

Higher Secondary Exam., August-2020

302

Subject: ENGLISH

Time: 03 Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

- Note:
- (i) *Attempt all questions.*
 - (ii) *ESP set have choice.*
 - (iii) *Hand writing should be good.*

Q.1 Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below-

How did man discover salt? We are not sure. Perhaps, the cattle of stone age tribesman found and fed on salt licks or salt rocks. Their masters may have carried pieces of the salt rock to their caves. Salt springs were found to provide a more constant supply of salt. Villages grew around these springs. Man cut down trees for fuel for evaporating water to obtain salt. In China, the early human settlements were near salt pans on the Yellow river. Everywhere in the world, salt production has been going on for the thousands of years. The word 'salt' was used in phrases conveying high esteem and honour, in ancient and modern languages. In English, the expression, "The salt of the earth" describes a person greatly respected by the community. It was considered a prestigious item of commerce and civilizations flourished because of it. The sea has been man's most important source of salt supply. When ocean recede, salt ponds and salt marshes are left behind. The Romans were famous road builders. One of their roads called the Salt route, built around 400 B.C. exists even today. Salt from Rome was carried along this road to Italy. The early Egyptians were supplied with salt from swamps at the mouth of the Nile.

Questions:

- (a) What is the meaning of 'Prestigious'? [1]
(i) Having respect (ii) Religious
(iii) Business (iv) Necessary
- (b) The noun form of the word 'describe' is: [1]
(i) describe (ii) description
(iii) described (iv) redescribe
- (c) The opposite of the word 'modern' is: [1]
(i) new (ii) early
(iii) ancient (iv) recent
- (d) The.....of the tribesmen may have carried salt to their caves. [1]
(i) servant (ii) masters
(iii) friends (iv) neighbour
- (e) The constant supply of salt was: [1]
(i) salt springs (ii) rivers
(iii) forests (iv) early men
- (f) The early Egyptians used to get salt from swamps at the mouth of..... [1]
(i) Nile river (ii) sea
(iii) Yellow river (iv) salt rocks
- (g) Around the springs.....grew. [1]
(i) cities (ii) villages
(iii) roads (iv) forests
- (h) 'The salt of the earth' means: [1]
(i) a person greatly respected in society
(ii) The salt that we get from springs
(iii) The salt offered to gods
(iv) a person not respected in society
- (i) Why do you think salt is important since early days? [2]
- (j) How was the 'salt route' important for the Romans? [2]

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

"Where there's a will, there's a way" is an old saying. He who resolves upon doing a thing, by that very resolution overcomes the obstacles to it. It is so in all the occupations of life at school, at college, or in the world. To determine to succeed is the surest way to success. Difficulties disappear before an unswerving resolution. This was well exemplified in the life of Napoleon. He threw his whole force of body and mind upon his work. He was told that the Alps stood in the way of his armies. 'There shall be no Alps' he said, and a road was made across them, over heights previously considered inaccessible. 'Impossible', said he, 'is a word only to be found in the dictionary of fools'. And so it is; a determination not to give in is the surest condition of success in any under-taking. But the young student must carefully guard himself against the errors of mistaking a more undisciplined energy and self-will for the needful firmness and self-command on which success depends.

Questions:

- (a) Read the above passage carefully and make notes on it. [5]
(b) Supply a suitable Title and write summary of the passage. [3]

Q.3 Write an essay on any one of the following topics: [7]

- (i) Any Great Man
(ii) The book I like most
(iii) Unemployment problem
(iv) Importance of games and sports
(v) Science; its uses and abuses

- Q 4 Write a letter to the postmaster of your town or locality complaining about the non delivery of your letters and parcels. [6]

OR

Write a letter to your friend inviting him to attend the marriage ceremony of your sister.

- Q.5 (a) Edit the following passage for mistakes in spelling, punctuation and grammar: [5]

Undoubtedly^a women at ancient india enjoyed a much higher status than their descendants in the eighteenth and nineteenth century. From the earliest day there had been many notable woman in India: poets, scholars, capable administrators and leaders of religious movements.

- (b) Fill in the blanks with suitable words given in the brackets: [5]

- (i) Gold is.....precious metal. (a, an, the) ✓
(ii) Please wait here.....I return. (when, till, since) ✓
(iii) My grandfather is hard.....hearing. (of, on, if) ✓
(iv) Have you.....complaint against us. (any, many, both) ✓
(v) We are going.....a match today.

