

INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATION, 2012

English-Second Paper

Time : 3 Hours 15 Min.]

323 (EL)

[Max. Marks : 50

1. (a) Change the following into indirect form of speech : 1+1
(i) The wolf said to the lamb, "Why are you making the water dirty?"

(ii) The wolf said, "You have become very talkative. Be silent otherwise I will eat you."

1. (b) Combine the following sentences as directed within the brackets : 1+1=2

(i) It is not known. When he will arrive. (into simple sentence)

(ii) He worked hard. He wanted to pass. (into complex sentence)

1. (c) Transform the following sentences as directed within the brackets : 1+1=2

(i) He is too miserly to spend any money.

(into negative sentence)

(ii) He may send his servant, if he does not come.

(into passive voice)

1. (d) Correct four of the following sentences : 4+1/2 = 2

(i) I have come at Varanasi a month ago.

(ii) He prevented me to do it.

(iii) Gopal is ill for four days.

(iv) The rise and fall of the tide are due to the moon.

(v) The news of the war are good today.

(vi) One should not boast of his wealth.

2. Use three of the following idioms/phrases in your own sentences so as to make their meanings clear : 3 × 1 = 3

(a) castles in the air

(b) at home in

(c) at the eleventh hour

(d) hue and cry

(e) to and fro.

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

(i) disclose

(ii) acknowledge.

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

(i) humble

(ii) mad.

3. (c) Substitute one word for the following expressions : 1

(i) One who looks at the dark side of things.

(ii) A person who can neither read nor write.

3. (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) temporary

(ii) temporal

PART-I

4. (a) Translate the following English : 10

जुलाई का महीना था। अत्यधिक गर्मी और घुटन थी। मैं स्कूल के लिए चल पड़ा। अचानक आकाश में बादल छा गये। शीतल हवा बहने लगी। सूरज घने बादलों में छिप गया। बादल गरजे, और बिजली चमकने लगी। झमाझम पानी बरसने लगा। सड़कों पर पानी ही पानी दिखाई पड़ने लगा। छोटे बच्चे बरसात का आनन्द ले रहे थे। एक घण्टे बाद बारिश रुकी। मैं पूरी तरह भीग गया था। जब मैं स्कूल पहुँचा तो पता चला कि प्रधानाचार्य महोदय ने वर्षा-दिवस की घोषणा कर दी थी।

4. (b) Translate the following into Hindi : 5

Man is the architect of his own fate. If he makes a proper division of his time and does his duties accordingly, he is sure to improve and prosper in life, but if he does otherwise, he is sure to repent. When he finds himself and is not able to recall the lost day, he will cry over the spilt milk. To kill time is as culpable as to commit suicide, for our life is nothing but the sum total of hours, days and years. Youth is the golden season of life. In youth the mind is pliable and soft and can be moulded into any form we like. If we lose the morning hours of life, we shall have to repent afterwards. If we sow a good seed, we shall reap a good harvest, when we grow up.

OR

5. Write an essay on one of the following topics in about 250 words : 10

(a) Types of people you dislike.

(b) The most pressing problems of our country today.

(c) India of your dreams.

(d) Science has made man its slave.

(e) Duties of students in free India.

6. Write an applications to the Principal of your college requesting him to grant you leave for one week to look after the arrangements of your brother's wedding. 5

OR

Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper, complaining against frequent break-down in electric supply of your town.

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

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

Among the many misfortunes that can befall a man, the loss of health is one of the severest. All the joys that life can give, cannot outweigh the suffering of the sick. Give the sick man everything and leave his sufferings and he will feel that half the world is lost to him. Lay him on silken bed still he will groan sleepless under the pressure of his sufferings, while the miserable beggars with health sleep sweetly on the hard ground. Spread his table with daintily and choicest foods, he will thrust away the hand that offers them and envy the poor man who enjoys his piece of dry bread. He would dream himself happy if he could enjoy the health of meanest of his servants.

(a) Choose the right answer and complete the sentence : 1

The greatest misfortune that can befall a man is

(i) the loss of health

(ii) denial of best food

(iii) the loss of wealth

(b) What is meant by, 'if he would enjoy the health of meanest of his servants' ? 1

(c) Give a suitable title to the given passage. 1/2

(d) Explain one of the portions underlined. 1

(e) Give a summary of the given passage.