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**D-104 (E)**  
**HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATION, 2018**  
**GENERAL ENGLISH**

Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

**Instructions :**

- i) All questions are compulsory.
- ii) Read the questions carefully and answer them.
- iii) Marks of each question are indicated against it.
- iv) Internal choices are given as per the blue print.

## SECTION - A

## (Reading)

MPBOARDonline.com Unseen Passage

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

'Prevention is better than cure', and it is recognised that the only way to get rid of malaria completely is to get rid of mosquitoes which cause it. (Malaria is always associated with damp and marshy land.) This is not because the land is damp, but because (the stagnant water is the breeding place of the mosquito, which begins its life as a larva living in the water.) Malaria does not frequently occur in the water. (Malaria does not frequently occur in dry desert countries, because mosquitoes cannot breed there. The only way to destroy mosquitoes is to prevent their breeding in stagnant water. This can be done by draining all ponds and pools and by keeping them covered in the breeding season with a thin layer of kerosene oil, which by depriving the larvae of air, kills them.)

**Questions :**

- i) In what places does malaria occur most ?
- ii) How does a mosquito begin its life ?
- iii) In what places malaria does not occur ?

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(P.T.O.)

- iv) The \_\_\_\_\_ is the breeding place of mosquito. [1]  
 a) flowing water      b) dry desert country      c) stagnant water
- v) Malaria does not occur in \_\_\_\_\_ countries. [1]  
 a) damp and marshy land      b) dry and desert      c) dirty water

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

(Yoga is the ancient system to keep a person fit in body and mind.) It is basically a system of self-treatment. (According to the 'Yogic' view, diseases, disorders and ailments are the result to some faulty ways of living, bad habits, lack of proper knowledge and unsuitable food. The diseases are thus, the resultant state of a sort of prolonged malfunctioning of the body system. Since the root cause of a disease lies in the mistake of the individual himself.) The Yoga expert shows only the path and words so more than a counsellor. The 'Yogic' practice of treatment comprises three steps namely proper diet, proper yogic practice and proper knowledge of things about the self. MPBOARDOnline.com

**Questions :**

- i) What is Yoga ? [1]  
 ii) What are main causes of diseases and disorders ? [1]  
 iii) What does a yoga expert do ? [1]  
 iv) The root cause of a disease lies in : [1]  
 a) Mistake of others      b) Mistake of physician      c) Mistake of individuals  
 v) Find out a word from the passage which means 'Very Old'. [1]

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

(There seems to be a general opinion in this country that Sardar Patel was slightly of harsh and rough temperament.) Men call him the 'Iron Man of India'. He was, no doubt, an iron man in the sense that one could rely on him for strict and efficient administration. (But as a man, to those who had the good fortune of coming into close contact with him, he was kind and considerate.) At times, he even became emotional where his personal friends and followers were concerned. However, it goes without saying that Sardar had the great skill for organizing affairs. He knew the way of picking people and putting them in their proper places. Once he judged a man and found him correct, he trusted him fully and got him to do anything he wanted. MPBOARDOnline.com

**Questions :**

- i) What did people call Sardar Patel ? [1]
- ii) What special skill did Sardar Patel have ? [1]
- iii) For whom was he kind and considerate ? [1]
- iv) Find out the word from the passage which means : 'luck'. [1]
- v) One could rely on him for strict and efficient : [1]
- a) people                      b) fun                      c) administration

**SECTION - B**

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4. You are Dinesh Patel studying in class X in Govt. H.S.S. Seoni. Write an application to your Principal requesting him to grant you 2 days leave because you are sick. [6]

**OR**

You are Govind, residing in 91, Sai Nagar, Indore. Write a letter to your friend Deepak inviting him to attend your elder sister's marriage.

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

Discipline is necessary in life. A man without discipline can achieve nothing worthwhile in life. Discipline is the very condition of progress, stability and strength. Discipline is necessary in all walks of human life. Without discipline there will be disorder and lawlessness in a civilised society. We cannot live without having some regards for the welfare of others. Respect for authority is the basis of discipline. Children must be disciplined, otherwise education will suffer. We find discipline loses nothing but it wins a lot. Discipline helps us to safeguard our interests and restrains us from missing our liberty.

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**Questions :**

- a) Make notes on the contents of the passage and give a title also. [4]
- b) Prepare summary of the passage. [3]

6. Develop an article on the topic "To make clean India" with the help of the given phrases :

[7]

- i) Cleanliness is based on our health.
- ii) To put the garbage in the dustbin.
- iii) To develop the habit of cleanliness.
- iv) Cleanliness is a national mission.
- v) Use of cotton bags only.
- vi) Awareness in the society.
- vii) Two hours in a week for this mission.
- viii) Separate toilet for girls in school.
- ix) Water available to maintain the cleanliness.

OR MPBOARDOnline.com

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

- i) The festival you like most.
- ii) Value of games.
- iii) Science : a good servant but a bad master.
- iv) My hobby.
- v) Any great leader.

