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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)

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(c) An inspiring personality (d) An insensitive personality
- (ii) Where was the parliament of religions held? [1]  
(a) in India (b) in Newyork (c) in Chicago (d) in Seattle
- (iii) Which religion did Swamiji represent in America? [1]  
(a) Buddhism (b) Hinduism (c) Christianity (d) Jainism
- (iv) Which of the following qualities did Vivekananda had? [1]  
(a) Vast knowledge of Eastern and Western Culture.  
(b) Broad human sympathy.  
(c) Colourful personality.  
(d) All of the above.
- (v) Choose the opposite word of 'ineptness' from the below given options- [1]  
(a) fervid (b) irresistible (c) insight (d) inspiring
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anything in return. In addition, life is always presenting new things to the child-things that have lost their interest for older people because they are too well known. A child finds pleasures in playing in the rain, or in the snow. His first visit to the seaside is a marvellous adventure. But a child has his pains he is not so free to do as he wishes as he thinks older people are he is continually being told not to do things or being punished for what he has done wrong. His life is therefore not perfectly happy.

When the young man starts to earn his own living, he becomes free-from the discipline of school and parents; but at the same time he is forced to accept responsibilities. He can no longer expect others to pay for his food, his clothes, and his room, but has to work if he wants to live comfortably. If he spends most of his time playing about in the way that he used to as a child, he will go hungry. And if he breaks the laws of society as he used to break the laws of his parents, he may go to prison. If, however, he works hard, keeps out of troubles and has good health. He can have the great happiness of seeing himself make steady progress in his job and of building up for himself his own position in society. Old age has always been thought of as the worst age to be, but it is not necessary for the old to be unhappy. With old age should come wisdom and the ability to help others with advice wisely.

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- iii. What ability does come with old age? [1]
- iv. What does happen if a child has good parents? [1]
- v. What pain a child has? [1]
- vi. What will happen when a youth breaks the laws of society? [1]
- vii. In what does a child find pleasure? [1]
- viii. Write the opposite word of 'absurdity' from the passage. [1]
- ix. Write the similar word of 'awesome' from the passage. [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.

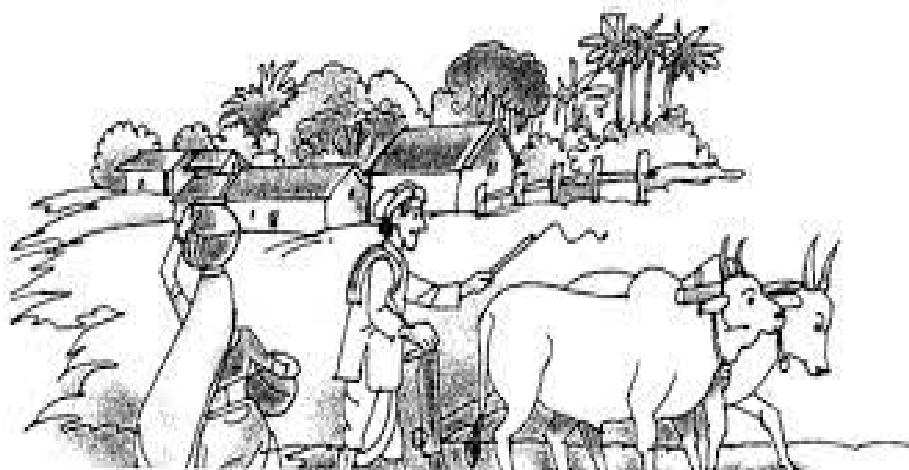
- 4) Write a story with the help of given outlines in about 80 words. Give the title and moral to it. [4]

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-cutter .....honest .....goes to woods ..... are falls into the river ..... cries .....god mercury appears ..... brings axe of gold ..... no .....jumps. back .....axe of silver ..... no .....repeats .....axe of iron ..... yes .....pleased ..... 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 students .....a 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 (TEXTBOOK)

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]

- i. How is the leopard described by the poet? [How to Tell Wild Animals]

- ii. What could Amanda do if she were a mermaid? [Amanda!]

