

QUARTERLY EXAMS 2021-22
CLASS- X
SUBJECT- ENGLISH

TIME- 2.30 Hours

Max. Marks- 80

Instructions: -

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. Marks of each question are given against them.

SECTION-A (READING)

Q-1 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below. (5)

Mary was blind at birth. Doctors during those years had been unable to do anything to correct the situation and although her parents lived in anguish, not being able to see was normal for her. After years of training to live in a dark world, Mary got a job and moved into her own flat. Several years later the doctors she occasionally visited for check-ups told her that a new technique had been found. This technique could restore her sight. One would think that Mary would have jumped at the possibility to see, but actually she was not at all happy about this situation. She had never seen anything before. She had established a life for herself in a world without sight and the thought of changing this lifestyle was frightening. She was more frightened of seeing than of not.

Q (i) One who cannot see is called ____.

- A) deaf B) dumb C) lame D) blind

Q (ii) Being able to see was ____.

- A) something Mary was not happy with. C) a welcome surprise for Mary.
B) what Mary wanted. D) what Mary was accustomed to.

Q (iii) According to the passage, Mary's inability to see was ____.

- A) a handicap caused by her doctors.
B) what had upset her.
C) present from her birth.
D) what had caused her to move into her own flat.

Q (iv) Mary got a job after ____.

- A) she could see.
B) years of training to live in a dark world.
C) She had left her studies.
D) The doctors had found a new technique.

Q (v) Find out the word from the passage which is similar to 'pain' ____.

- A) several B) sight C) frightened D) anguish

Q-2 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below: (5)

The natural place for all bacteria is the soil. When soil dries it may become dust and be carried about in the air with the bacteria. One might think that because of this the country would be a most unhealthy place. But this is not true. There is in the country air always more or less moisture to which these dust particles will cling and which will be carried to the ground; while in the dwelling-house in the city the air is usually dry so that the dust bodies fill the air. The old-fashioned dusting or sweeping stirs up the particles and forces them back into the air again. That is why vacuum cleaners are used so much today instead of a broom.

Q-(i) Which is the natural place for bacteria?

- (A) water (B) soil (C) air (D) sky

Q-(ii) Vacuum cleaners are better than brooms because

- (A) vacuum cleaners are modern.
(B) brooms are old-fashioned.
(C) vacuum cleaners absorb the dust particles.
(D) they do not send dust particles into the air again.

Q-(iii) The moisture in the country air is responsible for

- (A) filling the air with dust.
- (B) turning the soil into dust.
- (C) returning the bacteria to the soil.
- (D) making the country an unhealthy place.

Q-(iv) The word 'country' in the passage means

- (A) India
- (B) any country
- (C) the rural area
- (D) the urban area

Q-(v) The noun form of 'true' is _____.

- (A) truly
- (B) truthful
- (C) untrue
- (D) truth

SECTION-B (WRITING)

Q-3 Read the passage carefully and make notes on it and also give a suitable title. (4)

In 776 BC the First Olympic Games were held at the foot of Mount Olympus to honour the Greek's chief God Zeus. The Greeks emphasized, physical fitness and strength in their education of youth. Therefore, contests in running, jumping, discus and javelin throwing, boxing and horse and chariot racing were held in individual cities, and the winners competed every four years at Mount Olympus. Winners were greatly honoured by having poems sung about their deeds. Originally these were held as games of friendship, and any wars in progress were halted to allow the games to take place. The Greeks attached so much importance to these games that they calculated time in four-year cycles called 'Olympiads' dating from 776 BC.

Q-4 you are Manisha Chauhan studies in Govt. Higher Secondary School Guna. Write an application to your principal for School Leaving Certificate. <https://www.upboardonline.com> (4)

Or

Write a letter to your father requesting him to send you 1000 rupees to purchase some books and other study material.

Q-5 Write an essay on any one of the topics in about 200 words. (4)

- (A) Value of Games and Sports
- (B) Terrorism
- (C) Use of Science in Daily Life
- (D) The unemployment Problem.

Or

Write a paragraph on any one of the following topics.

- (A) Importance of Trees
- (B) Merits and Demerits of Mobile Phones
- (C) Swachhata Abhiyan
- (D) Health and hygiene

Q-6



On the basis of the above picture, describe how we can prevent ourselves from COVID-19. (4)

SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)

Q-7 Fill in the blanks choosing the correct alternative given in the brackets. (Any five) (5)

- I. He knows the boy _____ is wearing a blue shirt. (which/who/where)
- II. His brother is _____ R.J. in a local radio channel. (a/an/the)
- III. There is not _____ water in the pool. (some/any/many)
- IV. He has _____ many plays (write/wrote/written)
- V. _____ I take your pen? (need/may/used)
- VI. We _____ to follow the traffic rules. (ought /should/must)

Q-8 Do as directed. (Any five) (5)

- I. He did his work well. (Change into negative)
- II. The boy is my cousin. The boy has won the race. (Combine the sentences into a relative clause)
- III. Unless you work hard, you will fail. (Rewrite the sentence using if in place of unless)
- IV. They are selling their house. (Change into present perfect)
- V. Aman is very intelligent. He can pass this exam easily. (Combine the sentences using 'so---that')
- VI. He fought like a lion.

