

अर्द्ध वार्षिक परीक्षा, 2019-20

कक्षा-12

समय : 3¼ घण्टे

विषय - अंग्रेजी अनिवार्य

पूर्णांक : 70

Instructions :

- (i) All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) All Marks are in front of the questions.

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

Srinivasa Ramanujan was one of the greatest mathematical genius of the world. Born in a poor Brahmin family, he gave no indication of his hidden talent. He was born at Erode in Coimbatore in 1887. His father was an accountant to a cloth merchant who had to maintain a large family on a small income. Srinivasa was granted half exemption of fees when he stood first in the Primary School Examination in the whole of Tanjore District.

From his childhood Ramanujan was of a quiet and dreamy temperament. He had answers to all sums that puzzled his classmates and seniors. Figures did not worry him, no calculation was too difficult for him. Things which were dark and muddled to his classmates were as clear as daylight to him. He always helped them with generosity which was the most lovable feature of his character.

When he was in second class his curiosity upon the subject of the 'Highest Truth' in Mathematics was roused. Later on when he moved to the 'Third Standard, he asked for problems of high nature in Mathematics. While in Fourth Standard, he could solve the most difficult problems of Trigonometry. he obtained Ewler's Theorems and proved them. He solved all the problems without any other book to aid him. To him each solution was a triumph which encouraged him to a fresh endeavour.

Ramanujan won Subrahmanyam Scholarship usually awarded for proficiency in English as well as in Mathematics. But the passion for Mathematics gained on him, he neglected all other subject so much that he failed to get promotion to higher class, thereby losing his scholarship. This was a great calamity of which he had never dreamt. He had no money, no means of earning, no books to read,

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no influence. No help came to him from outside. He was now eighteen without any definite plan. He joined Pachaiyapsa's College Madras but had to return home due to illness.

- (i) Where was Ramanujan born? 1
- (ii) How did Ramanujan show his talent in third standard? 1
- (iii) Why did his classmates like Ramanujan? 1
- (iv) Why did Ramanujan fail to get promotion? 1
- (v) What was the unexpected calamity for Ramanujan? 1
- (vi) Find out a word from the passage that means :
 - (a) inspire 1
 - (b) ignore . 1

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:
Work is essential for man. It is blessing. It is one of the precious privileges he has. It is the source of all other rights. It brings him the good things of life and promotes his well being. Work is an integral part of life. Without it life is deprived of its substances and character.

Work gives us happiness. It banishes vice and poverty from life. Work, according to Carlyle, is the grand cure of all the maladies that beset mankind. It is key to all progress. Work is life, idleness is death. The prosperity of any nation depends on the work of the people there. It they remain like lotus eaters, no nation can progress or achieve anything remarkable. The prosperity achieved by nations like Japan and Israel bears out this. No pains, no gains.

All kind of work deserve our respect. But there are a number of people who consider some kinds of work ignoble and inferior. The work of farmers is much more important than that of other professionals. The reason is that if the farmers do not work, we shall not get any food stuff. If street cleaners do not work, life in cities and towns will prove difficult.

For Carlyle, work is worship. According to him, there is perennial nobleness and even sacredness in work. The worker is the saviour of society, the redeemer of the race. Tagore says, God is the tiller of the hard ground and the path maker. He is with them in sun and shower and his garments covered with dust. The best form of worship is to work and serve others.

It is necessary for our young men and women to recognize the dignity of labour. Most of them prefer white collar jobs to manual work. Manual work, according to Gandhiji, gives an opportunity to all who wish to take part in the government and the well being of the state. We should look up to the worker who earns his livelihood by sweat of his brow.

- (a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it using headings and subheadings. 3
- (b) Write a summary of the passage and suggest a suitable title. 2
3. Your school is organising a Science Fair next week. As the Principal of school, write a notice in about 50 words inviting the names of students who are willing to participate in charts, models, debate and quiz competitions. 3

OR

Your friend has invited you to attend his Grah Pravesh ceremony on 25 Dec. 2019 at 1 p.m. Write to him declining the invitation owing to an important meeting.

4. There was a road accident near your village yesterday. It took lives of twelve passengers. Write a report in about 100 words to be published in the news paper. 6

OR

There were Assembly Elections last year in Rajasthan. You witnessed the scene at a polling station. Write a factual description in about 100 words.

5. You are Nikhil living at Sardarpura 'B' Road Jodhpur. You purchased a washing machine from M/s Surya Traders, Station road, Jodhpur. Write a letter for replacement of faulty washing machine. 6

OR

Write a job application for the post of a teacher advertised in the local newspaper.

6. Write an article in about 100 words on - 'CHILD LABOUR' 6

OR

Write a speech to be delivered on 'Republic Day'.

7. Read the following extract and answer the questions given below:

And then the lover

Sighing like furnace, with a woeful ballad

Made to his mistress' eyebrow.

(i) Which type of song does the lover sing? 1

(ii) How does a lover behave? 1

(iii) Find out the word which means - 'Sorrowful'. 1

OR

And so the sunward way
I soar on the eagle's wings
And in my heart all day
The blue tit sings.

- (i) Which two birds are mentioned here?
(ii) What does the phrase 'sunward way' mean?
(iii) How does the boy feel?
8. Answer any three of the following questions in 30-40 words each:
- (i) Mention the qualities of lily. (The Noble Nature) 2
(ii) Why is the poet searching for the rabbit? (The Snare) 2
(iii) What is special about a soldier? (The Seven Ages) 2
(iv) From which day one is hopeful. (The Hope) 2

9. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each :

- (i) Why is Saheb not happy working at the tea stall?
(Lost Spring) 2
(ii) How does water add to the beauty of countryside? (water) 2
(iii) Who led Gandhiji to Champaran and why? (Indigo) 2
(iv) Why did Mrs. Malik not like her daughter in law?
http://www.rbseonline.com (A Room 10×8) 2

10. Answer the following question in about 125 words :

How did Douglas overcome the fear of water? (Deep water) 6

OR

Describe the power of purity in your own words. (Purity is Power)

11. Answer the following question in about 125 words : 6

How did the Tiger King save his throne as well as his kingdom?
(The Tiger King)

OR

Describe how did the peddler's attitude change? (The Rattap)

12. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each :

- (i) Why was there so much scarcity of water in the village?
(Drought) 2
(ii) Why was the path very important for the villagers?
(Dead Men's Path) 2
(iii) How did Mr. Hamel bid farewell to his school?
(The Last Lesson) 2
(iv) What were the two precious possessions of Jim and Della?
(The Gift of Magi) 2

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