(playing, play, to play)

(c) Do as directed (any five): [5]

- (i) Who broke the news? (Change into passive voice)
- (ii) The guard waved the green flag. The train started moving off. (Combine the pair of sentences to make a complex sentence using 'as soon as')
- (iii) Mukesh is too deaf to hear the thunder.
(Rewrite the sentence using 'so.....that')
- (iv) The thief ran away. He saw the police. (Combine using an adverb clause)
- (v) I felt his ignorance. (Change into a complex sentence)
- (vi) Unless you work hard you cannot make up your loss.
(Transform into compound sentence)

Q.6 (A) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below: [5]

It was good that I lost my sight when I did, because having no memories of seeing, there was nothing to look back to, nothing to miss. I went blind in November 1937. At that time we were living in Gujarat, in the province of Punjab in Northern India. After my sickness, we moved to Lahore, a few miles away, but the number of relatives who came to sympathize made my father ask for another transfer, this time to Karnal, where we had neither friends nor relatives. There we got a cottage on the canal bank, built in very peaceful and quiet surroundings.

Questions:

- (a) Why does the speaker appreciate losing his sight when he was very young?
- (b) Where did the speaker live when he lost his sight?
- (c) Where did the speaker's family move after his sickness?
- (d) What made the speaker's father ask for another transfer?
- (e) Where did the speaker live in Karnal?

- (B) Read the poem carefully and answer the questions given below it: **[5]**

No time to see when woods we pass

where squirrels hide their nuts in grass

no time to turn at beauty's glance

And watch her feet, how they can dance.

Questions: <http://www.mpboardonline.com>

- (a) What does the poet wish to see in the forest?
- (b) Does the poet have time to see beauties of the nature?
- (c) Which word rhymes with 'glance'?
- (d) Which word rhymes with 'pass'?
- (e) What does the word 'wood' means in the above poem?

Q.7 Answer the following questions: (any five)

[5×2=10]

- (a) What difference does the writer see in his mother's nature and his grandmother's?
- (b) What would we gain if we were to melt the polar ice?
- (c) How did the doctor realise that he was not looking at his own watch?
- (d) How did Tembu know that the train was coming?
- (e) Why were Aradhana's family members proud of her?
- (f) What kind of relationship did Madan and Jagdish Babu have?

Q.8 List atleast three ways in which our ancient culture deteriorated?

[4]

OR

Could the intruder carry out his plan? If not, why?

Q.9 Answer the following questions: (any four)

[4×2=8]

- (a) What according to the poet is a poor life?
- (b) What happened after grandmother died?
- (c) What is meant by "Where knowledge is free"?
- (d) How does the poet describe the other road?
- (e) Who did the scorpion sting?

ESP SCIENCE

Q.10 Match the items in Column 'A' and their description given in Column 'B' [10]

<u>Column 'A'</u>		<u>Column 'B'</u>
(i) Biological clocks	✗(a)	A simple technological device that can exploit solar energy.
(ii) A steep slope	✗(b)	Particles (+ve) in the central nucleus.
(iii) Uranium	✗(c)	Poses difficulties in planning the vegetables and caring for them.
(iv) Protons -	✗(d)	Are the inbuilt time-keepers of the plants.
(v) Solar cooker ✓	✗(e)	An element with an unstable nucleus.

- Q.11 (a) How do the weeds harm the plants? [2½]
(b) Why is the stress factor emphasised so much in modern times? [2½]
(c) What is chain reaction? [2½]
(d) What are the properties required of a refrigerator? [2½]

OR


ESP RECEPTIONIST

Q.10 (a) What are the duties of a receptionist? [10]

(b) List some of the materials that help a receptionist in her work?

Q.11 Write down the requests for which the following are possible answers: [10]

- (i) Mr. Nigam is at Telephone No. 255525.
(ii) Yes, I'll send in a glass of fresh orange juice with the waiter.
(iii) Yes, the flight to Mumbai is scheduled at 4pm.
(iv) Yes, I'll call for a doctor urgently.
(v) Yes, your bills are ready at the reception

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अंग्रेजी भाषा (विशिष्ट) ENGLISH LANGUAGE (Special)			
Total Questions : 15	Total Printed Pages : 8	Time : 3 Hours	Maximum Marks : 100

Instructions :

- (i) Attempt all the questions.
- (ii) Read the instructions carefully.
- (iii). Marks allotted to each question are indicated against it.

