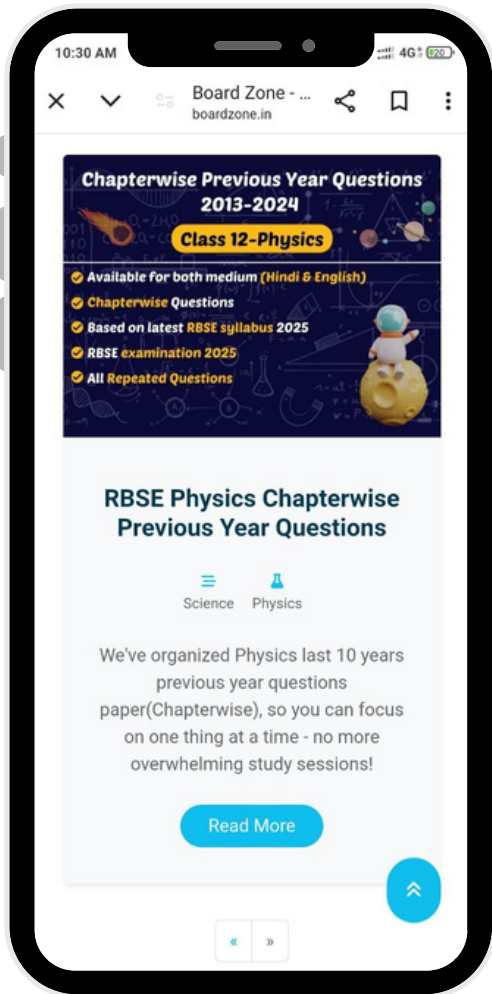


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Class - 12

Time : 3.15 Hrs. विषय - अंग्रेजी (अनिवार्य) M.M. : 70

Section - A

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:8
- The Aravalli Range is affected from human activities like stone crushing, cutting of trees in forest area of Aravalli, construction on large scale, mining, dispense and dumping of water. Such activities affect the environment of Aravalli and its surrounding areas environment. Some of the famous lakes like Badkhal lake Dhauj Jheel, Surajkund Lake, Damdama Lake on the Aravalli range have gone dry in last five years because of illegal mining and change of pattern in the natural drainage system. These lakes are dumped with waste material which affect ground water flow.) Drying of these lakes also indicates that in future ground water will not be available in this area if the relevant steps force covery are not taken. The mindless mining in one of the oldest hills in the world has devastated the range. In several places, the mines have gone so dup that the water level has been exposed, forming lake midst the blasted ranges. The Rajasamand Lake in Udaipur, which always had water has dried up recently.
- In May 2009, after four months of media and public protests, alongwith several environmental groups, the Supreme Court banned mining in an area of 448 square km, across Faridabad, Gurgaon and Mewat districts in Haryana, that was once supposed to be set aside for a national park. This comes after SC's earlier judgement in 1994 that allowed limited mining on he basis of the sustainable development principle and under strict guidelines, which were violated by local miners as the court ruled.
- The Supreme Court on February 20, 2010 directed cancellation of 157 mining leases operating in Rajasthan's eco-sensitive Aravalli Hills and asked the forest Survey of India to carry out satellite imagery of the entire 50,000 sq km range spread across 15 districts of the state to assess the extent of ecological damage. Giving four

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months time to the FSI to Chief Justice K. G. Balakrishnan, Justice S.H. Kapadia and Aftab Alam directed all miners in the area to stop operation till then.

The direction follows an earlier order passed by the Supreme Court in May 2009 freezing all mining activities along the Aravalli Range situated in Haryana.

- (i) How is the Aravalli Range affected? 1
- (ii) Why have some of the lakes on the Aravalli range gone dry? 1
- (iii) What does the dryness of these lakes indicate? 1
- (iv) Who chaired the special Bench of the Supreme Court? 1
- (v) How was the ecological damage across 15 districts of Rajasthan to be assessed? Find out a word from the passage which means. 1
- (vi) Shows that something exists. 1
- (vii) Instructions telling how to do something. 1
- (viii) Make a judgement about somebody/something. 1

2. Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct answer: 5
- Delhi is believed to be the site Indraprastha, capital of the Pandavas in the Indian epic Mahabharata, founded around 5000 BC. Hindu texts state that the city of Delhi used to be referred to in Sanskrit as *hastinapur*, which means "elephant - city". Archaeological evidence suggests that Indraprastha once stood where the old fort is today. The earliest architectural relics date back to the Maurya period (300BC); since then, the site has seen continuous settlement. The famous Iron pillar near the Qutub Minar was commissioned by the emperor Kumara Gupta I of the Gupta dynasty (320-540) and transplanted to Delhi during the 10th century. Eight major cities have been situated in the Delhi area. The first four cities were in the southern part of present day Delhi.

The Tomara Rajput dynasty founded the city of Lalkot in 736 AD, near the Qutub Minar. The epic *Prithviraj Raso* names the Rajput Anangpal as the founder of Delhi. The Chauhan Rajput Kings of Ajmer conquered Lalkot in 1180 A.D. and renamed it Qila Rai Pithora. The Chauhan King Prithviraj III was defeated in 1192 by the Afghan Muhammad Ghori. From 1206, Delhi became the capital of the Delhi Sultanate under the Slave Dynasty. The first Sultan of Delhi, Qutub-ud-din Aybak was a former slave who rose through the ranks to become a general, a governor and then Sultan of Delhi.

Qutub-ul-din started the construction of the Qutub Minar to commemorate his victory but died before its completion. In the Qutub complex he also constructed the Quwwat-al-Islam (might of Islam), which is the earliest extent mosque in India. After the end of the slave dynasty, a succession of Turkic and central Asian dynasties, the Khilji dynasty, the Tughluq dynasty, the Sayyid dynasty and the Lodi dynasty held power in the late medieval period and built a squence of forts and townships that are part of the seven cities of Delhi.

