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X-18

Pre Board Examination 2024

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ENGLISH - Only One Paper

Time : 3 Hrs. 15 Min.

Class - X

M.M. 70

Note : (i) The first 15 minutes allotted only for reading the question paper. (ii) This question paper is divided into two sections (iii) Section 'A' contains multiple choice question. Candidates have to choose the correct option and write the answer in the answer script. (iv) Section 'B' contains descriptive answer type questions. (v) All questions are compulsory (vi) Marks are indicated against question.

SECTION - A

(Q.N. 1- 3) Read the following passages and answer the questions that follow, choosing the correct option:-

An old man was distressed because his sons always quarrelled with one another. One day he called them to him and showed them a bundle of sticks tied together. He asked if anyone of them was strong enough to break them. First one and then another tried, but they all failed, he then untied the bundle, and told them to break each stick separately. This they did easily and all the sticks were soon broken into pieces. Thus he taught them that united they would be strong, but disunited they would always be weak.

1. An old man was distressed because :- 1
  - (i) his sons quarrelled sometimes with him
  - (ii) his sons quarrelled with their friends
  - (iii) his sons always quarrelled with one another
  - (iv) his sons did not quarrel.
2. An old man distressed. It means he was :- 1
  - (i) happy
  - (ii) helpful
  - (iii) angry
  - (iv) sad.
3. Which word in the passage is opposite of 'weak' :- 1
  - (i) distressed
  - (ii) strong
  - (iii) quarrelled
  - (iv) discounted.

(Q. No. 4-8) Choose the correct options to answer the following :-

4. This policeman ...that man :- 1
  - (i) was arrested by
  - (ii) arrested for
  - (iii) arrested
  - (iv) will be arrested.
5. The thing that has been created by somebody is called :- 1
  - (i) search
  - (ii) learning
  - (iii) invention
  - (iv) promotion.
6. Rearrange the following words or phrases into meaningful sentences :- 1

control/physical exercise/taking/helps/bad temper/a
7. Which of the following words is correctly spelled :- 1
  - (i) receipt
  - (ii) reeceipt
  - (iii) reiciet
  - (iv) receipt
8. Fill in the blanks with correct form of the verbs given in bracket:- 1

.....is good for health.

(P.T.O.)

(Q.No. 9-10) Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :-

I knew that the oppressor must be liberated just as surely as the oppressed. A man who takes away another man's freedom is a prisoner of hatred; he is locked behind the bars of prejudice and narrow-mindedness. I am not truly free if I am taking away someone else's freedom, just as surely as I am not free when my freedom is taken from me. The oppressed and the oppressor alike are robbed of their humanity.

9. What according to the writer, has to be done to the oppressor as well as the oppressed :- 1

- (a) they must be liberated (b) they must be liberated from hatred  
(c) both of these (d) none of these.

10. How is the oppressor a prisoner according to the author :- 1

- (a) he is a prisoner of hatred (b) he is prisoner of prejudice  
(c) both of these (d) none of these.

(Q.No. 11-13) Based on your understanding of the prose lessons choose the correct option to answer the following questions :-

11. Where did the ceremonies take place :- 1

- (a) pritoria (b) johnasberg  
(c) New Delhi (d) London.

12. Whom did the young seagull beg to bring him some food :- 1

- (a) his father (b) his mother  
(c) his brothers (d) his sister.

13. Find out the name of Anne's elder sister :- 1

- (a) margot (b) sanne  
(c) kitty (d) edith.

(Q.No.-14-15) Read the following stanza and answer the questions that follow :-

(There is a languid, emerald sea,  
where the sole inhabitant is me-  
a mermaid drifting blissfully)

14. How is the sea :- 1

- (a) languid (b) emerald  
(c) both of these (d) none of these.

15. Who is the sole inhabitant of the sea :- 1

- (a) a mermaid (b) the poetess  
(c) both of these (d) none of these.

(Q.No.16-20) Based on your understanding of the lesson in the book 'Moments' choose the correct option to answer the following questions:-

16. Mr. punphery was a very .....lady :- 1

- (a) miser (b) poor (c) cruel (d) rich.

17. How old was the thief boy :- 1

- (a) 10 years (b) 15 years (c) 16 years (d) 14 years

18. What was Ausable's profession :- 1

- (a) tourist (b) secret agent (c) diplomat (d) soldier.

19. Horace Danby was about .....years old :- 1

- (a) 40 (b) 45 (c) 50 (d) 55

20. What was Griffin :-

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- (a) scientist (b) clergyman (c) shopkeeper (d) landlord.

**SECTION - B**

21. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below :-

A poor woman once came to Buddha to ask him whether he could give her any medicine to restore her dead child to life. The holy man touched by the great sorrow of the woman, told her that there was only one medicine which could revive her son. He bade her bring him a handful of mustard seed from a house where death had never entered. The sorrowing mother went from door to door seeking the mustard seed, but every door she met with sad replies. One said, "I have lost my husband," another said, "Our youngest child died last year". She returned with a heavy heart to the teacher who told her tenderly that she must not think much of her own grief, since sorrow and death are common to all.

- (a) Why did the poor woman go to Buddha? 2  
 (b) What did the holy man tell her? 2  
 (c) What were the sad replies that people gave her? 2  
 (d) Which word in the passage means 'softly'? 2

22. Write a letter to the Superintendent of police complaining about the incidents of theft and chain snatching in your area. 4

or

Write an application to the Principal of your school requesting him to change your subject.

23. Write a report on 'My Grandmother' in about 80-100 words. 6

or

Write an essay (article) any one of the following topic in about 80-100 words:-

- (a) Internet (b) Annual function  
 (c) Teachers Day Celebration (d) Save Water

24. (a) Change the following sentences into indirect speech :- 2

He said to the children, "When does the cock crow?"

(b) Change the following into passive voice :- 2

I am eating an apple.

(c) Punctuate the following using capital letters wherever necessary :- 2

the teacher said to the robin have you finished your homework robin answered i am sorry sir i could not do it.

(d) Translate the following into English :- 4

किसी जंगल में एक शेर रहता था। एक बार वह पिंजरे में फँस गया। उसने बड़ा प्रयास किया, किन्तु पिंजरे से नहीं निकल पाया। उधर से एक दयालु ब्राह्मण निकला। शेर की प्रार्थना पर उसने पिंजरे का दरवाजा खोलकर उसे मुक्त कर दिया।

25. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each :- 3

(a) What did the postmaster do then?

or

What had the young Seagull watched his parents doing the day before?

(b) How is a baker importance for a party or a feast in Goa? 3

or

What did the otter look like?

26. Answer any one of the following questions in about 60 words :- 4
- (a) Was Anne right when she said that the world would not be interested in the musings of a thirteen-year-old girl?
  - (b) Why did Siddhartha come to be called the Buddha? Where did he give his first sermon?
27. Who has composed the poem 'Dust of Snow'? What does the poet teach us through this poem? (in about 30-40 words) 3

or

Write four lines of any poem prescribed in your syllabus. (Do not copy the lines given in the question paper.)

28. Write the central idea of any one of the following poems :- 3
- (a) A Tiger in the Zoo
  - (b) The Tale of Custard the Dragon
29. Answer any one of the following questions in about 30-40 words each:- 3
- (a) Why Max came in Ausable's room?
  - (b) What do Mr. and Mme Loisel do next?
30. Answer any one of the following questions in about 60 words each:- 4
- (a) Who is the real culprit in the story?
  - (b) Give a character sketch of Matilda Loisel.