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High School Exam., December - 2021

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Subject: ENGLISH (Special)

Time: 03 Hours Maximum Marks: 100

Instructions :-

- ***(i) All questions are compulsory.***
- ***(ii) Read the questions carefully and answer them.***
- ***(iii) Marks of each question are indicated against it.***
- ***(iv) Internal choices are given as per the blue print.***

SECTION – A
(Reading)

Q.1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it -

There is a myth that there is something magical about computers and those who run them. The legend has got about that computers are 'electronic brains' and that programmers are some sort of supermen. The facts are that computers are very stupid and the people who programme them are normal human beings. Anyone who can count from 0 to 7 on his or her fingers and make eight can learn to be a programmer. The business is not difficult, just tricky. It is very misleading to imagine that computers can 'think' like people. They cannot. They have no more a mind of their own than a lawn-mower. However, they make it possible for people to 'bottle' thought. You work out how to do a particular job or solve a problem, write a programme and the computer will apply your thinking to that job or problem as long and as often as you like. In this sense computers are half alive because they perpetuate the thinking of their creators.

Questions -

(i) The word similar in meaning to 'a machine for cutting grass' is – **[1]**
(a) computer (b) bottle (c) lawn-mower

(ii) The fact is that computers are electronic brains. (True or False) **[1]**

(iii) The meaning of 'perpetuate' is – **[1]**
(a) imagination (b) belief (c) fact

(iv) What computers cannot do? **[1]**

(v) Why are computers like lawn-mowers? **[2]**

(vi) What does the 'bottle' mean? **[2]**

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Q.2 Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions given below -

The rains had fallen, the poet arose,
He passed by the town and out of the street;
A light wind blew from the gates of the sun,
And waves of shadow went over the wheat;
And he sat him down in a lonely place.
And chanted a melody loud and sweet
That made the wild swan pause in her cloud,
And the lark drop down at his feet.
The swallow stop as he hunted the fly,
The snake slipt under a spray,
The wild hawk stood with the swan on his break,
And stared with his food on the prey,
And the nightingale thought,
"I have sung many songs"
But never a one so gay,
For he sings of what the world will be
When the year have died away.

Questions -

(i) The phrase 'gates of the sun' means – **[1]**

(a) behind the hills (b) the east direction
(c) the street in the town (d) the gates of the town

(ii) Say whether the statement is 'true' or 'false' – **[1]**

The wild hawk was staring as its prey.

(iii) What made the wild swan pause in her cloud? **[1]**

(a) a sweet melody (b) loud wind
(c) waves of shadow (d) the swallow

(iv) How did the snake react to the poet's song? **[1]**

(a) the snake danced with it.
(b) the snake gave the tree a spray
(c) the snake slipt under a small branch
(d) the snake slipt under a flower

(v) What did the poet do when rain had fallen? **[2]**

(vi) What did the nightingale think about the poet's song? **[2]**

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Q.3 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it -

There was once a bundle of matches, who were all extremely proud of their high descent, for the tall fir tree, from which each of them was a splinter, had been a tree of great antiquity and distinguished by his height from all the other trees of the forest. The matches were now lying on the mantel piece between a tinder-box and an old iron saucepan, and to these two they often talked about their youth. “Ah, when we were upon the green branches,” said they, when we really lived upon green branches-that was a happy time! Every morning and evening we have diamond tea: that is dew; the whole day long we has sunshine, at least whenever the sun shone and all the little birds used to tell stories to us. It might easily be seen, too, that we were rich for the other trees were clothed with leaves only during the summer, whereas our family could afford to wear green clothes in both summer and winter. But at last came the woodcutters; then was the great revolution, and our family was dispersed. The father trunk obtained a situation as main-mast to a magnificent ship, which could sail round the world if it chose, the bough, were carried off to various places, and our work was henceforth to kindle light for low, common people. Now you will understand how it comes to pass that persons of such high descent as we should be living in a kitchen.