In 1526, following the First Battle of Panipat, Zahiruddin Babur, the former ruler of Fergana, defeated the last Lodhi Sultan and founded the Mughal dynasty which ruled from Delhi, Agra and Lahore.

- (i) Which city is believed to be the site Indraprastha? 1
 (a) Chennai (b) Kolkata
 (c) Mumbai (d) Delhi
- (ii) What does Hastinapur mean? 1
 (a) Lion city (b) Tiger city
 (c) Elephant city (d) Bear city
- (iii) Who commissioned the famous iron pillar? 1
 (a) Samundra Gupta (b) Kumar Gupta
 (c) Anangpal (d) Prithviraj-III
- (iv) When was the first battle of panipat fought? 1
 (a) 1426 (b) 1526
 (c) 1626 (d) 1726
- (v) Choose the following the antonym of 'minor': 1
 (a) pillar (b) dynasty
 (c) founder (d) major

Section - B

3. Mr. Rajveer Gupta is looking for a bride for his son. Write an advertisement to be published in the 'Matrimonials' column of a local newspaper. 3

OR

You are Mahendra/Mintu studying in Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Jaipur. Your school is organising a blood donation camp in your locality. Draft a notice, informing the students of class XII.

4. Write a report in about 100 words on the topic "Science and Culture Fair". 4

OR

Write a paragraph on importance of tree using the clues given below: 4
 Trees best friends important role life
 cannot live without them give timber
 paper fire wood also give
 food medicine add beauty of life
 need them oxygen and good health help
 control pollution absorb carbon-di-oxide give
 rainfall try grow more trees.

5. You are Rakesh/Rani. You have read an advertisement in the Rajasthan Patrika for the post of a cashier in HDFC Bank, Alwar. Write an application to the manager with your C.V. or Resume. 5

OR

Write a letter to the editors of a newspaper on the necessity of a public park in your town. Give your suggestions.

6. Combine the sentences using the words given in brackets :
 (i) The girl is coming here. She is my sister. (who) 1
 (ii) I like the teacher. His teaching is effective. (whose) 1
7. Fill in the blanks by choosing words give in brackets :
 (i) the guests arrived, the function began. 1
 (As soon as/As/Because)
 (ii) The man is rich help you. 1
 (Enough-to/ so - as/ so-that)
8. Write the appropriate phrasal verbs given in the brackets :
 (i) The car on the way yesterday. 1
 (Broke down/broke out)
 (ii) People will the fire soon. (Put'out/Put off) 1
9. Join the following sentences by using conjunction, given in brackets:
 (i) Deepika is smart. She is funny. (Both-and) 1
 (ii) I am getting good grades. I study everyday. (Because) 1

Section - C

10. Read the passage given below and answer the question that follow: 5
 Mukesh's family is among them. None of them know that it is illegal for children like him to work in the glass furnaces with high temperatures, in dingy cells without air and light; that the law, if enforced, could get him and all those 20,000 children out of the hot furnances where they slog their day light hours, often losing the brightness of their eyes. Mukesh's eyes beam as he volunteers to

take me home, which he proudly says is being rebuilt. We walk down stinking lanes choked with garbage, past homes that remain horels with crumbling walls, wobbly doors, no windows, crowded with families of humans and animals coexisting in a primeval state.

- (i) How are the working condition there? 1
- (ii) What great harm do children face there? 1
- (iii) How are the lanes there? 1
- (vi) Find out the word from the passage similar in meaning to "against low". 1
- (v) Find out the word from the passage opposite in meaning to "modern". 1
- (vi) How are the houses of the workers there? 1
11. Answer the following questions : (20-30 words)
- (i) What had been put up on the bulletin-board? 2
(The Last lesson)
- (ii) Why was Edla happy to see the gift left by the peddler? 2
(The Rattrap)
12. Answer the following questions : (Any one) (80 words) 3
- (i) How did Gandhiji help the peasants in Champasan? (Indigo)
- (ii) Write a character sketch of Kothamanglam Subbu. (Poets and Pan Cakes)
13. Explain anyone of the following stanzas with reference to context: 4
- (i) Perhaps the Earth can teach us
as when everything see me dead
and later proves to be alive.
Now I'll court up to twelve,
and you keep quiet and I us'llgo.
- (ii) A thing of beauty a joy forever
Its loveliness increases, it will never
Pass into nothingness; but will keep
A bower quiet for us, and asleep
full of sweet dreams, and health and
quiet breathing.
14. Answer the following questions in about 30 words : 5
Write a short note on Kamala Das, use of imagery in "My mother at sixty six".

OR

What is the theme of Andrienne Rich's poem, "Aunt Jennifer's

- Tiger's"? 5
15. Answer the following questions in about (20-25) words : 4
- (i) Why is uncle's wedding band massive? 2
(Aunt Jennifer's tigers)
- (ii) What can earth teach us? (Keeping quiet) 2
16. Answer the following questions in about 80 words : 3
- Why does the name 'Tiger King' justify the story? (Tiger King)
- OR**
- Write the character sketch of Sadao. (The Enemy)
17. Answer the following questions in about (20-25) words : 3
- (i) Why did Charley decide to take the Subway? 1
(The Third Level)
- (ii) What does Mr. Lamb do all day? (On the face of it)
18. Choose the correct alternative : 1
- (i) According to the narrator grand central station has 1
- (a) one level (b) two level
(c) three level (d) four level
- (ii) How many tigers did he kill within ten years : 1
- (a) 60 (b) 70
(c) 80 (d) 75
- (iii) The landscape of Antarctica is : 1
- (a) White (b) Green
(c) Blue (d) Black
- (iv) The name of Sadao's wife is : 1
- (a) Hana (b) Julie
(c) Maria (d) Elizabeth
- (v) Derry's face was burnt by : 1
- (a) Fire (b) Acid
(c) Candle light (d) Electric Light
- (vi) Elber brother has come home for : 1
- (a) Study (b) Holidays
(c) Meeting family (d) To attend ceremony



Directions :

- (i) All the questions are compulsory.
(ii) Marks of all the questions are written in front of them.

