

English (Compulsory) (X)
Set - 5

[Time : 3 Hours 15 minutes]

: 100]
[Full marks : 100]

Instructions to the candidate :

1.
Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.
2.
Figures in the right hand margin indicates full marks.
3.
Write group number and question number with every answer.
4.
While answering the candidates should adhere to the word limit as far as practicable.
5.
15 minutes of extra time has been allotted for the candidate to read the questions.

Answer all Questions

Section - A

(Reading)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions in your own words : 4×3=12

The great advantage of early rising is the good start it gives in our day's work. The early riser has done a large amounts of work before other men get out of bed. In the early morning, the mind is fresh and there are few sounds and other distractions. So the work done at this time is generally well done. The early riser also finds time to take some exercise in the fresh morning air, and this exercise supplies him with a fund of energy that will last untill the evening. By beginning early, he knows that he expected to do and he is not tempted to hurry over any part of it. All his work is finished in good time and he goes to bed early. He gets several hours of sleep before midnight when sleep is most refreshing. After a sound night's rest, he rises early not morning in good health and spirit for the labour of a new day.

Questions :

- (i) How does a early rising give us a good start?

- (ii) Why is the work done in the morning generally better?
- (iii) Why does the early riser not have to hurry up?
- (iv) What is the advantage of exercise?

2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions in your own words :

4×2=8

Raja Rammohan Roy was born at Radhanagar in the Hoogly district of Bengal on May, 22nd, 1772. His father Ramakant Roy, had settled at Radhanagar after giving up his post under Sirajuddoula, the Nawab, and he also had some trouble about his lands. So, he became somewhat unattached to the world and generally spent his time in prayer and thinking of God.

Ram Mohan's mother, Tarini Devi was a very religious woman. She believed faithfully in the sound nature of the Hindu religion as it was then understood. Her great belief is shown by the fact that once she went for a pilgrimage to Puri on foot without taking a maid servant with her.

Questions :

- (i) When and where was Raja Rammohan Roy born?
- (ii) How his father did settle to Radhanagar?
- (iii) Give a brief description of his mother?
- (iv) How do you know that his mother had great belief in the Hindu religion?

Section-B

Writing

3. Write a letter to your father informing him about the prize which you have won by standing first in the house examination. 8

Or

Write an application to your Principal to grant leave for three days.

4. Write a paragraph on any one of the following : 4×1=4

- (a) A Rainy Day
- (b) The Dipawali
- (c) A Cricket Match
- (d) My Best Friend

5. You are Vinay/ Vibha, student of class X of your school. You are the President of the cultural society of your school. You want to hold a meeting for the celebration of Independence Day. Write a notice for your school notice board informing students about meeting. 8

Or

Write a paragraph how you spent your last weekend.

Section-C

6. Transform the sentence as per direction in the bracket : 4×1=4

- (i) I am doubtful. (change into negative sentence)

- (ii) It is too cold to go out. (change into remove too)
(iii) I am not better than you. (change into positive degree)
(iv) Give me you book, please. (change into passive voice)
7. Change the following sentences into indirect form of speech : $4 \times 1 = 4$
(i) My mother said, "It may rain."
(ii) The culprit said to the judge, "I am innocent."
(iii) She said, "What a lovely garden it is!"
(iv) The old lady said to me, "May you get the reward!"
8. Fill in the blanks with appropriate form of verbs given in the brackets : $3 \times 1 = 3$
(i) A singer and a dancer come. (has / have)
(ii) Either he or I to school. (is going / am going)
(iii) Neither Mohan nor his friends come to the school today. (has / have)
9. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions : $4 \times 1 = 4$
(i) Take the dirty shoes. (on / of / off)
(ii) Mohan died cholera. (of / with)
(iii) She found herself a difficult situation. (at / in)
(iii) This house belongs my friend. (to / of)
10. Translate any five into English : $5 \times 1 = 5$
(i)
(ii)
(iii)
(iv)
(v)
(vi)
(vii)
(viii)

Section-D

11. Read the extract carefully and answer the following questions : $5 \times 1 = 5$

Unexpectedly, one morning, when I entered the verandah from the room, I saw two crows playfully poking their beaks at the flowerpots, as if engaged in the game of hide and seek. Suddenly, my assiduous critique of this mythical tale of the crow was intercepted by my gaze that fell on this tiny being, lying hidden in the gap at the junction of the pot with the wall. Moving closer, I saw that it was a tiny baby squirrel that must have accidentally fallen down from a nest and was now being considered by the crows to be an easy prey. Having sustained two wounds due to the

assault by the pair of crows was enough for this tiny being and he was now motionless, clinging to the pot.

