



ARMY BURN HALL COLLEGE FOR BOYS
Model Paper – Class AS Level

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

Time allowed: 30 Minutes

Maximum Marks: 25

INSTRUCTIONS

- Write your Roll Number only on the top right corner.
- Do not write your name or any other information.
- Do not use lead pencil.
- Avoid erasing, cutting, overwriting, etc.
- Any sign, mark, name, etc written on Answer Script to disclose your identity will disqualify you for admission to the College.

ATTEMPT ALL QUESTIONS

Q. 1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions then.

The flames danced higher into the night sky as Leo adjusted the solar panel towards the starlit horizon. In the silence of the Martian base, every sound was amplified – the buzz of the oxygen filter, the faint hum of his own heartbeat in the helmet. Back on Earth, he had been a robotics engineer. Here, he was a survivor. Ever since the storm disabled the communication module, Leo had been alone. The rest of the crew had been evacuated, but he had stayed back to salvage what he could of their research. Months had passed in isolation, marked only by sunsets over red sands and journal entries addressed to no one. He wasn't sure if anyone would ever read them.

Last night, however, something had changed. A faint signal, possibly from the moon's relay satellite, had flickered on his monitor. Hope. For the first time in weeks, Leo felt a surge of purpose. He re-ran diagnostics, adjusted the panel's alignment, and kept the fire burning - not just for warmth, but as a beacon.

Answer the following questions in your own words as far as possible.

- (a) What challenges did Leo face during his time on Mars? [2]
- (b) How does the writer use contrast to highlight Leo's isolation? [2]
- (c) What impression do you get of Leo's character from the passage? [2]
- (d) Explain the writer's effect in using the phrase "the flames danced higher into the night sky." [2]
- (e) Why do you think the writer included the detail about Leo writing journal entries "addressed to no one"? What does it suggest about his state of mind? [2]

Q. 2

Write an essay on ONE of the following topics. Your essay should be between **250–300 words**. You will be assessed on content, organization, vocabulary, and accuracy. **Choose only ONE topic.**

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- (i) "Artificial intelligence may be the greatest threat or the greatest hope for humanity." Discuss.
- (ii) Describe a world where climate change has reached its extreme.
- (iii) Narrate an incident where a satellite malfunction led to an unexpected discovery.
- (iv) "Technology connects us, but it also isolates us." Do you agree? Explain with reasons and examples.
- (v) A day in the life of a refugee in a war-torn country.