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SECONDARY EXAMINATION, 2024

ENGLISH

Time : 3 Hours 15 Minutes

Maximum Marks : 80

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE EXAMINEES :

- 1) Candidates must first write their Roll Nos. on the question paper compulsorily.
- 2) **All** the questions are compulsory.
- 3) Write the answer to each question in the given answer-book only.
- 4) For questions having more than one part, the answers to those parts are to be written together in continuity.
- 5) Write the correct serial number of each question as mentioned in the question paper.

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SECTION-A (READING)

1) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

One of the greatest mysteries of bird's life is travelling. Every year during autumn and early winter birds travel from northern regions of Asia, Europe and America to the southern warmer lands. They make the return journey again during spring and early summer. They are very punctual unless they are delayed by bad weather. They face many dangers and hardships while travelling long distances through the air over hills, forests, plains and large stretches of water. Sometimes sudden storms arise and drive them far out of course. Often they are blown right out to sea and are drowned in the wild waves. At night brightlights attract and confuse the birds. They cannot fly at their fastest.

- (i) What is one of the greatest mysteries of a bird's life? [1]
(a) Flying (b) Travelling (c) Eating (d) Nesting
- (ii) They are very punctual unless they are delayed by - [1]
(a) Charming weather (b) Cloudy weather
(c) Shiny weather (d) Badweather
- (iii) At night what confuses the birds? [1]
(a) Sudden storms (b) Bad weather (c) Bright lights (d) Wild waves
- (iv) When do they make return journey? [1]
(a) During autumn (b) Early winter
(c) During late summer (d) During spring and early summer
- (v) Choose the opposite word of 'clearness' from the below given options- [1]
(a) Mysteries (b) Return (c) Punctual (d) Sudden
- (vi) Choose the similar word of 'difficulty' from the below given options [1]
(a) Mysteries (b) Warmer (c) Hardship (d) Arise

2) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:-

Very few persons know how to read. Considerable experience with literature is needed before taste and discrimination can possibly be acquired; and, without these, it is almost impossible to learn how to read. I say, almost impossible; since there are some rare men who, through a kind of inherited literary instinct are able to read very well even before reaching the age of twenty-five years. But these are great exceptions, and I am speaking

of the average; for to read the characters of the letters of the text does not mean reading in the true sense. You will often find yourselves reading words or characters automatically, even pronouncing them quite correctly, while your minds are occupied with a totally different subject. This mechanism of reading becomes altogether automatic at an early period of life, and can be performed irrespective of attention. Neither can I call it reading to extract the narrative portion of a text from the rest simply for one's personal amusement, or in other words, to read a book "for the story". Yet most of the reading that is done in the world is done in exactly this way.

Thousands and thousands of books are bought every year, every month, I might even say every day, by people who do not read at all. They only think that they read. They buy books just to amuse themselves, "to kill time" as they call it; in one hour or two their eyes have passed over all the pages, and there is left in their minds a vague idea or two about what they have been looking at, and this they really believe is reading. Nothing is more common than to be asked, "Have you read such a book?" or to hear somebody say, "I have read such and such a book."

- (i) Who, according to author, knows how to read? [1]
- (ii) About which readers is the author speaking? [1]
- (iii) Whom is this passage about? [1]
- (iv) What is needed before taste and discrimination can possibly be acquired? [1]
- (v) What is the mechanism of reading at an early period of life? [1]
- (vi) How is most of the reading done? [1]
- (vii) Which type of readers is the author speaking about? [1]
- (viii) Find from the passage the word which means 'entertainment' [1]
- (ix) Find from the passage the opposite of 'after' [1]

SECTION-B (WRITING)

- 3) You are Parul of X class. Write an email to your father to send you 700/- for Board Exam.Fee. The email address is ramesh@gmail.com [5]

OR

Imagine that you are Ram Narayan Sinha and the monitor of your class X reading in Government Senior Secondary School, Sikar. There are no proper library facilities in the school. Write an application of complaint to your Principal.

- 4) Write a story with the help of given out lines in about 80 words. Give the title and moral to it. [4]

A good boy.....falls.....bad company.....disobeys.....father advises to shun.....all in vain.....decides to teach a lesson.....brings apples.....puts them in almirah.....notices one rotten apple.....next day all apples rotten.....teaches a lesson.

OR

A wood-cutterhonestgoes to woods are falls into the river criesgod mercury appears brings axe of gold nojumps. backaxe of silver norepeatsaxe of iron yespleased gives all the axes.

- 5) Write a paragraph of about 80 words using the visual aid given below: [4]

OR

Write a paragraph in about 80 words on "The Annual Function of My School"

SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)

- 6) Choose the correct form of the verbs:
- i. I..... a single letter yesterday. (not, post) [1]
 - ii. All the studentsa noise in the class at that time. [1]
 - iii. We..... the ground before the match started. (reach) [1]
 - iv. It late so they left. (get) [1]
- 7) Change the following sentences into Indirect speech.
- i) He said to me, “You did not take lunch with me today.” [1]
 - ii) Mahesh said to Suresh, “When will you return my money?” [1]
- 8) Fill in the blanks with a verb in agreement with its subject :
- i) Slow and steady.....the race. (win/wins) [1]
 - ii) The poet and the writer.....dead. (is, are) [1]
- 9) Change the following sentences into passive voice:
- i) Who teaches you English? [1]
 - ii) They were playing volleyball. [1]
- 10) i) Frame question of the following sentence:
I work hard because I want to pass the examination. Why? [1]
- ii) Add Question Tag to the statement given below:
I am a student, ? [1]

SECTION-D (TEXT BOOK)

11) Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

“CHAI-GARAM..... garam-chai”, a vendor called out in a high-pitched voice.