(SECTION-A) READING

- (1) Read the passage given below and answer the question that follow :- 1x8 = 8

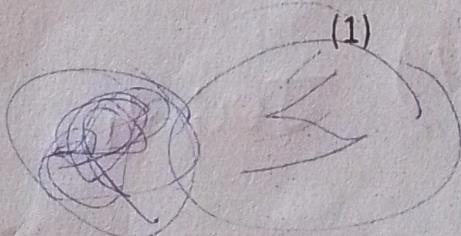
Food wastage is a sensitive issue and the bitter truth is that we do not have any law that can prevent it. The wastage of food is more prominent during weddings, festivals and family events. On the other hand many people in our country are witnessing hunger and starvation. Around 13 billion tonnes of food which is prepared every year world wide is wasted.

The tendency to throw away food is increasing along with the ability to spend. Even today, more than 40% of food is thrown in garbage bins kept in marriage venues in the country. According to WFO, every seventh person in the world sleeps hungry. If this wastage can be stopped, many people can be fed. Several countries have enacted legislations to encourage donation of food and grocery products. France has become the first country to ban the wastage of fruits, vegetables and other foods by supermarkets. In the name of serving more and more dishes on weddings, wastage has become a tradition, and this is an undesirable act. This tradition should be stopped. Even in homes housewives should take care of this and be alert to cook food items only as per the requirement of family members. Children should have the feeling from the beginning that they take as much food in the plate as the need. The government should also consider limiting the number of guests invited at weddings as well as the number of dishes served.

- (a) Where is wastage of food more prominent ?
(b) How much of food is thrown in garbage bins during weddings in our country ?
(c) Which country has made a law to ban wastage of food ?
(d) What should housewives do to minimise the wastage of food in homes ?
(e) How can the children contribute in stopping wastage of food ?
(f) Find words in the passage that mean :-
(i) act of giving money to help someone. *erected*
(ii) to stop someone by law. *Undesirable act*
(iii) rubbish or waste material.

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Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below :

Polythene shopping bags and wrappers are potential threat to urban environment. Once you have discarded them after use, you do not lose your link with them. They return to you in a variety of ways, though you do not realize it. For example, they choke your drains and provide breeding facilities to deadly germs. A recent study has shown that about 250 tonnes of plastic wastes come out of various colonies of major cities alone every day. This disrupts the sewer system, the essential arteries of city life. These plastic wastes choke the land mass and clog the pores of the wetlands.

Unfortunately, even the villages and small towns are not free from this danger. Millions of people returning to their hometowns everyday carry their shopping in colourful bags. This pleases their family and children, who after preserving them for a time, dispose them in wells, rivers, tanks and drains. Many throw them off into the fields. They do it with a sense of pride, to show off. When their neighbours see that their men from the cities regularly bring them those good things of life, they are impressed.

In Delhi, the worst offenders are the upper - income groups of the so - called posh colonies. Though educated, the residents of these affluent areas are unaware of the damage done by the plastic bags. Nearly a million children in Delhi schools carry their lunch boxes in plastic bags. They callously throw them away and cause unhealthy environment.

Questions :

1x5=5

- (a) When do we throw away our polythene shopping bags ?
- (b) What are the essential arteries of city life ?
- (c) What do the villagers want to convey to their neighbours by throwing the plastic bags into the fields ?
- (d) Which word in the passage is the synonym of *fatal* ?
- (e) Which word in the passage is the antonym of *rural* ?

(SECTION-B) WRITING

(3) You are Anu / Anil of Jawahar Nagar, Sriganaganagar. You intend to sell your old Android Mobile. Draft an advertisement to be published in a daily newspaper giving necessary details. 4

Or

You are the Secretary of the cultural club of your school. Write a notice informing students about a "Quiz Competition" being organised by the club giving necessary details.

(4) Last Saturday a "No Bag Day" was organised in your school. As the Head Boy or Head Girl of your school write a report on the activities organised in your school during this event in about 100 words. 4

(5) You are a student of class XII. Write a letter to the principal of your school bringing into his kind attention the problem of dirty toilets and problems faced by the students. 4

Or

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Write a job application for the post of a computer teacher, to the Principal, D.A.V. Public School, Jaipur alongwith your detailed Bio-data.

(SECTION-C) GRAMMER

- (6) Combine the following sentences using the words given in the bracket. (2x1 = 2)
(a) Here is the boy. His father helped me. (Whose)
(b) He finished his work. He went to bed. (After)
- (7) Join the sentences into one sentence as directed :- (2x1 = 2)
(a) She is going to Delhi. She will buy a car. (Use infinitive)
(b) He is very honest. He cannot accept a bribe. (Use too - to)
- (8) Fill in the blanks with a phrasal verb formed with the verbs given in bracket. (2x1 = 2)
(a) The fireman the fire. (put)
(b) The Second World War in 1939. (break)
- (9) Fill in the blanks with appropriate conjunctions :- (2x1 = 2)
(a) Ravi is not only intelligent but also handsome. (but, and)
(b) You may travel either by train or by bus. (nor, or)

(SECTION-D) TEXT BOOK

- (10) Read the passage and answer the questions that follow :- (5x1=5)

While I was thinking of all this, I heard my name called. It was my turn to recite. What would I not have given to be able to say that dreadful rule for the participle all through, very loud and clear and without one mistake. But I got mixed up on the first words and stood there, holding on to my desk, my heart beating and not daring to look up.

I heard M.Hamel say to me "I won't scold you, little Franz ; you must feel bad enough. See how it is ! Everyday we have said to ourselves. "But I've plenty of time. I'll learn it tomorrow". And now you see where we've come out. Ah' that's the great trouble with Alsace, she puts off learning till tomorrow.

