

Second Terminal Examination

Subject : English

Class : XII

Time : 3 hrs.

MM: 100

Section - A (Reading)

Q.1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the question given below.

There is a story of an old man who thought he had a right to do what he liked. One day this old man was walking along a busy road with his walking stick spinning around and round his hand, and trying to look important. A man walking behind him objected, "You ought not to spin your walking stick around and round like that," The old man replied, "I am free to do what I like with my walking stick."

"Of course you are", said the other man; "but you ought to know that your freedom ends where my nose begins".

The story tells us that we can enjoy our rights and our freedom only, if they do not interfere with other people's right and freedom.

- (A)
1. What was the old man doing?
 2. Why was the old man doing that?
 3. What did the man told the old man?
 4. What did the old man help?
 5. What did the man told the old man in the end?
 6. What does the story tell us?
- (B) Do as directed:
1. Give the noun form of 'argued'
 2. Give the same meaning word, the passage "being involved in other's affaire".
 3. Give adjectives form of 'freedom'.

Q.2 Read the following passage carefully, and answer the questions given below.

The invention of computers has been one of the greatest advancements in modern technology. Computers are used not only in industries but also in universities. Computers have been used in the service of man in all Spheres. Computers are capable of doing extremely complicated work in all branches of learning. They can solve the most complicated mathematical problems or put thousands of unrelated facts in orders. These machines can be put to various uses. For instance, they can provide information in the best way to prevent traffic accidents or they can count the numbers of times a world has been used in the Bible. The computer's work for us has been called 'automation' may enable human beings for more leisure than they have today.

(A) Make notes and give a title to the passage.

(B) Do as directed :

(1) Give the opposite of 'related'

(2) Give the noun form of 'prevent'

(3) Write comparative degree of 'greatest'.

Section – B (Writing)

Q.3 Write an paragraph on 'The Missile Man'. (6)

Q.4 Write and essay on any one Topic- (7)

(1) Science in our daily life

(2) Importance of Games & Sports

(3) Importance of News paper

(4) A Cricket Match

Q.5 Write an letter to the S.P.S. of your district for imposing a restriction on the use of loud speakers. (6)

Q.6 Write a letter to your friend Rashmi congratulation her on her brilliant success in the PET Exams. You are Kanak Dave. (6)

Q.7 You are secretary of the cultural activities of your school. Write an attractive notice giving information about the selection of two participants from your school to take part in the inter-school debate Competition. (5)

Q.8 Fill in the blanks by choosing correct answers form brackets: (5)

1. There are _____precious books in the library. (some, any, much)
2. I have not _____money (any, some, many)
3. He gave me _____money (some, little, few)
4. I have _____money in my pocket (any, some, much)
5. He lost _____the money he had (each, every, all)

Q.9 Do as Directed. (5)

1. Mohan is intelligent.
His brother is not so intelligent. (Combine the sentence)
2. Q. No. 1 is difficult.
Q. No. 5 is more difficult. (Combine the sentence)
3. Gopal walked slowly.
His father walked equally slowly. (Combine the sentence)
4. Pratap acts boldly.
You act as boldly as you do. (Combine the sentence)
5. Yeshwant Road is very wide.
Ada Bazar Road is not so wide. (Combine the sentence)

Section – D

Q.10 (A) Read the following extract from a poem and answer the questions given below.

But it's a wretched life to face.

Hunger in almost every place;

Cursed with a hand that's empty, when

The heart is full to help all men.

1. Find out a word from the poem give in above which has the same meaning as- 'very unhappy'.

2. Name the poem.
3. About which place is the poet speaking?

(B) Read the following extract from a poem and answer the questions given below:

After un numbered steps of hill-stair.

I saw upon earth's head brilliant with sun.

The immobile goddess in her house of stone.

In a loneliness of mediating air.

1. Give the opposite of 'brilliant'.
2. What did the poet see when he reached the temple?
3. Give the name of the poem and poet?

Q.11 Answer the following question :

(7x2=14)

1. What is a blood-brain barrier? How does it work?
2. Describe the structure of Brain?
3. How does the brain react in emergency situations?
4. What does the brain do when carbon dioxide level arises in the blood?
5. Write two ways in which the crows irritated the author?
6. What were the consequences of poisoning the rats in and around the house?
7. How were the bats saved?

Q.12 Answer the following questions:

(2x4=8)

1. How can one reach the temple?
2. What did the poet see when he reached the temple?
3. How does the secret spirit operate in human body?
4. What made the author feel secure and why?

Q.13 Answer the questions:

(4x2=8)

1. What are the benefit of meditation.

2. What risk do we face when we laugh?
3. What do you understand by 'dos' and 'doesn't'?
4. What are the distilled books like?

Q.14 Answer the questions? (Any one)

(4)

1. What conclusion did the author derive after the incident at the islet?
2. Why was Masterji enraged at Mohan's Suggestion of interpreting the ass' language?