UNIT - 1

(Text & Detailed Study)

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

She was one of those pretty and charming young girls who sometimes are born, as if by a slip of fate, into a family of clerks. She had no dowry, no expectations, no way of being known, understood, loved and wedded by any rich and distinguished man : so she let herself be married to a little clerk of the Ministry of Public Instruction."

She dressed plainly because she could not dress well, but she was as unhappy as if she had really fallen from a higher station; since with women there is neither caste nor rank, for beauty, grace and charm take the place of birth and breeding. Natural ingenuity, instinct for what is elegant, a supple mind are their sole hierarchy, and often make of women of the people the equals of the very greatest ladies.

Questions :

- (i) Give the verb form of the word "expectation".
- (ii) Find a word from the passage which means 'flexible'.
- (iii) Give a word from the passage which means opposite to 'fortune'.
- (iv) What was the fate of the girl ?

2. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below it : There's many a crown for who can reach, Ten lines, a statesman's life in each! The flag stuck on a heap of bones, A soldier's doing ! What' atones ? They scratch his name on the Abbey stones, My riding is better, by their leave. <http://www.mpboardonline.com>

Questions :

- (i) What does the poet mean by "crown? here?"
- (ii) his name on the Abbey – stones.
- (iii) Find a word which means the same as 'pillar on grave'.
- (iv) How does the poet find himself better than a soldier ?

3. Answer any six of the following questions in about 30 words each :

- (a) In how many ways is the unity sought ?
- (b) What things did Mathilde resent in her life ?
- (c) For what reason is the casuarina tree dear to the poetess ?
- (d) Why does the father hurry on ?
- (e) What does the autumn plan to do with the cottage trees ?
- (f) What analogy has the author used for proving the existence of the 'snowman'?
- (g) Why does the author want our youth to be physically and intellectually strong ?

4. Answer any two of the following questions in about 80 to 100 words:
- (a) Why did Einstein think that he could never pass Einstein think that he could never pass the exam. for school diploma ?
 - (b) Why did the beggar get a merciless scolding ?
 - (c) Discuss "The Last Ride Together as a dramatic monologue.

UNIT - 2

(Grammar)

5. Do as directed : (any five)

Fill in the blank with proper determiner :

(a) I have _____ reason to be angry. (all, every)

(b) Kusuboo was watching T.V.

Her mother entered the room.

(Combine the sentences into one using time clause of Adverb)

(c) It is not good.

You are arguing against the law.

(Combine the sentences by using a Gerund)

(d) People expect better results this time.

(Change into passive voice)

(e) They decided it. They should go.

(Combine the sentences by using infinitive verb)

(f) She says, "I bring my books only for me."

(Change into Indirect narration)

6. Do as directed : (any five)

(a) Write the American English variant of the word used in British English - Holiday.

(b) Give the American English variant of the following British English sentence.

Rina has done a good job.

(c) Fill in the blanks with suitable words.

She is a ____ woman with _____ habits (lovely / lovable)

(d) Give the syllable division of the word "Activity".

(e) Transcribe the following word :

Sudden

(f) Choose the correct syllable structure of the word "Phonetics"

(i) CVCVCVCC

(ii) CVCVCCC

(iii) CVCC

(iv) CVCVC

UNIT - 3

(Fiction)

7. Answer any one of the following questions in about 120-150 words :

(1) Describe Swaminathan's feelings when his friends called him "tail" and stopped talking to him.

(2) Describe in short the main characteristics of each of Swami's four friends

8. Answer any five of the following questions in about 30 words :

(a) What were the similarities between Swaminathan and Samuel, the Pea ?

(b) How did Swaminathan react when Mani told him about his intention ?

(c) Where did Swaminathan's grandmother live ? What were her belongings ?

(d) Who challenged Mani's authority ? How had the fight ended ?

(e) What change did Swaminathan observe in his father's behavior towards him before the examination.

(f) Describe Mani's personality.

UNIT - 4

(Drama)

9. Answer any one of the following questions in about 120 to 150 words :
- (a) “The play is an attack on the hypocrisy of the British Higher Class”.
Discuss.
- (b) Justify the title of the play “The Silver Box’.
10. Answer any five of the following questions in about 30 words each :
- (a) What was the reaction of Mrs. Barthwick after the meeting with the unknown lady ?
- (b) What transpires when Mr. Barthwick calls Jack for a talk ?
- (c) How does the case against Jones proceed in the court of law ?
- (d) What was the official name of detective Snow ?
- (e) Describe in your words the room in which the Jones lived.
- (f) What makes the unknown lady meet young Jack so early in the morning ?

