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Question Paper

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Subject - English

Time : 3 Hrs. **Class - 9** **M.M. : 80**

Instructions : This question paper is divided into four sections – A, B, C and D. All questions are compulsory. Marks for each question are given against them.

SECTION – A *(Reading)*

1. **Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow-**

All round development of man is the true aim of education. It should train not only the head but also the hands and the heart. But our present system of education has miserably failed to achieve this aim. The present system of education was founded by the British for their own convenience. Lord Macaulay was the father and founder of this system. He wanted it to produce clerks to help the British in running their administration. Today the English have gone but the same old system of education still continues. We are free but we are still slavishly following the system evolved by the British. This system of education has many defects. It must be changed and overhauled. The British defect in our present system of education is that it is too theoretical. An educated man has only bookish knowledge. He knows nothing about practical things. He finds that his education has not made him fit to do useful work for his society. The present system of education does not teach us the dignity of labour. Our young men are fit to be clerks in offices. They look down upon manual labour. They consider it below their dignity to work with their hands in fields or factories. The present system of education gives too much importance to English. Vocational education is the need of the hour. We need more and more technicians, engineers and doctors. But the number of vocational institutions is limited. Vocational education gives individuals the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in their field.

(i) What is the true aim of education ? 1

(ii) Who was the father and founder of the present system of education? 1

(iii) The greatest defect in our present system of education is that it is too. 1
(a) Practical **(b)** Theoretical **(c)** Analytical **(d)** None of these

(iv) Fill in the blanks and complete the sentence : 1
.....only bookish knowledge.

(v) Find out words from the passage which mean similar to the following. 2
(a) Fault **(b)** Nobility

(vi) Find out the antonyms of the following from the above passage. 2
(a) Useless **(b)** Unimportance

(vii) Why is the vocational education must for modern age? 2

2. **Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

Swami Vivekananda was a great religious reformer of our country. He was born in Calcutta on 12th January 1863. As a boy he was very intelligent and extraordinary. He had a deep interest in spiritual thoughts. Meeting with Shree Ramkrishna was the turning point of his life. He became a disciple of Ramakrishna and travelled all over India on foot. He firmly opposed the caste system and untouchability. He participated in the religious conference at Chicago in 1893 and preached the message of humanity throughout the world. He founded Belur Math and

Ramakrishna mission in 1897. His famous quotation was "Arise, awake and stop not until the goal is achieved".

(A) When and where was Swami Vivekanand born? 1

(B) What was Swami ji's deep interest in? 1

(C) Which are the two things Swami ji firmly opposed? 1

(D) Where and when Swami ji participated the religious conference? 1

(E) When did Swami ji establish the Belur Math and Ramakrishna mission? 1

(F) What was Swami ji's famous quotation? 1

(G) (i) **Find the word from the passage which means:** 1x2=2

(a) Student **(b)** Strongly

(ii) **Find the antonyms from the passage:** 1x2=2

(a) Stupid **(b)** Infamous

SECTION – B *(Writing)*

3. **Write a paragraph on any one of the following in about 100-120 words.** 5

(i) Celebration at Lord Rama Temple Ayodhya.

(ii) Importance of yoga (Health is Wealth).

4. Taking help from the information given below make a diary entry describing yesterday when you were on your way to school, a man walking just in front of you dropped his purse (Wallet). He did not realize that he has lost his purse. What did you do? 5

Hints: Going.....School.....a man. .....walking. .....dropped. .....realized .....lost .....purse .....pickup .....called .....gave .....happy .....blessed him .....feel very good.

OR

Write a paragraph that your school is supposed to reopen from tomorrow, but due to bad weather the D.M has declared two days leave. At that time what will be your reaction. Express your views.

SECTION – C *(Grammar)*

5. **Attempt any five sections from the following-** 5x2=10

(a) Punctuate the following:

(i) taj mahal is a great historical monument in agra

(ii) how will poonam do it

(b) Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of verbs given in brackets :

(i) An honest person always.....the truth.

(a) speaks **(b)** speak **(c)** speaking **(d)** spoke

(ii) The wind.....heavily yesterday.

(a) blow **(b)** had blew **(c)** blown **(d)** was blowing

(c) Complete the following sentences by using suitable modals-

(i) You.....pay attention in the class.

(a) can **(b)** should **(c)** may **(d)** might

(ii) Suresh.....be here any time soon.