- iii. What does an old religious man say about God's love? [For Anne Gregory]



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(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]

- i. Why does Anil not hand the thief over to the police? [The Thief's Story]  
ii. Why was he wandering the streets? [Footprints Without Feet]  
iii. 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]

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## SECTION-B (WRITING)

- 7) Imagine that you are Prakash living in Jaipur. You have received a very bad report about your younger brother Ashok from his principal. Write a letter to Ashok advising him to work hard and avoid the company of bad boys. [5]

OR

Imagine you are Kailash living in Jaipur. Your younger brother Mohan living at Shahpura, is very good at studies but he is physically weak. Write a letter advising him to improve his health by taking part in games and sports.

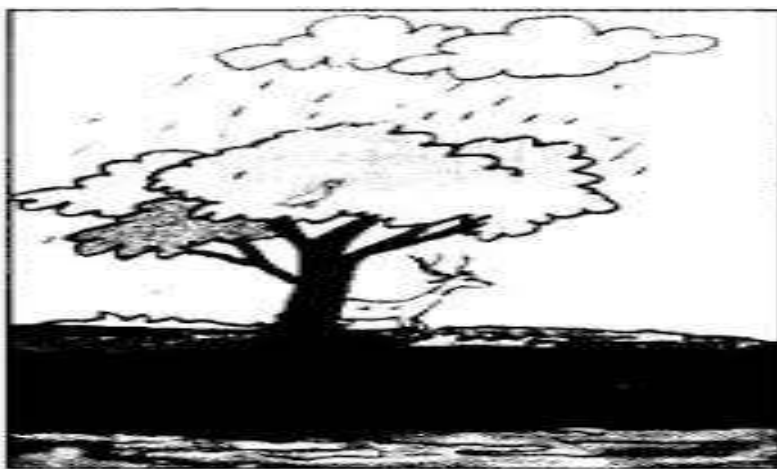
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A bee.....falls into a river.....life in danger.....a dove .....greatly moved.....drops a leaf.....bee rides.....saved.....later on.....a hunter aims his gun.....kill the dove.....dove unaware.....bee flies to the hunter..... stings.....gun goes off.....aim missed.....loud sound.....dove flies off.....saved.

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Write a paragraph in about 80 words on "Morning Walk"

### SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)

1. Choose the correct form of the verbs:
  - i. Water ..... on heating. (evaporate)[1]
  - ii. He ..... back yet. (not come)[1]
  - iii. I..... a single letter yesterday. (not, post)[1]
  - iv. When I first met her, she ..... in a small school. (study)[1]
  
2. Change the following sentences into Indirect speech.
  - i) He said to them, “Why did you laugh at me?” [1]
  - ii) The old lady said to us, “Go away from here immediately.” [1]
  
3. Fill in the blanks with a verb in agreement with its subject :
  - i) The jury.....divided in their opinion. (was/were) [1]
  - ii) The captain with all his soldiers.....killed in the war. (was, were) [1]
  
4. Change the following sentences into passive voice:
  - i) Someone has stolen my ornaments. [1]
  - ii) Switch off the fan. [1]
  
- 19)
  - i) Frame question of the following sentence:  
He does his work very carefully. How .....? [1]
  - ii) Add Question Tag to the statement given below:  
Everybody likes money, .....? [1]

## SECTION-D (TEXTBOOK)

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

Once, when he set out in the morning on his selling round, and then again, when he returned after emptying his huge basket. The jingling thud of his bamboo woke us up from sleep and we ran to meet and greet him. Why was it so? Was it for the love of the loaf? Not at all. The loaves were bought by some Paskine or Bastine, the maid-servant of the house! What we longed for were those bread bangles which we chose carefully. Sometimes it was sweet bread of special make.