Questions -

(i) Who is the speaker hero? **[1]**

(a) The father trunk (b) The tall fir tree
(c) A bundle of matches (d) The forest

(ii) In the passage ‘Splinter’ means – **[1]**

(a) a small piece of wood
(b) a small piece of metal
(c) a small thin, sharp piece of wood
(d) a small, then, sharp piece of metal

(iii) Every morning and evening, the bundle of matches used to have..... **[1]**

(iv) The bundle of matchsticks was proud of their high descent because – **[1]**

(a) they came from a small fir tree
(b) they came from a tall fir tree
(c) they came from a common tree
(d) they came from a tree in the city

(v) Why did they think themselves rich? **[2]**

(vi) Where were they lying? **[2]**

(vii) What happened in their happy times? **[2]**

(viii) What happened to the trunk of the tree? **[2]**

(ix) What was the bundle of matches proud of and why? **[2]**

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SECTION – B

(Writing)

Q.4 Describe the scene in a bank with the help of given clues - **[5]**

(a) The guard outside

(b) The counter for different transactions

(c) People working at counters

(d) The crowed present in the bank

(e) The manager

OR

Write a short biography of Jawahar Lal Nehru under the following heading -

(a) Parentage and education

(b) Contribution in India's freedom struggle

(c) Jawahar Lal Nehru as a Prime Minister

Q.5 You have to write a notice for the cultural programmes to be held in your school, mentioning the date, venue, time and items to be held. **[5]**

OR

Write a message on behalf of your mother telling your brother to reach your uncle's house for dinner tonight.

Q.6 With the help of the words given below, built up a composition on 'Deforestation is imbalancing the eco-system'. **[7]**

(i) Importance of forest

(ii) Effect on the ecosystem

(iii) Need of saving forest and planting trees

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OR

Write an article of about 200 words for your magazines on "Safe Driving" take the help of the following points -

(a) Follow the lane (b) You save petrol

(c) Save money (d) Cut down the risk of accident

(e) You reach your destination faster

Q.7 In your school there is no proper arrangement of clean drinking water. Write a letter to your principal, describing the above problem. **[6]**

OR

You are Pramod residing at 80, Saket Nagar, Bhopal. Your younger brother lives in a hostel. Write a letter of advice to your brother to set a goal in life and try to achieve it.

Q.8 Write an essay on any one of the following topics - **[7]**

(i) Importance of Games and Sports

(ii) Wonder of Science

(iii) Visit to a Historical Place

(iv) My Hobby

(v) Any Great Leader

SECTION – C

(Grammar)

Q.9 Fill in the blanks using the correct words given in the brackets – (Any ten) **[10]**

(i) Please write your roll number ..... ink. (with, in, by)

(ii) You must return these books latest..... Monday. (from, till, by)

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(iii) He has not taken ..... food. (some, any)

(iv) The teacher gave remark to ..... (each, every)

(v) Cars .....not be parked here. (must, could, had to)

(vi) ..... you stop making all that noise? (will, can, shall)

(vii) You both ..... rather tired. (see, look)

(viii) Either you or he ..... to blame. (is, are)

(ix) I have been here ..... Monday. (since, for)

(x) He ..... pass if he worked hard. (would, dare, used to)

(xi) Never lean ..... the wall. (against, with, of)

(xii) If he ..... a taxi, he will catch the bus. (hire, hired, hires)

Q.10 Do as directed – (Any five) **[5]**

(i) Who committed a mistake? (Change the voice)

(ii) He said, “Honesty is the best policy.” (Change the narration)

(iii) He was too late to join the party.

(Rewrite the sentence using “so...that”)

(iv) (a) My sister lives in Indore.

(b) She is a doctor.

(Combine the sentences using defining relative clause)

(v) That city on the hill has a fine museum.

(Rewrite replacing the adjective phrase by adjective clause)

(vi) We expect that he will succeed. (Pick out noun clause)

(vii) If a king rules justly, his subjects love him.