Everyone remarked that as he would not survive after having been so assaulted by the crows, he left alone. But my mind refused to accede to their views, and therefore, I gently lifted him up and brought him to my room, and after wiping the blow his wounds with cotton wool, applied Penicillin ointment.

Questions :

- (i) Name the title and author.
- (ii) What did the author find in the morning?
- (iii) How did the author serve the injured squirrel?
- (iv) Who assaulted the squirrel?
- (v) Why did the tiny squirrel become motionless?

12. Read the given extract carefully and answer the question : $5 \times 1 = 5$

For Parading their power and her helplessness, the young visitors are reprimanded, told they are responsible not only for the act of mockery but also for the small bundle of life sacrificed to achieve its aims the blind woman shifts attention away from assertions of power to the instrument through which that power is exercised.

Speculation on what (other than its own frail body) that bird in the hand might signify has always been attractive to me, but especially so now, thinking as I have been about work I do that has brought me to this company. So I choose to read the bird as "language" and the woman as a 'practiced writer.'

Questions :

- (i) Name the topic and the author.
- (ii) Why were the young visitor's reprimanded ?
- (iii) What did the woman do?
- (iv) What did the visitors think?
- (v) Find the word from the passage which means: 'affirmation'.

13. Answer any one of the following in about 80 words : $1 \times 6 = 6$

- (i) Who are taken to be slow thinkers? How are the slow thinkers handicapped today?
- (ii) Do you think Indian films have certain basic weaknesses? Illustrate your answer citing examples from the films you have seen.
- (iii) Have you recently heard a story which is interesting? Write down in brief.

14. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30 words : $2 \times 2 = 4$

- (i) "Women use too many electric things". What prompts the narrator to say so?
- (ii) What prompted the narrator to set Gillu free?
- (iii) Tell the name of any Indian film which you like most. Point out its salient feature.

- (iv) Why did the old woman say to the crowd—"are you not ashamed of yourselves".
15. Read carefully the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow: $4 \times 1 = 4$
- "Once-upon a time
- Over and over again,
- Martha would tell us her stories,
- In the hazelglen."
- Questions :
- (i) From which poem have these lines been extracted?
- (ii) How does Martha begin her stories?
- (iii) Where does Martha tell her stories?
- (iv) What for 'her' stands?.
16. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30 words : $2 \times 3 = 6$
- (i) How do they (children) sit to listen martha's story?
- (ii) Why is the Koel restless? Is she able to win over her restlessness? If no, why?
- (iii) Why is Radha's friend so worried?
- (iv) What do you do with these bags after you have carried the purchased items?
17. Answer any one of the following questions : $1 \times 6 = 6$
- (i) Which type of common allergic diseases are generally found in children of 0-6 years age?
- (ii) Do you think the young children should also have the right to attend the party especially designed for adults. Why not? Give reasons.
18. Answer any two of the following questions : $2 \times 2 = 4$
- (i) What did sun and moon see in the afternoon?
- (ii) Comment on the bond between the mother and her daughter.
- (iii) What did the author do after he received many pairs of boots?
- (iv) Describe the stake in "The Bet."

Answer
Section-A

1. (i) Early rising gives us a good start because early riser do a large amount of work before other men get up of bed.
- (ii) The work done in the morning is generally better because the mind is fresh and there are few sounds and other distractions.
- (iii) The early riser not have to hurry up because he knows what he has to do and all his work is finished in good time.
- (iv) Exercise supplies a fund of good energy in man which is good for health and mind.

