

Roll No.

1203



कक्षा 12वीं अर्द्ध वार्षिक परीक्षा, 2024-25

[052]

ENGLISH

अंग्रेजी



[Total No. of Questions: 15]

[Total No. of Printed Pages: 08]

[Time: 03 Hours]

[Maximum Marks: 80]

Instructions -

- (i) *All questions are compulsory.*
- (ii) *Marks of each question are indicated against them.*

SECTION – A

(Reading)

Q.1 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below- [1×10=10]

Very often, we do not take the first step towards a good cause because we say to ourselves, "The task is so big. What can I do alone?" So, nothing gets done. There is much talk about environmental protection, air pollution and saving our forests. Do we really care? If we do, here are a few things we can do to make our surroundings more pleasant.

It is good to adopt a two-uses attitude! By putting an article to a second use, we are giving it a longer lease of life and using up less raw material from nature. One of the worst things we do is the abuse of paper. The more paper we use the more trees will have to be cut down. For the same reason we should avoid the use of paper napkins or paper plates. Cloth napkins are just as good for they can be washed and used over and over again.



The one area which needs the most urgent attention is effective garbage disposal. People who are conscious about it follow rules and laws strictly. As a result, their neighbourhoods are clean and beautiful. A lot of people don't care about environment because they don't understand the adverse effect that society has on it. The first step would be to convince people to care about environment by providing simple alternative solutions and ways of doing things. The Internet is a powerful tool and a group of like-minded people can be formed on social media. With the current state that our planet is in, it is imperative that people actively care about the environment and most importantly, act now.



Similarly the other area would be our kitchen. All kitchen waste should be collected separately. Those who have green fingers can turn the waste into valuable manure. Dig a pit and put the kitchen waste into it. When the pit is half full, cover it up with mud. Let nature do the rest. Within three to six months you can have a good garden manure.

Questions :-

- (1) We don't take the first step towards a good cause because -
 - (a) we think the task is useless.
 - (b) we wonder if we can do the work alone.
 - (c) we think the task is not important.
 - (d) Both (a) and (b).
- (2) How much time will kitchen waste take to become a good garden manure?
 - (a) three to six months (b) two to six months
 - (c) three to four months (d) two to four months
- (3) What is the result of an effective way of garbage disposal?
 - (a) our neighbourhoods become crowded.
 - (b) our neighbourhoods become clean.
 - (c) our neighbourhoods become beautiful.
 - (d) Both (b) and (c)
- (4) Which is 'two-uses attitude'?
 - (a) to use an article second time also.
 - (b) to use an article longer.
 - (c) to use any article only two times.
 - (d) Both (a) and (b)
- (5) In the passage, the writer does NOT agree with -
 - (a) saving our forest.
 - (b) decreasing environment pollution.
 - (c) abuse of paper.
 - (d) being conscious about following rules.



(6) Select the option that conveys the meaning 'completely necessary'.

- (a) lease (b) convince
(c) imperative (d) succeeds

(7) Which sentence is incorrect about Internet?

- (a) Internet is a powerful tool.
(b) Internet helps to form a group of like-minded people.
(c) Internet can provide simple alternative solutions.
(d) Internet cleans the environment of our planet.

(8) The term 'green fingers' refers to -

- (a) interest in gardening
(b) cleaning of neighbourhoods
(c) valuable manure
(d) a pit

(9) We should avoid the use of paper napkins because -

- (a) cloth napkins are not good.
(b) the more paper we use the better it is.
(c) more trees will have to be cut down.
(d) cloth napkins can't be used again.

(10) A lot of people don't care about environment because they -

- (a) understand that it is not useful.
(b) think other people will take care of it.
(c) don't understand how they are harming environment.
(d) don't care about themselves.

Q.2 Read the following passage carefully and make notes on it. Also give a suitable title to it -

[3+1=4]

India is one of the fastest growing economies but according to a recent research by Tata Institute of Social Science, India is also one of the countries whose growth is hindered by unskilled work force. The survey mentioned that more than thirty percent of Indian youth in cities are unskilled. This makes them fall short of the qualities that are wanted by companies. More than seventy five percent of Indian youth in villages are struggling because of lack of skills.

