

Revision Test -2020
ENGLISH (SPECIAL) - X

Max Marks: 100

- Instructions: 1. Read the questions carefully and answer them.
2. All questions are compulsory.
3. Marks of each question are indicated against it.

SECTION A

Q1 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

The Bora tree grew tall, her flowers bloomed and yielded large, luscious, rosy fruit. But she was vain. She never even whispered to neighbouring trees and bushes. When the butterflies and bees came for nectar, she lifted her branches and swooshed them away. When the birds wanted to build nests in her branches she pricked them with her thorns. She saw that children loved her juicy fruit, so she angrily dropped her flowers and yielded only a few fruit.

One day, the Great Creator came on a visit. All the trees greeted His coming and had joyous tales to tell. But the Bora tree tossed her head and said, "My Lord and Master, I found no one who deserved what you gave to me, so I saved my strength and bore less fruit. I sent the silly birds away because they would destroy the beauty of my branches with their messy nest material".

The Creator shook his head. "You did a foolish thing". He said. "What about kindness, compassion and generosity? What about service to others? Have they no meaning for you?" Even as the Lord spoke, the Bora's fruit grew small and sour; so did the leaves. The bark became rough; thorns grew in plenty. To this day we see the Bora tree thus. As the result of selfishness-she lost what she had.

Questions :

1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, complete the following statements.

- (a) The Bora tree justified her unhelpful and cruel attitude by saying that..... 1
(b) The Bora tree dropped her flowers because_____ . 1
2. Find a word from the passage which means the same as 'originator' 1
3. Find a word from the passage which means opposite of 'lift' 1
4. Give a noun form of the word 'grow' 1
5. Answer the following questions.
(a) What is the moral of the story? 1
(b) What characteristics should the Bora tree have inculcated? 1

Q2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

You probably don't give it much thought, but your brain needs good nutrition, workout, and good sleep, as much as any other major muscle group. These can help boost creativity, memory and keep the brain young. Excess dietary fat, especially saturated fat, usually clogs the arteries reducing the blood flow to the brain and causing it to age prematurely.

Conversely, the lower the saturated fat in your diet, the body will eventually flush out the excess fat from your arteries restoring normal blood supply to the brain, for it rejuvenation. A healthy diet rich in colourful fruit, omega-3 fatty acids and whole grain aids improved functioning of the brain. Fruits and vegetables are rich in vitamins, minerals and antioxidants which benefit brain chemistry.

Coloured vegetables and fruits, walnuts, flax seeds, green tea, fish etc. are brain food in the real sense. Exercise seems to support the brain the same way as it helps cardiac health; by improving the blood flow which means more oxygen and nutrients reach the brain cells and sustain their optimal functioning. A good night's sleep is immensely de-stressing and good for your brain. Stress

hormones which get released in response to mental stress can have a negative impact on the brain. Putting away all your gadgets-phone, remote tablet etc.-and enjoying a little time relaxing during the day is a good idea. Mental gamers are fun, challenging and competitive-a great way to exercise your mind. When it comes to brain fitness, the bottom line is 'to use it or lose it'.

Questions :

1. When the author says 'to use it or lose it', he means that _____ 1
2. In order to destress, one must have _____ 1
3. Unsaturated fat helps in lessening _____ 1
4. How to keep the brain young? 1
5. 'Enormously' is a synonym for _____ 1

Q3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

Necessity is indeed the mother of invention. When areas in and around Leh began to experience water shortages, life didn't grind to a halt. Why? Because Chewang Norphel, a retired civil engineer in the Jammu and Kashmir government came up with the idea of artificial glaciers. Ladakh, a cold desert at an altitude of 3,000-3,500 metres above sea level, has a low average annual rainfall rate of 50mm. Glaciers have always been the only source of water.

Agriculture is completely dependent on glacier melt unlike the rest of river/monsoon-fed India. But over the years with increasing effects of climate change, rainfall and snowfall patterns have been changing, resulting in severe shortage and drought situations. Given the severe winter conditions, the window for farming is usually limited to one harvest season.

It is located between the natural glacier above and the village below. The one closer to the village and lowest in altitude melts first, providing water during April/May, the crucial sowing season. Further layers of ice above melt with increasing temperature thus ensuring continuous supply to the fields. Thus, farmers have been able to manage two crops instead of one. It costs about Rs.1,50,000 and above to create one. Fondly called the "glacier man", Mr. Norphel has designed over 15 artificial glaciers in and around Leh since 1987. In recognition of his pioneering effort, he was conferred the Padma Shri by President Pranab Mukherjee, in 2015. There are few basic steps followed in creating the artificial glacier.

