KCP SIDDHARTHA ADARSH RESIDENTIAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Unit Test – 1

Class **: XII** Duration: **90 Min**

Sub: **English** Max.Marks : **30**

SECTION – A (Reading)

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

The third great defect of our civilization is that it does not know what to do with its knowledge. Science has given us powers fit for the Gods yet we use them like small children.

For example, we do not know how to manage our machines. Machines were made to be man's servants. Yet he has grown so dependent on them that they are in a fair way to become his masters. Already most men spend most of their lives looking after the waiting upon machines. And the machines are very stern masters. They must be kept at the right temperature. And if they do not get their meals when they expect them, they grow sulky and refuse to work or burst with rage and glow up and spread ruin and destruction all round them. So we have to wait upon them very attentively and do all that we can to keep them in a good temper. Already we find it diffficult either to work or play without the machines and a time may come when they will rule us altogether just as we rule the animals.

And this brings me to the point at which I asked, what we do with all the time which the machines have saved for us and the new energy they have given us? On the whole, it must be admitted, we do very little. For the most part we use our time and energy to make more and better machines which will give us still more time and still more energy and what are we to do with them? The answer I think is that we should try to become more civilized. For the machines themselves and the power which the machines have given us, are not civilization but aids to civilization. But you will remember that we agreed at the beginning that being civilized meant making and liking beautiful things, thinking freely and living rightly and maintaining justice equally between man and man. Man has a better chance today to do these things than he ever had before; he has more time, more energy, less to fear and less to fight against. If he will give his time and energy which his machines have won for him to making more beautiful things, to finding out more and more about the Universe, to removing the causes of quarrels between nations, to discovering how to prevent poverty, then I think our civilization would undoubtedly be the greater, as it would be more lasting than it has ever been.

A. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it, in points only, using headings and sub-headings. Also use recognisable abbreviations, wherever necessary (*Minimum four*). Supply an appropriate title to it. **5 marks**

B. Write a summary of the above passage in 80 words. **3 marks**

SECTION – B (Writing)

2) As the Principal of M.J. International school which is holding its Annual Day Function at 5 p.m. on Nov 15th, 20xx in the school auditorium, design an invitation card to be sent to the parents and other invitees. The Chief Minister of Delhi has agreed to be the chief guest on this occasion. Do not exceed 50 words. **4M**

3) A health checkup was conducted in your school for medical examination of students by eminent doctors. Mentioning the details of the programme such as general checkup of eyes, teeth B.P. etc and the lectures delivered by the doctors on food and hygiene, write a report in 100-125 words for your school magazine. **6M**

SECTION – C (Text Books)

4) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: 3M

"What I want should not be confused

with total inactivity.

Life is what it is about;

I want no truck with death."

(i) Name the poem and the poet.

(ii) What does the poet want the people to do?

(iii) Explain "I want no truck with death."

5) Answer the following questions in about 40 - 50 words each: 3 x 3 = 9M

(i) How is Saheb's name a total contrast to his very existence?

(ii) Describe the conditions in which the bangle makers of Ferozabad live?

(iii) How did Roger Skunk's mother behave with him when he returned home with a sweet smell?

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