

Annual Examination
English
XI

BYC-21/1

Time - 3 Hrs

M.M. - 90

Section - A (Reading)

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below-

- a) In the recent past, there has been a thought given to the several problems that the system of school education is facing. Starting with focus on the Delhi region, one of the first discussion points has been to find ways to bring the lakhs of children who have so far been denied education into a workable school system. A further aspect of the same problem is to ensure minimum dropout rate in school children (particularly girls). In Delhi, this has reached alarming proportions. Finding solutions for Delhi will help other areas as well.
- b) A tool called 'learning style inventory' was used; it addressed to know how information of skills are learnt, which factor makes an individual comfortable with learning skills or acquiring declarative knowledge. Different answers emerged. In dealing with factual knowledge some people liked to experience first, others to observe, yet others to experiment and still some who preferred to plunge into learning, leaving analysis for later.
- c) It then became easy to discover which of the attributes made for better learning for an individual. The learning situation will benefit by understanding these differences. Two major processes cover most people's learning styles. These are as follows; Information gathering process and process of transforming information. The continuance of information gathering is bound by people who gather information through experiences at one end and by those who gather information through reading/listening on the other.
- d) To describe the learning styles in more detail, it has to be understood that the different learning styles are at par with each other. There are four types of learners. Firstly, there are children who will absorb facts through experiences. They will readily share their thoughts with others. The second type of learners will take unrelated facts and try to seek order in them in using independent judgement. They will prefer to be exact in their knowledge and correctly apply as per their understanding. The next type of learners is a pragmatist. They

use their abilities to problem solving. Such person is a useful type of function in a group.

Questions-

- i) How do people acquire factual knowledge? 3
- ii) How is the transformation of information achieved? 3
- iii) How may the teachers find effective ways of teaching? 3
- iv) Find words from the passage which mean the following- 3
 - a) Causing Worry
 - b) List

Section - B (Writing)

2. You are Payal of Diwan Public School, Meerut. The children's day celebrated in your school on 14th November, this year. You took an active part in the celebrations. Write a report in about 150-200 words on "The Children's Day" for the school magazine. 5

OR

Read the following passage and answer the questions given below-

The most alarming of man's assaults upon the environment is the contamination of air, earth, rivers and sea with lethal materials.

This pollution is for the most part irrevocable; the chain of evil it initiates is for the most part irreversible. In this contamination of the environment, chemicals are the sinister partners of radiation in changing the very nature of the world; radiation released through nuclear explosions into the air, comes to the earth in rain, lodges into the soil, enters the grass or corn, or wheat grown there and reaches the bones of a human being, there to remain until his death. Similarly, chemicals sprayed on crops lie along in soil, entering living organisms, passing from one to another in a chain of poisoning and death. Or they pass by underground streams until they emerge and combine into new forms that kill vegetation; sicken cattle, and harm those who drink from once pure wells.

It took hundreds of millions of years to produce the life that now inhabits the earth and reached a state of adjustment and balance with its surroundings. The environment contained elements that were hostile as well as supporting. Even within the light of the sun, there were short-wave radiations with power to injure. Given time, life has adjusted and a balance reached. For time is the essential ingredient, but in the modern world there is no time. The rapidity of change and the speed with which new situations are created follow the heedless pace of man rather than the deliberate of nature.

Questions-

- a) On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, makes notes on it using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations (wherever necessary, minimum four) and a format you consider suitable. Also supply a title to it.
- b) Write a summary of the passage briefly.
3. Write an article in about 150-200 words. On : Health is Wealth. 10

OR

Write an essay on one of the following topics in about 200 words-

- a) Corona Virus : A Global Epidemic
b) Evils of Dowry c) Pollution in Cities
4. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper about frequent breakdown of electricity in your locality. 5

OR

Write a letter to the district magistrate about the nuisance caused by the use of loudspeakers during the examination days.

Section - C (Grammar)

5. a) Change any one of the following into Indirect Form of speech- 2
i) My brother said to me, "Please wait here till I return."
ii) He said to me, "What do you want?"
- b) Combine any one of the following sentences as directed within the brackets- 2
i) He took tea. He took coffee. (Simple Sentence)
ii) A man came to me. He was blind. (Complex Sentence)
- c) Transform any one of the following sentences as directed within the brackets- 2
i) They are doing work. (Passive Voice)
ii) He is too eager for praise. (Remove 'too')
6. a) Use any two of the following idioms/phrases in your own sentences so as to bring out their meanings clearly- 2
i) All in all ii) A bed of roses
iii) A red letter day iv) Child's play
- b) Give the antonyms of the following words- 2
i) Ancient ii) Barren
- c) Give the synonyms of the following words- 2
i) Brave ii) Admit
7. Translate the following into English- 8

सूर्य उदय हो चुका है। चिड़ियों अपने घोंसलों से बाहर निकल चुकी हैं। बच्चे जाग गये हैं और सब लोग अपने-अपने कामों में लग गये हैं। उधर स्कूल का घण्टा

बज गया है और विद्यार्थी अपनी-अपनी कक्षा में पहुँच चुके हैं। स्कूल का वातावरण शांत हो चुका है और प्रत्येक कक्षा में कार्य शुरू हो गया है। दूसरी ओर किसान अपने हल-बैल लेकर खेतों में पहुँच गये हैं। बारिश पहले ही हो चुकी है और बहुत से किसान अपनी फसल बो चुके हैं। वर्षा ऋतु का यह समय बड़ा सुहावना लगता है।

Section - D (Literature)

8. Answer any one of the following questions in not more than 75 words- 7

- Describe the changing relationship between the author and his grandmother. Did their feelings for each other change?
- Who was Wu Daozi? Describe the wonderful old tale of Wu Daozi.

9. Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words- 8

- Why did grandmother hate music?
- What preparations did the narrator make for the voyage?
- What is the difference between Asian art and European art?

10. Read the following stanza and answer the questions below it- 6

The whole tree trembles and thrills.
It is the engine of her family.
She stokes it full, then flirts out to a branch-end.
Showing her barred face identity mask.

Questions-

- Why does the whole tree tremble and thrills?
- How does the tree become the engine of her family?
- Explain the phrase 'her barred face identity mask'.

11. Give the central idea of any one of the following poems- 5

- The Laburnum Top
- Childhood

12. Write the definition of any one of the following figures of speech with an example- 2

- Simile
- Metaphor
- Hyperbole

13. Answer two of the following questions in not more than 30 words- 8

- Describe the Garoghlanian family.
- Who is Ratna? What is special about her?
- What are Einstein's views on education?