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XII-18

Half Yearly Examination 2023-24

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ENGLISH - (Only One Paper)

Time : 3:15 Hrs.

Class - XII

M.M. 100

Note : (i) This paper is divided into four sections of A, B, C and D. (ii) All the sections are compulsory. (iii) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

Section - A (Reading)

1. Read the passage given below and then answer the questions that follow :-

You cannot consider yourself properly adjusted well with other people. You may think that you have no use for them, that you can manage very well on your own resources. But if you do think this, you are mistaken. The herd-instinct which is present in animals, is also particularly strong in mankind. Notice horses or cows in a field sheltering from wind or rain. You will find them all huddled together under the same tree.

The security, warmth and comfort which these animals find in keeping together is available to us, too, in human companionship. The wise person realises this and learns to get on well with the rest of the 'herd'.

- (a) Give a suitable heading to the above passage. 3
- (b) Give a summary of the above passage in your own words.
- (c) Explain the underlined portions given in the passage.
- (d) What does the wise person realise?
- (e) (i) Give a synonym of mankind.
(ii) What do you mean by word companionship?
(iii) What is the opposite word of 'wise'?

Section - B (Writing)

2. Write an article on any one of the following topics in about 100-150 words :- 10

- (a) Your Hobby
- (b) The game you like the most
- (c) Water conservation.

(P.T.O.)

3. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper criticising vulgarity in Indian films. 10

or

Write a letter to the principal of your college requesting him to arrange co-curricular activities at regular intervals.

Section - C (Grammar)

4. Choose a correct option to answer the following questions:- 10
- (a) A person who does not believe in the existence of God:-
 (i) egotist (ii) altruist
 (ii) atheist (iv) emigrant.
- (b) The phrase 'hold good' means :-
 (i) happy (ii) thoughtful
 (ii) effective (iv) hopeful.
- (c) The synonym of 'destiny' is :-
 (i) defeat (ii) fortune
 (ii) victory (iv) confidence.
- (d) No sooner had he come here, when his father talked to him. Which word in this sentence is an error :-
 (i) to (ii) when
 (ii) had (iv) here.
- (e) The antonym of 'patriot' is :-
 (i) brave (ii) coward
 (ii) traitor (iv) honest.
5. (a) Change any one of the following into indirect speech:- 2
 (i) His mother said, "The sun is very hot today."
 (ii) I said, "Let us play badminton".
- (b) Combine any one of the following as directed :- 2
 (i) Shakespeare wrote Julius Caesar. He was a great dramatist. (into a simple sentence)
 (ii) He is fool. He is a knave. (into compound Sentences)
- (c) Transform any one of the following as directed :- 2
 (i) It is never too late to mend. (Remove too)
 (ii) Smoking is injurious to health. (interrogative)

(d) Correct any one of the following sentence :-

(i) This cloth is superior than that.

(ii) I am fond to play cricket.

(e) Use any one of the following pairs of words in your sentence to make their meaning clear :-

(i) Look after

(ii) Look out.

6. Translate the following into English :-

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एक स्टेशन पर एक रेलगाड़ी रुकी। एक डिब्बे से एक नवयुवक उतरा। उस समय उस स्टेशन पर कुली नहीं था। कुछ देर बाद उस नवयुवक ने आवाज दी, "कुली कुली"। कुछ समय बाद, बहुत साधारण कपड़े पहने एक आदमी वहाँ आया। उस नवयुवक ने उस आदमी को फटकारते हुये कहा कि गाड़ी के समय तुम कहाँ रहते हो।

Section - D (Literature)

7. Answer any two questions of the following in 30-40 words each :-

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(a) What had been put up on the bulletin-board?

or

What makes the city of Firozabad famous?

(c) How did this experience affect him?

or

Why was he amused by this idea?

8. Answer any one of the following question in about 100 words:-7

(i) Describe the deplorable plight of the bangle-makers?

(ii) What made the peddler finally change his ways?

9. Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow :-

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Perhaps a huge silence
might interrupt this sadness
of never understanding ourselves
and of threatening ourselves with death
Perhaps the Earth can teach us
as when everything seems dead
and later proves to be alive.
Now I'll count up to twelve
and you keep quiet and i will go.

- (i) What lesson does the Earth teach us?
- (ii) What remains alive when everything seems to be dead?
- (iii) What does the poet ask us to do?

10. Write the Central Idea of one of the poems given below:- 4

- (a) My Mother at Sixty Six
- (b) Keeping Quiet
- (c) A Roadside Stand.

11. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30-40 words each :- 8

- (a) What does the third level refer to?

or

Who is the Tiger king? Why was he named Tiger King?

- (b) How did the king save his throne?

or

What wonders did the author realise when she reached Antarctica?

11. Answer any one of the following question in about 100 words:-7

- (a) What do you infer from Sam's letter to Charley in the story *The Third Level*?
- (b) What is the author's indirect comment on subjecting innocent animals to the wilfulness of human beings.