

QUARTERLY EXAMINATION

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Class - 12th
Subject - English

Time : 3 Hours

Max.Marks- 50

General Instructions :

- 1) This Paper is divided into three sections A, B and C. All the sections are compulsory.
- 2) Read these instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.
- 3) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions. <https://www.cgboardonline.com>

SECTION - A - (READING)

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Que.1. Read the passages given below and answer the questions that follow

We have been talking about the evils of child labour for the last 10 years in this country. But the number of working children seems to be increasing. Instead of building up a groundwell of public opinion against child labour and for compulsory primary education, we are still taking about child labour as being necessary for survival of the family. The debate has not changed radically in the last 10 years. The result is that children continue to work in the most hazardous conditions and compulsory education is still a dream.

Children working in hazardous industries, they are also engaged in the most hazardous processes in industries which adults do not want to touch. In the glass industry, children are primarily engaged in removing molten glass from the furnaces. Since the furnaces are designed for adults, the child's face is almost touching the wall of the furnaces. It is not all.

Accidents happen all the time and most of them go unreported. Doctors refuse to treat injured or severely ill patients. A common complaint I heard from workers in all the industries I studied - glass, lock, brassware, pottery and gemstone- was that doctors tell them to come back to them for treatment when they are better. Doctors refuse to treat severely injured patients as they have to necessarily report medico-legal cases.

What then is going to be the fate of Indian children ? Are we still going to justify child labour in India as an economic necessity for the family ? The children who are found working are those that

are able to work. The word "hazardous" is not defined anywhere, not in the constitution of India and not in the Child labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986. Child labour has to be banned uniformly.

Child labour in hazardous industry at least needs to be banned by a Presidential order or something dramatic and serious like that. The message needs to get home to all employers of child labour that this situation just cannot continue. Parents also cannot be allowed to justify sending their children to work in such industries on the grounds of poverty. A massive countrywide campaign needs to be launched. <https://www.cgboardonline.com>

We cannot wait for the perfect programme to be developed before child labour is banned in hazardous employments. The word "hazardous" needs to be defined and defined now. If all work is considered hazardous, then let all work be banned for children.

A] On the basis of your reading of the passage make note on it, using recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary. Use a suitable format. Supply an appropriate title. 3

B] Write a summary of the passage in about 100 words. 2

SECTION - B - (ADVANCED WRITING SKILL) 20

Que.2. You are the director of 'Career Orientations', an academy providing intensive as well as extensive postal coaching to students appearing for IIT-JEE and CBSE-NEET, UPSC etc. Using the information given below in the input write an advertisement for publication in a newspaper. 5

Intensive and extensive postal coaching for IIT-JEE, CBSE-NEET, and UPSC - exhaustive study materials - Question Bank - periodical test and expert guidance.

Or

You are Ravi/Rachna. As President of the Cultural Forum of your school, you have organised an inter-school orchestra competition on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of your school. Write a notice in about 50 words, informing the students of your school about this competition.

Que3. Your school celebrated the Teacher's Day on 5th September. Prepare a report in 100-125 words to be sent to CBSE Sign as Mohit/Molly of R.K.Singh Hr.Sec.School, Akaltara. 5

Or

▶ The N.S.S. unit of your school is observing the "Vanmahotsav" week and has a target of planting one hundred new saplings in and around the campus. You being the leader of your unit are to speak on "Planting A Sapling", to the volunteers. Write a complete process involved in "PLANTING A SAPLING" in about 100-125 words. <https://www.cgboardonline.com>

Que.4. As Sports Secretary of your school, write a letter to the secretary of Sports Authority of India, New Delhi, requesting him for details regarding the sports scholarship that are available for students.5

Or

Write a letter to the Editor of the daily, "The New Indian Express" about rash and reckless driving, suggesting preventive measures. You are Navin / Neha living at B-47, friends colony, Janjgir-Champa, Chhattisgarh.

Que.5. Indian TV is doing a great service to the general public. Write an article giving your views on the above topic in 150-200 words for a leading magazine. You are Arth / Arti, a citizen of Akaltara.

Or

Your school is organising a Science and Technology exhibition. In connection with it, prepare a poster to bring home to the people the importance of conservation of electricity. Your school is R.K.Singh Hr. Sec. School, Akaltara. in about 50 words.

SECTION - C (LITERATURE)

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Que.6. Read the Stanzas given below and answer the questions that follow each :

Driving from my parent's
home to cochin last friday
morning, I saw my mother,
beside me,
doze, open mouthed, her face
ashen like that
of a corpse and realised with pain
that she thought away, and
looked but soon
put that thought away, and
looked out at young
trees sprinting, the merry children
spilling out of their homes,

Questions :

- A] Where was the poet driving to ?
 B] What did she notice while her mother sat beside her ?
 C] Why was her mother's face like that of a corpse ?
 D] Find words from the stanza which mean :-
 a) felt b) sleep lightly
 E] Who is the poet of above stanza of poem ?
- Que.7. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each :
 $3 \times 4 = 12$

- A] What did Franz notice that was unusual about the school that day?

Or

- What was Franz expected to be prepared with for school that day ?
 B] What makes the city of Ferozabad famous ?
 C] What is Saheb looking for in the garbage dumps ? Where is he and where has he come from ?
 D] 'The modern world is full of insecurity, fear, war, worry and stress', What are the ways in which we attempt to overcome them ?
 E] What do you infer from Sam's letter to Charley ?
 F] The Story 'The Tiger King' is a satire on the conceit of those in power. How does the author employ the literary device of dramatic irony in the story ? <https://www.cgboardonline.com>
 G] What is a first day cover ? Explain.

Que.8. Answer any two of the following questions in 120-150 words : $3 \times 2 = 6$

- A] What happens to a linguistic minority in a state ? How do you think they can keep this language alive ?
 B] Why should Child labour be eliminated and how ?
 C] How did Charley stumble into the third level at Grand Central Station ? Describe his experience there ?
 D] Relate instances of game-hunting among the rich and the powerful in the present times that illustrate the callousness of human beings towards wildlife?

Poetry

Que.9. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words (any two)

- $1 \times 2 = 2$
 A] What is the kind of pain and ache that the poet feels in poem "My Mother at Sixty-Six" ?
 B] Why has the mother been compared to the 'late winter's moon' ?
 C] What does the poet see happening outside in the poem "My Mother at Sixty-Six" ?