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Pre Board Examination, 2021

English Class—XII

B-XII-English

Time : 3.15 Hrs

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Instruction : First 15 minutes are allotted for the candidates to read the question paper.

Note : This paper is divided into Section A and Section B. Both the sections are compulsory.

Section A

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

(a) The people I saw in India—those in the village as well as those in high office—have both pride and lively sense of decency and citizenship. They also have a passion for independence. This beautiful child—born in squalor and poverty, uneducated in both grammar and manners—had.

(b) Magnanimity and mercy were the noblest attributes of man. In the exercise of these high qualities I could recover my prestige. At present I was a ridiculous figure, a thing for laughter and derision. By being merciful I could reassert the moral dignity of man and go back to my corner with honour.

2. Answer any one of the following questions in about 30 words : 5

- (i) Why did Phatik run away from school ?
- (ii) What could our women do in ancient times ?
- (iii) What do you understand by social service as religious duty ?

3. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the most suitable words given within the brackets : 4×1 = 4

- (a) I am anxious that our great should be studied.
(scholars, classics, writers)
- (b) Hindu civilization will, we believe its continuity.
(maintain, retain, destroy)
- (c) I cannot kill you, but I can you.
(replace, redress, relieve)

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(4) I realized at once what I had given.
(favour, reward, insult, offence)

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

- (i) What did the astrologer tell her wife after dinner ?
- (ii) What thoughts troubled Sanku after committing the theft ?
- (iii) What did the child feel when he has lost ?

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

- (i) A Lament
- (ii) My Heaven
- (iii) The True Beauty

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

(a) The wounded snake its hood unfurls,
The flame stirred up doth blaze,
The desert air resounds the calls
Of heart-struck Lion's rage :

(b) Whose passions not his masters are,
Whose soul is still prepared for death;
Untied unto the world with care,
Of princely love or vulgar breath :

7. Write the definition of one of the following figures of speech with two examples : 2+2 = 4

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

Section B (Grammar)

8. (a) Change the following sentences into indirect speech : 2
He said to me, "Friend, what are you doing here ?"

Or

She said to her husband, "You know, I can not live without you."

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

(i) He has failed many a time. He still hopes to succeed.
(simple sentence)

(ii) He was innocent. That was the verdict of the jury.
(complex sentence)

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

Why did not you not do my work ? (Passive-voice)

Or

Gandhi ji was one of the greatest leaders of the world.

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(Comparative degree)

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

(i) He has gone to Mumbai yesterday.

(ii) Myself can do it.

(iii) Your claim is prior than your sister's.

(iv) Your knowledge is most perfect.

(v) My brother is elder than me.

9. (a) Use any three of the following idioms/phrases in your own sentences so as to make their meanings clear : 3 x 1 = 3

(i) In a fix

(ii) In the teeth of

(iii) Hard and fast

(iv) To win laurels

(v) Get through

(vi) At dagger's drawn

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

adversity, dynamic, ambiguous

(c) Give the synonyms of the following words : 3

bane, honesty, cowardice

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

(i) Legal end of a marriage

(ii) that which can not believed

(iii) One who speaks on behalf of others.

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

Human, Humane

10. Translate the following into English : 10

भारत के पवित्र धार्मिक साहित्य में आध्यात्मिक उन्नति के लिए भारत के ऋषियों महर्षियों तथा विद्वानों ने जो नियम निर्धारित किए हैं वे संसार के इतिहास में अद्वितीय हैं। भारत का साहित्य हरिश्चन्द्र, युधिष्ठिर तथा दशरथ जैसे महापुरुषों के चरित्रों से भरा पड़ा है जिन्होंने सत्य की वेदी पर अपने

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जीवन की बलि दे दी थी। उन्होंने स्वार्थ की भावना को पूर्ण रूप से परित्याग कर वास्तविक सभ्यता के द्योतक 'वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम्' के उच्च सिद्धान्त को अपना लिया था। यह वह समय था जब भारतवर्ष समस्त संसार को न केवल सही मार्ग दिखाता था बल्कि आध्यात्मिक उन्नति की ओर निरंतर अग्रसर था।

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

(i) Role of women in building a new India.

(ii) Mobile Phones—Boon or Bane

(iii) Importance of Books in our life

(iv) Increasing Problem of Pollution

(v) Modi's Foreign Policy—successful or failure.

12. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : https://www.upboardonline.com

Half-educated persons read for amusement, and are not to be blamed for it; they are incapable of appreciating the deeper qualities that belong to a really great literature. But a young man who has passed through a course of university training should discipline himself at an early date never to read for mere amusement. And once, the habit of discipline has been formed, he will find it impossible to read for mere amusement. He will then impatiently throw down any book from which he cannot obtain intellectual food, any book which does not make an appeal to the higher emotions and to his intellect. But on the other hand, the habit of reading for amusement becomes with thousands of people exactly the same kind of habit as wine-drinking or opium-smoking.

(a) Write a summary of the passage given above. 2

(b) Suggest a suitable title for the above passage. 1

(c) Explain the underlined portion. 1

(d) How should a young man with university education read books ? 1

(e) What kind of books should not be read ? 1