

Pre-Board Examination 2019-20

Class - XIIth

Subject - General English

Time : 3 Hours

M.M.100

Instructions :-

All questions are compulsory.

SECTION-A

(Reading)

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

Keeping cities clean is essential for keeping their residents healthy. Our health depends not just on personal hygiene and nutrition, but critically also on how clean we keep our cities and their surroundings. The spread of dengue and Chikenguniya are intimately linked to the deteriorating state of public health conditions in our cities. <http://www.mpboardonline.com>

The good news is that waste management to keep Cities Clean is now getting attention through the Swachh Bharat Mission. However, much of the attention begins and stops with the brooms and the dustbins, extending at most to the Collection and transportation of the mixed waste to some distant or not so distant place, preferably out of Sight.

The challenge of processing and treating the different streams of solid waste, and safe disposal of the residuals in scientific landfills, (has received much less attention in municipal solid waste management than is expected from health point of view).

One of the problems is that instead of focussing on waste management for health, We have got side tracked into 'waste for energy'. If only we were to begin by not mixing the biodegradable Component of solid waste (close to 60% of the total) in our cities with the dry waste, and instead use this stream of waste for composting and producing a gas called methane.

City compost from biodegradable waste provides an alternative to farmyard manure (like Cow-dung). It provides an opportunity to simultaneously clean-up our cities and help improve agricultural productivity and quality of the soil.

Organic manure or Compost plays a very important role as a supplement to chemical fertilizer^s in enriching the nutrient-deficient soils. City Compost can be the new player in the field.

questions :-

1. Keeping cities clean is essential for :- (1)
 - i. keeping the citizens free from diseases.
 - ii. keeping their residents healthy.
 - iii. Clean environment.
 - iv. Making the cities beautiful.
2. Our health depends :- (1)
 - i. On clean environment.
 - ii. On personal hygiene and nutrition.
 - iii. On clean air and water
 - iv. On taking exercises.
3. Waste management to keep cities clean is now getting attention through..... (1)

- i. ✓ Swachh Bharat Mission
 - ii. clean India campaign
 - iii. providing Brooms and dustbins.
 - iv. Collection and transportation of mixed waste.
4. One of the problems is that instead of focussing on waste management for health, we have got sidetracked into. (1)
- i. use of waste
 - ii. waste for burning
 - iii. ✓ waste for energy
 - iv. waste for animals
5. Organic manure or compost plays a very important role as a (1)
6. Noun form of 'waste' (1)
7.destroyed the crop. (Hale, Hail) (1)
8. A.....has no to on the of a church; though they may not be (right, rite, wright, write, right) <http://www.mpboardonline.com>
(Rewrite using correct word order in the blanks) (1)
9. What has received much less attention in municipal solid waste management? (2)
10. What does biodegradable waste provide? (2)

Q.2. Read the following passage Carefully and answer the questions given below it:-

Studies Serve for delight, for ornament and for ability. Their chief use for delight is in privateness and retiring, for ornament is in discourse and for ability, is in the judgement and disposition of business. For, expert men Can execute, and perhaps judge of particulars, one by one, but the general Counsels, and plots and marshalling of affairs, Come best from those that are learned. To spend too much time in studies is sloth, to use them too much for ornament is affectation, to make Judgement wholly by their rules, is the humor of a scholar. They perfect nature and are perfected by experience; for natural abilities are like natural plants that need pruning by study; and studies themselves do give forth directions too much, at large, except they be bounded in by experience. Crafty men condemn studies simple men admire them and wise men use them; for they teach not their own use; but that is a wisdom without them and above them & won by observation.

Questions.:-

- a. On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it, using abbreviations, where necessary. (4)
- b. Give a suitable title to it. (1)
- c. Prepare a summary of the above passage. (3)

SECTION - B

(writing)

- Q.3. Design an attractive and instructive poster of the Delhi Police to educate and warn the people against unclaimed articles like dolls, tiffin boxes, suitcases, bags transistors, mobiles lying in public places/trains/buses. (5)

OR

Your father has been transferred to another city, you want to sell certain household good. Design an attractive and suitable advertisement to be published in local newspapers.