Basically, it needs to be clearly understood that mere educational certificates will not suffice. The new era demands skill- the ability to produce productive output. A productive output is possible only when skills are enhanced along with the proceeding age.

It is now necessary for the government to make more and more awareness campaigns about initiatives like 'Skill India' and other such courses which deal in a specific area of work. Practical experience is the only thing that can help India overcome such a situation. Lets walk forward to make India skilled.

SECTION – B

(Writing)

- Q.3 You are Roshan, the head boy of G.H.S.S. Ujjain. Draft a notice informing students about the Career Counselling fair to be organised by your school. Mention its day, date, time and venue.

[4]

OR

Prepare an attractive poster appealing the youth to stop smoking.

- Q.4 You are Aditya a resident of 75, Panchvati Colony, Jabalpur. Write a letter to the CMO, Nagar Nigam complaining against the insanitary conditions of your colony.

[4]

OR

Write a letter to your friend Manish/Manisha inviting him/her on house warming party. You are Madhur/Madhuri residing at 18, Anand Vihar, Rewa.

- Q.5 Your school celebrated Annual Sports Day last Saturday. Write a report to be published in your school magazine using the following inputs -

[4]

Chief Guest - Opening Ceremony - Sports Events - Prize Distribution - Vote of Thanks

OR

- Write a short paragraph on any one of the following topics in about 120 words.

- (A) Power of Press in Democracy
- (B) Value of Games and Sports
- (C) Role of Social Media in student's life
- (D) Women's Safety
- (E) Importance of English

SECTION – C

(Grammar)

Q.6 Fill in the blanks – (Any 5)

[1×5=5]

- (i) I'll be there in hour. (a, an, the)
- (ii) He (teach) here since 1998.
(Supply correct form of the verb)
- (iii) that glitters is not gold. (Some, All, Many)
- (iv) I have come here several times. I can't remember the way. (Although/Yet/But)
- (v) What is the time your watch? (in, by, from)
- (vi) Lokesh easily lift this heavy box. (may, must, can)



Q.7 Do as directed. (Any 5)

[1×5=5]

- (i) This bangle is too expensive to buy.
(Rewrite using so that)
- (ii) They do the exercises regularly.
(Change into interrogative sentence)
- (iii) I left the class.
The students started shouting.
(Combine the sentences using Hardlywhen)
- (iv) Naresh said to me, "I am drawing a picture".
(Change into Indirect Speech)
- (v) You will buy some oranges.
(Change the voice)
- (vi) The street is now completely different.
I played here.
(Combine the sentences using a relative clause)

SECTION – D

(Text Book)

Q.8 Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow -

[1×5=5]

They thought he would demand repayment in full of the money which they had illegally and deceitfully extorted from the sharecroppers. He asked only 50 percent. "There he seemed adamant", writes Reverend J. Z. Hodge, a British missionary in Champaran who observed the entire episode at close range. "Thinking probably that he would not give way, the representative of the planters offered to refund to the extent of 25 percent, and to his amazement, Mr. Gandhi took him at his word, thus breaking his deadlock".



Questions :-

- (1) Who does 'he' stand for in the passage?
(a) J.Z. Hodge (b) Gandhi
(c) A Sharecropper (d) A British
- (2) How much repayment did he ask for?
(a) 100 percent (b) 50 percent
(c) 25 percent (d) Both (a) and (b)
- (3) The word 'deceitfully' means -
(a) honestly (b) truly
(c) falsely (d) sincerely
- (4) This extract has been taken from -
(a) Indigo (b) Poets and Pancakes
(c) The Rat trap (d) Lost Spring
- (5) The aim of Gandhi to get agreed with only 25% return was -
(a) the fact that the landlords obliged to surrender part of the money and their prestige.
(b) Sharecroppers had to surrender a part of their money and prestige.
(c) Gandhi had to surrender a part of the money and his prestige.
(d) J.Z. Hodge had to surrender a part of the money and his prestige.



