High School Examination (Main) - 2024

Subject – English

Class – X

Time Allowed: 3 hours **Maximum Marks: 75**

General Instructions:

(i) Read all the questions carefully.

(ii) Read the instructions given with the questions before attempting them.

(iii) Marks allotted to each question are given against them.

SECTION –A

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below: **1 × 5 = 5**

What is the ultimate challenge these days? The ultimate challenge is to make your mind calm. And the ultimate solution is meditation. For a student. there can't be a more powerful technique to improve term performance in studies than meditation.

Calm mind, better retention, better health, focus and concentration are the obvious benefit. When you practice meditation. You have a sense of well being. happiness and spiritual growth.

There are many types of meditation. The simplest is of course, focusing on breathing. Settle down in a coo place that has dim light relatively quiet. All you need to do is to keep focusing on breathing. If you do it everyday. you will feel its magical effect.

Questions :

(i) The ultimate challenge these days is to

(a) make money (b) make your mind calm

(c) get education (d) focus on breathing

(ii) Meditation helps students

(a) to improve long term performance in studies

(b) to gain weight

(c) to increase height

(d) to get a job

(iii) The simplest form of meditation is ————

(a) focussing on studies (b) light exercise

(c) focussing on breathing (d) walking

(iv) The word 'meditation' is ————

(a) a verb (b) an adjective

(c) a pronoun (d) a noun

(v) Which word in this passage means 'an ability to keep something in mind'?

(a) challenge (b) retention

(c) sense (d) growth

2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions: $1 \times 5 = 5$

If India wants to be a developed country, it must concentrate on female education. The old Africa proverb says 'If you educate a man, you educate an individual, but if you educate a woman, you educate an entire family or entire nation.

The root cause of all the problems like females infanticide, dowry, female suicide, domestic violence, malnutrition, child marriage etc. will be vanished if women are educated.

Education provides an essential qualification to fulfil certain economic, political and cultural functions and improves women's socio–economic status. It brings reduction in inequality.

If we want to uplift the society, we should improve the life standard of our women and for this education is a weapon.

Questions :

(i) The above passage is mainly about

(a) a developed country (b) problems of woman

(c) woman education (d) upliftment of society

(ii) According to the old African proverb 'If you educate a man you _____.

(a) educate a woman (b) educate a society

(c) educate a nation (d) educate an individual

(iii) We should use education as a weapon–

(a) to improve the life standard of our women

(b) to educate our men only

(c) to make our society male–dominated

(d) to get a job

(iv) Which word in the passage means 'demand of money or other things before or during the marriage'.

(a) malnutrition (b) dowry

(c) violence (d) domestic

(v) Woman education

(a) helps a nation become fully developed

(b) brings down the ratio of inequality

(c) helps the society in the upliftment of our people

(d) all of these (a), (b), (c)

SECTION–B

(Writing)

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

There are some benefits of solar energy. First of all, use of solar energy is good for our environment. Solar panels do not emit harmful greenhouse gases that cause global warming. Solar panels require very little maintenance because there are no moving parts. They are easy to install. Their efficiency remained constant over the years. Our government offers several benefits like subsidy, tax benefits and other incentives to those people who install solar panels. One another benefit is that the solar energy system can be used in the remote areas also. Because of its inexhaustible supply and the potential to reduce our power bills. it is expected to become increasingly attractive as a renewable energy source.

Questions :

(i) Give a suitable title. **1**

(ii) Make notes on it. **3**

4. You are Jay/Jaya, a student of class 10A, in the Govt. Model H.S.S. Ujjain. Write an application to your principal requesting him/her to grant you there days' leave on account of your elder brother's marriage. **4**

OR

Write a letter to your friend Sonu congratulating him on his brilliant success in the high school examination. Mention yourself as Vaidik, residing at 723, Sanskriti Park Mhow.

5. Write an essay in about 150 words on any one of the following topics: **5**

(i) Importance of trees (ii) Save water

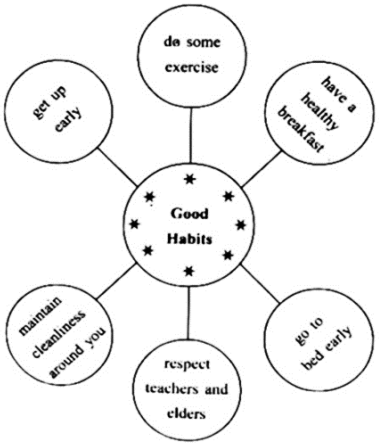
(iii) My Hobby (iv) The Game I like most

(v) Science in daily life

OR

Write a paragraph in about 150 words on 'Importance of Games and Sports'.

6. Looks at the visual input given below and produce a small paragraph in about 75 words.



7. Fill in the blanks : (any five) **1 × 5 = 5**

(i) Your father is seriously ill, You _____ go home.

(a) should (b) must (c) ought to

(ii) My father is a _____ teacher.

(a) retired (b) retire (c) retiring

(iii) How _____ time is left?

(a) many (b) any (c) much

(iv) He exclaimed "what _____ beautiful flower!"

