

Intermediate Examination, 2015

ENGLISH—SECOND PAPER

Time : 3 Hours 15 Min] 323 (EM)

[M.M. : 50

1. (a) Change the following into indirect form of speech :

1+1=2

(i) My teacher said to me, "Work hard and you will surely succeed".

(ii) "Please give me five rupees", the beggar said to the passer-by.

(b) Combine the following sentences as directed within the brackets :

1+1=2

(i) Shakespeare wrote 'The Merchant of Venice'. He was a great dramatist. (into simple sentence)

(ii) I had seen the picture twice. I wanted to see it a third time. (into complex sentence)

(c) Transform the following sentences as directed within the brackets :

1+1=2

(i) We ought to show respect to our elders.

(into passive voice)

(ii) I gave it to my neighbour.

(into interrogative)

(d) Correct four of the following sentences :

4 × 1/2 = 2

(i) Ravi is the elder of all his two sons.

(ii) This wood is superior than that.

(iii) He was an afraid child.

(iv) He went to Lucknow by a car.

(v) I and he are working on a project.

(vi) Walk carefully lest you do not fall.

2. Use three of the following idioms/phrases in your own sentences so as to make out their meanings clearly :

3 × 1 = 3

(a) see through

(b) turn down

(c) tall talk

(d) to break the news

(e) a far cry.

3. (a) Give the antonyms of the following words : 1/2 + 1/2 = 1

(i) offence

(ii) sharp.

(b) Give the synonyms of the following words : 1/2 + 1/2 = 1

(i) ideal

(ii) spontaneous.

(c) Substitute one word for the following expressions :

1/2 + 1/2 = 1

(i) contrary to law.

(ii) a person with long experience.

(d) Use the following words in sentences of your own so as to bring out the difference in their meanings clearly : 1/2 + 1/2 = 1

(i) vale

(ii) wail.

4. (a) Translate the following into English :

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हैदराबाद की जलवायु बहुत अच्छी है। न यहाँ अधिक गर्मी पड़ती है और न ही अधिक जाड़ा। यहाँ वर्षा खूब होती है लेकिन सड़कों पर कीचड़ नहीं दिखाई देता। पठारी इलाका होने की वजह से यहाँ पानी बह जाता है और कहीं सड़कों पर इकट्ठा नहीं होता। अब तो जनसंख्या बढ़ जाने से कुछ अधिक गर्मी पड़ने लगी है। बसन्त के आने पर प्रकृति की शोभा यहाँ बढ़ जाती है। रास्तों पर वृक्षों की ठंडी छाया रहती है। वाटिकाओं से फूलों की सुगन्ध आती रहती है। दूर-दूर तक हरियाली दिखाई पड़ती है। देखकर मन आनन्दित होता है।

(b) Translate the following into Hindi :

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Human beings are designed to do things. To lock a man up and let him do nothing is one of the most cruel punishments we can give him. If a man has so much money that he does not need to work, he has to invent work for himself. He does not need to fight wild animals or hunt for food, but he hunts foxes or deer for the fun of it. If, however, he is an intelligent man he knows that these activities cannot satisfy him for long.

5. Write an essay on one of the following topics in about 250 words :

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(a) Play while you play and work while you work.

(b) Our Prime Minister.

(c) Health is wealth.

(d) Pollution.

(e) How can we avoid road accidents ?

6. Write a letter to your younger brother sending him birthday greetings.

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OR Write a letter to the editor of the local daily complaining about the neglect of the roads and drains in your locality.

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(Note : Do not write your name and address in the letter.)

7. Read the following passages carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Early rising leads to health and happiness. The man who rises late, can have little rest in the course of the day. Anyone who lies in bed late is compelled to work till a late hour in the evening. He has to go without the evening exercise which is so necessary for his health. In spite of all his efforts, his work will not produce as good results as that of the early riser. The reason for this is that he cannot take advantage of the refreshing hours of the morning. Some people say that the quiet hour of midnight is the best time for working. Several great thinkers say that they can write best only when they burn the midnight oil. Yet it is true to say that few men have a clear brain at midnight when the body needs rest and sleep. Those who work at that time soon ruin their health. Bad health must, in the long run, have a bad effect on the quality of their work.

(a) Give a suitable heading to the above passage.

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(b) Explain the underlined portions in the passage.

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(c) Give a summary of the above passage in your own words.

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(d) Why is early rising better than rising late ?

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(e) What is the disadvantage of working at midnight ?

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