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High School, Examination (Regular) - 2020

अंग्रेजी (विशिष्ट)

ENGLISH (Special)

Time : **3** Hours] [Maximum Marks : **100**

Instructions :

(i) Read all the questions carefully.

(ii) Read the instructions given with the question before attempting them.

(iii) Marks of each question are indicated against it.

SECTION - A

(Reading)

1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :

By the end of the 15th century, European explorers had considerable experience of long-distance ocean voyaging. In particular, they had learned that the greatest danger, apart from storms and hurricanes, was lack of food and water. If a ship was becalmed supplies could quickly run very low.

European navigators had also learned that there were other problems besides hunger and thirst. They noticed that ships' crews often became very sick, even though they were eating and drinking regularly, but they did not understand why this happened. In fact the crews were suffering from a disease called scurvy, caused by a lack of Vitamin C. As a result, their gums became sore, their teeth fell out and many eventually died.

Questions :

(a) The word similar in meaning to 'a group of sailors' is _____. 1

(i) Explorers (ii) Crew

(iii) Navigators (iv) Supplier

(b) European explorer did not have any experience of long distance ocean voyaging. (say 'True' or 'False') 1

(c) The meaning of 'storm' is : 1

(i) a strong wind (ii) flood

(iii) scurvy (iv) thirst

(d) What experience did the European explorer gain by the end of the 15th century ? 2

(e) What was the problem other than storm and hurricane ? 2

(f) Which disease trapped the crew ? 1

2 Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions given below :

The sun descending in the west,
The evening star does shine
"The birds are silent in their nest,
And I must seek for mine,"
The moon, like a flower,
In heaven's high bower.
With silent delight
Sits and smiles on the night.
Farewell, green fields and happy groves,
Where lambs have nibbled, silent moves
The feet of an angels bright;
Unseen they pour blessing
And joy without ceasing,
On each bud and blossom,
And each sleeping bosom.

Questions :

(a) The poet compares the moon to a _____. 1

(i) Night (ii) Silence

(iii) Flower (iv) Joy

(b) Find the word from the poem which means the same, for 'areas of small land with fruit trees of particular type. 1

(i) Stars (ii) Caves

(iii) Angels (iv) Groves

(c) Give the noun from the word 'Happy'. 1

(i) Happiness (ii) Happily

(iii) Happen (iv) Happier

(d) Where is the sun descending ? 1

(e) Describe the evening given in the poem. 2

(f) What does the above poem convey ? 2

3 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below :

King Lear had three daughters, Goneril, Regan and Cordelia. Lear was a very old man. He was over eighty years of age. He was weary of ruling his kingdom and needed peace and quiet. He decided to give up his throne but first, he wanted to know how much his daughters loved him. Lear first questioned his eldest daughter, the wife of the Duke of Albany. Goneril declared "I love you with all my heart and I shall always love you so". Lear was pleased. He gave her a third of his kingdom. Lear then questioned his second daughter, Regan the wife of Duke of Cornwall. She declared "My only happiness is in loving you. My love for you will never change." Her answer pleased the old king and he also gave a third of his kingdom. It was then the turn of Cordelia who just stood there and said nothing. Cordelia knows that her sisters flattered their old father. She wants to speak the truth. She could not deceive or flatter her father. So she answered that "You are my father. You have brought me up, but I can't say like my sister. When I marry, I shall give much of my love to my husband". After listening to these words the King disowned her and gave all her shares to both the daughters. He kept for himself only the name of king and a hundred Knights to attend him."

Questions :

Choose the correct alteratives :

(i) Cordelia was _____. 1

(a) married (b) unmarried

(c) a widow (d) heartless

(ii) Lear disowned Cordelia as _____. 1

(a) her answer displeased him

(b) She was not speaking the truth.

(c) She had no heart.

(d) She wants to hurt her father.

(iii) Give the verb form of the following words : 1

(a) belief (b) speech

(iv) "You have brought me up"..... The meaning of this line is - 1

(a) postponed (b) reared

(c) lifted (d) helped

(v) Why did he decide to give up his throne ? 2

(vi) What did he want to hear before dividing his kingdom among his daughters ? 2

(vii) What could Cordelia not do ? 2

(viii) What did Lear keep for himself ? 2

(ix) Why did Goneril and Regan flatter the old king ? 2

SECTION - B

(Writing)

4 Write your views on how we can make our surroundings green, pollution free and environment friendly (75-100 words) 5

OR

Write a short paragraph on your 'Dream School' with the help of the given clues (75-100 words) :

(i) Teaching staff (ii) Library

(iii) Building (iv) Laboratory

(v) Playground (vi) Extracurricular activities.

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5 You are the Secretary of the Cultural Association of your school. Your school is going to organize a painting competition on 15th November. Draft a notice for the students to participate in the event. 5

