

English (Special) - 2010

Time: 3 Hours]

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Instructions:

- (1) All questions are compulsory.
- (2) Read the instructions given with questions carefully before attempting them.
- (3) Marks of each question are indicated against it.

Q.1. (a) Read the extract carefully and answer the questions that follow-

The physical, intellectual, patriotic and spiritual, then, are dimensions in which our young men and women must equip themselves so that they can really be of effective service to the nation. Needless to say this is a continuing process, and the very act of national service itself helps to develop these capacities. What is required on the part of our youth's is a keen sense of participation in what Jawaharlal Nehru used to call "the great adventure of national- building". There is no room here for cynicism or defeatism, boredom or depression. In whatever position our youth may find themselves there are always numerous avenues for national service. <http://www.mpboardonline.com>

Questions :

- (i) How can our youth serve effectively to the nation? 2
- (i) Give the noun form of the word 'develop'. 1
- (iii) Find out the words from the passage which have the opposite meanings as the words given below : 2
- (a) necessary (b) material

(b) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow them-

"How soon hath time, the subtle thief of youth,
Stolen on his wing my three and twentieth year!
My hasting days fly on with full career,
But my late spring no bud or blossom Sheweth".

Questions :

- (i) What has time stolen from the poet?
- (ii) Find out the words from the extract which have the same meaning as the words given below :
- (a) Something not noticeable or obvious. 1
- (b) Flower which has not yet opened its petals. 1
- (iii) Give the superlative degree of the word "Soon" 1

Q.2. Answer any two of the following questions- 12

- (i) Justify the title of the essay "Dream Children: A Reverie."
- (ii) Describe the effects of population growth on the global water system:
- (iii) Give a brief character sketch of 'Einstein'.
- (iv) Discuss "The Last Ride Together as a dramatic monologue.

Q.3. - Answer any two of the following questions. 8

- (i) On receiving the invitation to the ball, Mathilde wept. Why?
- (ii) Which are the two kinds of people referred to in the verse "Invocation"?
- (iii) Explain the symbol "Horn of Plenty".
- (iv) What was Netaji's way of dealing with defaulters?

Q.4. Do as directed. (Any five) – 5

- (i) Rewrite the following sentence by using "it":

To see you is real pleasure.

- (ii) People expect better results this time. (Change the voice)
- (iii) Ronak does his work properly. (Make a Negative Sentence)
- (iv) The teacher said, "Man is mortal." (Change the Narration)
- (v). The toys are very expensive we can't afford to buy them.
(Use so that and rewrite the sentence)
- (vi) Use the proper determiner

Are there letters for me? (Some, any, much).

- (vii) The book is lost.

That you gave me yesterday. (Combine the sentences to make a Complex Sentence)

Q.5. Choose the correct Syllable structure of the words from the given alternatives. 5

- (i) book (CC, CCC, CVC) (ii) air (CV, V, CVC)

- (iii) How many syllables are there in the word 'study'?

(a) One (b) two (c) three

- (iv) Select both words from bracket and fill in the appropriate place

A is a man of (Principle, Principal)

- (v) Rewrite the given word in "American English".

'analogue'.

Q.6. - Answer any one of the following questions- 9

- (i) Sketch the character of 'Swaminathan'.
- (ii) (How did Rajam bring about reconciliation between his fighting friends?)

Q.7. Answer any two of the following questions. 6

- (i): Describe Mani's personality.
- (ii) Who was Rajam? Why was Mani angry with him?
- (iii) How did Swaminathan solve the question paper?

Q.8. Answer any one of the following questions- 9

- (i) They play "The silver Box" is an attack on the hypocrisy of the British higher class. Discuss. <http://www.mpboardonline.com>
- (ii) Justify the title of the play "The Silver Box."

Q.9. Answer any two of the following questions- 6

- (i). What were the two charges made by the police against Jones?
- (ii) Who is Snow? Why does Jones give a blow to Snow?
- (iii) What transpires between Roper and Mr. Barthwick?

Q.10. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow-

Trees show the variation in season and nature's most colourful show put up especially during the fall. The changing colours of autumn signal that the trees are getting ready for winter. Throughout the spring and summer most of the food necessary for the trees to grow are made in the leaves. The food making process takes place in the cells containing chlorophyll which gives leaves their green colour.

Due to the shorter period of daylight and the cooler temperatures, the leaves stop making foods. The chlorophyll breaks down and the green colour disappears and yellow and orange previously masked by the green appear. The vibrant reds, purple and bronzes come from other chemical processes. The brilliant red of maple has a 'sweet' side. In the warmth of the fall days, sugar is produced in the leaves and then trapped by the night's chill. The more sugar it accumulates, the brighter the leaves turn.

The degree of colour varies from tree to tree. Leaves directly exposed to the Sun may turn red, while those on the shady side of the same tree may be yellow colour also varies depending on the combination of weather conditions when autumn is warm leaves may have less red colouration.

As colours vary from mountain tops to villages and from day to day there is no way to predict when fall foliage will be at its peak. This is a time of change when each day is coloured anew. Only two places in the world have this foliage the North eastern part of North America and parts of Japan. Nature lovers flock around these places in the fall to enjoy the - picturesque presentation of colour in leaves giving a look of blossomed flowers. Great painters of nature look forward to the fall for inspiration from nature.

Questions :

- (a) What does the changing colours of leaves in autumn signal? 2
- (b) Why do leaves stop making food during fall? 2

- (c) What kind of inspiration do nature lovers draw from autumn? 2
- (d) Find out the word from the passage opposite of the given below- 'Crumble'. 1
- (e) Find out the words from the passage which convey the same meaning as the words given below- 1
- (i) Photosynthesis (ii) Leaves (noun)
- (f) The Season coming between winter and summer is 1

Q.11. Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions given at the end- 1

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

Questions :

- What is the attire of the earth? – 2
- (ii) Give the antonym of the given words from the passage. 2
- (a) ugly (b) narrow
- (iii) Find out the word from the passage for the following meaning-
“Surrounded’.

Q.12: Write an essay on any one of the following- 10

- (i) Any Burning Problem.
- (ii) Science and Human Happiness.
- (iii) India of my Dreams
- (iv) Need of Games and Sports in our life.
- (v) Role of Newspaper and media.

Q.13. You are Sunil Agarwal studies in Class XII in Govt. Excellence H.S.S. Barnagar (Ujjain). You have lost blazer at the playground on the Annual Sport Day. Write a notice on the School notice board. 5

(Or). Write an article for your school news letter on the positive as well as negative aspects of using cell phones.