- (a) Whose name was called to recite ?
(i) M. Hamel (ii) Franz (iii) The postmaster (iv) The mayor
- (b) Little Franz was fearful of being scolded for -
(i) Wearing a dirty uniform (ii) Not playing
(iii) Not reciting participles (iv) Not going to school.
- (c) The trouble with the poeple of Alsace was that they -
(i) Never had time (ii) Put off learning till the next day
(iii) Did not know French. (iv) Pretend to know German.
- (d) Which word in the passage means frightening -
(i) Daring (ii) Dreadful (iii) Trouble (iv) Beating
- (e) Which word in passage is opposite of 'praise' -
(i) Loud (ii) Trouble (iii) Recite (iv) Scold

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- (11) Answer the question in about 60 words :-
 What did Gandhi do about the cultural and social backwardness of the Champaran villagers at that time ? 4
- Or
- How did the instructor help Dauglas to become a perfect swimmer ? 4
- (12) Answer the following questions in about 20-30 words :- (2x2=4)
- (a) What makes the city of Firozabad famous for ?
 (b) What doubts did Edla have about the peddler ?
- (13) Explain any one out of two extracts with reference to the context :- 5
- (a) *It would be an exotic moment
 without rush, without engines,
 we would all be together
 in a sudden strangeness.*
- Or
- When Aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie,
 Still ringed with or deals she was mastered by,
 The tigers in the panel that she made,
 will go on prancing, proud and unafraid.*
- (14) Answer the following questions in about 60 words :- 3
 What is the theme of the poem, "A Thing of Beauty" ?
- Or
- Why were the poor villagers compelled to put up a roadside stand ?
- (15) Answer the following questions in about 20-30 words. (2x2=4)
- (a) What is the childhood's fear the poet is suffering from ? (My mother of sixty six)
 (b) What lesson can the Earth teach us ? (Keeping quiet)
- (16) Answer any one questions in about 60 words :- 3
 How was the hundredth tiger killed ? (The Tiger King)
- Or
- Compare and contrast the characters of Mr. Lamb and Derry.
- (17) Answer the following questions in 20-30 words :- (1½x2=3)
- (a) Why could Sadoo not kill his enemy ?
 (b) What was the chief aim of the "Students on Ice" programme ?
- (18) Select the correct option for each of the following questions. (6x1=6)
- (a) The third level was :-
 (i) an airport (ii) a bus stand
 (iii) a port (iv) an imaginary railway platform.
- (b) Who told Bama about untouchability ?
 (i) Her mother (ii) Her father (iii) Her brother (iv) Her teacher
- (c) Antarctica is at the earth's
 (i) South pole (ii) North pole (iii) Equator (iv) None of these.
- (d) The hundredth tiger was actually killed by :-
 (i) the king (ii) the hunters (iii) the dewan (iv) the astrologer
- (e) Sadoo and Hana met at the first time in :-
 (i) America (ii) Japan (iii) China (iv) Russia
- (f) Mr. Lamb had lost one of his legs in :-
 (i) train accident (ii) bus accident (iii) acid attack (iv) bomb explosion.

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE EXAMINEES :

1. Candidate must write their Roll No. on the question paper.
2. All the questions are compulsory. Write the answer of each question in the given answer-book only.

SECTION-A

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

1x7=7

Srinivasa Ramanujan was one of the greatest mathematical geniuses of the world. Born in a poor Brahmin family, he gave no indication of his hidden talent. He was born at Erode in Coimbatore in 1887. His father was an accountant to a cloth merchant who had to maintain a large family on a small income. Srinivasa was granted half exemption of fee when he stood first in the primary School Examination in the whole of Tanjore district.

From his childhood Ramanujan was of a quiet and dreamy temperament. He had answer to all the sums that puzzled his classmates and seniors. Figures did not worry him, no calculation was too difficult for him. Things which were dark and muddled to his classmates were as clear as daylight to him. He always helped them with generosity which was the most lovable feature of his character all through his career.

When he was in second class his curiosity upon the subject of the "Highest Truth" in Mathematics was roused. Later on when he moved in to the third standard, he asked for problems of Mathematics of higher nature. While in fourth standard, he could solve the most difficult problems of Trigonometry. He obtained Ewler's Theorems and proved them. He followed Carr's synopsis of Pure Mathematics.

Ramanujan won Subramanyam Scholarship usually awarded for proficiency in English as well as Mathematics. But the passion for Mathematics gained on him, he neglected all other subjects so much that he failed to gain promotion to higher class, thereby losing his scholarship. This was a great calamity on which he had never dreamt.

Questions :

- (i) Where was Ramanujan born ?
- (ii) Why did he fail to get promotion to higher class?
- (iii) When did he can solve the problems of Trigonometry?
- (iv) How was Ramanujan superior to his seniors?
- (v) Which scholarship was awarded to Ramanujan ?

Find out a word which means :

- (vi) Sign
- (vii) Ignore

2. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions :

1x6=6

There are seven schools of Yoga, differing from one another and yet having a common objective. The system expounded by Patanjali in his Yoga Sutras is that of 'Raja Yoga' and includes much of the teaching of the other six 'Hatha Yoga' consists largely of a system of bodily exercises calculated to stimulate the mental and spiritual faculties. 'Mantra Yoga' is a ritualistic course of meditation on certain mystical syllabus, 'Bhakti Yoga' that emphasises devotion. Yoga in the words of Patanjali "is attained by studying the fluctuations of the mind".

The student of Yoga is necessarily one who is dissatisfied with his own adaptation to life and to the external world. His search is not avowedly a search for God, but rather a striving for self-knowledge and internal mental balance. Patanjali says that if the student is of such a temperament that the idea of God appeals to him, that is to be encouraged, for the approach to equilibrium through devotion to God is thereby made more rapid. If, on the other hand, the student is unable to accept the hypothesis of God, there are other paths to approach Yoga, in other words, encourages but does not insist upon the devotional approach. Even though Mental Hygiene is intimately associated with Ethics and Religion, this study must confine itself to the psychological

aspects of the subject.