2. (i) Raja Rammohan Roy born on 22nd May 1772 at Radhanagar in the Hoogly district of Bengal.
- (ii) His father Ramakant Roy gave up his post under Sirajuddoula, the Nawab, then he had settled at Radhanagar.
- (iii) Raja Rammohan Roy's mother, Tarini Devi was a very religious woman. She believed faithfully in the sound nature of the Hindu religion.
- (iv) Once she went for a pilgrimage to Puri on foot without taking a maid servant with her. This incident proves that his mother had great belief in the Hindu religion.

Section-B

3.

16 December, 2016

Patna

Respected father,

The prize distribution function of our school was held last Monday. The Chief Minister presided over the function.

You will be glad to know that I have won the first prize by standing first in the house examinations. (There were many prize-winners, but I was the first to be called for getting the prize. I went to the stage and shook hands with the President. The students gave loud cheers. The President gave me the prize. There was a loud applause again. After this I came back to my seat. My friends congratulated me again and again. I wish papa you would be here that day.

Your's affectionately
Saurabh

Or

To,

The Headmaster
Patna High School
Patna

Sub. :- Application for three days leave.

R/Sir,

I am student of class X. Sir, I was absent in my class from 12.12.2016 to 14.12.2016 due to viral fever and excessive headache.

Sir, I therefore, request you to grant me three days leave. I will be highly obliged to you for this concern.

Thanking you.

Your's faithfully
Avinash

4. (a) Rainy Day

It was the month of July last year. One day it was very hot. Men and animals were very painting. Suddenly in the afternoon the sky became cloudy. Wind started to blow. It started raining heavily. Streets and markets were flooded with water. Little children came out and played in the rain. They splashed water over each other. The rain stopped after two hours. It became very cool and pleasant. The city gave a fresh look.

4. (b) The Dipawali

Dipawali means 'festivals of light'. It is an important festival. It falls in the month of October or November. It comes twenty days after Dussehra. Sri Ram came back to Ayodhya on this day. This festival is celebrated in every village and town. People do painting in their houses and shops. They light their homes with candles and electric lights. They buy sweets and crackers. They distribute gifts among friends and relatives. Children enjoy fire-works at night. On this day people worship Goddess Laxmi. Everyone looks very happy at that day.

4. (c) A Cricket Match

Last Sunday, a cricket match was played between our school and Gardanibagh High School. Each team played 20 overs. The match started at 10:00 A.M. We won the toss, we decided to bat first. The two boys played as opener. The first batsman made 30 runs and was out. Then next player came and he continued for 5 overs. Overall our team was out for 100 runs. Now it was the turn of Gardanibagh School. 40 runs in starting overs without losing any wicket. But after seventh over our team started to take their wickets. Lastly we won the match by 20 runs. It was really an interesting match.

4. (d) My Best Friend

Among all my friends, I love Avinash the most. He is my classmate. We have been together since childhood. He lives next door to me and we study in the same school. For the most part of the day we remain together. We play and study together. We share our secrets to each other. He is a good and simple boy. I love his simplicity. He respects his elders. He is a very polite person. He is popular among his class-fellows. Everybody wants to be friendly with him. He always advises me to do right things. He is very good friend of mine. I take pride in having such a nice friend.

5. Bankipur High School

NOTICE

16th December, 2016

All the students are notified that a programme is going to be organised on the occasion of Independence Day on 15th August at our school campus.

Desired students are invited to submit their name and class to the undersigned within two days.

President

Vinay/ Vibha

Or

I went to Delhi during the last week end. My elder brother lives there. He took me round the city. We visited the Red Fort, Qutub Minar, Birla Mandir, and Zoo. We also went to India Gate. In evening we went to Cannought Place. I saw there big shops of all kinds. Next day my brother took me to Palika Bazar. I had never seen such a big and beautiful bazar in my city. It was all underground. Next morning I came back to home. It was a well-spent weekend. I will always remember this weekend.