River or stream water at higher altitude is diverted to a shaded area of the hill, facing north, where the winter sun is blocked by a ridge or a mountain range. At the start of winter/November, the diverted water is made to flow onto sloping hill face through distribution channels. Stone embankments are built at regular intervals which impede the flow of water, making shallow pools and freeze, forming a cascade of ice along the slope. Ice formation continues for 3-4 months resulting in a large accumulation of ice which is referred to as an "artificial glacier".

Questions :

1. Why have Glaciers been the only source of water for Ladakh? 1
- Why has the pattern of snowfall and rainfall changed? 1
3. How are Glaciers significant for irrigation? 1

4. How do farmers manage to grow two crops instead of one? 1
5. In which year did President Pranab Mukherjee confer Padma Shri to Mr. Norphel? 1
6. How many months does the ice formation continue for? 1
7. Find the word in the paragraph which means the same as 'gathering'? 1

SECTION B

Q 4. prepare a write up on “**Discipline is success**”:
You can use the following hints: 5

- Great results after great efforts.
- Courageous can follow discipline.
- Hard work only pays when disciplined life.
- Daily routine is disciplined then success is certain etc..

OR

Write a Paragraph on “witnessing a Candle March” using following hints:

Amazing crowd – silent – against women status in society – current incidents of misconduct – safety norms – Nirbhaya services by police – Law and regulation in support – teaching respect from childhood .

Q 5. You are Purva Deshmukh, the education minister of your school cabinet. Draft a notice giving information about the importance of Note Book completion of all the subjects as it carries 5 marks for final score” .

OR 5

Write the special preparations you made towards the Diwali celebration this year.

Q 6 Write **a report** on an online essay writing competition on “Our Madhya Pradesh” organised by MP Tourism. 6

OR

Write **an article** for your school magazine emphasising on “regular practice earns better score”.

Q 7 Write a letter to your friend to invite him /her to visit a famous business fair of your city. 6

OR

Write a letter to the Superintendent of Police to draw attention towards the unattended under construction sites of your area.

Q 8 Write an essay on any one of the topics given below: 7

- 1 Importance of Rain Harvesting
- 2 Any festival you celebrate
- 3 Population problem in India
- 4 Science and technology

SECTION C

Q 9 Fill in the blanks with the options given. (Any 10) 10

1. Monty (like) swimming daily . (Fill the correct form of the verb)
2. She is sacrificing her free time, I think she..... win the prize this time (might, must, will)
3. They are successor of Maurya Dynasty.(a, an, the)
4. I cut these wood pieces an axe. (with, from, by)
5. There is not books left in the library.(much, many, a lot of)
6. The girl sang (smartly, beautifully, cool)

7. The box..... you painted, won the first prize.(Who/Which/When)
8. All of the children.....playing in the playground. (was, were, had)
9. We all should work on.....(himself, ourselves)
10. It is departed..... the family (for,of,off)
11. We have been sitting idlemore than an hour (from, since, for)

- Q 10. Do as directed (any 5): 5
1. If you come on time, you can win a gift. (Rewrite using “Unless”)
 2. She has helped her parents. (change the voice)
 3. They did it so well. (change into a negative)
 4. Rani said to him, “you cannot come with me.” (Change the Narration)
 5. Putting mobile on silent mode is mandatory here.(Rewrite starting with “it”)
 6. Ram prefers healthy food to eat. (Rewrite the sentence using a gerund in it)

SECTION D

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

May that which guides men like a good charioteer
 Who controlled fleet-footed horses with the reins,
 That which abides in the heart, most swift and active,
 May that my mind resolve on what is good.

Questions:

1. Name the Poem..... 1
2. The word “abide” means..... 1
 - a) Outside b) Stop
 - c) Tough d) Tolerate
3. Why is the mind like a charioteer? 2

- Q 12. Read the following extract and answer the questions:

While I am lying on the grass,
 Thy twofold shout I hear;
 From hill to hill it seems to pass,
 At once far off and near,

Questions:

1. From which poem these lines have been taken? 1
2. Name the poet 1
3. When does the poet hear the twofold shout? 2

- Q13. Why did Wasserkopf come to school after eighteen years? 3

Or

On what ground was Wasserkopf awarded “Excellent” in physical culture?

- Q 14. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words: (**any four**) 4

1. What are the two motives for the sacrifice of all other possessions?
2. Where did the swallow put up at night?
3. What were the Happy Prince’s eyes made of?
4. What did the author see when he looked through the glass partition?
5. Why is the hasty selling disadvantageous?

- Q15. “Small deeds of kindness are greater than the grandest intentions” expand the thought. 2