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QUESTION PAPER



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SUB – ENGLISH (12TH)

M.M. 80

Instructions –

1) All questions are compulsory.
2) Marks are indicated in front of each question.

Section – A (Reading)

Que. 1- Read the following passage and answers the questions given below – 1x10=10

Ecology teaches us the interdependence of all life forms, yoga goes a step further and teaches us the unity of all life forms With the wider and deeper understanding of Ecology, man has come to understand his link with nature better. He has shed his anthropocentric arrogance. It is hoped that he will take a step further and (pome to the 'Amrit of Yoga as many ecologists have already done.

Sir Jagdish Chandra Bose noted the ability of plants to react to its environs. That was in the 1920s. After his demise, the research was given up. It was left to the modern day scientists to produce irrefutable proof that plants can not only establish 'Yoga' with living things around them, including man, but also can read our minds and intentions. The doyen of these living researches, Cleve Backster says, "There is no doubt in my mind that we are all one". Most of the top scientists of the world echo these sentiments, or rather, this conviction. All say, "We are Unity". And in the spectrum of 'we' every living thing on this earth is included. The language of the theory of the hoary 'Yogis' may be unintelligible: the ground trod may be 'terra incognita' to us. Now, however, scientists are speaking in scientific parlance, which we can comprehend. But shall we heed even them?

We have the various traditional paths to yoga: Bhakti Yoga, Karma Yoga, Tantra Yoga and others. For the scientifically inclined modern man, a new path has been discovered. Let us name is "Ecology Yoga".

Questions –

1) Yoga teaches us the ..... of all life forms.
   a) Interdependence b) Unity c) Ecology d) Both a and b
2) Write a similar meaning for 'Demise'-
   a) Life b) Modern c) Death d) Further
3) Sir Jagdish C.Bose observed.....-
   a) Law of gravity b) Transpiration c) ability of plants d) photosynthesis
4) The spectrum of 'We' includes –
   a) Only men b) Only plants
   c) Every living things on earth d) only animal
5) What is the antonym of 'Arrogance' –
   a) Bossy b) Aloof c) Haughty d) humility
6) Which new path has been discovered for modern man?

a) Bhakti Yoga b) Karma Yoga c) Ecology Yoga d) Tantra yoga.

7) Man has come to understand his link with ..... better.
8) Ecology teaches us the independence of all life forms. (True/False)
9) Give the word from the passage that has the some meaning as 'a style of using word'.
10) Name any one path to yoga.

Que. 2- Read the following passage carefully answer the question given below. 4

Soya beans belong to the legume family. The beans are the seeds of the leguminous soybean plant. They can be grown in a wide variety of soils and a wide range of climates. Soybeans are versatile as they can be used as whole beans, soy sprouts or processed as a variety of food items, such as soy milk, tofu, textured vegetable protein, soy sauce, oil and margarine, and soy dairy alternatives. They are also used for making candles and biodiesel.

Soya is excellent protein-rich food. It is low in saturated fats and is cholesterol-free. Vitamin B is plentiful in it. The minerals like magnesium, calcium, iron, potassium, and copper are found in abundance in soy. It is also rich in fiber. Soy is highly recommended because of its ability to lower the levels of Low Density Lipoprotein (LDL), bad cholesterol. The Food and Drug Administration has confirmed that foods containing soy protein are likely to reduce the risk of coronary heart disease.

An easy way to take soy is to drink it in the form of soya milk. It is not available with added flavours. Soya milk does not contain lactose (milk sugar) and can be drunk by those who are allergic to normal milk. To get soya milk, soybeans are soaked in water, ground and then strained. If you don't mind the trouble, you can also make it at home.

Questions:-

1. Make notes on the above passage in points.
2. Give a suitable title to the passage.

Section – B (Writing)

Que. 3- Design a poster in a suitable box entitled 'Don't be cruel to animal.' (4) **OR**

Your father has been transferred to another City. You want to sell certain household goods. Design a suitable advertisement to be published in local newspaper.

Que. 4- Write a letter to the collector of your district about the nuisance of loudspeakers in your area and request him to impose a ban on the use of loud speakers. (4) **OR**

Write a letter to your younger brother advising him to study English, Math's, General knowledge and Reasoning for competitive examination.

Que. 5- Write an article on anyone of the following topics in about 120 words. (4)

1) Effect of Television
2) Role of computers in school education
3) The festival you like most.
4) Power of Press.

OR

Write a report giving the detailed account of the inauguration ceremony of the annual function held in your school.