(Write the name of clause)

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SECTION – D

(Text Book)

Q.11 Read the following extract from the poem and answer the questions given below it -

May that which guides men like a good charioteer who controls fleet- footed horses with the reins, that which abides in the heart, most swift and active, may that my mind resolve on what is good.

Questions -

(a) The poem from which these line have been taken is – **[1]**

(i) Goodwill (ii) If (iii) To the cuckoo

(b) The one word used for, 'a long narrow band usually of leather by which a horse is controlled', in the extract is – **[1]**

(i) abide (ii) fleet (iii) reins

(c) In what sense is the word 'Mind' used in this poem? **[2]**

Q.12 Read the extract of the poem and answer the questions -

A youth, whose feet must pass this way,
This chasm, that has been naught to me,
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him!

Questions -

(a) The poet of these lines is – **[1]**

(i) John Keats (ii) W. A. Dromgoole

(iii) William wordsworth (iv) W. B. Yeats

(b) The one word used for, 'mistake that can easily be made' in the extract is - **[1]**

(i) pitfall (ii) naught

(iii) twilight (iv) chasm

(c) What did the old man tell his fellow pilgrim? **[2]**

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Q.13 Answer any one of the following questions in about 120-150 words - **[5]**

(a) What was the story that the Geography master narrated in connection with the city of Brunswick?

(b) Which was harder to get, the pie or the tart? Why?

Q.14 Answer any four of the following questions in about 30 - 40 words each - **[4×2=8]**

(a) Did the Swallow go to Egypt? Give reasons.

(b) How did Behrman save Johnsy's life?

(c) What are Bacon's views on servants and employees?

(d) How does Helen Keller remember her teacher, Mrs. Anne Sullivan?

(e) What kind of attitude should a cultured mind develop?

(f) What was the secret that the author knew but the boys preferred to keep safely?

Q.15 Answer any one of the following questions - **[4]**

(a) Write in your own words the three qualities of a pencil.

(b) Mahatma Gandhi was a great social reformer. Write your views.

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SECTION – A

Reading

A.1 (i) Lawn – mower. **[1]**

(ii) False. **[1]**

(iii) Belief. **[1]**

(iv) Computers cannot think. **[1]**

(v) Computers are like lawn – mowers because like Lawn – mowers they do not have a mind of their own. **[2]**

(vi) To “bottle” means to store. **[2]**

A.2 (i) The east direction. **[1]**

(ii) True. **[1]**

(iii) a sweet melody. **[1]**

(iv) the snake clipt under a small branch. **[1]**

(v) when the rain had Fallen, the poet passed by the town and came out of the street. He sat in a lonely place and sang a sweet song. **[2]**

(vi) The night angle thought that she had sung many songs. But the poet’s song is move happy because he is singing about how the world would be in future. **[2]**

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A.3 (i) a bundle of matches. **[1]**

(ii) a small thin, sharp piece of wood. **[1]**

(iii) the diamond tea that is the dew. **[1]**

(iv) they came from a tall fir tree. **[1]**

(v) they thought they were rich enough because their family could afford to wear green leaves (clothes') in both summer and winter. **[2]**

(vi) they were lying on the mantle piece between a tinderbox and an old iron saucepan. And to these two they often talked about their youth. **[2]**

(vii) In their happy times they had diamond tea i.e. the dew in every morning and evening had sunshine the whole day and all little birds used to tell them stories. **[2]**

(viii) one day wood cutters came and cat the tree thus dispersing the whole family. The trunk was used to make a main – mast of a magnificent ship which could sail round the world. **[2]**

(ix) The bundle of matches was proud of their high descent, for the tall fir tree, from which they have been cat off. and which had been a tree of great antiquity and distinguished by his height. **[2]**

SECTION – B

(Writing)

