

English (Compulsory) (X)
Set - 7

[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.

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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 given below in your own words : 4×3=12

For many people who live in cities, parks are an important part of the landscape. They provide a place for people to relax and play sports, as well as a refuge from the often harsh environment of a city. What people often overlook is that parks also provide considerable environmental benefits.

One benefit of parks is that plants absorb carbon dioxide a key pollutant—and emit oxygen which human being need to breathe. According to one study, an acre of trees can absorb the same amount of carbon dioxide that a typical car emits in 11,000 miles of driving. Parks also make cities cooler. Scientists have long noted what it called the urban Heat Island Effect: building materials such as metal, concrete and asphalt, absorb much more of the sun's heat and release it much more quickly than organic surface like trees and grass. Because city landscape contain so much of these building materials cities are usually warmer than the surrounding

rural areas. Parks and other green spaces help to mitigate the urban Heat Island Effect.

Questions :

- (i) Why park is an important place for the people who live in cities?
- (ii) What is the benefit of parks?
- (iii) Why cities are warmer in the comparison of rural areas?
- (iv) What is urban Heat Island Effect?

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

Education is a device for helping a man to grow his full stature and makes him able to realize his own nature both mentally and spiritually. It is like a good gardener who helps each plant to develop that essential quality of its own. The good educator performs a similar business for the human being. But most of us do not stick to the services of a good education and fall flat in lives. One the other hand the man who has received the right kind of training and education, find the world larger and more exciting. As result even the simple common place things of life seem to be beautiful. This education develops in man the qualities of intelligence and good taste. These attributes are what differentiates man from other species and leads his true development.

Questions :

- (i) What is education?
- (ii) What is the role of the right education?
- (iii) Which type of qualities are developed in man by education?
- (iv) Which word in this passage means 'qualities'.

Section-B

Writing

3. Write a letter to your friend congratulating him on his success in the Board Examination. 8

Or

Write an application to your Headmaster to arrange extra class for Maths and Science in the school for class-X.

4. Write a paragraph in about 80-100 words on any one topic given below :

4×1=4

- (a) Summer Vacation
- (b) Secret of work
- (c) The Ganga
- (d) Importance of Labour.

5. You are Shreya/ Sanjit, the head girl of Model High School. As a part of social service your school has decided to clean the surrounding. Write a notice in about 80

words for your school notice board asking the students to participate in this campaign.

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Section-C

6. Transform the sentence as per direction in the bracket : 4×1=4
- (i) Leela is learning music. (change into passive voice)
 - (ii) The tree is too high to climb. (change into remove too)
 - (iii) Mahatma Gandhi was one of the greatest men of India.
(change into comparative degree)
 - (iv) How well he plays! (change into assertive sentence)
7. Change the following sentences into indirect form of speech : 4×1=4
- (i) She said, "He has not seen the Taj Mahal."
 - (ii) My brother said to me, "where are my book?"
 - (iii) The old man said to the servant, "Bring a glass of water."
 - (iv) The man said to me, "I shall leave for Delhi tomorrow."
8. Fill in the blanks with appropriate form of verbs given in the brackets : 3×1=3
- (i) Seventy rupees enough for this. (is / are)
 - (ii) Each girl in this school a bicycle. (has / have)
 - (iii) Ravi and Vivek not know how to swim. (do / does)
9. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions : 4×1=4
- (i) You should not laugh the poor. (with / at)
 - (ii) Please handle this machine care. (by / with)
 - (iii) My uncle went America. (for / to)
 - (iii) What is wrong you? (from / with)
10. Translate any five into English : 5×1=5
- (i)
 - (ii)
 - (iii)
 - (iv)
 - (v)
 - (vi)
 - (vii)
 - (viii)

Section-D

11. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions given below : 5×1=5

After all we do pass the primary tools film making. The complaint of the technicians notwithstanding, mechanical devices such as the crane shot and the process shot are useful, but by no means indispensable. Infact, what tools we have been used on occasion with real intelligence. What our cinema needs above everything else is a style, an idiom, a sort of iconography of cinema, which would be uniquely and recognisably Indian.

