No. of Questions – **21**

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No. of Printed Pages – **12**

SECONDARY EXAMINATION, 2017

ENGLISH

Time : $3\frac{1}{4}$ **Hours**

Maximum Marks : **80**

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE EXAMINEES :

(1)   Candidates must first write their Roll Nos. on the question paper.

(2)   **All** the questions are compulsory.

(3)   Write the answer to each question in the given answer-book only.

(4)   For questions having more than one part, the answers to those parts must be written together in continuity.

(5)   Write the correct serial number of each question as mentioned in the question paper.

Section – A
Reading   14

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

Nature has a holy plan, said William Wordsworth. Night follows the day; and winter follows autumn. When spring comes it will be pleasant everywhere, nature putting on new garb: trees blooming swarms of bees and butterflies hopping from flower to flower and collecting nectar. When once the spring goes, and winter comes, there cannot be this riot of colours and the joy of beauty, certainly not for months to come. If the bee misses this spring and fails to collect the nectar, its larder should remain empty.

So, we must make hay while the sun shines. When the sky is overcast with clouds or when there is heavy downpour, we cannot make hay. We can make it only when there is sunshine. We can strike only when the iron is hot. When the iron becomes cold, there is no use of striking it, however hard it may be. So, we must do things at the right time. If once we postpone, only regrets will remain.

To delay in work is the thief of the time. A little delay does not matter, we tell ourselves and postpone. Finally it becomes our trait and we fail miserably in life. As students we cannot pass well in our examination, as freshers we fail to secure proper placement in life and as adults we leg behind in the race of life and finally we grow weak and old.

(i)   How does the nature look at the time of spring ?   **1**

(ii)   What will happen, if bees miss spring ?   **1**

(iii) When can we not make hay ?   **1**

(iv)   When do we fail in life ?   **1**

(v)   Who is responsible for stealing our time ?   **1**

(vi)   Write the word from the passage which means "a large group".   **1**

(vii) Write the word from the passage which means "dress".   **1**

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

Mr. Sunday Nana, his wife and four small children live in Koko Village, Nigeria. The village is like any other African village picturesque, colourful and noisy. The Nana family's house, too, is the same as all the other houses in the village, with mud walls and a rusting corrugated iron roof, and with children and chickens sharing the compound.

There is one difference, however. Outside Mr. Nana's front are three large empty metal drums, the bright red paint now flaking away, but the skull and cross bones symbol is clearly visible on each. And in a clearing 200 m away from the village, next to a stream that the villagers get their drinking water from, is an enormous pyramid of identical drums, reaching to the sky. Some of them are badly corroded, their slimy contents of various colours grey, dark green, bright orange, etc. – leaking out, down, on to the baked African earth and into the stream. Some have fallen down and rolled or been rolled by playful children – into the bush. Some are smoking in the midway heat. Some are swelling, as if their contents are bursting to get out. Some have already burst.

(i)   Who are living in the Koko Village of Nigeria ?   **1**

(ii)   How does the village look ?   **1**

(iii) What difference do you notice outside the house of Mr. Sunday ?   **1**

(iv)   Where do the villagers get water from to drink ?   **1**

(v)   What has happened to the drums ?   **1**

(vi)   Write from the passage which means "shining".   **1**

(vii) Write from the passage which means "very big".   **1**

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Section – B
Writing 14

3. Imagine you are Subhash living in Mumbai. Write a letter to your friend Alok/Asha telling him/her how you celebrated your birthday last week. You may touch upon the following points : **5**

    (i)   Date and time

    (ii) Preparations you made

    (iii) Relatives and friends

    (iv) How you celebrated

OR

Write an e-mail to the Editor of The Times of India expressing your views on the topic "Ban on currency notes by the Government of India".

