

**High School Exam., December - 2019****202****Subject: ENGLISH**

Time: 03 Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

**Note :-**

- (i) *All questions are compulsory.*
- (ii) *The question paper has four sections - A, B, C, D.*

**SECTION – A**

Q.1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below-

Gandhiji's mother was a very sweet, kind and religious woman. She visited the temple daily, often taking her child with her. She fasted frequently, too. Once she made a vow to eat only one meal a day for four months and not to take even that one meal unless she had first seen sunshine. As she had made his own in the rainy season, it was often difficult to see sunshine at all. Her children, who could not bear to think of their mother going without food all the twenty four hours, would stand staring up at the sky, waiting to catch the first beam of the sun. As soon as a ray appeared, they would dash into the house and call their mother to come and see for herself. By the time she came out, the sun had often gone behind the clouds again. "It does not matter," she would say cheerfully. "God does not want me to eat today". In this way, Gandhiji learnt from his good mother how to penance cheerfully for love of god.

**Questions:**

- (i) What kind of woman Gandhiji's mother was? [1]
- (ii) Gandhiji's mother visited the temple with ..... [1]  
(Fill in the blank)
- (iii) 'Cheerful' means ..... [1]
  - (a) Happy and Positive
  - (b) Unhappy and Negative
- (iv) Opposite of 'cruel' is from the passage..... [1]
- (v) What did Gandhiji learn from his mother? [1]

Q.2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions give below-

Bhagat Singh is justly remembered as 'Shaheed – e – Azam' by his grateful countrymen for making the supreme sacrifice. He infused life into the youth and became their hero. "It has increased our power for winning freedom for which Bhagat Singh and his comrades died", said Mahatma Gandhi. "Their magnificent courage and sacrifice has been an inspiration to the youth of India," said Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, the then president of the Indian National Congress, in his tribute. These valiant young men died so that India may live.

**Questions:**

- (i) Who is known as 'Shaheed – e – Azam'? [1]
- (ii) 'Sacrifice' means ..... [1]
  - (a) offering
  - (b) youth
  - (c) burn
- (iii) ..... was the president of Indian National congress at that time? (Fill in the blank) [1]
- (iv) Which word is similar to comrade? [1]
  - (a) Companion
  - (b) Communion
  - (c) Youth
- (v) What did Mahatma Gandhi say in his tribute? [1]

Q.3 Read following passage carefully and answer the questions given below-  
Once, there lived a poor man in a small village. He did not do any kind of work, so he become very poor. He was also very selfish and greedy. He wanted to become a rich person without doing any hard work. He always cursed his fate and often blamed God for keeping him poor. One day he bought a black hen from the market. The hen had a strange quality. It gave him one golden egg every day. He was becoming prosperous day by day. But he was not happy and wanted to become more rich at the earliest. An idea clicked him. He thought to kill the hen and get hold of all the golden eggs. He took a knife and killed the hen. At the end, he got nothing out of it and repented for his foolish action.

**Questions:**

- (i) The man bought a ..... (Fill in the blank) [1]  
(ii) The word from the passage that has the same meaning as 'Luck'. [1]  
(iii) Where did the poor man live? [1]  
(iv) The man wanted to become a ..... person. [1]  
(a) famous  
(b) rich  
(c) foolish  
(v) What happened at the end? [1]

**SECTION – B**

Q.4 You are Yogendra Kumar of class X, a student of Govt. H. S. School Betul. You are going to attend a marriage party of your relative so you are unable to attend your school. Write an application to your Principal for five days leave. [6]

**OR**

You are Aruna living in 101, Girls Hostel, Near Main Road, Sehore. Write a letter to your friend Kiran about your hostel life and study.

Q.5 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below-

Yoga is a way of living that aims towards a healthy mind in a healthy body. Yoga is the ancient system. It is basically a system of self-treatment. It brings physical and mental disciplines to achieve a peaceful body and mind, it helps manage anxiety and stress and keeps you relaxing. It also helps in increasing flexibility, muscle strength and body tone. It improves respiration, energy and vitality. Practicing yoga might seem just stretching, but it can do much more for our body from the way we feel, look and move. Regular practice of Yoga can help lose weight, relieve stress, improve immunity and maintain a healthier lifestyle.