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Questions :

- (i) How many schools of Yoga are there?
- (ii) Who has expounded the system of Raja Yoga in his Yoga Sutras?
- (iii) Which Yoga consists largely a system of bodily exercises?
- (iv) What is intimately associated with Ethics and Religion?
- (v) Write the similar word of 'aim' from the passage.
- (vi) Write the opposite word of 'discourage' from the passage.

SECTION-B

3. You are looking for a two BHK set on rent near your school. Write an advertisement giving essential details. 4

OR

Your school is going to publish its 25th annual magazine next month. Write a notice inviting the articles from students.

4. Your school organized a 'Science and Cultural Fair'. Write a report on it in about 100 words. 4

OR

Write a paragraph in about 100 words on "Road Safety" with the help of given clues :
(Precious life - careless driving - avoid road accidents - zebra lines - signals safe life)

5. You are Rohan / Rashmi, 10-A, Azad Nagar, Sikar. Write a letter to M/s. Jain Traders, Jaipur complaining about the poor quality of computers sent to you. 5

OR

You are Rajan/Rajni want to apply for the post of an executive officer in a company. Write a job application with complete C.V.

SECTION-C

6. Join the following sentences using the connectives given in brackets : 2x1=2

(i) Sohan bought a watch. He selected it with his father. (which)

(ii) Ram is drinking coffee. He is an army officer. (who)

7. Combine each set of sentences into one sentence as directed : 2x1=2

(i) He felt tired. He sat down to rest. (Simple sentence)

(ii) He is poor. He is honest. (Compound sentence)

8. Fill in the blanks by choosing words given in brackets : 4x1=4

(i) she is fat, she is active. (so / a / though)

(ii) I can speak both Hindi English. (and / or)

(iii) He has smoking. (given in / given up)

(iv) We should our old parents. (look after / look on)

SECTION-D

9. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions :

"It is his karam, his destiny", says Mukesh's grandmother, who has watched her own husband go blind with the dust from polishing the glass of bangles. "Can a God-given lineage ever be broken?" She implies.

Born in the caste of bangle makers, they have seen nothing but bangles-in the house, in the yard, in every other house, every street in Firozabad. Spirals of bangles-sunny gold, paddy green, royal blue, pink, purple, every colour born out of the seven colours of the rainbow-lie in mounds in unkempt yards, are piled on four wheeled hand carts, pushed by young men along the narrow lanes of the shanty town. And in dark hutments, next to lines of flames of flickering oil lamps, sit boys and girls with their fathers and mothers, welding pieces of coloured glass into circles of bangles. Their eyes are more adjusted to the dark than to the light outside. That is

why they often end up losing their eyesight before they become adults.

Questions :

- (i) The man who went blind by polishing the glass bangles was : 1
(a) Mukesh's Grandfather (b) Mukesh's son
(c) Mukesh's father (d) Mukesh's brother
- (ii) They have seen since their birth only : 1
(a) School (b) Tea stall (c) Bangles (d) Cars and Planes
- (iii) Mukesh was born in a family of : 1
(a) Bangle makers (b) Rag-pickers (c) Merchants (d) Priests
- (iv) Spirals of bangles were : 1
(a) Sunny gold (b) Paddy green (c) Royal blue (d) All of the above
- (v) Choose the word similar in meaning to "Purity" : ½
(a) Sanctity (b) Unkempt (c) Shanty (d) Welding
- (vi) Choose the word opposite in meaning to "Broad" : ½
(a) Mound (b) Narrow (c) Hutment (d) Flicker

10. Answer the following questions in about 80 words : 3

Who was Edla ? How did she change the peddler's behaviour ?

OR

What did Gandhi do about the cultural and social backwardness of the Champaran Village ?

11. Answer the following questions in 20-25 words : 2x2=4

(i) What did M. Hamel say about the French Language? (The Last Lesson)

(ii) Why did the author appear to be doing nothing at the studies? (Poets and Pancakes)

12. Explain any one of the following stanzas with reference to context : 5

- (i) A flowery bond to bind us to the earth,
Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth
Of noble natures, of the gloomy days,
Of all the unhealthy and o'er-darkened ways
Made for our searching : yes, in spite of all,
Some shape of beauty moves away the pall.

OR

Fishermen in the cold sea

Would not harm whales

And the man gathering salt

Would look at his hurt hands.

13. Answer the following questions in about 80 words : 4

Write a short summary of "My Mother at Sixty Six".

OR

How does the poet express his sympathy for the poor, deprived villagers? (A Road Side Stand)

14. Answer the following questions in about 20-25 words : 1½x2=3

- (i) What does a beautiful thing give us? (A Thing of Beauty)

(4)

(ii) What can earth teach us? (Keeping Quiet)

15. Answer the following question in about 80 words :
How was the hundredth tiger killed? (The Tiger King)

OR

1½x2=3

Describe the character sketch of Sadao. (The Enemy)

16. Answer the following questions in about 20-25 words :
(i) What miracle happened when the tiger king was an infant? (The Tiger King)
(ii) What was the purpose of the visit to Antarctica? (The Journey to the End of the Earth)

1x6=6

17. Choose the correct alternative :

(i) In ten years the Maharaja killed about tigers.
(a) twenty (b) fifty (c) ~~seventy~~ (d) eighty

(ii) Charley's wife was :
(a) Rehana (b) ~~Louisa~~ (c) Celina (d) Helena

(iii) Sadao was
(a) Famous Surgeon (b) Teacher (c) Soldier (d) Lawyer

(iv) Derry's face was burnt by :
(a) ~~acid~~ (b) fire (c) electric (d) accident

(v) The landscape of Antarctica is :
(a) ~~White~~ (b) Green (c) Blue (d) Black

(vi) The third level was :
(a) Bus stand (b) An airport (c) Park (d) ~~an imaginary railway platform~~

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Half Yearly Examination-2023-24

Subject : English Compulsory

Time : 3.15 hrs

Class : 12

MM : 70

General Instructions :

1. All the questions are compulsory.
2. Write down the serial number of the question before attempting it.

Section - A (Reading)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:-

Thus we all have a role in making India great. India can soon emerge a major developed country provided we all vow to ourselves to do the jobs we are doing using all our energies and keeping the nation's interests in mind. Don't think that one person can do. Many drops make a flood. Here are some suggestions that may be followed by different professionals.