- Q.9 (A) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below -

[1×3=3]

Sometimes I feel myself I can hardly bear
The thought of so much childish longing in vain;
The sadness that lurks near the open window there,
That waits all day in almost open prayer
For the squeals of brakes, the sound of a stopping car,
Of all the thousand selfish cars that pass,
Just one to inquire what a farmer's prices are.

Questions :-

- (1) Who is the poet of the above lines?
(a) Kamala Das (b) John Keats
(c) Pablo Neruda (d) Robert Frost
- (2) What is the 'childish longing' that the poet refers to in the above lines?
(a) farmer's wish that customers should stop and shop.
(b) cars are selfish.
(c) farmer's prices are high.
(d) squeal of brakes should not disturb.
- (3) The synonym of 'lurks' is -
(a) crawls (b) appears
(c) stops (d) opens



- (B) Read the passage carefully and answer the questions.

[1×4=4]

Antarctica, because of her simple ecosystem and lack of biodiversity, is the perfect place to study how little changes in the environment can have big repercussions. Take the microscopic phytoplankton those grasses of the sea that nourish and sustain the entire Southern Ocean's food chain. These single-celled plants use the sun's energy to assimilate carbon and synthesis organic compounds in that wondrous and most important of processes called photosynthesis. Scientists warn that a further depletion in the Ozone layer will affect the activities of phytoplankton, which in turn will affect the lives of all the marine animals and birds of the region, and the global carbon cycle.



Questions :-

- (1) Antarctica is the perfect place to study -
 - (a) simple ecosystem
 - (b) complex ecosystem
 - (c) that little changes in the environment can have big repercussions.
 - (d) that little changes in the environment can not have any repercussions.
- (2) The name of the lesson from which this extract has been taken is - <https://www.mpboardonline.com>
 - (a) Journey to the end of the Earth
 - (b) The Third Level
 - (c) The Enemy
 - (d) The Tiger King
- (3) In the passage the opposite of 'increase' is -
 - (a) nourish
 - (b) sustain
 - (c) wondrous
 - (d) depletion
- (4) Scientists warn that a further depletion in the ozone layer will affect -
 - (a) the activities of phytoplanktons
 - (b) lives of marine animals and birds of that region
 - (c) the global carbon cycle
 - (d) All of the above



- Q.10 Answer the following questions in about 30 words. (Any five) [2×5=10]
- How does Eco find the time to write so much?
 - Why was the office boy frustrated in the lesson 'Poets and Pancakes'?
 - Why did the peddler sign himself as Captain von Stahle?
 - What is Saheb looking for in the garbage dumps?
 - What was Franz expected to be prepared with for school that day?
 - Why do most celebrity writers despise being interviewed?
- Q.11 Answer the following questions in about 30 words. (Any three) [2×3=6]
- Why has the mother been compared to the 'late winter's moon'?
 - What will counting up to twelve and keeping still help us achieve?
 - What is the 'sadness' that the poet refers to in the poem 'Keeping Quiet'?
 - List the things that cause suffering and pain in the poem 'A Thing of Beauty'?
- Q.12 Answer the following questions in about 30 words. (Any two) [2×2=4]
- What did Dr. Sadao do to get rid of the man?
 - Who is the Tiger King?
 - How does Derry get into Mr. Lamb's garden?
- Q.13 Answer the following questions in about 75 words. (Any two) [2×3=6]
- How did the instructor "build a swimmer" out of Douglas?
 - Mention the hazards of working in the glass bangles industry?
 - Why was Subbu considered No. 2 in the Gemini studios?
- Q.14 Answer the following question in about 75 words. [3]
- Why is 'grandeur' associated with the mighty dead? (A Thing of Beauty)

OR

Write the central idea of the poem 'My Mother at Sixty Six'.

- Q.15 Answer the following question in about 75 words. [3]
- Do you think that the third level was a medium of escape for Charley? Why?

OR

What is it that draws Derry towards Mr. Lamb inspite of himself?