He came up to their window and asked, "Chai, sa'ab?"

"Give us two cups." Pranjol said.

They sipped the steaming hot liquid. Almost everyone in their compartment was drinking tea too.

"Do you know that over eighty crore cups of tea are drunk every day throughout the world?" Rajvir said.

"Whew!" exclaimed Pranjol. "Tea really is very popular."

The train pulled out of the station. Pranjol buried his nose in his detectivebook again. Rajvir too was an ardent fan of detective stories, but at the moment hewas keener on looking at the beautiful scenery.

It was green, green everywhere. Rajvir had never seen so much greenerybefore. Then the soft green paddy fields gave way to tea bushes.

- (i) How many tea cups did Pranjol order? [1]
(a) One cup (b) Two cups (c) Three cups (d) None of the above
- (ii) What book was Pranjol reading in the train? [1]
(a) A book of religious stories (b) A book of army stories
(c) A book of detective stories (d) He was reading a newspaper
- (iii) Who is keener on looking at the beautiful scenery? [1]
(a) Pranjol (b) Rajvir (c) Pranshu (d) Rajir
- (iv) What had Rajvir never seen before? [1]
- (v) How many cups of tea does the world drink every day? [1]
- (vi) Find out the word from the passage which is similar in meaning to ‘cried out’. [1]

OR

He wrote "To God on the envelope, put the letter inside and, still troubled went to town. At the post office, he placed a stamp on the letter and dropped it into the mailbox.

One of the employees, who was a postman and also helped at the post office, went to his boss laughing heartily and showed him the letter to God. Never in his career as a postman had he known that address. The postmaster-a fat, amiable fellow also broke out laughing, but almost immediately he turned serious and, tapping the letter on his desk, commented, "What faith! I wish I had the faith of the man who wrote this letter. Starting up a correspondence with God!" So, in order not to shake the writer's faith in God, the postmaster came up with an idea answer the letter. But when he opened it, it was evident that to answer it he needed something more than goodwill, ink and paper.

- (i) The postman went to his boss laughing heartily because- [1]
 (a) he had heard a joke from Lencho. (b) someone had addressed a letter to God.
 (c) he had seen a funny sight (d) none of the above.
- (ii) What idea did the postmaster form about the writer of the letter? [1]
 (a) The writer had great faith in God (b) The writer did not know the correct
 (c) The writer was mad. (d) All of the above.
- (iii) To whom the letter was written? [1]
 (a) God (b) Postmaster
 (c) Postman (d) One of the employees
- (iv) What had the postman never known in his career? [1]
 (v) What impressed the postmaster about the writer of the letter? [1]
 (vi) Find out the word from the passage which means-friendly and pleasant in
 Temperament [1]
- 12) Answer any three of the following questions in about 20-30 word: [2x3=6]
 (i) Why were two national anthems sung ?
 [Nelson Mandela : Long Walk to Freedom]
 (ii) Why didn't Valli want to make friends with the elderly woman?
 [Madam Rides the Bus]
 (iii) Where were the monthly accounts of the baker recorded?
 [Glimpses of India-A Baker from Goa]

(iv) Why was the young seagull afraid to fly ?

[Two Stories about Flying-His First Flight]

13) Answer any one of the following questions in about 80 words: [5]

(i) Why did Lencho call the post office employees ‘a bunch of crooks’?

[A Letter to God]

OR

(ii) What sights of sufferings did prince Siddhartha see and why did he leave his palace and family? [The sermon at Benares]

14) Answer any one of the following questions in about 40 words: [3]

(i) What does Chubukov at first suspect that Lomov has come for?

[The Proposal]

(ii) What does Lomov say about the Oxen Meadows?

[The Proposal]

15) Read any one of the following extracts and answer the questions that follow:

[2×2=4]

But he's locked in a concrete cell,
His strength behind bars,
Stalking the length of his cage,
Ignoring visitors.

Q. 1. Where is the tiger imprisoned now ?

Q.2. Why is the tiger ignoring the visitors?

OR

The fog comes
on little cat feet.
It sits looking
over harbour and city
on silent haunches
and then moves on.

Q. 1. Where does the fog come from?

Q. 2. Why does the poet compare the fog with a cat?

- 16) Answer any two of the following questions in about 20 words: [2×2=4]
- How is the leopard described by the poet? [How to Tell Wild Animals]
 - What could Amanda do if she were a mermaid? [Amanda!]
 - What does an old religious man say about God's love? [For Anne Gregory]

17) Answer any one of the following questions in about 80 words: [5]

- (i) Why did Mrs. Pumphrey think the dog's recovery as "a triumph of surgery"?
[A Triumph of Surgery]

OR

- (ii) How did Bholi's teacher play an important role in changing the course of her life?
[Bholi]

18) Answer any two of the following questions in about 20 words: [2×2=4]

- Why does Anil not hand the thief over to the police? [The Thief's Story]
- Why was he wandering the streets? [Footprints Without Feet]
- Why was Mme Loisel delighted at the party? [The Necklace]

19) Choose the correct answer: [1×3=3]

- (i) Ausable can speak French and German:[The Midnight Visitor]

(a) Fluently (b) Easily (c) Difficultly (d) None of these

- (ii) How old was landlady of the house?[A Question of Trust]

(a) 40 yrs old (b) 50 yrs old (c) 60 yrs old (d) 70 yrs old

- (iii) The book 'The Travels of Monarch X' was gifted to Richard by his:

[The Making of a Scientist]

(a) Mother (b) Father (c) Teacher (d) Friend

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