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High School Examination-2024

Subject -English

Total No. of Questions	Total Printed Pages	Time	Maximum Marks
16	7	3.00	75

Instructions:

(i) Read all the questions carefully.
(ii) Read the instructions given with the questions before attempting them.
(iii) Marks of each question are indicated against them.

Section-A (Reading)

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

When Alexander Fleming was sixteen, he had to work to earn his living. He found a job in a shipping office in London. The wages were small and the work rather uninteresting. He also worked as a volunteer soldier on weekends and holidays. It was soon discovered that the sturdy young man from Scotland was a fine shot and a very good swimmer.

Just afterwards, a relative died, leaving him a small but useful sum of money. His brother Thomas advised him to give up the job at the shipping office and spend the money on his training as a doctor. Alexander said later, "My brother Thomas pushed me into medicine."

So he joined St. Mary's hospital school. He attended lectures and watched operations, he also swam and acted in plays. Yet he was always the top student in the examination. He won many prizes and scholarships. It came to be known about his memory that he could remember the whole book after reading it just once.

Questions:

(i) Alexander Fleming was fond of - **1**
(a) travelling (b) hunting
(c) swimming (d) singing

(ii) He had to work to earn his living when he was in - **1**
(a) his teens (b) his twenties
(c) his thirties (d) his forties

(iii) What influenced Alexander Fleming's decision to leave his job at the shipping office?
(a) desire for adventure (b) a relative's death and inheritance **1**
(c) pressure from his friends (d) disinterest in the shipping industry

(iv) What does "uninteresting" mean in the context of Alexander Fleming's job at the shipping office? **1**
(a) boring (b) exciting
(c) rewarding (d) challenging

(v) Alexander Fleming joined for his medical training - **1**
(a) St. Thomas' Hospital (b) St. Mary's Hospital
(c) Royal London Hospital (d) Edinburgh Medical School

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(2.) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

Vegetable oil has been known from antiquity. No household can get on without it, for it is used in cooking. Perfumes may be made from the oils of certain flowers. Soaps are made from vegetable and animal oils. To the ordinary man, one kind of oil may be as important as another. But when the politician or the engineer refers to oil, he almost always means mineral oil, the oil that drives tanks, airplanes and warships, motorcars etc. This is the oil that has changed the life of the common man. When it is refined into petrol, it is used to run engines. To it we owe the existence of the motorcar, which has replaced the private carriage drawn by horse. To it we owe the possibility of flying.

It has changed the method of warfare on land and sea. This kind of oil comes out of the earth. It is used as fuel, and in some ways, it is superior to coal in this respect. Many big ships now burn oil instead of coal. Because it burns brightly, it is used for illumination. Because it is very slippery, it is used for lubrication. Two metal surfaces rubbing together cause friction and heat, but if they are separated by a thin film of oil, the friction and heat are reduced. No machine would work for long if it were not properly lubricated. The oil used for this purpose must be of the correct thickness. If it is too thin it will not give sufficient lubrication, and if it is too thick it will not reach all parts that must be lubricated.

Questions:

(i)What is the primary use of vegetable oil, according to the passage? **1**

(a) cooking (b) illumination
(c) perfume making (d) soap production

(ii)Which type of oil is often referred to by politicians and engineers? **1**

(a) vegetable oil (b) mineral oil
(c) animal oil (d) flower oil

(iii)The mineral oil, when refined into petrol, has contributed to the development of- **1**

(a) cooking techniques (b) private carriages
(c) motorcars (d)soap production

(iv)How has mineral oil changed the method of warfare on land and sea? **1**

(a) by enhancing cooking methods (b) by replacing horses with motorcars
(c) by fueling tanks, airplanes, and warships (d) by improving soap production

(v)Why do many big ships now burn oil instead of coal? **1**

(a) because it is more readily available (b) because it is brighter
(c) because it is a superior fuel (d) because it is used for lubrication

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(3.) Read the following passage carefully. Make notes and supply a suitable title: 4

When planning to go on a vacation, the tendency is to make sure that the travel plans are hassle free, before stepping out of one's doors. This involves booking by train, bus or even by air to one's chosen destination. Yet the greatest holidays can be enjoyed by going on foot and I am not referring to trekking expeditions into the wilds. Any holiday can be made into a walking trip by opting out of a bus ride or a train journey or a taxi drop, by selecting to go on foot. Besides, walking is a great form of exercise and, above all, helps you to go deep into the local culture, the daily lives of people, their food and their music.

Walking helps you enhance the adventurous streak in you. If you are out on a beach holiday, instead of workouts at the gym, head out to the water for your exercise. Resort pools are a great way to have fun and stay fit and are suitable for all ages. Wake up early to start your day with a swim and you can also recruit family and friends to join in to make the activity even more interesting.

Section-B(Writing)

(4.) You are Nishi studying in Govt Girls' Higher Secondary School, Morena.
Write an application to your principal requesting him to issue books from the book bank. **4**

Or

You are Deepak/Deepti residing at 43, Gulmohar Colony, Bhopal. Write a letter to your friend inviting him/her to attend your younger brother's birthday party.

