and the peaceful resolution of territorial disputes

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between Beijing and its maritime neighbours.

The SCS is an important junction for navigation between the Pacific and Indian Oceans. It connects with the Indian Ocean through the Malacca Strait to the South-West and commands access to the East China Sea to the North-East. Security in the SCS is a concern both for regional countries such as China, Vietnam, Philippines, Malaysia, as well as the extra-regional countries, including India, due to their strategic and economic interests in this region. Any conflict in the SCS will pose a threat to regional and international security.

Territorial sovereignty, contention on energy, significance of the geographic location, threat to maritime security and overlapping maritime claims are at the core of the SCS dispute. Some scholars suggest that for the next 20 years, the SCS conflict will probably remain the "Worst-case" threat to peace and security in the ASEAN region.

The SCS, an integrated ecosystem, is one of the richest seas in the world in terms of marine flora and fauna, coral reefs, mangroves, seagrass beds, fish and plants. The sea accounts for approximately 10 per cent of the annual global fisheries catchment, making it extremely viable for the fishing industries of nearby countries. Furthermore, value added production (Canning, filleting, fresh, frozen and chilled processing) has translated into valuable foreign exchange earnings and job opportunities for countries in the region. However, China has been imposing fishing rules to operate in the dispute waters, resulting in serious maritime security concern and objections from other claimant states.

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Furthermore, the region richly laden in both oil and natural gas led to speculation that the disputed territories could hold potentially significant energy resources. According to the US Energy Information Administration (EIA) estimates, the SCS contains; 11 billion barrels of oil and 190 trillion cubic feet of natural gas in proved and probable reserves.

- a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes using headings and sub headings. Use recognisable abbreviations, wherever necessary supply a suitable title also. 5
- b) Write a summary of the above passage in 80-100 words. 3

SECTION B WRITING 10

- 2. You are the General Manager of Orient Expert House Tri Nagar, Delhi. You want to appoint a stenographer/PA for your company. Draft an advertisement in not more than 50 words for the same. 4
- 3. You are Aditya/Priya living in House No-7322, Sector-12, R.K. Puram, New Delhi. You have seen an advertisement in the newspaper for the post of a 'software Engineer' in National Software Company. Write an application with complete bio-data to the Manager of the company. 6

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- 4. Rewrite the following sentences after correcting the errors they contain 2
 - a) Pay attention to when I say.
 - b) She is the first person up that morning.

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- c) Anything is better than nothing. *Something*
- d) I found it as an useful book. *a*

5. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the wrong word and write it with the correction in the answer sheet. 3

	Error correction
There is the enemy beneath <u>out</u> feet	(a) <u>out</u> <i>over</i>
Everyone <u>are</u> threatened by this	(b) <u>is</u> <i>is</i>
Enemy. The enemy <u>are</u> earth itself .	
When an	(c) <u>is</u> <i>is</i>
Earthquake strikes, the earth <u>tremble</u> .	
Scientists	(d) <u>trembles</u> <i>trembles</i>
Are <u>directing</u> the <u>great deal</u>	(e) <u>detecting</u> <i>detecting</i>
Of effort into finding ways of combating	
earthquakes	(f) <u>for</u> <i>for</i>

SECTION D LITERATURE

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6. Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow: 1x3=3

"Eternal I rise impalpable
 Out of the land and the bottomless sea,
 Upward to heaven, whence, vaguely formed,
 altogether changed, and yet the same."

1. Who is 'I' in the above lines?

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2. From where does 'I' rise and where does it go?
3. Explain 'Yet the same!'.
7. Answer the following questions in brief: 3x3=9
- a) Where did the narrator want to go? Why? (we are not afraid today)
 - b) Why did Mrs. Dorling refuse to even talk to the author?
 - c) What were Ranga's views about marriage?
8. How does the writer justify that the Canterville chase is a haunted place?



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