Q.4. With the help of the points given below produce a write-up on the "Meditation" . (6)

1. Important for health
2. Calms mind
3. Quiet place, dim light
4. Benefits are many.
5. Focussing on breathing.

OR

With the help of the words given produce a write-up on "value of Games"

1. Necessary for life
2. Removes monotony
3. Make our body healthy

Q.5. Write a letter to the collector of your district requesting him to put a ban on the free use of loudspeakers during examination . (6)

OR

you are Meenakshi Agarwal, residing at 112, Saraswati Nagar, University road, Gwalior. Write a letter to the Collector of your district about the lack of facilities and malfunctioning of the Govt. Hospital of your area. <http://www.mpboardonline.com>

Q.6. you are Daksh / Deeksha Agarwal residing at 23, Jawahar Colony Shivpuri. Write a letter to your friend Kaushal, Congratulating him on his grand success in the Higher Secondary Certificate Examination. (6)

OR

Write a letter to your friend advising him to study English, Maths, general Knowledge for Competitive Examination.

Q.7. Write an article on " Importance of Trees" with the help of following input: - (7)

1. Useful human lives
2. Causes for rain
3. Usefulness for all creatures
4. Other importance
5. Need and value
6. Celebration of 'van-Mahotsava

OR

Write an essay on any-one of the following topics:

1. Wonders of science
2. A current problem of India
3. Advantages of Games and sports

4. India of my dreams
5. My favourite Prime-minister

SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)

Q.8. Fill in the blanks by selecting the most suitable and appropriate option : -

(5)

1. I have seenlot of places.
(a) a (b) an (c) the (d) no article.
2. The boy the bird.
(a) Catch (b) Catches (c) Catches
3. He is seniorme. (to / than)
4. My friend livesNew Delhi. (in/at/into)
5. I havefriends. (Much/Many)

Q.9. Do as directed:- (any five)

(5)

- i. Raju / write / can/ hand /with/ either.
(Rearrange the words to make a meaningful Sentence)
- ii. She is cooking food. (change into passive voice)
- iii. (a) Hurry up.
(b) you will miss the show.
(Combine the two sentences using 'otherwise')
- iv. I took bread. <http://www.mpboardonline.com>
I took butter (Combine the two sentences using neither...nor)
- v. He is so weak that he can not walk. (Rewrite using 'too... to')
- vi. (a) Indian women work at home.
(b) They work in fields. (Rewrite using not only ... but also.)

SECTION - C

Q.10. Read the following extracts from poem and answer the questions given below it:-

- (A) 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 hills.

Questions:

- a. The opposite of the word "bottom' is : - (1) wonderful (2) whirl (3) top (4) Shakes (1)
 - b. The word rhymes with 'tree' is- (1) will (2) me (3) top (4) mill (1)
 - c. Name of Poet and poem. Wd
- (B) Teach me to listen, Lord
to those far from me
The whisper of the hopeless
The plea of the forgotten
The cry of the anguished.

Questions: -

- a. A word similar in meaning of the word 'hear'
(1) Pear (2) listen (3) peep
- b. The opposite word of 'near' is : -
(1) Far (2) clear (3) further (4) fear
- c. Name of the Poem and poet.

Q.11. Answer any two of the following questions :-

2X2=4

1. What is the attire of the earth ?
2. Who are the people far from us?
3. What are the two meanings of word cricket ?
4. How Can one reach the temple ?

Q. 12. Answer any seven of the following questions :-

7X2=14

- i. What was Mini doing in the balcony ?
- ii. What happens if we prejudge people and future events ?
- iii. What are comfort zones ? <http://www.mpboardonline.com>
- iv. Who was swami Arvasu ?
- v. What does brain consist of ?
- vi. Write two ways in which crows irritated author ?
- vii. Why did Mohan name his ass "Truck Sa'ab' ?
- viii. Make a list of civic duties as suggested by Dr. Kalam ?
- ix. What did author mean by 'a safe remark' ?

Q.13. Answer any one out of two :-
Describe the duck's farewell.

(4)

OR

What is a blood brain barrier ? How does it work ?

Q.14. Answer any four of the following questions?

4X2=8

- a. Which is the world's highest waterfall and where is it ?
- b. What accounts for beauty in yourself ?
- c. Which is the best place considered for meditation?
- d. Why must we take risk ?
- e. Why is the Gita beyond the more intellect ?
- f. What was Jamshedji told in Manchester ?

Q.15. Write the central idea of the poem "Risks".

(4)

OR

Write the central idea of the poem "We are the future".

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