The majority of our films are replete with such 'visual dissonances'. But the truly Indian film should steer clear of such inconsistencies and look for its material in the more basic aspects of Indian life, where habit and speech, dress and manners, background and foreground, blend into a harmonious whole.

It is only in a drastic simplification of style and content that hope for the Indian cinema resides. At present, it would appear that nearly all the prevailing practices go against such as simplification.

Questions :

- (i) Name the topic and the author.
- (ii) What does Indian cinema need?
- (iii) What is the type of our films?
- (iv) What type of material does Indian cinema need?
- (v) What do you mean by simplification?

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

When I used to work during summer afternoons, Gillu would abstain from going outside or sitting in his swing. To keep himself close to me and also to tackle the summer heat, he had discovered a totally new method. He would lie prostrate on the surahi kept near me and thus remain both close to me as well as be cool! Squirrels have a life span of barely two years; as such Gillu's lease of life finally came to an end. For the whole day, he neither ate nor ventured out. In the night, even with the pain of going away, he came to my bed from the swing, and clutched the same finger with his icy claws, which he had clung to, in his near death like state during his natal days. The claws were getting so cold that I switched on the first ray of the morning touched him, he departed.

His swing was taken off the hook and the opening made in the wire-mesh window was closed.

Questions :

- (i) Name the topic and the author.
- (ii) How did Gillu make himself cool in summer?
- (iii) How long does a squirrel live?
- (iv) Describe the end of Gillu?
- (v) Why did the swing take off the hook?

13. Answer any one of the following in about 80 words :

$1 \times 6 = 6$

- (i) What sort of excitement do we have today which our ancestors lacked? Is it an advantage or disadvantage?
- (ii) Does Jim understand why his advice is being questioned? Explain.
- (iii) How was Gillu different from the narrator's other pet animals?
14. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30 words : $2 \times 2 = 4$
- (i) For what are the young visitors reprimanded?
- (ii) Why does the author say that copying American films is wrong?
- (iii) How did the pre-Aryans build up a new civilization
- (iv) Why did Akoulya try to check Malasha?
15. Read carefully the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow: $4 \times 1 = 4$
- "But the tree unkind took into its mind
To add an eighth, a half-full pot.
To fill this quick was his thought.
The seven full vessels he clean forgot,
The demon Desire now made him mad."
- Questions :
- (i) Who has written these lines?
- (ii) What made him mad?
- (iii) How did he wreck his health?
- (iv) Find the word from the stanza which means—'an evil spirit'.
16. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30 words : $2 \times 3 = 6$
- (i) Why was he given seven pots?
- (ii) What does the Koel's song seem to be full of according to the poet?
- (iii) Why was the porter not able to breathe properly?
- (iv) How were half of the stories said?
17. Answer any one of the following questions : $1 \times 6 = 6$
- (i) How did the lawyer spend the fifth year of his imprisonment?
- (ii) What made Halku happy in the cold January night.
18. Answer any two of the following questions : $2 \times 2 = 4$
- (i) Why was the narrator not able to become an I.A.S Officer?
- (ii) What did the mother see when she looked at her face in the mirror?
- (iii) Which was the most fancy food item at the party?
- (iv) What were the signs of hard life which the author noticed on Mr. Gessler's face?

Answer
Section-A

1. (i) Park provides a place to relax and play sports as well as a refuge from the often harsh environment of a city. So, parks are an important place for the people who live in cities.
(ii) Plants absorb carbon dioxide—a key pollutant and emit oxygen which human being needs to breathe. Parks also make cities cool. These are two benefits that park provides us.
(iii) Cities are warmer because of excessive use of building materials than the surrounding rural areas.
(iv) The Building Materials such as metal, concrete, asphalt etc. absorb much more of the sun's heat and release it much more quickly than organic surfaces like trees and grass.
2. (i) Education is a device for helping a man to grow his full stature and makes him able to realize his own nature both mentally and spiritually.
(ii) The man who received the right kind of education, find the world larger and more exciting.
(iii) The qualities of intelligence and good taste are developed in man by education.
(iv) 'Attributed'.

Section-B

3.