OR

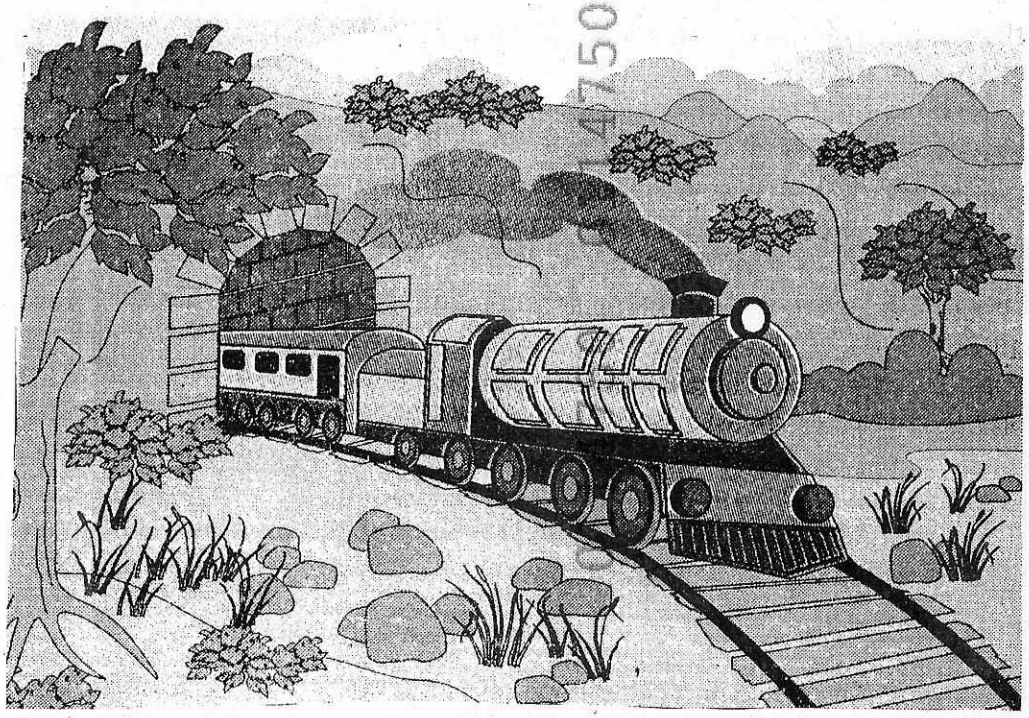
You are Shubham attending an N.C.C. camp. Write a postcard to your father on your experiences in the camp.

6 You are required to write an article for your school magazine on 'Importance of music in life'. Write it with the help of these points given below in about 120-150 words : 7

(i) Fine Arts
(ii) Types
(iii) Natural gift
(iv) Source of pleasure
(v) Soothing effect
(vi) School to provide facilities

OR

Using following visual input produce a small description of your journey in about 120-150 words :



7 Write a letter to the Principal of your school to plead pardon as a window pane had been broken by you. 6

OR

Write a letter to District Health Officer drawing attention towards spreading malaria and dengue in your locality.

8 Write an essay on any **one** of the following topics in about 250 words : 7

(a) The Biggest Problem in India.

(b) Science – A Boon or a Bane.

(c) Importance of games and sports.

(d) Mahatma Gandhi : A Real Hero

(e) Clean India

SECTION - C

(Grammar)

9 Fill in the blanks using the correct words given in the brackets : (any **ten**) 10×1=10

(i) She is _____ European girl. (a, an)

(ii) I have been calling you _____ two hours. (since, for)

(iii) Meeta is looking _____ the window. (through, on)

(iv) Neither Ruchi nor Neha _____ coming here. (was, were)

(v) We _____ to respect our teacher. (could, ought)

(vi) Come soon _____ you will miss the train. (otherwise, but)

(vii) If he _____ a taxi, he will catch the bus. (hire, hires)

(viii) Never lean _____ the wall. (against, with)

(ix) Will it make _____ difference to you ? (some, any)

(x) This is the place _____ I was born. (where, there)

(xi) He was accused _____ murder. (of, to)

(xii) We must abide _____ the rules of road. (by, with)

10 Do as directed : (any **five**) **5×1=5**

(i) He kept us waiting. (Change the voice)

(ii) Ten miles are a long distance. (correct the sentence)

(iii) The woman said to him, "May God bless you!"
(Rewrite the sentence into indirect speech)

(iv) You may go home when you have finished.
(Pick out the adverb clause)

(v) He was so tired that he could not do anything.
(Rewrite the sentence using too–to)

(vi) He does his duty well. (Change into negative sentence)

(vii) I live in Bhopal, M.P. (Frame a question)

SECTION - D
(Text Book)

11 Read the extract of the poem and answer the questions given below :

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 lines have been taken is : **1**

(i) Goodwill (ii) If

(iii) To the Cuckoo (iv) The Bridge Builder

(b) Write true or false : **1**

Goodwill is an extract from Samaveda.

(c) What is the function of mind in the body ? **2**

12 Read the extract from the poem carefully and answer the questions given below :

He is all pine and I am apple orchard
My apple trees will never get across
And eat the cones under his pines, I tell him
He only says, "Good fences make good neighbours".

Questions :

(a) The poet of the above lines is _____ 1

(i) John Keats (ii) Robert Frost
(iii) William Cowper (iv) William Wordsworth

(b) The one word used for 'people living close to you' in the extract is : 1

(i) pine (ii) neighbours
(iii) cones (iv) fences

(c) What are the benefits of good fences ? 2

13 Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 120-150 words : 5

(a) How did the History and Maths teacher prove Wasserkopf's answer, 'The thirty year's War lasted only seven metres' is correct?

(b) Why was Gaultier angry with Marion ?

14 Answer any **four** of the following questions in about 30-40 words : 4×2=8

(a) What are Bacon's views on Servants and employees ?

(b) Why did the boys make a visit to the country every Sunday ?

(c) What are the things that affected the culture of India in the olden days ?

(d) What would Helen Keller like to see in a farm ?

(e) Why did Thor Heyerdahl choose the Papyrus Boat for his journey ?

15 Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 75-100 words : 4

(a) How do the responsibilities of youth affect a person's life ?

OR

(b) What did the children do at the Tolestoy Farm ?