The baker made his musical entry on the scene with the jhang. jhang' sound of his specially made bamboo staff. One hand supported the basket on his head and the other banged the bamboo on the ground.

- (i) Who set out for a selling round? [1]  
(a) Beggar (b) Priest (c) Friend (d) Baker
- (ii) Why did children run from their sleep? [1]  
(a) To see the procession (b) To meet and greet the baker  
(c) To meet and greet the priest (d) Due to illness
- (iii) Which hand banged the bamboo? [1]  
(a) one (b) other (c) both (d) none
- (iv) What noise woke the children up? [1]
- (v) Who brought the loaves of bread in the house? [1]
- (vi) Find out the word from the passage similar in meaning to-big.[1]

OR

Gautama Buddha (563 B.C. 483 B.C.) began life as a prince named Siddhartha Gautama, in northern India. At twelve, he was sent away for schooling in the Hindu sacred scriptures and four years later he returned home to marry a princess. They had a son and lived for ten years as befitted royalty. At about the age of twenty-five, the Prince, heretofore shielded from the sufferings of the world, while out hunting chanced upon a sick man, then an aged man, then a funeral procession, and finally a monk begging for alms. These sights so moved him that he at once went out into the world to seek enlightenment concerning the sorrows he had witnessed. He wandered for seven years and finally sat down under a peepal tree, where he vowed to stay until

enlightenment came. Enlightened after seven days, he renamed the tree the Bodhi Tree (Tree of Wisdom) and began to teach and to share his new understandings.

(i) Prince Siddhartha had: [1]

- (a) a son (b) a son and daughter  
(c) two sons (d) two sons and two daughters

(ii) When was Siddhartha sent to school? [1]

- (a) at the age of 12 years (b) at the age of 6 years  
(c) at the age of 15 years (d) he never went to school

(iii) How many years did they live as befitted royalty? [1]

- (a) 10 (b) 20 (c) 30 (d) 40

(iv) What was the prince shielded from? [1]

(v) What was the effect of the sights he saw on his way? [1]

(vi) Find out the word from the passage similar in meaning to-religious books. [1]

21) Answer any three of the following questions in about 20-30 word: [2x3=6]

(i) How did the postmaster help Lencho?[A Letter to God]

(ii) Why does Anne want to keep a diary?[From the Diary of Anne Frank]

(iii) What is the story about the Kodavu people's descent ?

[Glimpses of India-Coorg]

(iv) Why does Maxwell say the airhostess was "the very queen of her kind"?

[Mijbil the Otter]

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

(i) How did Mandela's understanding of freedom change with age and experience ?

[Nelson Mandela : Long Walk to Freedom]

(ii) Draw a character-sketch of Valli. [Madam Rides the Bus]

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

(i) Why did Lomov want to marry Natalya immediately ? [The Proposal]

(ii) How did Chubukov react at the proposal of Lomov? [The Proposal]

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

[2×2=4]

Though to distinguish beasts of prey  
A novice might nonplus.  
The Crocodile you always may  
Tell from the Hyena thus:  
Hyenas come with merry smiles;  
But if they weep they're Crocodiles.

Q. 1. What may confuse a novice with regard to wild animals ?

Q. 2. How does the poet distinguish a hyena from a crocodile?

OR

Suddenly, suddenly they heard a nasty sound,  
And Mustard growled, and they all looked around.  
Meowch! cried Ink, and ooh! cried Belinda,  
For there was a pirate, climbing in the winda.

Q. 1. What surprised Belinda and her pets one day?

Q. 2. Who made that sound?

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

i. How does 'the dust of snow' change the poet's mood? [Dust of Snow]

ii. How does the tiger terrorise the villagers? [A Tiger in the Zoo]

iii. What is the central idea of the poem 'The Trees'? [The Trees]

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

(i) How does Ausable manage to make Max believe that there is a balcony attached to his room ? [The Midnight Visitor]

OR

(ii) How did a book become a turning point in Richard Abright's life?

[The Making of a Scientist]