If you a politician. You can rise above your own and party's interests and frame policies and laws that are conducive to development. If you are a clerk in a government department, you can work more efficiently in clearing a new project. If you are a worker in a factory, you can decide to increase your productivity a little more and give attention to quality. If you are a doctor you can extend the benefits of free and inexpensive medical aid to the poor at least to a limited extent. It will make the suffering person's life a little better. If you are a teacher you can constantly upgrade your knowledge and skills in order to enthuse the children to think big. A student is generally as good as teacher. Similarly, ex-servicemen can attempt to organise a few productive activities in villages or small towns. Even small grocers can contribute to the health of people by refusing to sell adulterated things.

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| 1. | How can India emerge a major developed country? | 1 |
| 2. | How can a politician contribute? | 1 |
| 3. | How can a worker in a factory contribute? | 1 |
| 4. | What, according to writer, can a clerk do? | 1 |
| 5. | What, according to writer, can a doctor do? | 1 |
| 6. | Give a single word for the following groups of words: | 1 |
| (i) | A person studying at a school or college or university. | 2 |
| (ii) | Person who own shops, selling food stuffs. | |

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:-

Work is essential for man. It is a blessing. It is the precious privileges he has.

It is the source of all other rights. It brings him the good things of life and promotes his well being. Work is an integral part of life. Without it life is deprived of its substance and character.

Work gives us happiness. It banishes vice and poverty from life. Work

according to Carlyle, is the grand cure of all the maladies that beset mankind. It is key to all progress. Work is life, illness is death.

The prosperity of any nation depends on the work of the people there. If they remain like louse eaters, no nation can progress or achieve anything remarkable.

For Carlyle, work is worship. According to him, there is perennial nobleness and even sacredness in work. To work is to pray. The worker is the saviour of society. The best form of worship, according to Tagore, is to work and serve others.

7. Why is work essential for man? 1
8. How can work give us happiness? 1
9. What is the best form of worship according to Tagore? 1
10. Write the similar word of 'compulsory' from the passage. 1
11. Write the opposite word of 'profane' from the passage. 1

Section - B (Grammar)

12. Combine the sentences using the words given in brackets:-
- (i) The girl is coming here. She is my sister. (Who) 1
- (ii) The boy is a beggar. You gave him food. (Whom) 1
13. Combine each set of sentences into one sentence as directed:-
- (i) He felt tired. He sat down to rest. (Simple sentence) 1
- (ii) I am in the right. You are in the wrong. (Compound sentence) 1
14. Combine the following pairs of sentences using the words given in brackets:-
- (i) Vijay saw his mother, he ran to touch her feet. (As soon as) 1
- (ii) The tree is too high for me to climb. (so that) 1
15. Fill in the blanks by choosing words given in brackets:-
- (i) Do you early in the morning. (get on / get up) 1
- (ii) would you please all the lights? (put off / put out) 1

Section - C (Writing)

16. You have been transferred to Jaipur from Mumbai. You want to sell your house in Mumbai along with furniture. Prepare an advertisement for it, to be published in a classified column of a local newspaper. 3

Or

You are the Editor of your school magazine. Draft a notice for your school students and staff members inviting articles, sketches, etc for your school magazine. Sign as PQS of Govt. Sen. Sec. School, Bhadra, Hanumagarh.

17. Write a report in about 100 words on "Annual and prize distribution function" in your school. 4

Or

18. Write a paragraph in about 100 words on "Women Empowerment."
Suppose you are Ravi/Radha studying in Govt. Sen. Sec. School, Suratgarh. Write an official letter to the principal of your school complaining about the poor condition of your classroom. 5

Or

Write a letter to the editor of 'The Rajasthan patrika' expressing your views on the deteriorating "law and order" situation in your city. Give suggestions.

Section - D (Text books)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below (19 to 24) :-

Mukesh's family is among them. None of them know that it is illegal for children like him to work in the glass furnaces with high temperatures, in dingy cells without air and light; that the law, if enforced, could get him and all those 20,000 children out of the hot furnaces where the slog their day light hours, often losing the brightness of their eyes. Mukesh's eyes beam as he volunteers to take me home. Which he proudly says is being rebuilt. We walk down stinking lanes chocked with garbage, part homes that remain hovels with crumbling walls, wobbly doors, no windows, crowded with families of humans and animals coexisting in a primeval state.

19. What is Mukesh proud of . 1
(a) He is very rich (b) He gets good Marks
(c) His house is being rebuilt. (d) All of these
20. In which type of colony does Mukesh's family live. 1
(a) Highly educated (b) High standard
(c) Very low standard, like a slum (d) None of these
21. The great harm the children were facing. 1
(a) They loose the brightness of their eyes
(b) They are weak
(c) They are not getting opportunity of education
(d) Welfare schemes are not made for them
22. The lanes are stinking and choked with. 1
(a) garbage (b) furniture (c) stones (d) animals
23. Choose the word similar in meaning to 'against law'. 1
(a) legal (b) illegal (c) custom (d) crumble
24. Choose the word opposite in meaning to "modern". 1
(a) tradition (b) primeval (c) thorough (d) sizzle

Answer the following question in about 60 words :-

25. How does the metaphor of the rattrap serve to highlight the human predicament? 4

Or

- How did Gandhi Ji help the peasants in champaran?
26. Answer the following questions in about 20-25 words.
(i) Why do most celebrities hate to be interviewed? 1½
(ii) Which was the only occasion when Sophie got to see Danny casey in person. 1½
27. Explain any one of the following stanzas with reference to context. 5

Driving from my parent's
home to cochin last friday
morning, I saw my mother,
beside me,

doze, open mouthed, her face
ashen like that
of a corpse and realised with
pain, that she was as old as
she looked.

