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QUESTION PAPERS

2024-25



SECOND QUARTERLY TEST DECEMBER 2024

CLASS : II PUC

SUBJECT : ENGLISH (02)

Max. Marks : 40

TIME : 1 Hr. 30 Mins.

Instructions :

- Follow the prescribed limit while answering the questions.
- Write the question numbers as it appears on the question paper.
- For MCQs choose the correct answer and rewrite it.

PART-A

I Answer the following questions by choosing the right option : 4x1=4

- According to Borges, Literature is a _____ dream.
a) wild b) controlled c) fleeting d) unconscious
- Who is able to create Heaven on Earth as per the poet ?
a) Heavenly nymphs b) Nature c) only gods d) The poet
- _____ substitutes for privacy in Japan.
a) Bowing b) Silence c) Courtesy d) Technology
- Marcus Ibe was the _____ in 'The Voter.'
a) The Minister of Education b) Roof's friend
c) The village head d) The voter
- 5) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate form of the verb given in the brackets: 3x1=3
The man nudged his companion and he brought an object that _____ (cover) with a red cloth. It was a fearsome little thing. It _____ (keep) in a clay pot and the feathers _____ (stick) in to it.
- 6) Fill in the blanks by choosing the appropriate expressions given in the brackets: 2x1=2
In Umuofia, everyone was _____ for their leader Marcus Ibe. They felt that he was not like the mortar which as soon as food comes its way _____ on the ground.
(turns its back, looks down upon, full of praise)

PART-B

II Answer any THREE of the following questions in one or two sentences each: 3x2=6

- Mention atleast two of the essential metaphors which according to Borges are found in Literatures.
- Name two things in nature which transforms the earth into heaven, according to the poet.
- Which two cities are connected to the Tokaido line in "Japan and Brazil Through A Traveller's Eye" ?
- Who had formed the POP in "The Voter" and what is its symbol ?

III Answer any TWO of the following questions in about 60 words each : 2x3=6

- How does Borges describe his mother, and what emotions does he feel towards her ?
- How does the phrase "hunter and prey" describe Brazilian traffic culture ?
- Who was Marcus's opponent and what party did he represent, why was this party formed ?

IV Answer any ONE of the following questions in about 100 words each : 1x4=4

- "The beauty in nature makes earth a heavenly place." Elucidate with reference to "Heaven if You Are Not Here on Earth."
- Describe how Marcus Ibe had managed to become a 'successful' politician in "The Voter."

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PART-C

V Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it:

5x1=5

- 16) Stress is a disease of modern times. It afflicts people regardless of their situation in life. Stress is present in the lives of the rich and poor, literate and illiterate, men and women. Stress is, however, more evident and probably more widespread in technologically advanced countries and is common among higher qualified professionals.

Stress is of various kinds : physical, emotional and intellectual and it is characterized by a feeling of being bored or of being unable to cope. At a physical level modern technology and facilities have actually increased workloads and decreased relaxation. Mobile phones and laptops have made it easy to carry the office to the home.

Emotional stress increases when there is disharmony and friction in relationships. Unfortunately the trend today is to take the easy way out. People prefer to break away from relationships rather than repair them.

A strong healthy body developed through proper diet, exercise and pranayama techniques helps reduce stress at the physical level. Love, compassion and friendship are valuable strengths to help us cope with the emotional stress. Unnecessary accumulation of thoughts leads to clogging of the mind, but methodical and orderly thoughts help to control the intellectual stress. So one should learn to cope up with the stress in order to lead a happy and peaceful life.

- a) What is a disease in modern times ?
- b) What are the kinds of stress mentioned in the passage ?
- c) When does the emotional stress increase ?
- d) How can the stress be reduced at the physical level ?
- e) What causes the clogging of the mind ?

PART-D

VI 17. Report the following conversation :

1x5=5

Alifano : Can we talk about your mother ? How was your relation with her ?

Borges : My mother was an extraordinary woman. I should speak of her kindness towards me. She had no enemies.

PART-E

VII 18. Write a letter of application in response to the following advertisement which appeared in Times of India dated 15th December 2024.

1x5=5

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