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EVEN

FINAL EXAMINATION – 2024

ENGLISH

(For all categories of candidates)

Subject Code : 1302

Time : 3 hours 15 minutes | Total Marks : 80

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Section – A : Reading : Marks – 20

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

Dengue fever is a mosquito-borne tropical disease caused by the dengue virus. Symptoms typically begin three to fourteen days after infection. These may include a high fever, headache, vomiting, muscle and joint pains and a characteristic skin itching and skin rash. Recovery generally takes two to seven days. In a small proportion of cases, the disease develops into a more severe dengue hemorrhagic fever, resulting in bleeding, low levels of blood platelets and blood plasma leakage or into dengue shock syndrome, where dangerously low blood pressure occurs.

Dengue is spread by several species of female mosquitoes of the Aedes genus. The virus has five serotypes, infection with one type usually gives life long immunity to that type, but only short-term immunity to the others. Subsequent infection with a different type increases the risk of severe complications. A number of tests are available to confirm the diagnosis including detecting antibodies to the virus or its RNA.

The 2016 vaccine Dengvaxia is only recommended in individuals who have been previously infected, or in populations with a high rate of prior infection by age nine.

Other methods of prevention include reducing mosquito habitat and limiting exposure to bites. This may be done by getting rid of or covering standing water and wearing clothing that covers much of the body. Treatment of acute dengue is supportive and includes giving fluid either by mouth or intravenously for mild or moderate disease. For more severe cases, blood transfusion may be required.

The earliest descriptions of an outbreak date from 1779. Its viral cause and spread were understood by the early 20th century. Dengue has become a global problem since the Second World War

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and is common in more than 120 countries, mainly in South-east Asia, South Asia and South America. About 390 million people are infected per year, about half a million require hospital admission and approximately 40,000 die. In 2019, a significant increase in the number of cases was seen.

Typically, people infected with dengue virus are asymptomatic (80%) or have only mild symptoms such as an uncomplicated fever. Others have more severe illness (5%) and in a small proportion it is life-threatening. The incubation period (time between exposure and onset symptoms) ranges from 3 to 14 days, but most often it is 4 to 7 days. Therefore, travellers returning from endemic areas are unlikely to have dengue fever if symptoms start more than 14 days after arriving home. Children often experience symptoms similar to those of the common cold, vomiting and diarrhea and have a greater risk of severe complications, though initial symptoms are generally mild but include high fever.

A. On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the questions that follow : 1×5=5

1. Mosquitoes responsible for dengue fever specially grow in –

   (a) hot water (b) cold water

   (c) running water (d) standing water or stagnant water

2. *Incubation* means –

   (a) The time between exposure and end of symptoms.

   (b) The time between high fever and end of fever.

   (c) The time between detection of disease and end of it.

   (d) The time between exposure and the beginning of symptoms.

3. Dengvaxia is –

   (a) a poison (b) an anti - venom

   (c) a vaccine (d) an antibiotic

4. Which of the following symptoms are not related to dengue ?

   (a) high fever (b) high blood sugar

   (c) vomiting (d) headache

5. Dengue is a –

   (a) virus (b) bacteria

   (c) cyst (d) fungus

B. Answer the following questions : 1×5=5

6. How can you reduce mosquito habitat and limit exposure to bites ?

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7. Who is at a higher risk of severe complications in case of dengue fever ?

8. In which year do you find a significant increase in the number of cases of dengue fever ?

9. What symptoms are seen in case of severe dengue hemorrhagic fever ?

10. How many serotypes does dengue virus have ?

II. Read the following excerpt carefully :

Where and how should children learn values ? We know that they need to learn because values form the beliefs and attitudes that will determine how they live their lives and function in society. To function effectively in society, children need to be taught how to be honest, kind, courteous and considerate. Any society that does not teach children these values would soon fall apart. Similarly, one would expect a nation to be made up of citizens who know how to respect other people and their property. These citizens should also understand the value of humanity and self control. They should appreciate courage and be willing to care for those who are weaker than themselves. Any nation whose citizens do not practise these values would soon become a nation not worth living it. Teaching these values to children can not be delayed. This is bacause, unlike young animals, whose instincts are often highly developed at birth, human babies are totally dependent. Human beings have emotional needs, desires, thoughts and feelings which determine action. This is precisely why they must learn values, not just survival skills as animals do. These values will help control the natural responses that result in satisfying purely selfish needs and desires.

A. On the basis of your understanding the passage, answer the following questions : 1×5=5

11. Children should be taught values –

(a) earlier in their lives (b) in the later part of their lives

(c) at the middle part of their lives (d) never in their lives

12. The values if learnt properly will help the children control their urge for satisfying –

(a) animal instincts

(b) basic needs of life

(c) selfish needs and desires

(d) emotional needs and need for being protected

13. The citizens should understand the value of –

(a) self control and humanity (b) earning more money

(c) being popular in the society (d) material gains in life

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14. Children need to be taught certain values so that they can function effectively –

(a) at home (b) in society

(c) in their professional world (d) in their academic career

15. We would always expect a nation consisting of people who knows how to respect –

(a) others and their property

(b) themselves and their own property

(c) the wealthy persons

(d) the influencial persons in the society

1×5=5

B. Answer the following questions :

16. What values should children learn to function effectively in society ?

17. What are the factors that determine the action of human beings ?

18. Find out a word from the given passage which means 'natural impulses'.

19. What happens to a society that does not teach values to the children ?

20. How are young animals different from human babies at birth ?

Section – B : Grammar and Writing : Marks – 20

The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Identify the error and write its correction against the correct blank number.

