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Pre Board Examination 2024

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ENGLISH - (Only One Paper)

Time : 3 Hrs. 15 Min.

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 :- 12

Did you ever see the horses taken to water? They rush into some beautiful stream or tranquil lake, and drink of it to their heart's content, after which they turn their backs upon it, or stamp in it with their feet, until the water is polluted. This is the price they pay for their refreshing draught. But what, then, does the noble river do? It immediately floats away the mud, and continues after as it was before, full and free of access for the same of other thirsty creatures. And so must you also do. If there be a fountain of charity in your heart, it will constantly and spontaneously overflow, whether those who drink of it are thankful or not. He is a senseless husbandman who expects to reap the produce of his seed after the harvest. This life is the season for sowing and scattering. We shall reap hereafter.

- (a) Give a suitable heading to the above passage.
(b) Explain the underlined portions in the passage.
(c) Give a summary of the above passage in your own words.
(d) What does the noble river do after getting polluted by the horse.
(e) Find for word from the passage which means :- 3
(i) Which word in the given passage means quiet?
(ii) Write a synonym of constantly.
(iii) What is meant by term 'reap'?

(P.T.O.)

Section - B (Writing)

2. Write a composition/an article on the any one of the given topics in 100 words :- 10
- (a) The Place of Mother in The Home
 - (b) Child Labour In India.
 - (c) Corona Epidemic
3. You are Mohit Tomar of Meerut. Write a letter to the Editor of national daily showing your concern over high rise in water tax. 10

or

You are the librarian of Delhi Public School. Write a letter for placing the order for the books to the Vikas Publishing House Ltd. in 100-150 words.

Section - C (Grammer)

4. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions:-10
- (a) Government by one person :-
- (i) Democracy
 - (ii) Bureaucracy
 - (iii) Aristocracy
 - (iv) Autocracy.
- (b) A fool's paradise :-
- (i) To live in heaven
 - (ii) To be in the world of fools
 - (iii) To live in a state of enjoyment based on false beliefs or hopes
 - (iv) To live with fools.
- (c) The synonym of 'cruel' is :-
- (i) Merciless
 - (ii) Kind
 - (iii) Brave
 - (iv) Pitiful.
- (d) Mohan is more taller than Ram :-
- Which word in this sentence is an error?
- (i) Than
 - (ii) is
 - (iii) Taller
 - (iv) More.
- (e) The antonym of 'Optimistic' is :-
- (i) unoptimistic
 - (ii) inoptimistic
 - (iii) pessimistic
 - (iv) hopelessness.

5. (a) Choose any one of the following to indirect speech:- 2
- (i) He said, "I will do it now or never."
 - (i) My friend said to me, "Congratulations, you have topped."
- (b) Combine any one of the following as directed :- 2
- (i) His house has fallen down. He lives in the out house.
 - (ii) She wants to become a famous lady. She is devoting her time to social work.
- (c) Change any one of the following as directed :- 2
- (i) One is never too old to learn. (Remove too)
 - (ii) Borrowers are often in difficulties. (Simple to complex)
- (d) Correct any one of the following sentences :- 2
- (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 own sentences to make the different in their meaning clear:- 2
- (i) Look after - Look out
 - (ii) Pull down - Put on

6. Translate the following into English :- 5

असफलता से हमें कभी निराश नहीं होना चाहिए। सफलता और असफलता बहनें हैं। असफलता हमारी आँखें खोलती है और हमारी कमजोरियों को उजागर करती हैं। उन्हें दूर कर हम पुनः सफल हो सकते हैं। बड़े-बड़े वैज्ञानिक अपने प्रयोग में असफल होते हैं। बड़े-बड़े योद्धा युद्ध में पराजित हो जाते हैं।

Section - D (Literature)

7. Answer the following question in about 40 words each:- 8

(a) What did Franz notice that was unusual about the school that day?

or

Why did Douglas decide to overcome his fear of water?

(b) Why is Rajkumar Shukla described as being 'resolute'?

or

What did Lewis Carrol have a horror of?

8. Answer any one of the following question in about 80 words:- 7

(i) How did Douglas overcome his fear of water?

(ii) Write a note on the literary and political inclinations of the men of the Gemini Studios.

9. Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow :- 6

A thing of beauty is a joy forever
Its loveliness increases, it will never
Pass into nothingness; but will keep
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep
Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing.

- (i) How is a thing of beauty joy forever?
- (ii) How does its loveliness increase?
- (iii) What does the poet mean to say by 'it will never pass into nothingness'?

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

- (a) My Mother at Sixty Six
- (b) Keeping Quiet
- (c) Aunt Jennifer's Tigers

11. Answer the following question in about 40 words each :- 8

- (a) How did Charley enter "The Third Level"?

or

What did the royal infant grow up to be?

- (b) What will Dr. Sadao do to get rid of the man?

or

How was Derry impressed by Lamb?

12. Answer any one of the following question in about 80 words:-7

- (a) Apparent illogicality sometimes turns out to be a futuristic projection? Discuss.
- (b) How did Bama learn about untouchability? How did she feel about it?