Section-C

6. (i) I am not sure.
(ii) It is so cold that no one can go out.
(iii) You are as good as I.
(iv) You are requested to give me your book.
7. (i) My mother said that it might rain.
(ii) The culprit told the judge that he was innocent.
(iii) She exclaimed with wonder that it was a very lovely garden.
(iv) The old lady wished me that I might get the reward.
8. (i) have
(ii) am going
(iii) have
9. (i) off
(ii) of
(iii) in
(iv) to
10. (i) Honesty is the best policy.
(ii) Rajgir is a very beautiful place.
(iii) Today children need guru, not a teacher.
(iv) Hindi is our mother tongue.
(v) We should respect our mother tongue.
(vi) But English is also essential for development.
(vii) These days every one is eager to learn English.
(viii) I will also try to learn English.

Section-D

11. (i) The title name is 'Gillu' and the author is 'Mahadevi Verma'.
(ii) The author found an injured baby squirrel in the morning.
(iii) The author brought him to her room and after wiping the blood from his wounds with cotton wool, applied penicillin ointment.
(iv) The pair of crows assaulted the baby squirrel.
(v) The tiny baby squirrel became motionless because a pair of crows assaulted him, in the result he sustained wounds on his body.
12. (i) The topic is 'once upon a time' and the author is Toni Morrison.
(ii) The young visitors reprimanded for parading their power and her helplessness.
(iii) The woman derived her attention away from assertions of power to the instrument through which that power was exercised.
(iv) The visitors through that it was better they should read the bird as language and the woman as practical writer.
(v) The word is assertions.
13. (i) The writer or other person who could not cope up their thinking power with the speed of today's life are slow thinkers. They are handicapped because many times they find difficulties in earning a living. The slow thinkers are not able to cope up well with the demand of present life. So, they will have to face difficulties in different spheres of life.
(ii) Yes, Indian films have some weaknesses like they put songs in the movie when there is no need at all. Even they look far away from reality and commonhoods because of the baseless scenes and dialogues. The same thing I found in the film—'Bade-Miyan Chote-Miyan'. The characters, the story and even dialogues are not impressive. It also lacks some connectivity factor.
(iii) Recently I have heard a very interesting story. There is a boy of 10 years who says that when he was of 3 or 4 years he was visited by an alien who belonged to some other planet. But their heart was same so they communicated with each other and had friendship forever. They over came their differences and helped each-other. The boy also helped the alien to go back to his home planet.
14. (i) The narrator says so because his mother uses electric mixer.
(ii) Seeing Gillu sitting near the window and affectionately peering at the world outside, made the narrator to set Gillu free.
(iii) I like the movie—"Three Idiots". It points out the defects of today's education systems and gives good suggestion to improve.
(iv) She said so because they were fighting for the girls but the girls were playing with each-other.
15. (i) These lines have been extracted from the poem—'Martha'.
(ii) Martha begins her stories in the traditional way, related to distant past.
(iii) Martha tells her stories in the hazel wood.
(iv) 'her' stands for Martha.

16. (i) They (children) sit down on the earth with their heads resting on their elbows and pay attention to her story.
- (ii) The Koel is restless because she is far from her beloved. That is why her song is shedding a sad song which seems to be setting on fire.
- (iii) Radha's health is decaying day-by-day. Her friend took this to heart. She thought that Radha might lose her health to the last. That is why she is worried.
- (iv) After using the polythene bags, we throw it out in a dustbin.
17. (i) In children of 0-6 years of age generally it is found that they are very uncomfortable with strangers, sometimes with strange surroundings, they develop dislikes for certain food items, they weep a lot in certain situations. Sometimes some inflammatory wounds and itching are also caused.
- (ii) No, I don't think young children should be allowed to attend the parties designed for adults. It is so because in a party one gets informal and if it is designed for the adults then they make such an environment which suits them but not the youngsters. Their mixing up may break the decent gap between the young and adult's world. So, the gap must be maintained.
18. (i) Sun and Moon saw a lot of activity in their house in the afternoon. A big cart brought many golden chairs and several people brought flower pots on their heads.
- (ii) The bond between the mother and daughter is very strong. They loved each other greatly and passionately.
- (iii) When the boots came, the author found them excellent in quality and finishing. He wrote out a cheque and at once sent it to Mr. Gessler.
- (iv) In the story—"The Bet" the banker had staked his two million. The young lawyer had staked his fifteen years of freedom.
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