4. Write a paragraph in about **60** words with the help of the outline given below : **4**
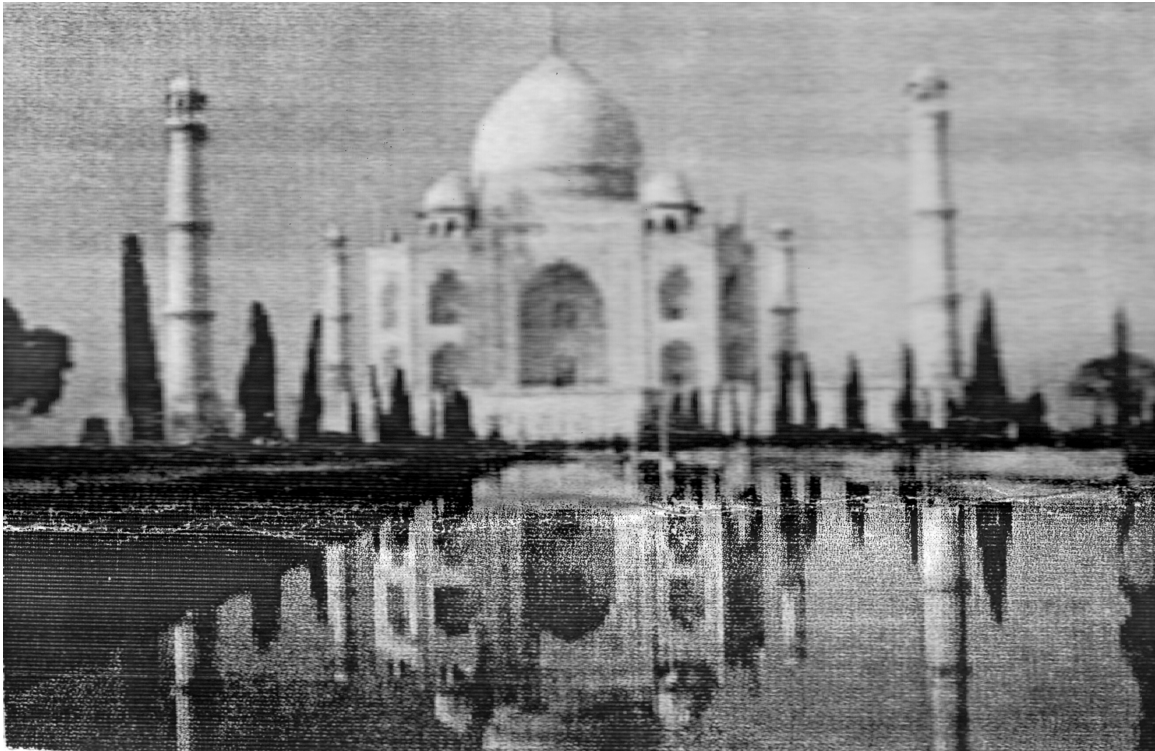
My Hobby

Hobby – your favourite pastime – gardening – preparation of flower beds – sow seeds – flowers – vegetables – use of spare time – no loss to studies.

OR

Write a paragraph in about **60** words on the topic "A Cricket Match".

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5. Write a paragraph in about **75** words using the visual aid shown in the picture below : **5**

OR

Write a paragraph in about **75** words on the topic "A Visit to a Zoo".

Section – C

Grammar **15**

6. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets : **8 × ½ = 4**

(i) Hemant _____ (come) here every week end.

(ii) You _____ (not finish) the story yet.

(iii) Once upon a time there _____ (be) a big banyan tree.

(iv) Ramesh _____ (finish) this novel last night.

(v) If you run fast, you _____ (catch) the bus.

(vi) They _____ (pay) their debts next week.

(vii) Students _____ (read) English at this time tomorrow.

(viii) If Sheetal _____ (invite) me, I would have attended her party.

7. Rearrange the following words/phrases to make meaningful sentences : $\quad$ **2 × ½ = 1**

(i) your / you / completed / have / work.

(ii) making / is / tea / she.

8. Join the following sentences using the relative pronouns given in brackets : $\quad$ **2 × 1 = 2**

(i) Abhijit lives in Jaipur. His son is an engineer. (whose)

(ii) All men and women took rest in the school. The school was situated in Indore. (which)

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9. Rewrite the following sentences changing them into indirect speech :   **4 × 1 = 4**

    (i)   The boys said, "Hurrah ! we have won the match."