SECTION - C  
(Grammar)

7. A) Fill in the blanks by using the correct form of verbs given in brackets (any five) :

[5]

- i) Kamini decided \_\_\_\_\_ alone. (to go/going)
- ii) When we reached the station, the train had already \_\_\_\_\_.  
(leave/left/leaves) MPBOARDOnline.com
- iii) The student \_\_\_\_\_ in this ground daily. (play/plays/playing)
- iv) \_\_\_\_\_ the news, he felt disappointed. (Reads/Read/Reading)
- v) Ravi used to \_\_\_\_\_ in the river when he was young. (swim/swimming)
- vi) Geeta was very tired, so she \_\_\_\_\_ to bed early. (go/went/gone)
- vii) I had been \_\_\_\_\_ tennis for two hours. I got tired and took rest.  
(Play/Played/Playing)

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

- i) His father is \_\_\_\_\_ M.L.A. (a/an/the)
- ii) Mr. John is a rich person \_\_\_\_\_ not happy. (but/and)
- iii) Will you please give me \_\_\_\_\_ money ? (any/some)
- iv) He was absent \_\_\_\_\_ he was sick. (because/during/while)
- v) \_\_\_\_\_ I come in, Sir ? (May/Can/Must)
- vi) You are sitting \_\_\_\_\_ Seeta and Geeta. (between/among)
- vii) the/won/have/they/match. (Rearrange the words to make a meaningful sentence)

8. Do as directed (any five) : MPBOARDOnline.com

[5]

- i) She did her duty. (Change into negative)
- ii) The student is very fast.  
He can win the race.  
(Combine above sentences using 'So...that')
- iii) She sings a song. (Change into past perfect tense)
- iv) He take tea. (Correct the sentence)
- v) Mr. Prasad lives in Bhopal. (Make a question beginning with 'Where')
- vi) If he does not take taxi, he will miss the train. (Rewrite the sentence using 'unless' in place of 'If')
- vii) My friend will help you.  
He is very kind.  
(Combine above sentences using 'because')

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9. Translate any five sentences into English :

[5]

- i) वह सुबह से लिख रहा है।
- ii) तुम कहाँ रहते हो ?
- iii) मैं आपकी सफलता की कामना करता हूँ।
- iv) हमें अंग्रेजी सीखनी चाहिए।
- v) क्या तुम मेरी मदद कर सकते हो ?
- vi) सूर्य पूर्व में ऊगता है।
- vii) मैं कार चला सकता हूँ।

## SECTION - D

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

(The day of the race dawned. It turned out to be a close race.) Towards the end, Mamta caught up with the champion. Her eyes were fixed at the finishing line. Like Arjuna in the Mahabharata aiming at the fish's eye. Mamta too could see nothing else. And in the end she did win, though by a couple of seconds only. It was so unexpected that there was a moment's silence all around as she crossed the finishing line. Even the judges on the field were surprised that someone looking so frail and delicate could run so fast. There was a lot of excitement on the field before Mamta was announced the winner.

Questions : MPBOARDOnline.com

- i) The word in the passage similar in meaning to the beginning of a day is [1]  
 a) race                              b) dawn                              c) close
- ii) The writer of this lesson, from which the extract has been taken is [1]  
 a) Sudha Murthy  
 b) Burt Dubin  
 c) Minakshi G. Jain
- iii) Mamta's eyes were fixed at [1]  
 a) the judges  
 b) the finishing line  
 c) the fish's eye
- iv) Who did win the race ? MPBOARDOnline.com [2]

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

Kubuddhi was greedy and had a plan to cheat his friend of his share of the gold coins. He said, "It is unwise to take all the gold to the city. When the friends see so much money, they will ask us to lend some to them, or they may even steal it. Let's take one hundred coins each and bury the remaining in the forest. We can always come back and take the money whenever we need it."

Subuddhi agreed with Kubuddhi. Together they buried the money under an old banyan tree and returned to their homes with a part of their new found wealth.

**Questions :**

- i) Name the lesson from which this extract has been taken. [1]  
ii) Find out the word from the extract which means "to hide something in the ground". [1]  
iii) Find out the opposite of 'wise'. [1]  
iv) Where did they bury the money? [2]

**12. Answer the following questions in about 30 words :**

- (i) What was the duty of the little boy? [3]

**OR**

What was Tcherviakov doing in the opera house?

- ii) Why did Dr. Kalam go to Delhi? [3]

**OR** MPBOARDOnline.com

Why did Babuli give the paper slip to his elder sister-in-law?

**13. Describe the qualities of Maharana Pratap (in 60 words). [4]**

**OR**

Why did Pratap Singh call Bhama Sah the 'Saviour of Mewar'?

**14. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions given below it :**

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 :**

- i) 'Darkness' stands for \_\_\_\_\_ . [1]  
a) Night                      b) Lord                      c) Ignorance
- ii) 'Light' stands for \_\_\_\_\_ . MPBOARDOnline.com [1]  
a) Ignorance                      b) Knowledge                      c) Evil
- iii) Write the poet's name who wrote this poem. [1]



15. Who is greater than a king ?

[3]

**OR**

What should a proper replacement for old traditions be ?

16. Answer any two of the following in 20 words :

[4]

- i) Where do the windows open ?
- ii) What can the forest teach us ?
- iii) Who takes the kites high ?

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

[9]

- i) What does the poet get from the cow ?
- ii) What was Napoleon's motto ?
- iii) What did Ashoka do ?
- iv) How much load does an average child carry in his school-bag ?

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

[6]

- i) What is the Red Cross Society ?
  - ii) Why did Gandhiji travel in third class ?
  - iii) What did Alfred Nobel introduce ?
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