(a) a (b) the (c) an

(v) Sita is _____ than any other girl.

(a) intelligent (b) more intelligent (c) most intelligent

(vi) I _____ this book yesterday.

(a) read (b) reading (c) reads

(vii) _____ you work hard, you will fail.

(a) If (b) As long as (c) Unless

8. Do as directed : (any five) **1 × 5 = 5**

(i) (a) Lencho wrote a letter to God.

(b) Lencho was a peasant.

(Combine the pair of sentences using 'who')

(ii) (a) My sister is very intelligent.

(b) She can solve any problem.

(Combine the pair of sentences using 'so ——— that')

(iii) He knows me.

(Change the sentence into a passive voice)

(iv) noise/the class room / making / a / girls / in / were / some

(Rearrange these words and make a sentences)

(v) We are living in this city since 2005.

(Correct the sentence and rewrite)

(vi) I do exercise regularly.

(make an interrogative sentence)

(vii) To find error in others is easy.

(Rewrite the sentence beginning with 'It')

SECTION–D

(Text–Books)

9. Choose the correct answer :

(i) Why did Lencho get only seventy pesos?

(a) It was God's mistake to send him only 70 pesos.

(b) The postmaster stole the rest of money.

(c) The postmaster could collect only seventy pesos for an act of charity.

(d) Lencho made a mistake while counting the money.

(ii) When Anne Frank decides to write a diary, she was _____ school girl.

(a) a ten–year old (b) a thirteen–year old

(c) a fourteen–year old (d) an eighteen–year old

(iii) 'The Proposal' is a one act play about

(a) Russian wedding culture (b) Indian wedding culture

(c) Japanese wedding culture (d) Chinese wedding culture

(iv) 10 May in South Africa is _____.

(a) A winter day (b) a monsoon day

(c) a summer day (d) an autumn day

10. (A) Read the extract carefully and answer the questions: **1 × 3 = 3**

The baker usually collected his bills at the end of the month. Monthly accounts used to be recorded on some wall in pencil. Baking was indeed a profitable profession in the old days. The baker and his family never starved. He, his family and his servants always looked prosperous. Their plump physique was an open testimony to this.

Question:

(i) Monthly accounts of the baker were recorded on _____.

(a) a note book (b) the main door of the house

(c) some wall in pencil (d) the floor

(ii) Which word in the extract mean 'a pleasant fat body'?

(a) plump (b) prosperous

(c) profitable (d) testimony

(iii) The baker and his family never starved because

(a) they were doing some other business also

(b) baking was a profitable profession

(c) the village people used to feed them

(d) they were already very rich

(B) Read the extract carefully and answer the questions: **1 × 3 = 3**

I am an orphan, roaming the street.

I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet.

The silence is golden. the freedom is sweet.

Question:

(i) Form which poem of your text book has this extract been taken?

(a) Fog (b) The Ball Poem

(c) Amanda (d) For Anne Gregory

(ii) The word 'orphan' means:

(a) a child having no friend

(b) a child having no father and mother

(c) a child who roams the street

(d) a child who likes freedom

(iii) What does the girl actually want?

(a) She wants freedom and silence

(b) She wants to be an orphan

(c) She wants to remain bare feet

(d) She wants to walk on soft dust.

11. Answer the questions in about 30 words (any six) **2 × 6 = 12**

(i) Who or what did Lencho have faith in ? What did he do?

(ii) Why was the young seagull afraid to fly?

(iii) What does Mandela thank the international leaders for ?

(iv) Why was Mr. Keesing annoyed with Anne? What did he ask her to do?

(v) What is the story about the Kodavu people's descent?

(vi) What 'experiment' did Maxwell think Camusfearn a would be suitable for ?

(vii) What does a source of unending joy for Valli?

(viii) What does Kisa Gotami ask for the second time she goes from house to house? Does she get it? Why?

12. Answer the following questions in about 30 words : (any two) **2 × 2= 4**

(i) How does the fog come?

(ii) What happens to the house when the trees move out of it?

(iii) What do the 'crow' and 'hemlock' represent in the poem ' Dust of Snow'?

13. Answer the following questions in about 30 words : (any two) **2 × 2= 4**

(i) What does the thief get from Anil in return for his work?

(ii) How is Ausable different from other secret agents?

(iii) What lesson does Ebright learn when he does not win anything at a science fair?

14. Answer the questions in about 75 words : (any one) **3 × 1= 3**

(i) Why does the postmaster send money to Lencho? Why does he sign the letter 'God'?

(ii) Why does the narrator of the story ' The Black Aeroplane' say,
"I landed and was not sorry to walk away from the old Dakota ……"?

15. Answer the following questions in about 75 words : (any one) **3 × 1= 3**

(i) Write the central idea of the poem ' The Ball Poem?.

(ii) What do 'desire' and 'hate' stand for in the poem 'Fire and Ice'? What does Robert Frost say about how the world will end?

16. Answer the following questions in about 75 words : (any one) **3 × 1= 3**

(i) Why does Mrs. Hall find the scientist eccentric?

(ii) Why was the twentieth century called the 'Era of the Book'?

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