(5.) Write an Essay on any one of the following topics in about 150 words. 5

(i) Importance of Sports and Games

(ii) Discipline in Student Life

(iii) Modern Technology

(iv) An Indian Festival

Or

Write a paragraph on any one of the following in about 150 words

(i) Advantages and disadvantages of Mobile Phones

(ii) Online Teaching

(iii) Importance of English

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(6.) On the basis of the picture given below, write a short paragraph. **3**

Section-C (Grammar)

(7.) Fill in the blanks: (any five) **1×5= 5**

(i) Hurry up! We haven't got ____time. (many/ little/much)

(ii) Every year thousands of people die_____ cancer. (from/of/to)

(iii) My father is a _____ teacher. (retire/retiring/retired)

(iv) We ____ wear mask in crowded places. (should/used / ought)

(v) He is an American but his wife is ____ European. (a/an/the)

(vi) I am not going to office _____ I am ill. (and/so/because)

(vii) I often go to Mumbai ____ is the commercial capital of India. (which/who/where)

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(8.) Do as directed: (Any five) **1×5= 5**

(i) Mohit is very weak. He cannot walk easily. (Combine the sentences using 'so …….that')

(ii) I did my work on time. (Change into negative)

(iii) Amit ate all the sweets. (Change into interrogative)

(iv) If you run fast, you can catch your bus. (Use 'unless' in place of 'if')

(v) Ravi is my cousin. He is sitting at the last bench. (Combine the sentences into a relative clause)

(vi) Children read books. (Change into passive voice)

(vii) The Rajdhani Express arrived at the platform. (Change the sentence into present perfect tense)

Section-D (Textbooks)

(9.) Answer the following questions: **1×4= 4**

(i) The bakers are known in Goa as _____

(a) packer (b) pader
(c) kabai (d) bread bangle

(ii)Lencho called post office employees _____

(a) a pack of thieves (b) a bunch of crooks
(c) a team of players (d) a group of actors

(iii) What food did the seagull's mother get for it?

(a) insect (b) crab
(c)prawn (d) fish

(iv)Anne Frank called her dairy_____

(a) Margot (b) Young girl
(c) Kitty (d) Grandma

(10.) (a) Read the following extract from the prose and answer the questions given below: 1x3-3

Writing in a diary is a really strange experience for someone like me. Not only because I've never written anything before, 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 even greater need to get all kinds of things off my chest.

Questions:

I. From which lesson has this text been taken?

(a) A Letter to God (b) Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom
(c) Two Stories about Flying (d) From the Diary of Anne Frank

II. Who is the author of From the Diary of Anne Frank?

(a) Ruskin Bond (b) Anne Frank
(c) Liam O' Flaherty (d) G.L. Fuentes

III. What did Anne Frank to do to take things off her chest?

(a) She would sleep a lot. (b) She would eat a lot.
(c) She would play a lot. (d) She would dance a lot.

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(b) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below: **1x3 =3**

Listen. The glass is breaking.
The trees are stumbling forward
into the night. Winds rush to meet them.
The moon is broken like a mirror,
its pieces flash now in the crown,
of the tallest oak.

Questions:

1. From which poem have the above lines been taken?

(a) The Trees (b) Fog
(c) Dust of Snow (d) Animals

2. The figure of speech used in the line "The moon is broken like a mirror" is

(a) Metaphor (b) Simile
(c) Oxymoron (d) Personification

3. The opposite of the word "forward" is

(a) onward (b) foreword
(c) backward (d) upward

(11.) Answer the following questions (30 words): (any six) **6×2 = 12**

(i) Why did the postmaster send money to Lencho? Why did he sign the letter 'God'?

(ii) What did courage mean to Mandella?

(iii) How did Mr. Keesing punish Anne?

(iv) Why was the otter named 'Maxwell's otter'?

(v) Why didn't Valli want to make friends with the elderly woman?

(vii) How did Gautam Buddha help Kisa Gotami to understand that death is a part of one's life?

(viii) When would the baker come every day? Why did the children run to meet him?

(12.) Answer the following questions (30 words): (any two) **2×2= 4**

(i) What is a "dust of snow"? What does the poet say has changed his mood? How has the poet's mood changed?

(ii) What could Amanda do if she were a mermaid?

(iii) Why didn't the poet offer the boy money to buy another ball?

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(13.) Answer the following questions (30 words): (any two) **2×2= 4**

(i) Why did Mrs. Pumphrey think the dog's recovery is "a triumph of surgery"?

(ii) What story did the lady tell Horace Danby to get the jewels?

(iii) How did Griffin become invisible?

(14.) Why did the seagull's father and mother threaten him and cajole him to fly? What compelled the young seagull to fly? (in about75 words) **3**

Or

Baking was considered an important and a profitable profession in a traditional Goan village. Explain. (in about 75 words)

(15). According to Robert Frost, what are the two different views about the end of the world? (in about75 words) **3**

Or

What is theme of the poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo'?(in about 75 words)

(16.) How did Bholi's teacher play an important role in changing the course of her life? (in about 75 words) **3**

Or

What would have happened to Matilda if she had confessed to her friend that she had lost her necklace? (in about 75 words)

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