**Questions:**

- (a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it in points, using headings. [3]
- (b) Give a title also. [1]
- (c) Write a summary of the above passage. [3]

Q.6 Write an essay on any one of the following topics- [7]

- (i) My Favourite Festival
- (ii) Population Problem
- (iii) My Hobby
- (iv) Uses and Abuses of Science
- (v) My Man of Dream

**SECTION – C**

Q.7 (A) Fill in the blanks with the correct words: (any five) [5]

- (i) Ravi is ..... S. D. M. (a /an / the)
- (ii) The birds fly in ..... sky. (a /an / the)
- (iii) Distribute these pens ..... the girls.  
(between / to / among)
- (iv) Work hard ..... you will fail. (and / or/ but)
- (v) ..... dog seldom bite. (Barking / Barks/ Bark)
- (vi) Give me ..... water to drink. (some / any / many)

(B) Fill in the blanks by correct form of verbs given in the brackets – [5]

(any five)

- (i) Somebody is ..... the room right now.(clean)
- (ii) Yesterday I ..... to the theatre. (go)
- (iii) They ..... playing football from one hour.  
(has been/ have been)
- (iv) I knew Reena was very busy, so I ..... disturb her.  
(did not / do not)
- (v) She ..... her ailing mother. (look/ looks/ after)
- (vi) The telephone ..... by Graham Bell. (invent)

Q.8 Do as directed- (any five)

[5]

- (i) Mr. Paliwal lives in Indore. (Change into negative)
- (ii) Nikita is your best friend. (Make a question beginning with 'Who')
- (iii) Chukilal finds a pot of gold. (Change into interrogative)
- (iv) Ashoka has played two hockey matches.  
(Change into past perfect tense)
- (v) Suhani is very weak. She cannot attend her class.  
(Combine these sentences using so ..... that)
- (vi) Mr Karan / teacher / is / class / our.  
(Rearrange the words to make a meaningful sentences)

Q.9 Fill in the blanks choosing the correct words given in the bracket-

[5]

- (i) Who is your .....?(Principle / Principal)
- (ii) I have ..... problems. (some/any)
- (iii) There are one hundred ..... in the ground.(sheeps/ sheep)
- (iv) The students have ..... doing class work for two hours.  
(been/be)
- (v) ..... I come in the class, Sir? (Must/ May)

**SECTION – D**

Q.10 Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions below -

One day I saw a small snake in the compound. It was crawling along slowly but when it saw me, it moved away quickly and hid himself in a coconut shell. I quietly went near and closed the mouth of the coconut shell with a stone. Then I took the shell and ran to Grandmother.

**Questions:**

- (i) One day the write saw a ..... in the compound. [1]
  - (a) rat
  - (b) snake
- (ii) It moved ..... quickly. [1]
  - (a) away
  - (b) far
- (iii) The writer ran to ..... [1]
  - (a) the compound
  - (b) grandmother
- (iv) What did the writer do, when he saw a snake? [2]

Q.11 Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions below-

The following shots showed the sweet-seller walking through a bamboo grove. Apu was right behind him, and then Durga, and behind Durga was the dog. All were walking in single file. Nobody who saw the film guessed that the dog was behaving like an experienced actor only because Durga had clasped her hands behind her back, and in those clasped hands was a larger sweet to tempt him along!

**Questions:**

- (i) Grove means a group of trees planted close together. (True/False) [1]
- (ii) Behind Durga was ..... (Apu / the dog) [1]
- (iii) Same meaning of 'attract' from the passage is ..... [1]
- (iv) Why did the dog behave like an experienced actor? [2]

Q.12 Answer any five of the following questions-

[10]

- (i) Where did the strong mountain live?
- (ii) Who was Tenali Raman?
- (iii) Who was called "The Gentleman in The White"?
- (iv) How did the mares look?
- (v) Why is Amartya Sen famous?
- (vi) How many black strips are there on the squirrel back?

Q.13 Answer any two of the following questions.

[6]

- (i) When and where Anju Dua was declared the best Gymnast?
- (ii) What are the advantages of recycling?
- (iii) Write some harmful effects of noise.

Q.14 Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below:

“Great, wide, beautiful, wonderful world,  
With the wonderful water around you curled,  
And the wonderful grass upon your breast,  
World, you are beautifully dressed.  
The wonderful air is over me,  
And the wonderful wind is shaking the tree,  
It walks on the water, and whirls the mills,  
And talks to itself on the tops of the hills.”

**Questions:**

(i) Whirl means..... [1]

(a) revolve

(b) flow

(ii) ..... walks on the water. (Fill in the blank) [1]

(iii) Same meaning of 'chest' from the extract is..... [1]

(iv) Write three works of 'air' from the extract. [2]

Q.15 Answer the following question- [5]

Who was 'Jija bai'? Write some qualities of 'Jija bai'.

**OR**

Who were three Sadhus? Describe about them in short.

Q.16 Answer any three of the following questions- [3×3=9]

(i) What did Mendel realize after his experiments with peas?

(ii) What does history tell us?

(iii) Why did Anusha respect the villagers?

(iv) How and when Kondiba become blind?

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