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Higher Secondary Examination (Regular) - 2020			
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 can be 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 of 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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