          The boys exclaimed with joy _____.

    (ii) The teacher said to Ramesh, "Will you do my work now ?"

          The teacher asked Ramesh _____.

    (iii) The Minister said, "You can open the new bridge for the public today."

          The Minister said _____.

    (iv) The Principal said to the clerk, "Do this work or leave the office."

          The Principal ordered the clerk _____.

10. Complete the following sentences by choosing the correct passive forms from the given

    options :   **2 × 1 = 2**

    (i)   Plants _____ by the gardener yesterday.

          (a)   were watered   (b)   watered

          (c)   have watered   (d)   has been watered

    (ii) English _____ to us everyday.

          (a)   teaches   (b)   has taught

          (c)   is taught   (d)   has been teaching

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11. Fill in the blanks choosing suitable modals from bracket :   **4 × ½ = 2**

(may, should, will, can)

(i)   _____ you please help me by giving me change ?

(ii) Amit has gone to Jaipur. He _____ return today by the evening.

(iii) Yes, you _____ park your car here.

(iv) Students _____ attend classes, if they want to appear in the examination.

Section – D

Text Book   **37**

12. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :   **4 × 1 = 4**

The woman who was preparing supper, replied, "Yes, God willing". The older boys were working in the field, while the smaller ones were playing near the house until the woman called them all, "Come for dinner". It was during the meal that just as Lencho had predicted, big drops of rain began to fall. In the north-east huge mountains of clouds could be seen approaching.

(i)   Who was preparing supper ?

(ii) When did the boys go to have dinner ?

(iii) What was the prediction of Lencho ?

(iv) Write the word from the passage which means "coming near".

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13. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : **4 × 1 = 4**

   I get along pretty well with all my teachers. There are nine of them, seven men and two women. Mr. Keesing, the old fogey who teaches maths, was annoyed with me for ages because I talked too much. After several warnings, he assigned me home-work. An essay on the subject, "A Chatterbox".

   (i) How does the narrator manage to live with his teachers ?

   (ii) Why was the maths teacher annoyed with the narrator ?

   (iii) When did the teacher give the narrator home-work ?

   (iv) Write the word from the passage which means "many".

14. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about **60** words : **1 × 3 = 3**

   (i) How did the young seagull feel on his first flight ? (His First Flight)

   (ii) How did the class come to know about Wanda's withdrawl from the school ?

   (The Hundred Dresses-II)

15. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about **30-40** words : **1 × 3 = 3**

   (i) Why does Chubukov suspect the arrival of Lomov ? (The Proposal)

   (ii) What impression do you draw from the character of Natalya ? (The Proposal)

16. Explain any **one** of the following stanzas with reference to the context :   **1 × 4 = 4**

(i)   Some day the world will end in fire

Some day in ice.

From what I have tasted of desire

I hold with those who favour fire.

(ii)   I sit inside, doors open to the verandah

writing long letters

In which I scarcely mention the departure

of the forest from the house.

17. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about **20-30** words :   **2 × 2½ = 5**

(i)   Why have the activities of a tiger been restricted ?   (A Tiger in the Zoo)

(ii)   What could Amanda do if she were a mermaid ?   (Amanda)

(iii) Who are the characters in the poem ? What are their pet names ?

(The Tale of Custard the Dragon)

18. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about **80** words :   **1 × 5 = 5**

(i)   Why was the robbery of current year going to be successful, according to Horace ?
(A Question of Trust)

(ii)   How did Bholi's teacher become a path – finder in Bholi's life ? (Bholi)

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19. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about **30-40** words : **1 × 3 = 3**

    (i)   What new information has come to Think-Tank about Earth ?

                                            (The Book That Saved The Earth)

    (ii) What was the problem of Mme Loisel when her husband received the invitation ?

                                                            (The Necklace)

20. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about **20-25** words : **1 × 2 = 2**

    (i)   How did Griffin attack Mrs. Hall ? (Footprints Without Feet)

    (ii) "Ebright had a driving curiosity with a bright mind." How ?

21. What do you understand by carpooling ? Explain it in about **80** words. **1 × 4 = 4**

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