Or

When Aunt is dead, her terrified
hands will lie
still ringed with ordeals
she was mastered by.

The tigers in the panel that
she made will go on prancing,
proud and unafraid.

28. Answer the following questions in about 60-80 words:- 4
What is the theme of the poem, "keeping quiet"?

Or

How does the poet express his sympathy for the poor, deprived villagers?

29. Answer the following questions in 20-25 words:-

- (i) List the things of beauty mentioned in the poem. 1½
(ii) What is the 'sadness' that the poet refers to in the poem "keeping quiet". 1½

30. Choose the correct alternative:-

- (i) What is the name of the narrator of the story 'The third level'? 1
(a) Louisa (b) Fames (c) Sam (d) Charly

- (ii) Dewan brought a tiger from. 1
(a) people's park in Madras (b) from circus company
(c) from nearby forest (d) from nearby state

- (iii) The iceberg recorded largest was the size of 1
(a) India (b) Austrailia (c) Belgium (d) Nepal

- (iv) The name of Sadao's wife is. 1
(a) Hana (b) Julie (c) Maria (d) Ruby

- (v) Derry's face was burunt by. 1
(a) fire (b) Acid (c) Candle light (d) Electric current

- (vi) What is being sold on the stall? 1
(a) poha (b) samosa (c) fried snacks (d) fried chips

31. Answer the following question in about 80 words:- 4
What did the king do to fulfil his vow to kill hundred tigers?

Or

Write the character sketch of Derry.

32. Answer the following questions in about 20-30 words :-

- (i) What is "Students on Ice" programme? 1½

- (ii) Why could Sadao not kill his enemy? 1½

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English Compulsory

Time : 3¼ hrs.]

Class XII

[M.M. : 70

Section-[A]

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

It has become common knowledge that yoga is good for you currently yoga is being used as a therapy for cancer. Infertility, lung disease, multiple sclerosis, parkinson's disease, insomnia, high blood pressure and joint pain. Yet there is very little awareness and understanding on exactly how yoga heals, even in the yoga and medical communities. The key is to understand the relationships between stress, yoga and disease.

Medical research estimates that as much as 90% of illness and disease is stress related. A few of the many diseases and conditions that have been linked to an overactive stress response include : cardio vascular disease, depression, anxiety, some type of diabetes mellitus, etc.

What we feel as stress, is the product of the symphetic nervous system or the "fight or flight" response : an almost instantaneous surge in heart rate, cardiac output, blood pressure, sweating, shallow breathing and metabolism, combined with a tensing of muscles. Internally, the "fight or flight" response shuts down digestion and elimination and reduces blood flow to the internal organs short term, this stress reaction is a good thing. The "Fight or flight" response prepares us to respond to any environmental threat by fighting against it. But long term continuous exposure to stress is harmful, placing excess wear and tear on the body's system and severely limiting the body's natural maintenance and healing abilities.

Chronic stress can lead to continuously high levels of cortisol. This hormone at normal levels helps to maintain an active, healthy body.

- (1) What percent of illness and disease is stress related? 1
- (2) What is stress? 1
- (3) What does chronic stress lead to? 1
- (4) For which disease is yoga being used as a therapy? 1
- (5) How is long term stress harmful? 1
- (6) Find from the passage the word which mean 'sleep disorder'. 1
- (7) Find from the passage the opposite of 'fertility'. 1

Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct answer :

New building of Rajasthan Legislative Assembly is one of the most modern legislature complexes in India, situated in a sprawling 16.96 acres campus in Jyoti

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Nagar, Jaipur. Work on this project commenced in November 1994 and completed in March 2001.

The exterior of the building has been provided with famous traditional features of Rajasthan such as Jharokas, Chhatris, Kamani, Baradaris, Arches, Todies etc. in Jodhpur and Bansi Paharpur stone. The interior entrance lounges have been decorated in the famous Rajasthani traditional art on walls and ceilings representing traditional art of four regions of Jaipur, Shekhawati, Marwar and Mewar.

The building is an eight storeyed frame structure having height of 145 feet and floor area of 6.08 lac sqft. The main dome has a diameter of 104 feet. The assembly hall has a seating capacity for 260 members and a hall of identical capacity over it at fifth floor for future Vidhan Parishad (Upper House).

- (1) Which building of Rajasthan is one of the most modern legislature complexes in India? 1
- (2) What is the seating capacity for members? 1
- (3) What traditional features of Rajasthan have been provided with the exterior of the building? 1
- (4) Write the similar word of 'popular' from the passage. 1
- (5) Write the opposite word of 'ancient' from the passage. 1
- (6) Where is new building of Rajasthan Legislative Assembly situated? 1

Section-[B]

- 3 You are Deepak / Deepika studying in MGGs, Ghinoi. Your school is organising an Educational Tour to Mt. Abu during the winter break. On the behalf of the Principal draft a notice informing the students of class XII in about 80 words. Or 4
You are Ajay / Archana living at Murlipura, Jaipur Gramin. You have received an invitation from your friend Gaurav / Garima to join his/her birthday party. Write an informal reply to decline the invitation with suitable reason.
- 4 Write a report on "The Prize Distribution Function". Which has celebrated in Govt. S.S.S. Kaladera recently. Suppose you are Kalpit/Kanika. Or 4
Write a paragraph in about 100 words on 'Importance of Forests' with the help of the given clues : maintain pure environment, source of oxygen, human and animal dependent, survival and habitat, cutting trees, global warming, work for their safety.
- 5 Write a letter to M/s Singodia & Company, Jaipur requesting him for the replacement of the defective computer you have bought last week from his firm. Or 5
You are Geet/Geeta, living in Kota. Write a job application for the post of a Hindi lecturer with your resume.