UNIT - 5 (a)

11. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

If we wish to maintain democracy, not merely in form, but also in fact what must we do ? The first thing in my judgement we must do is to hold fast to constitutional methods, of achieving our social and economic objectives. <http://www.mpboardonline.com>

The second thing we must do is to observe the caution which John Stuart-Mill has given to all who are interested in the maintenance of democracy, namely, not to lay their liberties at the feet of even a great-man, or to trust him with powers which enable him to subvert their 'institutions'. There is nothing wrong in being grateful to great men who have rendered life-long services to country. But there are limits to gratefulness. As has been well said by the Irish patriot Daniel O'Connell, no man can be grateful at the cost of his honour. No woman van grateful at the cost of her chastity and no nation can be grateful at the cost of its liberty. This caution is far more necessary in the case f India than in the case of any other country in the world. For in India, Bhakti or what may be called the

path of devotion or hero-worship plays a part in its politics unequalled in magnitude by the part it plays in the politics of any other country in the world. Bhakti in religion may be road to the salvation of the soul. But in politics, Bhakti of hero worship is a sure road to degradation and to eventual dictatorship.

The third thing we must do is not to be content with mere political democracy. We must make our political democracy a social democracy as well. Political democracy cannot last unless there lies at the base of it social democracy. What does social democracy mean? It means a way of liberty, equality and fraternity are not to be treated as separate items in a trinity. They form a union of trinity in the sense that to divorce one from other is to defeat the very purpose of democracy. Liberty cannot be divorced from equality, equality cannot be divorced from liberty. Nor can liberty and equality be divorced from fraternity. Without equality, liberty would produce the supremacy of the few over the many.

Equality without liberty would kill individual initiative. Without fraternity, liberty and equality could not become a natural course of things. It would require a constable to enforce them.

Questions :

- (a) What are the dangers of hero-worship in politics ?
- (b) What is the counterpart of political democracy which makes it reality ?
- (c) What are the three fundamentals of social democracy ?
- (d) Write the adverb form of the word : "Obey'.
- (e) Fill in the blanks with suitable word :
A man of strong will power can_____ success.
(achieving, achieved, achieve)
- (f) Find out a word from the passage which means : "Brotherly feeling."
- (g) Give a suitable title to the passage.

UNIT - 5 (b)

12. Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions that follow :

“Trust no future, howe’er, pleasant !

Let the dead past bury. its dead !

Act, act in the living present !”

Heart within, and God o’erhead !

Lives of greatmen all remind us;

We can make our lives sublime,

And, departing, leave behind us,

Foot prints on the sands of time;

Footprints, that perhaps another,

Sailing o'er life's solemn main,

A forlorn and ship wrecked brother,

Seeing, shall take heart again.

Questions :

(a) How do great men inspire us ?

(b) Make the adjective form of the word “reality”.

(c) Find out the word from the passage which means.

“Extremely good and beautiful.”

(d) Use the following word first as a noun and then as, a verb : Act

UNIT - 6

(Writing)

13. Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 250 words :

(a) Pollution : A threat to our life. .

(b) My favourite game.

(c) India of my dreams.

(d) Value of discipline in life.

(e) Science and peace.

14. Sailja Singh of class XII has lost her watch somewhere in the school premises. Besides being valuable, the watch has an emotional value for her. She puts up a notice on the school notice board, promising a good reward to one who finds it. Write the notice and put it in a box.

OR

You are Sonali Mishra. Traffic jams and road accidents are a common feature in your city as people don't follow the traffic rules and don't drive in proper lanes. As a concerned citizen, you decide to write an article on "Art of Safe Driving." You can take help from the following tips :

- You save time as there won't be any traffic hold up.
- You save petrol because of continuous traffic flow.
- You save money because you will save petrol.
- You help in reducing noise and air pollution.
- You can cut down the risk of accidents.
- You save yourself from heated arguments.
- You reach your destination faster.

15. Write a letter to the Principal of your school to plead pardon as a window pane had been broken by you. You are Ashutosh Trivedi.

OR

Write a letter of advice to your younger brother to set a goal in life and try to achieve it, as he is planning his career. You are Ramkripal.

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