**DAV PUBLIC SCHOOL CNADRASEKHARPUR, BBSR-21**

**POST SUMMER VACATION TEST – 2022-23**

**CLASS – XII**

**SUB : ENGLISH CORE**

**Time : 2Hours. MaximumMarks:40**

**General Instructions:**

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

**SECTION A –READING ( 10 MARKS)**

**1. Read the passage given below.**

1. Too many parents these days can’t say no. As a result, they find themselves raising children who respond greedily to the advertisements aimed right at them. Even getting what they want doesn’t satisfy some kids; they only want more. Now, a growing number of psychologists, educators and parents think it’s time to stop the madness and start teaching kids about what’s really important: values like hard work, contentment, honesty and compassion. The struggle to set limits has never been tougher – and the stakes have never been higher. One recent study of adults who were overindulged as children, paints a discouraging picture of their future: when given too much too soon, they grow up to be adults who have difficulty coping with life’s disappointments. They also have a distorted sense of entitlement that gets in the way of success in the work place and in relationships.

2. Psychologists say that parents who overindulge their kids, set them up to be more vulnerable to future anxiety and depression. Today’s parents themselves raised on values of thrift and self-sacrifice, grew up in a culture where ‘no’ was a household word. Today’s kids want much more, partly because there is so much more to want. The oldest members of this Generation Excess were born in the late 1980s, just as PCs and video games were making their assault on the family room. They think of MP3 players and flat-screen TVs as essential utilities, and they have developed strategies to get them. One survey of teenagers found that when they crave something new, most expect to ask nine times before their parents give in. By every measure, parents are shelling out record amounts. In the heat of this buying blitz, even parents who desperately need to say no find themselves reaching for their credit cards.

3. Today’s parents aren’t equipped to deal with the problem. Many of them, raised in the 1960s and ’70s, swore they’d act differently from their parents and have closer relationships with their own children. Many even wear the same designer clothes as their kids and listen to the same music. They even work more hours; so at the end of a long week, it’s tempting to buy peace with a ‘yes’ and not mar precious family time with conflict. Anxiety about the future is another factor. How do well-intentioned parents say no to all the sports gear and arts and language lessons they believe will help their kids thrive in an increasingly competitive world? Experts agree: too much love won’t spoil a child. Too few limits will.

4. What parents need to find, is a balance between the advantages of an affluent society and the critical life lessons that come from waiting, saving and working hard to achieve goals. That search for balance has to start early. Children need limits because they feel better and more secure when they live within a secured structure. Older children learn self-control by watching how others, especially their parent’s act. Learning how to overcome challenges, is essential to becoming a successful adult. Few parents ask kids to do chores. They think their kids are already overburdened by social and academic pressures. Every individual can be of service to others, and life has meaning beyond one’s own immediate happiness. That means parents eager to teach values have to take a long, hard look at their own.

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the eleven given below. (1X10Marks)**

i. Cite an evidence how children’s wants are unlimited? **1**

ii. When do adults have difficulty coping with life’s disappointments? **1**

iii. What do Psychologists say about parents who overindulge their kids? **1**

iv. State the condition of children when they are given too much too soon. **1**  
v. Parents and teachers want children to learn values. What are they? **1**  
vi. Why do today’s children want more? **1**vii. What is the balance which the parents need to have in today’s world? **1**viii. What is the necessity to set limits for children? **1**

ix. According to the writer what is essential in growing into a successful adult? **1**

x. Find out a word from Para2 to fill in the blank for framing a meaningful sentence. **1**

The car was launched with a massive media/advertising --------------------, involving newspapers, magazines, television and radio.

xi. Fill in the blank with a phrase from Para1 to make it a complete and meaningful expression. **1**

The stock market is going down owing to the recession. It ----------------------- of the country’s economy.

**SECTION B –WRITING (10 MARKS)**

1. As the Editor, draft a notice in not more than 50 words for your school notice board inviting articles from the students for your school magazine. Invent all necessary details.You are Rohan/Rohini, DAV Public School, Roorkie. (5Marks)
2. You are Nandita Patnaik of 25, Ring Road, Cuttack. You came across an advertisement based on laser technology to help ladies look best. You feel strongly about the dangers inherent in the use of these synthetic chemicals and over exposure of skin to laser beams. Write a letter to the Editor of The Tribune in 120-150 words highlighting the possible dangers to the users and suggesting action against the exploiters. (5 Marks)

**SECTION C –LITERATURE (20 MARKS)**

1. **Read the extract given below and answer the following questions. (1x6=6 Marks)**

……….but soon  
put that thought away and  
looked out at young  
trees sprinting, the merry children spilling  
out of their homes……………

1. Who looked out at the young trees?
2. What thought did the poet drive away from her mind?
3. What do young sprinting trees signify?
4. What are “the merry children spilling out of their homes”, symbolic of?
5. How do you know that the joyful scene didn’t help her drive away the painful thought from her mind?
6. Why are the trees described as sprinting?
7. **Read the extract given below and answer the following questions. (1x5=5 Marks)**

Wherever they find food, they pitch their tents that become transit homes. Children grow up in them, becoming partners in survival. And survival in Seemapuri means rag-picking. Through the years, it has acquired the proportions of a fine art. Garbage to them is gold. It is their daily bread, a roof over their heads, even if it is a leaking roof. But for children it is even more.

1. Who are 'they' in the first line?
2. What impression do the words, 'transit homes' give you about the kind of life 'they' lead?
3. Why is 'Garbage to them...gold'?
4. Which thing mentioned here has acquired the proportions of a fine art?
5. Why is garbage 'even more' for the children?
6. **Answer the following questions in 40-50 words. (2x2=4Marks)**
7. How does Charley describe Galesburg, Illinois, 1894?
8. What was the trouble with the people of Alsace according to M. Hamel ? Now what, he thought, would give the Germans to mock at them?
9. **Answer the following question in 120-150 words. (5 Marks)**
10. What kind of people did Charley ‘see’ at the third level?