Which of the figures of speech has been used in the above sentence?

- a) metaphor
- b) simile
- c) alliteration
- d) personification

SECTION-D (LITERATURE)

Q-9 Answer the following questions.

(6)

- I. What did Lencho think of the post-office employees?
(a) bunch of crooks (b) rude (c) unhelpful (d) proud
- II. What did crow shake on the poet?
(a) dust of tree (b) dust of garden (c) dust of snow (d) dust of land
- III. What does 'ice' symbolize in the poem 'Fire and Ice'?
(a) lust (b) love (c) desire (d) hatred
- IV. How does Nelson Mandela define the meaning of courage?
(a) triumph over fear (b) triumph over love
(c) triumph over selfish (d) triumph over poverty
- V. Why didn't the pilot turn the aeroplane back towards Paris?
(a) He wanted to meet his family. (b) He wanted to go on a holiday.
(c) He did not want to miss the breakfast. (d) He did not like Paris.
- VI. How does the caged tiger react to the visitors?
(a) He ignores them. (b) He looks at them with a happy face.
(c) He looks at them with a sad face. (d) He looks at them proudly.

Q.10 (A) Read the following extract from the poem and answer the questions given below (3)

He hears the last voice at night,
The patrolling cars,
And stares with his brilliant eyes,
At the brilliant stars.

Questions-

- (i) From which poem the above lines have been taken?
(a) Dust of Snow (b) Fire and Ice
(c) A Tiger in the Zoo (d) The Ball Poet
- (ii) What does he stare at?
(a) cars (b) night (c) stars
- (iii) Which of the following is opposite of the word 'brilliant'?
(a) dull (b) glare (c) intelligent (d) superior

Q.10 (B) Read the following extract from the prose and answer the questions given below (3)

The moon coming up in the east, behind me, and stars were shining in the clear sky above me. There wasn't a cloud in the sky. I was happy to be alone high up above the sleeping countryside. I was flying my old Dakota aeroplane over France back to England. I was dreaming of my holiday and looking forward to being with my family. I looked at my watch at one thirty in the morning. 'I should call Paris Control soon,' I thought. As I looked down past the nose of my aeroplane. I saw the big lights of a big city in front of me.

- (i) How was the weather when the pilot started flying his aeroplane?
(a) cloudy (b) clear (c) stormy (d) foggy

The pilot was returning from _____

- (a) England to France. (b) Delhi to Bombay.
(c) France to England. (d) New York to Paris.
- (ii) From which lesson has this text been taken?

(a) A letter to God (b) His first Flight (c) Black Aeroplane (d) A Tiger in the Zoo
Q -11 Answer the following questions in about 30 words- (any 6) (12)

1. Why does the postmaster send money to Lencho? Why does he sign the letter 'God'?
2. Did Lencho try to find out who had sent the money to him?
3. What do the military generals do?
4. What does courage mean to Mandela?
5. Why was the young seagull afraid to fly?
6. Why did the seagull's father and mother threaten and cajole him to fly?
7. Why did the pilot decide to fly through the clouds?

Q-12 Answer the following questions in about 30 words- (any 2) (4)

1. What is a "dust of snow"?
2. What is "a hemlock tree"?
3. What do 'fire' and 'ice' stand for in the poem?
4. Where was the tiger kept in the zoo?

Q13. Answer the following questions in about 30 words- (any 2) (4)

1. Who is Tricki in the lesson A Triumph of Surgery?
2. What was Anil doing when the thief approached him?
3. Why was Mrs Pumphrey worried about Tricki?

Q-14 . Answer the following questions in about 75 words- (any 2) (6)

1. Why does Lencho call the rain drops 'new coins'?
2. What does Mandela thank the international leaders for?
3. Describe how did the young seagull made his first flight?

Q-15 'Small things in life make significant changes in our life'. Explain this statement with reference to the poem 'Dust and Snow' (in about 75 words) (3)

Or

Compare the life of a tiger in a cage and in a forest as described in the poem 'A tiger in the Zoo'.

Q-16 Why were the household dogs not interested in Tricki initially? (in about 75 words) (3)

Or

'Love, trust and compassion transformed Hari Singh'. Explain with reference to the story 'The Thief's Story'.

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