Section – C (Grammar)

Que. 6- Fill in the blanks- (any five) 1x5 =5

1) Gold is ..... Precious metal. (a/an/the)
2) Did you buy.....sugar from the shop. (some/any/many)
3) Raju can write with .....hand. (either/neither/both)
4) You .....stop smoking. (must/should)
5) This is the school ..... I got my education. (where/when/why)
6) We keep our bread in the fridge..... It does not go bad. (after/so that/since)

Que. 7- Do as directed – (any five) 1x5=5

1) Her/pen/put/ink/some/she/in. (Rearrange to make meaningful sentence)
2) She had a new book. (change into past perfect)
3) We (live) here since 1952. (use correct tense of the verb in the brackets)
4) He does his duty well. (change into negative)
5) He knows me well. (change the voice)
6) She is not honest. She is not hardworking. (Combine using 'neither.....nor')

Section – D (Literature)

Que. 8- Read the following passage and answer the questions given below-

Once upon a time there was a man who went around selling small rattraps of wire. He made them himself at odd moments, from the material he got by begging in the stores or at the big farms. But even so, the business was not especially profitable, so he had to resort to both begging and petty thievery to keep body and soul together. Even so his clothes were in rags, his cheeks were sunken, and hunger gleamed in his eyes.

Questions – 1x5=5

1) Name the chapter -
   a) Indigo b) The third level c) The enemy d) The Rattrap
2) What is the antonym of the word 'petty' from the following?
   a) Small b) of little importance
   c) petit d) major
3) What does the phrase 'keep body and soul together' means?
   a) Stay alive b) stay optimistic c) stay pessimistic d) stay alone
4) Name the author of this chapter?
   a) Louis fischer b) William Douglas c) Pearl S.Buck d) Selma Lagerlof
5) Write the synonym of the word 'gleamed'-
   a) Sparkle b) Dull c) Dark d) ugly

Que. 9(A)- Read the following extract from the poem and answer the question given below-

Now we will count to twelve
and we will all keep still
For once on the face of the Earth
let's not speak in any language,
let's stop for one second,
and not move our arms so much.

Questions- 1x5=5

1) Who is the poet of 'Keeping Quiet'-
   a) Kamla Das b) Stephen spender
   c) Pablo Neruda d) john Keats.
2) What does the poet want others to do?
   a) To keep quiet and introspect b) To make noise and find fault
   c) To spread wars all around d) none of these.
3) Why should we keep quiet according to the poet?
   a) For attaining peace b) For maintaining brotherhood
   c) For silence d) All of these.

Que. 9(B)- Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below-

It had happened when I was ten or eleven years old. I had decided to learn to swim. There was a pool at the Y.M.C.A. in Yakima that offered exactly the opportunity. The Yakima River was treacherous. Mother continually warned against it, and kept fresh in my mind the details of each drowning in the river. But the Y.M.C.A. pool was safe. It was only two or three feet deep at the shallow end; and while it was nine feet deep at the other, the drop was gradual. I got a pair of water wings and went to the pool. I hated to walk naked into it and show my skinny legs. But I subdued my pride and did it.

Questions – 1x5=5

1) Name the author of above Extract-
   a) Anees Jung b) William Douglas c) Louis Fischer d) A.R. Barton
2) According to the extract what is the name of the river?
   a) Easton b) Y.M.C.A. c) Yakima d) Ellensburg
3) The author speaks about the misadventure when he was?
   a) 10 year old b) 10 or 11 year old c) 9 year old d) 3 year old
4) Find the word from the extract which means 'Dangerous'.
   a) Gradual b) Treacherous c) Deep d) Shallow
5) Synonyms of 'gradual'.
   a) Gentle b) Sage c) Deep d) Hate

Que. 10- Answer the following questions in about 30 words. (Any Five) 2x5=10

1) What was Franz expected to be prepared with for school that day
2) What makes the city of Firozabad famous?
3) Who is Mukesh? What is his dream?

4) What is 'misadventure' that William Douglas speaks about?
5) Why was the crofter so talkative and friendly with the peddler?
6) What is the message of the story 'The Rattrap'?

Que. 11- Answer the following questions in about 30 words. (Any Three) 2x3=6

1) What is the kind of pain and ache the poet feels?
2) What can the earth teach us?
3) What makes human being love life in spite of troubles and sufferings?
4) Why are the young trees described at 'sprinting' in the poem 'My Mother at Sixty Six'?

Que. 12- Answer the following questions in about 30 words. (Any 2) 2x2=4

1. Why did Charley come back from the third level?
2. Who is the tiger king? Why does he get that name?
3. Why is Antarctica helpful in understanding the effect of global warming?

Que. 13- Answers the following questions in about 75 words. (Any 2) 3x2=6

1. How did Douglas overcome his fear of water?
2. What made the peddler finally change his ways?
3. What are some of the positive views on interviews?

Que. 14- Answer the question in about 75 words. 3x1=3

Write the central idea of the poem 'My Mother at Sixty Six'.

OR

Write the central idea of the poem 'Keeping Quiet'.

Que. 15- Answer the question in about 75 words. 3x1=3

Do you think that the third level was a medium of escape for charley? Why?

OR

What will the Maharaja do to find the required number of tigers to kill?

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