

Instructions :

- (i) Attempt all questions.
- (ii) Marks of each question are indicated against it

Section – A

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions.

Emperor Ashoka was one of the earliest Indian monarchs who planted shady trees on roads and in public places. The moghuls, too, realized the necessity of shade on the roads which they constructed. But there was no, conscious planning; and the peepal banyan and pakur trees were indiscriminately mixed with neems, tamarinds and mahus. It was only in kashmir that they showed some preference for planning and planted magnificent avenues of chinar along the banks of the river jhelum, which can be seen at their best at Gandhasbl and matan on the way to pahalgam.

A plantation plan for our national, state and district highways is urgently needed At present, our roads are planted by the P.W.D. engineers who are ignorant of trees. ultimately the planting of new trees and replacement of dead trees is left to gardeners alone who plant any tree which comes handy. The result has been unfortunate and our roadside avenues have become a mixture of odd trees.

Questions:

1. A person who rules a country..... 1
 - (i) Emperor
 - (ii) Engineer
 - (iii) Gardener
2. What is opposite of the word 'past' from the passage ? 1
 - (i) Old
 - (ii) Present
 - (iii) Future
3. Who was Ashoka ? 1
4. What do we need for our highways ? 1
5. What is left to gardeners alone ? 1

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

City children suffer from a great disability. They have little contact with nature. They do not know the joys of living in the open air In cities there is no space to live. so one story is piled upon another, their lives are so artificial that they don't enjoy the benefit of seeing the stars at night. They buy flower pots and put paper flowers or plastic flowers in them. They hang pictures of sun-rise or sun-set on the walls.

wherever one turns, one finds artificial lights during the day as well as in the night. They have lost even darkness of night which is given to man for peace and quiet thought. So the task before education is to change the whole system of values that are current in our cities.

Questions:

1. Which disability do the city children suffer from? 1
(a) They are weak (b) They cannot play in the open. (c) They have little contact with nature.
 2. Find the opposite of the word 'natural' from the above passage: 1
(a) Beneficial (b) Artificial (c) superficial
 3. What is the importance of night for man? 1
 4. What is the task before education? 1
 5. How have their lives become artificial? 1
3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :

Venice is a strange and beautiful city in the north of Italy. It is not an island but a hundred and seventeen Islands. These small islands are near one another. There are about four hundred old stone bridges, joining the islands of Venice. In this city there are no motor cars, no horses and no buses this is because Venice has no streets. Every one must go by boat from one place to another. The boats sail on one hundred and fifty canals or water ways. The water touches the walls and steps of the buildings. The men of Venice are good sailors. They have long boats with flat bottom called 'gondolas' but today you can also see plenty of motor boats in Venice. This is because Venice has no streets.

Questions:

- (i) How many water ways are there in Venice? 1
(a) 250
(b) 150
(c) 117
- (ii) What is the opposite of the word 'ugly' from the passage? 1
(a) Good
(b) Beautiful
(c) Strange
- (iii) What vehicles are used in Venice? 1
- (iv) What are gondolas? 1
- (v) Which is a strange and beautiful city in the north of Italy? 1

SECTION - B

4. You are Mishti' sharma, studying in class xth in Govt. Higher secondary school, Lashkarpur vidisha. Write an application to your principal requesting him to issue you character certificate. 6-Mark

or

You are Nandini, residing at 77, Vitthal nagar, Vidisha. Write a letter to your friend Amita congratulating her on her success in the examination.

5. Read the following passage carefully and do as instructed in (a) and (b) below the passage: -Marks

Balanced diet and regular exercise are the keys to keep ourselves in good health. with ideal food habits like increasing fiber intake and ensuring balanced sources of nutrition coupled with regular exercises, cholesterol attack. Can be controlled which is the main reason of heart attack, cholesterol is a fatty substance that makes through blood stream, sticks the walls of blood vessels, thickens their boundaries and clogs, it results into heart attack. To control this you need to do is to check your food habits and change it to a friendly diet, increased fiber intake reduced fat intake and ensured balanced sources of nutrition.

(a) Make notes on the contents of the passage and give a title also. 4 -Mark

(b) Prepare a summary of passage. 3 -Mark

6. Write an article on the 'Importance of Trees' With the help of the verbal inputs given below: <http://www.mpboardonline.com> 7 -Mark

Verbal inputs:

- (i) Trees – Gift of nature
- (ii) Friends of man
- (iii) Provide oxygen, timber etc.
- (iv) Cause rainfall
- (v) Bad aspect – cutting of trees
- (vi) Do tree plantation

or

Write an essay in 200 words on any one of the following topics:

- (a) Wonders of science
- (b) My hobby
- (c) Any great leader
- (d) Diwali
- (e) My daily life

SECTION - C

7. (A) Fill in the blanks choosing the correct words: (Any five) 5 -Mark

(i) It was dark, so I.....a torch with me. [Take, Took, Taken,]

(ii) He.....to school daily. [go, Went, goes]

(iii) He was absent.....he was sick. [Because, So, While]

