

High School Exam., December - 2019**011****Subject: ENGLISH (Special)**

Time: 03 Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

Instructions :-

- (i) *Read all the questions carefully.*
- (ii) *Answers should be complete and to the point.*
- (iii) *Marks of each questions are indicated against it.*

SECTION – A**(Reading)**

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

Old people say that childhood is the best part of life. They look back at their childhood and remember all its happy days, the jolly games, the fun they had at school, the sweets and cakes they used to eat, jokes they used to play and endless discussions they had among friends about almost every topic. Perhaps these old folks are right. And yet they forget many things that were not so pleasant in their childhood. There is a funny story that tells of a boy, who was crying because he had to go back to school after the holidays and the father scolded him and said, "Why, I only wish I could be a boy and go to school again." And all in a moment the father was little boy and his son was a grown-up man like his father, And the father, in the shape of a little boy, had to go to school, and I can tell you he did not like it at all. A child's troubles may seem small to grown-ups but they are very big to him.

Questions –

- (a) What are the joys of childhood? [1]
(i) Games, work hard and fun
(ii) Labour and work only
(iii) Eating cakes only
(iv) Games, fun, eating sweets and cakes
- (b) Would old people be happy, if they became children again? [1]
(i) Yes
(ii) May be
(iii) May not be
(iv) No
- (c) What wish did the father make? [1]
(i) He had been a child again
(ii) He would become an old man
(iii) He would become a young boy
(iv) He would become a rich man
- (d) To whom does a child's troubles seem big? [1]
(i) To a mother
(ii) To a father
(iii) To a child
(iv) To a teacher
- (e) What were the things which were not pleasant in the childhood? [2]
- (f) How does the author compare childhood and old age? [2]

Q.2 Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions given below :

Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high;
Where the knowledge is free.
Fragments by narrow domestic walls;
Where words come out from the depth of truth;
Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection.
Where the clear stream of reason had not lost it's way into dreary desert
sand of dead habit.
Where the mind is led forward by thee into
ever widening thought and action.
Into that heaven of freedom, my father,
LET MY COUNTRY AWAKE.

Questions –

- (a) Fill up the blanks in each of the following sentences with one of the given words – (Fragments, striving, dreary) [3]
- (i) The history of science is a continuous..... after knowledge.
 - (ii) If there were no change in life it would become quite.....
 - (iii) In many parts of the country agricultural land is cut up into small.....
- (b) In this poem, the word 'where' refers to - [1]
- (i) The entire world
 - (ii) The heaven of freedom
 - (iii) The dreary desert
 - (iv) Narrow domestic walls
- (c) What sort of a place is the present world? [2]
- (d) What is the heaven of freedom? [2]

Q.3 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it –

Discipline means obedience to the established rules of conduct. Certain rules have been laid down in every society to control and regulate the life and activities of its members so that the society as a whole may progress in harmony and peace. If any of these rules is broken, there is trouble and society suffers. In fact, the discipline is very basis of progress in every sphere, public or private. A man without discipline is like an engine without a brake. A society that has no rules or whose members do not confirm to its rules soon fall into pieces. In games too, discipline is necessary.

Every player has to obey his captain and carry out his commands whether he likes them or not. In army, discipline is more necessary. An army without discipline is no better than a lawless mob. In the same way a school or a college cannot run if the boys do not observe the rules and regulations of the institutions. Teaching is impossible if the boys do not keep discipline. Discipline cultivates a spirit of respect for elders and superiors, teaches gentlemanly, behaviour in society and meek submission to any punishment that may be inflicted due to indiscipline. It is the duty of every student to observe them if they want to build their character and prosper in life.

Questions –

- (a) Why are certain rules laid down in the society? [1]
(i) To publicize
(ii) To announce
(iii) To progress in harmony
- (b) 'Discipline' means - [1]
(i) Harmony and Peace
(ii) Obedience to the established rules
(iii) Certain rules
- (c) Discipline is necessary in games to - [1]
(i) Feel happy
(ii) Throw balls
(iii) Carry out commands
- (d) An indisciplined man is like an engine without..... [1]
(i) Brake
(ii) Clutch
(iii) Wheels
- (e) Why are certain rules of conduct laid down by the society? [2]
- (f) What will be the result if boys do not keep discipline? [2]
- (g) What does discipline means? [2]
- (h) What is the duty of every student? [2]
- (i) What does discipline cultivate in society? [2]

SECTION – B

(Writing)

- Q.4 Give an account of "Importance of Games and Sports in students life". [5]

OR

Write a newspaper report to be published in a newspaper, giving the detailed account of the annual function held in your school.