A.4 Proper presentation **[1]**

Fluency and accuracy **[1]**

Content **[3]**

A.5 Proper format **[1]**

Fluency and accuracy **[1]**

Content **[3]**

A.6 Proper presentation **[1]**

Fluency and accuracy **[1]**

Content **[5]**

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A.7 Salutation **[1]**

Body **[3]**

Subscription **[1]**

Format **[1]**

A.8 Proper presentation **[1]**

Format **[1]**

Fluency and accuracy **[1]**

Content **[4]**

SECTION – C

Grammar

A.9 Fill in the blanks – (Any ten) **[10]**

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(ii) by

(iii) any

(iv) each

(v) must

(vi) will

(vii) look

(viii) is

(ix) since

(x) would

(xi) against

(xii) hires

A.10 Do as directed – (Any five) **[5]**

(i) By whom was a mistake committed?

(ii) He said that Honesty is the best policy.

(iii) He was so late that he could not join the party.

(iv) My sister who is a doctor lives in Indore?

(v) The city which is on that hill has a fine museum?

(vi) That he will succeed.

(vii) Conditional clause.

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SECTION – D

Text Book

A.11 Good will **[1]**

Reins **[1]**

The word 'mind' is used in the sense of individual soul of Jivatma in the poem. **[2]**

A.12 (i) W. A. Dromgoole **[1]**

(ii) Pitfall **[1]**

(iii) The old man told his fellow pilgrim that a youth was following him. He was building the bridge to save the youth. **[2]**

A.13 Answer any one - **[5]**

(a) The stony that the Geography master had narrated in connection with the city of Brunswick was the following. Once the Emperor Barbarossa was riding into the city, he met a young peasant girl who was munching a bun, and whose mouth was fall? He asked her the name of city, and she said "same to you" sir. Then, the emperor laughed and said the name of city will be "same".

(b) Pierre got the pie easily when he posed himself as Gaultiers Messenger and Kissed Marion's hand. Then Jean went there to get the tart. He also applied the same trick. However Gaultier had returned from the Mayor's place. He gave Jean a sound beating Jean told him that it was doing of his Friend. Just then Pierre enters. He knocks at the door. Gaultier grabs him with the collar. He requested Gaultier to release his hold. He told him that the mayor had returned and wanted him over dinner. Gaultier asked him to carry the tart. It was harder to get but he got the tart and slipped away.

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A.14 Answer any four - **[4×2=8]**

(a) The swallow did not go out to Egypt. It had become a very close friend of the happy prince and it had promised never to leave him. The swallow had last its strength. The statue had become blind and dirty and the swallow did not think of leaving it.

(b) When sue called Mr. Behrman to be her model for the old hermit miner. Sue told him about john's fear that she would die when the last leaf of ivy wine falls. Then Behrman had painted the ivy leaf on the wall. In this way Behrman had saved johnsy's life.

(c) According to Bacon servants and employees are trackers. They might deceive you. They may also exploit you by keeping some money with them, given by you to buy something.

(d) Helen Keller remembers her teacher Mrs Anne Sullivan from her childhood. When Helen was a child Mrs. Anne came to her. The teacher had opened the outer world to her.

(e) The cultured mind should have the capacity to understand the other's view point fully even though it cannot always agree with it.

(f) The secret that the author knew but the boys preferred to keep safely was the struggle of the two boys for the treatment of their sister.

A.15 Answer any one - **[4]**

(a) The first quality of a pencil is that it is capable of writing great things but is guided by a hand. The second quality of a pencil is that it allows to use a sharpener in which it suffers a little but then it becomes sharper. Its third quality is that it allows to use an eraser to rub out mistakes. Hence, it teaches us to correct our mistakes as it helps us to be on the road do Justice.

(b) Mahatma Gandhi was a great social reformers the first analysed the accepted belief and then decided to follow. He believed in non-violence. He was as worshipper of truth, equality, liberty, fraternity, love and human service. He believed is the purity of means for the achievement of one's goal. He used nonviolence for combating the socio-political evils of the modern world. He advised the world to find a peaceful solution of problems through negotiation and conversation.

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