A. The first one has been done as an example. 1×4=4

	Error	Correction
Most trees has a single woody stem	has	have
21. called a trunk who supports a mass of	——	——
22. branches carrying leaves. Trees clean an air	——	——
23. to removing tiny airborne particles. The leaves	——	——
24. of trees gives out oxygen.	——	——

B. Read the dialogue given below and then complete the report that follows :

1×3=3

Bhaskar : Where were you yesterday ?

Hemanta : I went to my maternal uncle's house.

Bhaskar : You never told me you have any relative here.

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25. Bhaskar asked Hemanta _____.

26. Hemanta replied that _____.

27. Bhaskar told Hemanta that _____.

C. Fill in the blanks below choosing the correct alternatives given within the brackets. 1×3=3

28. I don't have _____ (many / much / few / more) knowledge on the subject.

29. In the 19th century, it (take / takes / took / was taking) two or three days to cross North America by a covered wagon.

30. If it _____ (rains / has rained / is raining), she will not go to school.

D. Answer the following questions :

31. Write a paragraph on "Safe Drinking Water" with the help of the points given below. (*120 words*)

[Water, a vital need – source and substance of water – safe water for drinking – unsafe water – cause of various diseases like diarrhea, jaundice, typhoid in India – UNICEF programme taken for safe water for all.] 5

Or

Write a paragraph on "Festivals of Tripura" based on the inputs given below. (*120 words*)

[Diverse population of Tripura – mixed culture – festivals promote communal harmony and peace – important festivals of various communities]

32. You are Prakrit / Prakriti, write a letter to the editor of a local daily expressing your grave concern over recent increase of drug addiction. You are a resident of Udaipur, Gomti District.(*120 words*) 5

Or

Write a letter within *120 words* to the Commissioner, Agartala Municipal Corporation regarding the problem of water logging in your area. You are Prasun Roy of AB Road.

Section – C : Literature : Marks – 40

33. **Read the extract and answer the questions that follow :** 1×5=5

The fog comes
on little cat feet.
It sits looking
over harbour and city
on silent haunches
and then moves on.

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(a) What does the fog do ?

(b) Find out the word in the above extract which means, "sitting with knees bent".

(c) Here harbour means -

(I) a place where ships are anchored

(II) a place where aeroplanes are stationed

(III) a place where cars are parked

(IV) a place where audience sit together

(d) Name the poet of the poem.

(e) How does the fog come ?

Or

"Some say the world will end in fire,

Some say in ice

From what I've tasted of desire

I hold with those who favour fire."

(a) Why does the poet support the view that fire will end the world ?

(b) Here the word 'desire' means –

(I) destroy (II) diligent

(III) longing (IV) delicious

(c) What does 'fire' stand for ?

(d) Who is the speaker of these lines ?

(e) What does 'ice' stand for here ?

34. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow : 1×5=5

At about the age of twenty-five, the Prince, heretofore shielded from the sufferings of the world, while out hunting chanced upon a sick man, then an aged man, then a funeral procession, and finally a monk begging for alms. These sights so moved him that he at once went out into the world to seek enlightenment concerning the sorrows he had witnessed. He wandered for seven years and finally sat down under a peepal tree, where he vowed to stay until enlightenment came. Enlightened after seven days, he renamed the tree the Bodhi Tree (Tree of Wisdom) and began to teach and share his new understandings. At that point he became known as the Buddha (the Awakened or the Enlightened). The Buddha preached his first sermon at the city of Benares, most holy of the dipping places on the River Ganges.

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(a) For how many years did he wander ?

(b) Find the word from the passage which means 'to pledge'.

(c) Where did he Preach his first sermon ?

(d) Who is 'he' in the above lines ?

(e) Where did he go to seek enlightenment ?

Or

Writing in a diary is really strange experience for someone like me. Not only because I've never written anything be fore, but also because it seems to me that later on neither I nor anyone else will be interested in the musings of a thirteen-year old schoolgirl. Oh well, it doesn't matter. I feel like writing, and I have an ever greater need to get all kinds of things off my chest.

Paper has more patience than people. I thought of this say ing on one of those days when I was feeling a little depressed and was sitting at home with my chin in my hands, bored and list less, wandering wheather to stay in or go out.

(a) Why did the writer feel the urge of writing a diary ?

(b) Why was writing a diary a strange experience for the speaker ?

(c) Find out a word from the above passage that means 'unfamiliar'.

(d) Where from has this extract been taken ?

(e) Who is "I" referred to here ?

III. **Answer any four of the following questions in about *40-50* words each.** 3×4=12

35. How did the rain change and effect Lencho's fields ?

36. Describe the present condition of the tiger as you find in the poem, "A Tiger in the Zoo".

37. What is the Chinese legend about tea ?

38. How was the village baker very important for special occasions in the village as you find in the story, "A Baker from Goa" ?

39. How is the crow and the hemlock tree associated with the poet ?

IV. **Answer any two of the following questions in about *40-50* words each.** 3×2=6

40. How did Horace Danby satisfy his passion ?

41. How does Matilda differ from her husband ?

42. Why do you feel that Bholi was a neglected child ?

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V. **Answer the following questions within *100 - 120* words each.** 6×2=12

43. Bring out the significance of the title of the story, "A Question of Trust".

Or

Why did Mrs. Pumphrey take Tricki to the doctor ? How did the doctor treat Tricki ?

44. How did Mandela's hunger for freedom change his life ?

Or

Write down the central idea of the poem, "The Trees".

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