(a) can **(b)** would **(c)** will **(d)** may

(d) Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences-

(i) should/obey/we/parents/our (ii) makes/perfect/man/practice/a

(e) Fill in the blanks with a suitable article:

(i) We should set.....example before others. (a/an/the)

(ii) There is .....university in our city. (the/a/an)

(f) **Fill in the blanks with appropriate preposition -**

(i) Put.....the light. The sun is shining. (on/off/with)

(ii) Mamta is an expert.....cooking. (at/in/on)

SECTION – D *(Text Book)*

6. **Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

Sue and Johnsy, two young artists, shared a small flat. The flat was on the third storey of an old house. Johnsy fell very seriously ill in November. She had Pneumonia. She would lie in her bed without moving, just gazing out of the window. Sue her friend became very worried. She sent for the doctor. Although he came every day but there was no change in Johnsy's condition. One day the doctor took Sue aside and asked her, "Is anything worrying johnsy?" "No," replied Sue, "But why do you ask?" The doctor said, "It seems, she has made up her mind that she is not going to get well. If she doesn't want to live, medicines will not help her."

(i) What was Sue and Johnsy's profession? 1

(ii) Who is ill in this story? 1

(a) Johnsy **(b)** Sue **(c)** Doctor **(d)** None of these

(iii) Who was gazing out of the window? 1

(iv) Who says that, if she does not want to live, medicines will not help her? 1

(v) Write the name of the disease that Sue was suffering from? 1

OR

One day he invited me to his home for a meal. His wife was horrified at the idea of a Muslim boy being invited to dinner in her ritually pure kitchen. She refused to serve me in her kitchen. Sivasubramania Iyer was not perturbed, nor did he get angry with his wife, but instead, served me with his own hands and sat down beside me to eat his meal. His wife watched us from behind the kitchen door. I wondered whether she had observed any difference in the way I ate rice, drank water or cleaned the floor after the meal. When I was leaving his house Sivasubramania Iyer invited me to join him for dinner again the next weekend.

(i) Who invited Kalam to his home for a meal? 1

(ii) Why did Iyer's wife horrify? 1

(iii) What was Mrs. Iyer doing when the author and Mr. Iyer were taking their meal ? 1

(iv) **Find the world from the passage which means disturbed?** 1

(a) horrified **(b)** refused **(c)** obsereved **(d)** perturbed

(v) **When did Iyer invite Kalam again?** 1

(a) next day **(b)** next month **(c)** weekend **(d)** never

7. **Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions given:**

Away away in the Northland,
Where the hours of the day are few,
And the nights are so long in winter
That they cannot sleep them through
Where they harness the swift reindeer
To the sledges, when it snows:
And the children look like bear's cubs
In their funny, furry clothes:

(i) **What is the name of this poem.** 1

(a) The wind (b) The road not taken
(c) Rain on the roof (d) A legend of the North land

(ii) Write the name of the place where the hours of the day are few and the nights are so long in winter? 1

(iii) **Who is the poet of this poem?** 1
(a) Robert Frost (b) Coates Kinney (c) Phoebe Cary (d) W.B Yeats

(iv) What does a reindeer do? 1

(v) How do babies look like in this poem? 1

OR

Remember, no men are strange, no countries foreign
Beneath all uniforms, a single body breathes
Like ours: the land our brothers walk upon
Is earth like this, in which we all shall lie.
They, too, aware of sun and air and water,
Are fed by peaceful harvests, by war's long winter starv'd
Their hands are ours, and in their lines we read
A labour not different from our own.

(i) Write the name of the poem? 1

(ii) **Who is the poet of this poem.** 1
(a) James Falconer-Kirkup (b) Coateskinney
(c) Subramania Bharati (d) William Wordsworth

(iii) Find out the ways in which we all are alike. Pick out the words from the passage. 1

(iv) **What are all people aware of?** 1
(a) Sun (b) Air (c) Water (d) All of the above

(v) What is the message of this poem? 1

8. **Answer any four questions in about 40-50 words:** 4x3=12
(i) What was Kezia's nightmare?
(ii) How did Abdul Kalam earn his first wages?
(iii) How does Santosh describe her feelings at the summit of the Everest?
(iv) What are the three things the poet wants to do when he will go to Innisfree?
(v) What does the poet want to tell us through the poem 'On killing a tree'?

9. **Answer any two questions in about 40-50 words:** 2x3=6
(i) Who became the next king and the minister after the death of the former king and his minister?
(ii) What is Behrman's masterpiece? What makes Sue say so?
(iii) Why does the author break down in tears after the fire from the lesson 'A House is not a Home'?

10. **Answer any one question in about 100-120 words:** 6
(i) Describe the scene at Pashupati Nath temple and Baudhnath Stupa?
(ii) What two important and earth-shaking decisions did the doctor take while he was looking into the mirror and how was the doctor finally able to escape the snake ?

11. **Answer any one question in about 100-120 words:** 6
(i) Who was Lushkoff ? What was Surgei and Olga's role to reform the life of Lushkuff?
(ii) Whom did the prince and the swallow both help and how? What is the message of the story 'The Happy Prince'

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