19 December, 2016
PATNA

My dear friend Raja,

Hello,

I am fine. How are you? I came to know that you have got high percentage in the Board Examination. My joy knew no bound when I got this news. Please accept my heartiest congratulations on your brilliant success. Really it is a splendid success. You have brought honour to your family and to us also. Your hard work comes forward as your success.

Please convey my congratulations to your dear parents.

Your's loving friend
Ankur

Or

To

The Headmaster,
ABC High School,
Patna

Sub. :- Application to arrange extra classes for class-X.

R/Sir,

I am the student of class-Xth. On the behalf of the class, I have to make one request. In the beginning of the year, we had no regular teacher of Mathematics. Only temporary arrangements were made. So, our classes suffered a lot.

Sir, we have not done many important chapters. So, we request you to arrange extra class for maths and science also. We shall be thankful to you for this kindness.

Thanking you.

Yours obediently
Animesh

4. (a) **Summer Vacation**

Holidays bring great joy and relief. We have to work hard when our school session is on. So, we get tired. We wait for the holidays eagerly. We make plans for spending the holidays. A long vacation gives us freedom from the boredom of our daily life. It brings a welcome change in our dull life. We can spend the vacation as we wish. During the vacation we are free from the monotony of our school life. So, we look forward to the vacation impatiently. Recently I have enjoyed the summer vacation.

(b) **Secret of Work**

Many are the blessings of work. All the humanity has achieved during the course of generations was a result of hard work. Man owes all his greatness to hard work. It is but the very 'secret of work'. Man is human because he is capable of hard work, while the animal is not. All human civilization and culture is the result of hard work. Our agriculture, industries, art, science, literature, architecture etc. have all been achieved through hard work. Indeed 'work is worship'. But it is also important that a part from our own work, we must also find out sometime to work for the well being of other persons of the society.

(c) **The Ganga**

The Ganga is considered the most holy river in our country. The Ganga rises in the Himalayas. Many famous cities are situated on its bank such as—Patna, Varanasi, Allahabad, Kanpur etc. Most of them have become the places of pilgrimage. Its water is pure and clean. Many rivers from north to south join the Ganga. The Hindus believe that a dip in the Ganga washes all sins. People take the dead bodies to its banks for cremation. The plains of Ganga is very fertile. But now a days Ganga is being polluted. The Ganga is very useful for our country. It also balances the level of water under earth. People worships it and call it 'Maa Ganga'.

(d) **Importance of Labour**

We say "labour never goes invain." There is no substitute for hard work. Without labour one cannot be successful. The person who do hard work has achieved success. There is a proverb 'Work is Worship'. We should work honestly and with a will. Hard work will bear fruit and change this world into a paradise. We must put in hard work. It is always rewarded.

5. **Model High School**

NOTICE

22nd December, 2016

As part of social service our school has decided to clean the area around our school. All the students who wish to participate in this campaign should give their name to the undersigned. Whole hearted participation of student will ensure the success of this programme.

Head Girl / Boy
Shreya / Sanjit

Or

The state of our rivers and oceans is a sad comment on our social behaviour. We are using them as dumping grounds and dustbins. Million of tonnes of garbages are dumped into them every year. We are polluting not only our waters, but also the land and the air. In fact we are digging our own graves. Therefore, it is our own interest to keep the environment free from pollution. Each and every individual has to realise his or her responsibility. We should do nothing that will pollute our environment and thus put our own lives in danger.

Section-C

6. (i) Music is being learnt by Leela.
(ii) The tree is so high that one cannot climb.
(iii) Mahatma Gandhi was greater than most other men of India.
(iv) He plays very well.
7. (i) She said that he had not seen the Taj Mahal.
(ii) My brother asked me where his books were.
(iii) The old man ordered the servant to bring a glass of water.
(iv) The man told me that he would leave for Delhi the next day.
8. (i) is
(ii) has
(iii) do
9. (i) at
(ii) with
(iii) to
(iv) with
10. (i) He belongs to a poor family.
(ii) I know as much as you.
(iii) We must serve our mother.
(iv) Please shut the door.
(v) We should take care of our health.
(vi) Where are you coming from?

