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PRE BOARD EXAMINATION 2023-24

Subject : ENGLISH

Class : XII

Time Allowed : 3:15 Hours

Max. Marks : 100

Instructions :

- (i) First 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question paper.
- (ii) This question paper is divided into four section - A, B, C and D.
- (iii) All questions from all the sections are compulsory.
- (iv) Marks are indicated against each question.

Section-A (Reading)

Q.1-3 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

An old man being distressed by the ceaseless quarreling going on between his son. One day called them to him and showed them a bundle of sticks tied together and asked if any one of them was strong enough to break it. First one and then another tried, but although they were all robust and hefty young men they all failed. He then untied the bundle and told them to break each stick separately. This they did easily and all the sticks were soon broken into pieces. Thus he taught them that united they would be strong, but divided they would always be weak.

Questions :

- (a) Why was the old man distressed ? 3
- (b) What did the old man teach his sons ? 3
- (c) With what example did the old man teach his sons that unity can make them strong ? 3
- (d) When could his sons break the sticks ? 3
- (e) (i) Find out a word similar to 'troubled' in the passage. 1
- (ii) Suggest a one word to the phrase - 'strong and healthy'. 1
- (iii) Select a word from the passage which is opposite of 'divided'. 1

Section - B

(Writing)

Q.2 Write an article on any one of the following topics in about 100-150 words - 10

(English-12)

(1)

(P.T.O.)

- (a) India - an agricultural country
- (b) Role of women in Modern India.
- (c) Your plan for future

Q.3

Write a letter to the Editors of a newspaper about frequent breakdown of electricity in your locality. 10

OR

You are the owner of Gupta & Brothers Ltd. You have received a lot of orders from various customers. Write a letter to one of the customers informing him about delay in fulfillment of the order.

Section- C

(Grammar)

Q.4 Choose the correct option to answer the following questions -

5x2 = 10

- (a) A foreigner who settles in a country is called :
 - (i) Immigrant (ii) Emigrant
 - (iii) Alien (iv) Visitor
- (b) The phrase 'To die in harness' means :
 - (i) premeditated murder (ii) Dying young in an accident
 - (iii) to die while in service (iv) to be taken by surprise
- (c) The synonym of 'Diligent' is -
 - (i) Intelligent (ii) Energetic
 - (iii) Modest (iv) Industrious
- (d) "Cattles are grazing in the field".
Which word in his sentence is an error ?
 - (i) Cattles (ii) are
 - (iii) in (iv) the
- (e) The antonym of 'inevitable' is -
 - (i) Avoidable (ii) unnecessary
 - (iii) inseparable (iv) uncertain

Q.5

- (a) Change any one of the following into indirect speech : 2
 - (i) He said to me, "Can you spare some money for me ?
 - (ii) The teacher said to the boys, "Do not make a noise in the class."
- (b) Combine any one of the following as directed : 2
 - (i) Her husband died. She heard the news. She fainted.
(Simple Sentence)

- (ii) Some people die for some noble cause. They are honoured by everyone. (Into Complex sentence)
- (c) Change anyone of the following as directed : 2
- (i) Did you see him yesterday? (Into Passive voice)
- (ii) Tulsidas was one of the greatest poets. (Into Pasitive degree)
- (d) Correct anyone of the following sentences : 2
- (i) Milk is preferable than tea.
- (ii) He has received a letter yesterday.
- (e) Use anyone of the following pairs of words in your won sentence to make the difference in their meanings clear. 2
- (i) Stationary - Stationery
- (ii) Sight - Site

Q.6

Translate the following into English - 5

भारत एक कृषि प्रधान देश है। यदि यहाँ पढ़ें-लिखें लोग खेती की ओर ध्यान दें, तो हम लोगों की गरीबी दूर हो सकती है। हमारे गाँव में सुधार की जरूरत है। शिक्षित व्यक्ति जब गाँव में रहने लगेंगे तो उन गाँवों का सामाजिक जीवन बिल्कुल बदल जायेगा। स्कूल की पढ़ाई पूरी करके इन दिनों हर एक विद्यार्थी विश्वविद्यालय में प्रवेश लेना चाहता है। यह धारणा उचित नहीं है। विद्यार्थियों को इन विषयों पर ठीक से विचार करना चाहिए, तभी वे साहस के साथ भविष्य का सामना कर सकेंगे।

Section - B

(Literature)

Q.7 Answer the following questions in about 40 words each - 4+4 = 8

(a) Why was the Y.M.C.A. pool safe?

OR

What happened to the matter seller in the woods?

(b) How can you say that Gemini studios was the favourite haunt of poets?

OR

Why did Rudyard kipling refuse to be interviewed?

Q.8 Answer anyone of the following questions in about 80 (eighty) words - 7

(a) Why did Raj kumar Shukla invite Gandhiji to Champaron? How did Gandhiji solve the problem of farmers?

(b) Explain Denis Brian's statements "Almost everything of

moment reaches us through one man asking question of another.

- Q.9 Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow : 3x2=6

If we were not so single minded
about keeping our lives moving
and for once could do nothing
perhaps a huge silence
might interrupt this sadness
of never understanding ourselves
and the threatening ourselves with death

- (a) Why does the poet want us to do nothing for once ?
(b) What can a huge silence do good to us ?
(c) What does the poet mean by the word 'Threatening' ?
- Q.10 Give the central idea of any one of the following poems : 4
- (a) A Thing of Beauty
(b) A Roadside Stand
(c) My Mother at sixty six

- Q.11 Answer the following questions in about 40 words each : 4+4 = 8
- (a) Why does Charley say that Grand central station is growing like a tree in the story 'The Third Level'.

OR

What gave the astrologers the greatest surprise of their life while they were studying the horoscope for the ten-day old prince ?

- (b) Who was Geoff Green ? What did he offer to the students ?

OR

Why was Derry impressed by Mr. Lamb ?

- Q.12 Answer any one of the following questions in about 80 (Eighty) Words. 7

- (a) Give a character sketch of Dr. Sadao.
(b) In what way did Zitkala - Sa-rebel to save her hair from being shingled ?