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XII-18

Half Yearly Examination 2024-25

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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 :-

The primary function of a newspaper is to supply us with all sorts of news, local and foreign. It gives us information of what is going on in our own country, as well as in other parts of the world. But for it, we would have to remain in total ignorance of the affairs of the world. It is only an account of newspapers that we can closely follow the important and interesting events of the world and keep abreast of the times. As a matter of fact, a newspaper is a sort of contemporary history. The benefits of a newspaper do not end here. By supplying information of the different parts of the world, they bring them into close touch with one another and tend to promote friendly feelings. A newspaper is also the best means of communication between the government of a country and its people. The rulers and the ruled make known their respective view-points through the medium of newspapers. The people can lay down their grievances for the consideration of the government in newspapers, and the government in its turn can communicate its own views to the people.

- (a) Give a suitable title to the 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 is the primary function of a newspaper?
(e) (i) What is the meaning of word ignorance?
(ii) Write a synonym of grievance.
(iii) Which word in the passage means advantages?

(P.T.O.)

Section - B (Writing)

2. Write an article on any one of the following topics in about 100-150 words :- 10
- (a) Evils of Drinking
 - (b) Aim and Ambition in your Life
 - (c) Computer and its uses
3. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper, suggesting ways and means to check these accidents. 10

or

Write a letter to complaint to the Chairman of the Municipal Corporation, urging him to demolish dilapidated structures posing a threat to the citizen.

Section - C (Grammar)

4. Choose a correct option to answer the following questions:-10
- (a) Government by one person :-
 - (i) Democracy
 - (ii) Aristocracy
 - (iii) Bureaucracy
 - (iv) Autocracy
 - (b) A fool's paradise :-
 - (i) To live in heaven
 - (ii) To live in the state of enjoyment based on false beliefs or hopes
 - (iii) To be in the world of fools
 - (iv) To live with fools.
 - (c) The synonym of 'cruel' is :-
 - (i) merciless
 - (ii) brave
 - (iii) kind
 - (iv) pitiful.
 - (d) Mohan is more taller Ram. Which word in this sentence is an error :-
 - (i) than
 - (ii) taller
 - (iii) is
 - (iv) more.
 - (e) The antonym of 'Optimistic' is :-
 - (i) Unoptimistic
 - (ii) pessimistic
 - (iii) inoptimistic
 - (iv) hopelessness.
5. (a) Change any one of the following into indirect speech:- 2
- (i) I said to him, "You should reconsider your decision"
 - (ii) Mother said to me, "Did you go to school?"

(b) Combine any one of the following as directed :- 2

(i) He was annoyed. He said nothing.

(Compound sentence)

(ii) He is telling a lie. It is clear. (into a Complex sentence)

(c) Transform any one of the following as directed :- 2

(i) He reached the station too late to catch the train.

(Remove too)

(ii) Whether a boy succeeds or fails depends on his study.

(Complex to Simple)

(d) Correct any one of the following sentence :- 2

(i) He replied to me in the negative.

(ii) He is taller than me.

(e) Use any one of the following pairs of words in your sentence to make their meaning clear :- 2

(i) Get ahead

(ii) Get through.

6. Translate the following into English :- 8

हमारे विद्यार्थी के सामने आज अनेक समस्याएँ हैं। उन्हें यह समझना चाहिए कि शिक्षा का लक्ष्य केवल सरकारी नौकरी नहीं है। भारत एक कृषि प्रधान देश है। यदि यहाँ पढ़े-लिखे लोग खेती की ओर ध्यान दें, तो हम लोगों की दरिद्रता दूर हो सकती है। हमारे गाँव में सुधार की जरूरत है।

Section - D (Literature)

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

(a) What did Hamel say about the language and its importance?

or

Who was mukesh? What was his ambition?

(c) What did the instructor do to train Douglas?

or

From where did the peddler get the idea of the world being a rattrap?

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

(i) What was the scene inside the class when Franz reached the school?

(ii) What are the instances in the story that show that the character of the ironmaster is different from that of his daughter in many ways?

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

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Rich with a sprinkling of fair musk-rose blooms.
And such too is the grandeur of the dooms
We have imagined for the mighty dead;
All lovely tales that we have heard or read;
An endless fountain of immortal drink,
Pouring unto us from the heaven's brink.

- (i) What is the forest brake rich with?
(ii) What is the beautiful scene that one scene in the middle of the forest?
(iii) Explain "Immortal drink".

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

- (a) A Thing of Beauty
(b) Keeping Quiet
(c) A Roadside Stand.

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

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- (a) What did Sam write in his letter to Charley?

or

What was the birthday gift the Maharaja spotted in the gift shop?

- (b) How is the study of Antarctica useful to us?

or

How do geological phenomena help us to know about the history of humankind?

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

- (a) Write about the outcome of Charley's quest for the Third Level the Grand Central Station.
(b) Why did writer visit Antarctica? What does she say about Gondwana?