(iv) She bought.....pens. [Any, Many, Much,]

(v) He ishonest boy. [A, An, The]

(vi) She.....written a book. [Has, Have, Is]

- (B) Choose the correct words from brackets and fill in the blanks: (any five) 5 -Mark

(i) He promised.....the money. [To return, return]

(ii) Strike the iron.....it is not. [After, Till, While,]

(iii) Work hard.....you will fail. [Or, But, So]

(iv) She is.....English. [Speaks, Speak, Speaking]

(v).....There is life, there is hope. [As soon as, As long as, Though]

(vi).....I go to drink water, sir. [Can, may, will]

8. Do as directed: (Any Five) 5 -Mark

(i) Hobby/My/Games/Playing/is [Rearrange the words to form meaningful sentence]

(ii) (a) He is very weak. (b) He can not walk. [Combine using 'so..... that']

(iii) I do my work. [Change into negative]

(iv) If you do not work hard, you can not pass. [Use 'Unless' in place of 'if']

(v) He is playing cricket. [Change the voice]

(vi) (a) He is poor. (b) He is honest. [Combine with 'but']

9. Translate any five sentences into English:

5 -Mark

- (1) मेरे दो भाई हैं।
- (2) मेरे स्कूल में 20 शिक्षक हैं।
- (3) वर्षा होगी।
- (4) क्या तुम अंग्रेजी बोल सकते हो ?
- (5) वह प्रतिदिन स्कूल जाता है।
- (6) वह गाना गायेगी।
- (7) मैंने कल एक पेन खरीदा था।

SECTION - D

10. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions below it:

Mamta had been studying in a small school in the near by town till then as her parents could not afford to send her to any of the public schools in the city it was only because of the scholarship she had won from a trust that it had been possible for her to join this reputed convent school, Being away from home, in a hotel, she yearned for some friends, but till now most of the girls had refused to accept a small town girl as their friend most of the girls .

in the school came from rich families. They treated her as an unwelcome guest who was to low in status by their standards.

Questions:

(a) From which lesson has this extract been taken ?

1 -Mark

(i) The new player in the team

(ii) The tribute – I

(iii) One step ahead

(b) Mamta could not join any public school because.....

2-Mark

(i) She was weak in studies.

(ii) Her parents could not afford to send her.

(iii) She could not get scholarship.

(c) Find out a word from the extract-which means 'a building that provides cheap accommodation and meals to students.

1 -Mark

(d) Why did the girls in the school avoid Mamta's company ?

1 -Mark

11. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below it:

When the student is ready, the teacher will appear. How true! Here was the teacher to show the way to student who had gone astray, "Accept your destiny and go ahead

with your life you are not destined to become an Air force Pilot. what are you destined to become is not revealed now but it is predetermined. Forget this failure as it was essential to lead you to your destined path. Search instead, for the true purpose of your existence. Because one with yourself, my son! surrender yourself to the wish of god" said swamiji.

(a) To whom is swamiji speaking ? 1 -Mark

- (i) Pandit nehru
- (ii) Dr. kalam
- (iii) Gandhiji

(b) From which lesson has this extract been taken ? 1 -Mark

(c) What was not the destiny of the listener ? 1 -Mark

- (i) Scientist
- (ii) President
- (iii) Air force pilot

(d) What did swamiji advise to the listener ? 2 -Mark

12. Answer the following questions in about 30 words:

(a) How did the boy make himself able to walk and run ? 3 -Mark

or

What made Mamta win the race ?

(b) What was kubuddhi's plan to cheat his friend ? 3 -Mark

or

Write a short note on the sacrifice of Babuli's elder brother.

13. Who was bhama sah ? Describe his qualities. 4 -Mark

or

Describe the qualities of Maharana Pratap.

14. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions:

Change my darkness to thy light, Lord!

Change my darkness to thy light,

And my evil into good.

Touch me but once and I will change,

All my clay into thy gold.

Questions:

(a) 'Darkness' in the stanza stands for..... 1 -Mark

- (i) Night
- (ii) Ignorance
- (iii) Lord

(b) 'Light' stands for..... 1 -Mark

- (i) Electricity

- (ii) Ignorance
- (iii) Knowledge

(c) The poet who wrote the poem is.....

1 -Mark

15. What should we pray for ?

3 -Mark

or

How can anger be conquered ?

16. Answer the following questions in 20 words: (Any two)

4 -Mark

- (i) Who takes the kites high ?
- (ii) What lies in the hearts of children ?
- (iii) Who is greater than a king ?

17. Answer any three of the following in 30 words each:

9 -Mark

- (i) In what places malaria does not occur ? why ?
- (ii) What was Napoleon's motto ?
- (iii) What is the Red Cross society ?
- (iv) What does the poet get from the cow ?

18. Answer any two of the following questions in 30 words each:

6 -Mark

- (i) Why did Gandhiji travel in third class ?
- (ii) What kind of friends are hard to find ?
- (iii) Who was Alfred Nobel ?

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