

## SECONDARY EXAMINATION- 2018

### ENGLISH

Time : 3.30 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

#### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE EXAMINEES :

1. Candidates must write first their Roll Nos. on the question paper first.
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 are to be written together in continuity.
5. Write the correct serial number of each question as mentioned in the question paper.

#### Section — A

#### (Reading) 14

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

Passage 1 : It was Holi, the festival of colours and gaiety, and there was a big party in the house. Guests came and went but the party continued. Then the bell rang. Several people shouted, "Come in!" and a small man opened the front door and came in. Nobody knew him, but the host went to meet him and took him in. The man sat there happily for half an hour and ate. Then suddenly he stopped and looked at the host. "Do you know?", he said, "Nobody invited me to the party. I don't know you. I don't know your wife and I don't know any of your guests. My wife and I wanted to go out in our car, but one of your guests' car was in front of our gate, so I came here to find him and my wife is waiting in our car for me to come back !"

Questions :

1. What was going on in the house ? (1)
2. What did the host do when the small man entered the house ? (1)
3. Who invited the small man to the party ? (1)
4. Where was the small man's wife while he was in the house ? (2)
5. Find words in the passage which mean – (2)  
(a) cried loudly      (b) a person who attends the guests

**Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions: (7)**

Passage 2 : The great advantage of early rising is the good start, it gives us in our day's work. The early riser has done a larger amount of hard work before other men have got out of bed. In the early morning, the mind is fresh, and there are few sounds or other distractions, so that the work done at that time is generally well done. In many cases, the early riser also finds time to take some exercise in the fresh morning air and this exercise supplies him with a fund of energy that will last until the evening. By beginning so early he knows that he has plenty of time to do thoroughly all the work he can be expected to do and is not tempted to hurry over any part of it. All his work being

finished in good time, he has a long interval of rest in the evening before the timely hour when he goes to bed.

Questions :

6. Why can we work better in the morning ? (1)
7. Why is an early riser able to take rest in the evening ? (1)
8. Which is the most beneficial time for taking exercise ? (1)
9. What are the two advantages of early rising ? (2)
10. Find words from the passage which mean – (2)  
(a) strength (b) benefit

Section - B

(Writing) 14

11. Imagine that you are Nikhilesh living in Govt. Hostel, Jaipur, Write a letter to your father requesting him for the permission to go for a historical tour. You may touch upon the following points : (5)

- (i) The place where will you go.
- (ii) Duration of the tour.
- (iii) How much money do you need ?
- (iv) Who are going with you on the tour ?

OR

Write an e-mail to the Editor of the Times of India expressing your views on the importance of trees in our life.

12. Write a short paragraph in about 60 words on any One of the following: (4)  
'My Favourite Teacher'

OR



Section — C  
(Grammar) 15

14. Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verbs given in the brackets : (8×½=4)

- (i) What is your mother \_\_\_\_\_ (do) ?
- (ii) Rahul and his family \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) in America for two weeks now.
- (iii) We \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) with my uncle next week.
- (iv) My uncle, who lives in Mumbai \_\_\_\_\_ (send) me a new watch last week.
- (v) Water in the sea and on the ground constantly \_\_\_\_\_ (evaporate) due to heat of the Sun.
- (vi) I often \_\_\_\_\_ (play) basketball after school.
- (vii) The train has not \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) yet.
- (viii) Nitu \_\_\_\_\_ (sing) a song now.

15. Join the following sentences using the relative pronouns/adverbs given in brackets :  
(2×1½=3)

- (i) This is the road. This road leads to Jaipur. (that)
- (ii) Satish is my brother. His essay has been selected for the competition. (whose)

16. Change the following sentences into passive voice: (2×1=2)

- (i) They found him guilty of murder.  
He .....
- (ii) Please, hang this picture on the wall.  
You are requested .....

17. Rewrite the following sentences by changing them into indirect speech : (4×1=4)

- (i) The principal said to the teacher, "How many students are there in your class?"  
The principal asked .....
- (ii) My friend said to me, "I have bought a new book for you."  
My friend told, .....
- (iii) The old woman said to me, "Please help me."  
The old woman requested me .....
- (iv) I said to him, "I have a message for you."  
I told him .....

18. Fill in the blanks choosing suitable modals from bracket : (2×1=2)

- (can, could, should, would)
- (i) I \_\_\_\_\_ run fast when I was young.
  - (ii) Mohan is sick. You \_\_\_\_\_ go and see him.

Section — D

19. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow (4×1=4)  
Begin, therefore, your day with prayer and make it so soulful that it may remain with you until the evening. Close the day with prayer, so that you may have a peaceful night from dreams and nightmares. Do not worry about the form of prayer. Let it be any form; it should be such as can put us in communion with the Divine.

Questions :

- (i) What is the author's advice to us ?
- (ii) What is the benefit of prayer done before going to bed ?
- (iii) What form of prayer is necessary for us ?
- (iv) Write the word from the passage which means : "dreadful dreams"

20. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (4×1=4)  
In the world, as we grow up, we see a great deal of violence, at all levels of human existence. The ultimate violence is war - the killing for ideas, for so called religious principles, for nationalities, the killing to preserve a little piece of land. To do that, man will kill, destroy, maim and also be killed himself. There is enormous violence in the world, the rich wanting to keep people poor and the poor wanting to get rich and in the process, hating the rich. And you, being caught in society, are also going to contribute to this.

Questions :

- (i) What is ultimate violence ?
- (ii) Why do the poor hate the rich ?
- (iii) How much violence do we see around us ?
- (iv) Write from the passage the word which means : "wound seriously"

21. Answer any one of the following two questions in about 60 words : (1×3=3)

- (i) What disastrous event took place in Marwar when Jambaji was 25 years old ?  
(The Tale of the Bishnois)
- (ii) Why did the gentleman accept the stranger as his true son ?

22. Answer any one of the following questions in about 30-40 words: (1×3=3)

- (i) How does Think – Tank describe the earth?

OR

- (ii) How does Think – Tank wish to be saluted?

23. Explain any one of the following stanzas with reference to the context: (1×4=4)

- (i) My courage revived, in my fortune's despite,  
And my hand was as strong as my spirit was light;

It raised me from sorrow, it saved me from plain;  
It fed me, and clad me, again and again.

(ii) This Dog and Man at first were friends;  
But when a pique began;  
The Dog, to gain his private ends,  
Went mad, and bit the Man.

24. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30-40 words: ( $2 \times 2\frac{1}{2} = 5$ )

- (i) How does a person suffer who avoids taking risks? (Risks)
- (ii) How is the lotus considered as a cultural symbol in the Indian Society? (The Lotus)
- (iii) What inspiration do we get from the poem? (My Good Right Hand)

25. Answer any one of the following questions in about 80 words: ( $1 \times 5 = 5$ )

- (i) How did Anil change Hari Singh's character? (The Thief's Story)
- (ii) Why did Rosamond decide to buy the purple jar instead of a new pair of shoes? (The Purple Jar)

26. Answer any one of the following questions in about 30-40 words: ( $1 \times 3 = 3$ )

- (i) What do you think about freedom in teenage? (Growing up Pains)

OR

- (ii) Did Private Quelch really know 'too much'? (The Man Who Knew too Much)

27. Answer any one of the following questions in about 20-25 words: ( $1 \times 2 = 2$ )

- (i) Who took away the ear-rings? How? (Uttanka's Gurudakshina)
- (ii) What did the peasant say when he lost his breakfast? (The Imp and the Peasant's Bread)

28. Write a speech in about 80 words on the responsibilities if you are issued a driving licence. ( $1 \times 4 = 4$ )

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