

अर्द्धवार्षिक परीक्षा-2021

विषय-अंग्रेजी

समय : 3 घण्टे

कक्षा - 11

पूर्णांक-90

Note: (i) All the questions are compulsory.

Q-1. Read the following passage and carefully and answer the questions set there on :- 4×3=12

Circumstances have rarely favoured great men. They have fought their way to triumph over the road of difficulty and through all sort of opposition. A lowly beginning and a humble origin are no bar to a greater career. The farmer 's boys fill many of the greatest places in legislatures and at the bar today. boys of lowly origin have made many of the greatest discoveries. Our poor boys and girls have written many of our greatest books and have filled the highest places as teachers and journalists. Ask almost any great man in our large cities where he was born, and he will tell you it was on a farm or in a small village.

- (a) Point out the role of circumstances in the lives of great men.
- (b) How have people become great ?
- (c) Give a summary of the passage.

Q-2. Write an essay on any topics in about 250 words :- 10

- (a) Science is a good servant but a bad master
- (b) Importance of Games and Sports
- (c) My Vision of a Future India
- (d) The Value of Health in Life

Q-3. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper about the increasing air pollution in your city. 5

Q-4. (A) Change the following sentences into Indirect form of speech :-

2×2=4

- (a) The gentleman said to the girl, "I know you and your father".

- (b) Keshav said to Gopal, "Did you eat mangoes" ?
- (B) Transform the following sentences as directed within bracket :- 4×1=4
- (a) The man is too poor to buy a car. (Remove too)
- (b) Rama wrote a letter. (Passive Voice)
- (c) Who does not know Sardar Patel ? (Assertive)
- (d) The Taj is very attractive. (Exclamatory)
- (C) Use ONE of the following idioms in your own sentence so as to make its meaning clear :- 2
- (a) A red letter day (b) Bed of roses
- (D) Give the synonyms ONE of the following words :- 2
- (a) Alter (b) Deny
- (E) Give the antonyms ONE of the following words :- 2
- (a) Barbaric (b) Civilized
- (F) Substitute one word for the following expression :- 2
- (a) The life history of a person written by himself.
- (G) Use the following words in sentences of your own so as to bring out the difference in their meanings clearly :- 2
- (a) Check (b) Cheque

Q-5. Translate the following into English :- 10

राजा विक्रमादित्य का नाम संसार में प्रसिद्ध है। वे मालवा के राजा थे। उनकी राजधानी उज्जैन थी। वे अपनी प्रजा से बहुत प्रेम करते थे और उनकी प्रजा भी उनसे प्रेम करती थी। उनके दरबार में बहुत से विद्वान रहते थे। कालिदास राजा के नवरत्नों में से एक थे। विक्रमादित्य अपने न्याय के लिये प्रसिद्ध थे। अपराधी उनके सामने कौपते थे क्योंकि वे जानते थे कि राजा उनके अपराध को जान लेगा। कभी-कभी अपनी जनता की स्थिति जानने के लिये वे अपने राज्य में भेष बदल कर घूमा करते थे। उनके राज्यकाल में प्रजा चिन्तामुक्त जीवन व्यतीत करते थे।

Q-6. Answer ONE of the following long questions :- 8

- (i) What preparations did the narrator make for his round the world voyage ?

- (ii) Who was Tut ? Why is his life as well as death weapped in mystry?

Q-7. Answer any TWO of the following short questions :- $4 \times 2 = 8$

- (i) How does Khushwant Singh describe his old grandmother ?
(ii) "We're not afraid to die." Who speaks these words and when ?
(iii) What has been the role of Howard Carter in the discovery of Tut?

Q-8. Give the Central Idea of any ONE of the following poems :- 5

- (i) A Photograph (ii) The Laburnum Top

Q-9. Read the following extract and answer the questions given below :- $2 \times 3 = 6$

The laburnum top is silent, quite still
In the afternoon yellow September sunlight,
A few leaves yellouring, all its seeds fallen
Till the goldfinch comes, with a twitching chirup
A suddenness, a startlement, at a branch end.

- (a) What is the significance of the 'Laburnum Top' here ?
(b) Which season has been described in these lines ?
(c) What commotion does the bird create ? How ?

Q-10. Answer ONE of the following long questions :- 4

- (i) Give a brief account of Mourad's adventure with the white horse.
(ii) Briefly narrate the main events of the story "Ranga's Marriage".

Q-11. Answer any TWO short questions of the following :- $2 \times 2 = 4$

- (i) Which tribe did Aram and his cousins Mourad belong to ? What was their tribe known for ?
(ii) What takes the narrator for Mrs. Dorling's house twice ? What was her experince there ?
(iii) Why was Ranga's homecoming a great event ?