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Pre Board Examination-2021

(B)

Class-12

Time : 3:15 Hrs]

English

[M.M. :100

General Instruction:

- (i) First 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question paper.
- (ii) All questions are compulsory.

(Section-A)

1. Explain with reference to the context one of the following passages: 10

(a) There is a pleasant sense of freedom about being alone in a carriage that is jolting noisily through the night. It is liberty and unrestraint in a very agreeable form. You can do any thing you like. You can talk to yourself as loud as you please and no one will hear you.

Or

(b) Politically and economically India faces many problems of great difficulty, and no one can forecast her future with any certainty. But it is safe to predict that, whatever the future may be, the Indians of coming generations will not be unconvincing and self-conscious copies of Europeans, but will be men rooted in their traditions, and aware of the continuity of their culture.

2. Answer any one of the following questions in not more than 30 words: 5

- (i) Why did the girl not accept the money as charity?
- (ii) What are the three important qualities of a valuable life?
- (iii) Why did Phatik run away from school?

3. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the most suitable words given within the brackets: 4

- (i) I am anxious that our grant _____ should be studied.
(scholars, classics, epics, writers)
- (ii) Hindu civilization will, we believe _____ its continuity.
(maintain, preserve, retain, destroy)
- (iii) The people of India have a _____ for independence.
(desire, hope, passion, gratitude)

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- (iv) He played _____ me openly.
(without, with, after, in front of)

4. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30 words: 5+5

- (i) Why could Shanku no longer postpone the act of stealing the gold watch?
(ii) What did the astrologer tell her wife after dinner?
(iii) How did the child feel when his first demand was not fulfilled? What was it?

5. Explain with reference to the context any one of the following stanzas: 10

- (a) This man is free from servile bands
Of hope to rise, or fear to fall;
Lord of himself, though not of lands
And having nothing, he hath all.

Or

- (b) For what are men better than sheep or goats,
That nourish a blind life within the brain,
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer
Both for themselves and those who call them friend?
For so the whole round earth is every way
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God.

6. Give the central idea of one of the following poems: 7

- (i) A lament / (ii) My Heaven
(iii) The song of the free

7. Write the definition of any one of the following figures of speech with two illustrations: 2+2

- (i) Personification (ii) Hyperbole (iii) Oxymoron

(Section-B) Grammar

8. (a) Change any one of the following sentences into indirect narration: 2

- (i) She said to me, "What are you standing for?"
(ii) He said to the king, "Please do justice with me"

(b) Combine the following sets of sentences as indicated within the brackets: 2

- (i) My old grand father is very weak. He can not come to you. (Simple sentence) Or
(ii) He did not speak humbly with me. He did not help me. (Compound sentence)

(c) Transform the following sentences as directed within brackets: 2

(i) An aeroplane runs faster than an express train.

(Positive Degree)

Or

(ii) It is not the proper time to shut the windows.

(Passive Voice)

(c) Correct any two of the following sentences: 2

(i) If I was the Prime Minister of India.

(ii) He made me to laugh.

(iii) He availed his casual leave.

(iv) She resembles with her mother.

9. (a) Use any three of the following idioms/phrasal verbs in your own sentences so as to bring out their meanings clearly: <https://www.upboardonline.com> 3

by brooks and crooks, a white elephant, a bone of contention, take off, scot free

(b) Give the antonyms of the following words: 3

ample, barren, major

(c) Give the synonyms of the words: 3

despise, dangerous, unique

(d) Substitute one word for the following group of words: 3

(i) That which can not be believed?

(ii) A child born after the death of his father.

(iii) One who abstains liquor.

(e) Use the following pairs of words in your own sentences so as to bring out the difference in their meaning: 2

umpire, empire

10. Translate the following into English: 10

प्रातःकाल का टहलना स्वास्थ्य के लिए बहुत उपयोगी है। प्रातःकालीन शुद्ध वायु न केवल फेफड़ों को शुद्ध करती है, अपितु हमें नवजीवन प्रदान करती है। हमारा मन भी प्रफुल्लित हो जाता है। यही कारण है कि मैं नित्यप्रति नियमित रूप से टहलने जाता हूँ। कुछ लोग देर तक बिस्तर पर पड़े रहते हैं। यह एक बुरी आदत है। हम सबको इससे बचना चाहिए। देर तक सोने के कारण हमारा शरीर शिथिल हो जाता है और दिनभर आलस्य घेरे रहता है। कोई काम करने में मन नहीं लगता है। हमारे बुजुर्ग लोग अक्सर कहा करते हैं कि "जो जल्दी सोता है और जल्दी उठता है, वह कभी बीमार नहीं पड़ता।" जो व्यक्ति सुबह सोकर जल्दी नहीं उठता है, वह जीवन का वास्तविक आनन्द नहीं पाता है। P.T.O.

11. Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 250 words: 12

- (i) Place of mother in society
- (ii) Mobile phones- Uses and abuses
- (iii) The Aim of your life
- (iv) Terrorism- a world problem
- (v) Importance of news papers and media in democracy
- (vi) Corona- an epidemic

12. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Never assume air, or parade your wisdom. The audience is very intelligent, so never underestimate it. It is really a bane when the speaker sometimes suffers from superiority complex and delivers the talk like great teachers and wise preachers. Air your views frankly but politely. Humility is a virtue which is universally appreciated and reciprocated. Never think in terms of doling out wisdom after wisdom in your talk. At occasions you should share a limitation or two with your audience and the fun at your expense. Be witty, humorous, polite, light-hearted. Identify yourself with your audience. Be in their shoes in order to adapt your speech to them. Analyse well how your message is going to help people to overcome their problems and improving life. See the relevance of your talk and the constructive solutions it suggests for the improvement of their quality of material and mental life. They should feel wiser and uplifted after having listened to you. There should be a positive impact on the audience.

- (a) What topic is being discussed in this passage? 1
- (b) What complex do sometimes speakers suffer from? ½
- (c) Name the virtue that is universally appreciated and reciprocated. 1
- (d) What impact should a successful speech leave on the audience? 1
- (e) What do the expressions-'assume air' 'superiority complex' and 'doling out' mean in the passage? 1½

