

HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATION, 2015

ENGLISH

Only Question Paper

Time : 3 Hours 15 Min] 817 (BM) [Max. Marks : 70

SECTION-A

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it :

So, in order to shake the writer's faith in God, the postmaster came up with an idea, answer the letter. But when he opened it, it was evident that to answer it he needed something more than good will, ink and paper, But the stuck to his resolution : he asked for money from his employees, he himself gave part of his salary and several friends of his were obliged to give something for an act of charity. It was impossible for him to gather together the hundred pesos, so he was able to send the farmer only a little more than half. He put the money in an envelope addressed to Lencho and with them a letter containing only a single word as a signature : God.

(i) Write the name of the lesson, from which the above passage has been taken. Who is the author of this lesson? 2

(ii) What did the postmaster do, in order to shake the writer's faith in God? 2

2. Answer one of the following questions in about 60 words : 4

(a) What did Pt. Nehru like to be done to his body after his death?

(b) What did Socrates tell his countrymen to do to make Athens a perfect state?

3. Answer two of the following questions in about 25 words each : 2 + 2 = 4

(a) How can we serve our country as good citizens?

(b) Why did Guru Nanak think it better for the inhospitable people to stay in one place?

(c) What makes all the difference between the music of Tansen and that of Swami Hari Das?

4. Match the words of List A with their meanings in List B:

4 × 1 = 4

List A

(a) bidding

(b) instead of

(c) besides

(d) figure

List B

in addition to

shape

order

in place of.

5. Read the following piece of poetry and answer the questions given below it :

Let us, then, be up and doing,

With a heart for any fate;

Still achieving, still pursuing,

Learn to labour and to wait.

(a) Give the title of the poem from which the above noted lines have been selected. 2

(b) What do we learn from the above stanza? 2

6. Give the central idea of one of the following poems : 3

(a) The Fountain. (b) The Nation Builders.

OR Write four lines from one of the poems given in your text-book.

(Do not copy out the lines given in this question paper.) 3

7. Answer any two of the following questions in about 25 words each : 2 + 2 = 4

(a) How did Edison serve his country during the First World War?

(b) Why is Vikramaditya said to be the greatest judge in history?

(c) Why was Jesse Owen angry?

8. Point out the true and false statements in the following : 4 × 1 = 4

(a) Jesse Owens was a German.

(b) Olympic Games were held in Berlin in 1936.

(c) Vikramaditya was never deceived.

(d) Edison succeeded in making an electric bulb.

9. Select the most suitable alternative to complete the following statements : 4 × 1 = 4

(a) Electric light shone for the first time in America in

(i) 1880

(ii) 1882

(iii) 1874

(iv) 1878.

(b) Edison was taken out of school because

(i) he was not pleased with his teacher

(ii) he was a dull student

(iii) he did not like school education

(iv) the teacher asked his parents to withdraw him.

(c) The angel took the judgement seat to

(i) another kingdom

(ii) the river Ganga

(iii) the sky

(iv) the hell.

(d) The important thing in Olympic Games is

(i) playing angrily

(ii) winning

(iii) discouraging your rivals

(iv) taking part.

SECTION-B

10. Do as indicated against each of the following sentences:

(i) the mountains of the tops covered snow are with year the throughout. (Frame the correct sentence by re-ordering the words) 2

(ii) Did Ramu kill the tiger? (Change into passive voice) 2

(iii) The peon said to the principal "Please, give me some money." (Change into indirect speech) 2

(iv) He has been since last night (sleep). 2

(Use correct form of the verb to fill in the blank)

11. (a) Choose the correct preposition from the ones given below the sentence to fill in the blank : 2

Sita died breast cancer. (with, by, of, for)

(b) Complete the following sentence : 2

I do not know when

(c) Complete the spellings of the following words : $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$

(i) d - s - ip - e

(ii) s - lf - sh.

(d) Punctuate the following using capital letters wherever necessary : 2

raman said to me may i know your name bohla i said

12. Translate the following into English : 4

वृक्ष हमारे जीवन के लिए बहुत बहुमूल्य हैं। वे हमें फल, फूल तथा विश्राम के लिए छाया प्रदान करते हैं। वृक्ष हमें ऑक्सीजन देते हैं जो हमारे जीवन के लिए सर्वाधिक आवश्यक है। वृक्ष वर्षा कराते हैं और भूमिस्खलन भी रोकते हैं।

13. Write an application to your Principal for your college, requesting him to grant you four day's leave as you have to attend your father getting treatment in hospital.

(Do not write your Name and Roll No.) 4

OR Write a letter to your father, requesting him to send you money, to meet your monthly expenditure.

(Do not write your Name and Roll No.)

14. Write a composition on one of the following topics in about 60 words. Points are given below for each topic to develop the composition : 6

(a) Television :

(i) Introduction

(ii) Its good effect

(iii) Its bad effect

(iv) Conclusion.

(b) My Mother :

(i) Introduction

(ii) Her dress, education and behaviour

(iii) Her qualities

(iv) Her daily life

(v) Conclusion.

(c) My Best Teacher :

(i) Name and qualification

(ii) His dress

(iii) His punctuality and behaviour

(iv) His qualities as a teacher.

15. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions set thereon :

Mother Teresa was a great lady. She is known all over the world. She helped the poor and the needy. She served the sick and the homeless. She was born in August, 1910 in Yugoslavia but she made India her home and lived in Kolkata. She started a home for the orphans. She named it "Nirmal Hridaya".

She looked after the sick poor and downtrodden. She even set up homes for lepers who were shunned by even their own families.

She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. She was given the 'Bharat Ratna' also.

(i) What did Mother Teresa do for the orphans and lepers? 3

(ii) What awards were given to her? 3