Q.5 Write a notice for your school notice board about the annual sports meet to be held in the coming week. [5]

OR

You have saved one thousand rupees. Write a message to your friend describing your plan that how are you going to use it.

Q.6 Write a paragraph in 120 – 150 words for your school magazine on “Safe Driving”. Take the help of the following points : [7]

- (i) Follow the lane
- (ii) Continuous flow of traffic
- (iii) Cut down the risk of accident
- (iv) Save yourself from heated arguments
- (v) You reach your destination faster

OR

Describe your childhood in your own words.

Q.7 Write a letter to the District Health Officer drawing his attention to the insanitary conditions prevailing in your locality. [6]

OR

Write a letter to your sister in order to wish her a speedy recovery from breakdown in health in about 100 words.

Q.8 Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 250 words: [7]

- (i) An interesting match I witnessed
- (ii) Value of travelling
- (iii) Any great leader
- (iv) Cinema - its merits and demerits
- (v) Science - its uses and abuses

SECTION – C

(Grammar)

Q.9 Fill in the blanks using the correct words given in the brackets: (Any ten) [10×1=10]

- (i) You must return these books latestMonday.
(from, till, by)
- (ii) "Cars not be parked here." (must, could, had to)
- (iii) you stop making all that noise? (Will, Can, Shall)
- (iv) The servant didn't make tea. (much, many)
- (v) He just like an angel. (look, looks)
- (vi) The poor man couldn't findenough to thank me.
(sentences, words)
- (vii) Ten miles a long distance. (is, am, are)
- (viii) Never lean the wall. (against, with, of)
- (ix) His brother is N.C.C. cadet. (a, an, the)
- (x) There isdirt on this plate. (some, a, an)
- (xi) The woman I met was Krishna. (which, whom)
- (xii) Time and tidesfor none. (wait, waits)

Q.10 Do as directed: (Any five) -

[5]

- (i) Who committed a mistake? (Change the voice)
- (ii) He said that those books were mine. (Change the narration)
- (iii) I don't intend to go to Delhi.
(Rewrite the sentence using noun form of underlined word)
- (iv) The lesson was so long that it could not be finished in a period.
(Rewrite the above sentence by using 'too-to' in place of 'so – that')
- (v) A time of peace and plenty are coming to us. (Correct the sentence)
- (vi) (a) The news is true.
(b) Sachin has announce his retirement.
(Make a complex sentence having opposite clause)
- (vii) He intends to live here.
(Rewrite sentences using 'Gerund')

SECTION – D

Q.11 Read the following extract from the poem and answer the questions given below it :

“A youth, whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been naught to me,
To that fair – haired youth may a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him.”

Questions –

- (a) The poet of these lines, is - [1]
- (i) John Keats
 - (ii) W.A. Dromgoole
 - (iii) William Wordsworth
 - (iv) W.B. Yeats
- (b) The one word used for, ‘mistake that can easily be made’ in the extract is - [1]
- (i) Pitfall
 - (ii) Naught
 - (iii) Twilight
 - (iv) Chasm
- (c) What did the old man tell his fellow pilgrim? [2]

Q.12 Read the extract of the poem and answer the questions :

“If you can dream and not make dreams your master,
If you can think and not make thoughts your aim.
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster,
And treat those two impostors just the same.

Questions –

- (a) Whom is the poet addressing in the above lines? [1]
(i) People
(ii) Himself
(iii) His neighbour
- (b) Name of the poem is - [1]
(i) If
(ii) Gitanjali
(iii) Good will
- (c) How does the poet want 'you' to treat "Triumph and Disaster"? [2]
- Q.13 Answer any one of the following questions in about 120 – 150 words – [5]
(a) How did the Mathematics teacher prove that he was more 'Shrewd' than the former pupil?
(b) "One who is intelligent is powerful" How did Gerrard prove that he defeated the Intruder by his intelligence?
- Q.14 Answer any four of the following questions in about 30 – 40 words each – [4×2=8]
(a) What made the swallow stay behind even after his friends had gone to Egypt?
(b) Why is hasty selling disadvantageous?
(c) How did the war affect the family of the two boys?
(d) What does Nehru find when he looks through the pages of history or current studies?
(e) How did Johnsy associated her life with the falling ivy leaves?
- Q.15 Answer any one of the following questions in about 100 - 120 words: [4]
(a) "United we stand, divided we fall" elaborate the thought.
(b) "A true leader is one who leaves his foot prints behind to be followed by others". What foot prints would you like to leave for those who come after you?