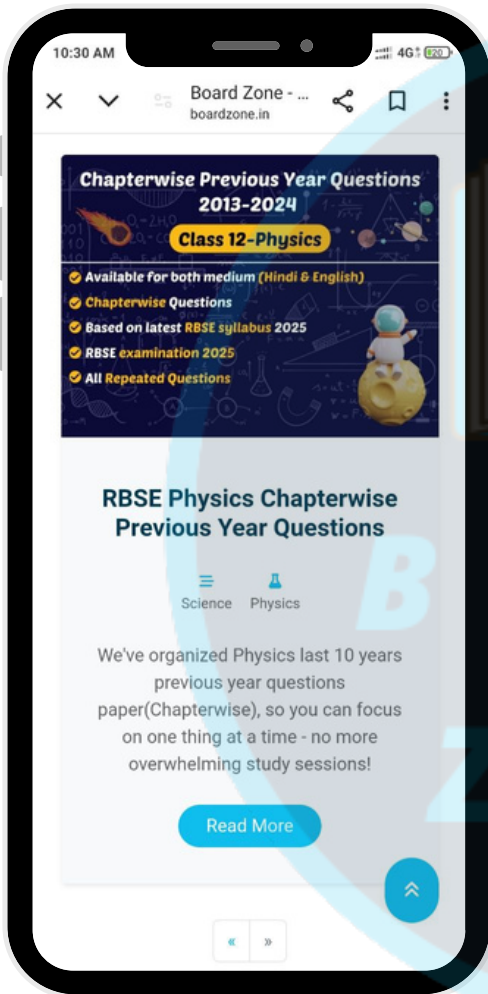
Section-[C]

- 6 Join the following sentences using the connectives given in brackets :
 - (1) I know Mr. Sharma. He teaches you Science. (Who) 1
 - (2) If you permit me, I shall go there.(Unless) 1

- 7 Combine each set of sentences into one sentence as directed : 2
- (1) I have many books. I have to read them all. (Simple sentence)
 - (2) He is a thief. Everybody knows it. (Complex sentence)
- 8 Rewrite the following sentences using the connectives given in brackets : 1
- (1) She will teach him English. She will teach him Science. (both and) 1
 - (2) He is poor. He is honest. (thought) 1
- Phrasal Verbs
- (3) The second world war _____ in 1939. (Broke out / broke up) 1
 - (4) He _____ the lamp and went to bed. (Put off / put out) 1
- Section-[D]
- 9 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :
- It was because they were sorry, too, that they had not gone to school more. It was their way of thanking our master for his forty years of faithful service and of showing their respect for the country that was theirs no more. While I was thinking of all this, I heard my name called. It was my turn to recite. What would I not have given to be able to say that dreadful rule for the participle all through, very loud and clear, and without one mistake? But I got mixed up on the first words and stood there, holding on to my desk, my heart beating, and not daring to look up. I heard M. Hamel say to me, "I won't scold you, little Franz, you must feel bad enough. See how it is! Everyday we have said to ourselves, 'Bah! I've plenty of time. I'll learn it tomorrow, and now you see where we've come out."
- (1) The faithful service of their master was _____ 1
(a) 40 years (b) 42 years (c) 39 years (d) 43 years
 - (2) For what they were sorry? 1
(a) Because they had not listened to M. Hamel.
(b) Because they had gone to another country.
(c) Because they had not gone to school more.
(d) Because they had not brought any gift.
 - (3) What did they all say about learning everyday? 1
(a) Learn tomorrow (b) Did not say anything
(c) Very boring (d) Learn today only
 - (4) Choose the word similar in meaning to, "a lot of" : 1
(a) Scarcely (b) Scant (c) Little (d) Plenty
 - (5) Choose the word opposite in meaning to, "Vague" : 1
(a) Clear (b) Clean (c) Smooth (d) difficult
- 10 Answer the questions in about 70 words : 1×3=3
- Describe the living conditions of rag pickers in Seemapuri? (Lost Spring) Or
The Champaran episode was the turning point in Gandhiji's life? Explain. (Indigo)

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- 11 Answer the following questions in about 20 words : 2×2=4
- (1) Why was the Y.M.C.A. Pool safe? (Deep water)
- (2) Who was Edla? (The Rattrap)
- 12 Explain any one of the following stanza with reference to context : 1×4=4
- (i) Those who prepare green wars's,
Wars with gas, wars with fire,
Victory with no survivors,
would put on clean clothes
and walk about with their
brothers in the shade, doing nothing.
- (ii) A thing of beauty is a joy forever
It's liveliness increases, it will never
Pass into nothingness, but will keep
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep
Full of sweet dreams, and health and quiet breathing.
- 13 Answer the following questions in about 70 words : 1×3=3
- Write a short summary of 'My Mother at sixty six'. Or
- Draw a character sketch of 'Aunt Jennifer'.
- 14 Answer the following questions in about 20 words : 2×2=4
- (i) What did the road side stand plead for? (A Road Side Stand)
- (ii) What can earth teach us? (A Thing of Beauty)
- 15 Answer the following questions in about 70 words : 1×3=3
- How was the hundredth tiger killed? (The Tiger King) Or
- Give a character sketch of Mr. Lamb. (on the face of it)
- 16 Answer the following questions in about 20 words : 2×2=4
- (1) What does the third level refer to? (The Third Level)
- (2) Why was Sadao sent to America? (The Enemy)
- 17 Choose the correct alternative : 6×1=6
- (1) All those who are born will one day _____ :
(a) talk (b) play (c) die (d) swim
- (2) _____ had an ugly face :
(a) Derry (b) Lamb (c) Joe (d) Jack
- (3) _____ members were there in the expedition :
(a) 50 (b) 51 (c) 53 (d) 52
- (4) The name of Sadao's wife was _____ :
(a) Mariya (b) Hana (c) Julie (d) Elizabeth
- (5) What is being sold on the stall?
(a) Samosa (b) Poha (c) Fried chips (d) Fried Snacks
- (6) What did Sadao decide about the man?
(a) To let him die (b) To Operate (c) Shut in a room (d) All of the above

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