- (vii) He is a symbol of the poor.
- (viii) There lived a beggar in a village.

Section-D

- 11.** (i) The topic is 'what is wrong with Indian Films' and the author is Satyajit Ray.
(ii) Indian cinema needs a style an idiom, a sort of iconography of cinema which would be uniquely and recognisably Indian.
(iii) The majority of our films are replete with such 'visual dissonance'.
(iv) In Indian cinema there should be the material in the more basic aspect of Indian life, where habit and speech, dress and manners background and foreground, blend into harmonious.
(v) It means not much decorated or ornamented. Here concerning cinema, it should simply produced.
- 12.** (i) The topic is 'Gillu' and the author is Mahadevi Verma.
(ii) During Summer Gillu would abstain from going outside or sitting in his swing. To keep himself cool he would lie prostrate on the surahi kept near her and thus remain both close to her as well as cool.
(iii) It is said the squirrel has a life span of barely two years.
(iv) For the whole day he neither ate nor ventured out. In the night, even with the pain of going away, he came to her bed from the swing and clutched the same finger with his icy claws. They were getting cold, but in the early morning he died.
(v) When Gillu died, his swing was taken off the hook and opening made in the wire-mesh window was closed.
- 13.** (i) Our ancestors lacked the excitement of rapid movement in their life. Moving very fast from one city to another is an exciting experience. However it is both an advantage and a disadvantage. On the one hand it saves our time and makes our life full of excitement and on the other hand rapid movement does not give us the real pleasure of travel which we get from a slow riding.
(ii) No, Jim does not understand why his advice is being questioned. Every time he advises someone that person points out some of Jim's own practices which go against ecology preservation. Each time he is unable to give any proper explanation for his actions. In spite of that he continues to lecture all the people he meets. He is certainly not a boy who practices what he preaches.
(iii) The narrator had many pet animals and birds. All of them loved her, but none of them were brave enough to eat from her plate. However, Gillu was quite different from the rest of them. As soon as the narrator reached the dining room, Gillu came in from the window and wanted to sit in the narrator's plate. The narrator had a lot of difficulty in teaching him to sit close to the plate. There he ate each grain of rice very cleverly.
- 14.** (i) The young visitors are reprimanded for showing off their power to see thing and making fun of the old woman's blindness.

- (ii) The author says so because the lifestyle shown in American films is completely different from the Indian films.
- (iii) The pre-Aryans had built up a new civilization by defeating and displacing some other group of people who lived before them.
- (iv) Akoulya tried to check Malasha because she did not want Malasha to get scolded by her mother.
- 15.** (i) These lines have been written by Periasamy Thooran.
- (ii) Demon desire for gold made him mad.
- (iii) He worked day and night to earn more and more gold without taking care of his health and wrecked health.
- (iv) The word is—'demon'.
- 16.** (i) He was given seven pots because the tree wanted to give him every reason to be satisfied in his heart.
- (ii) According to the poet, the Keol's song seems to be full of tension and dissatisfaction.
- (iii) The porter could not breathe properly as he was climbing the mountain with great difficulty.
- (iv) Half of the stories were said by the sound of her voice, her narrow chin and her serious, small lovely head.
- 17.** (i) In the fifth year, the lawyer again started playing music and asked for wine. He spent this year eating drinking and lying on his bed. He stopped reading. Sometimes, he wrote at night often he yawned or talked a loud angrily. Sometimes he cried. He was not quite peaceful.
- (ii) Halku collected mango leaves and made a big fire under the mango trees. He was now warm. He felt proud to win the war against the cold. This made him so happy that he passed the time trying to jump over the fire and back again. He also wanted Jabra to join in this game.
- 18.** (i) The narrator could not become an IAS officer because he was not very intelligent and could not stay awake entire nights to study.
- (ii) When the mother looked at her face in the mirror, she saw that she was old and no longer beautiful.
- (iii) The ice pudding in the shape of a pink house was the most fancy food item at the party.
- (iv) The author noticed that lines had appeared on Mr. Gessler's face and his red beard was full of grey hair.
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