

HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATION, 2013

English-Only Paper

Time : 3 Hours 15 Min.]

817 (EP)

[Max. Marks : 70

SECTION-A

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

But although many people loved the old man and delighted in his wisdom, there were some who did not approve of him. He taught that man's own mind influenced his conduct more than the gods. This seemed to some people a new and wicked idea. He said that there were higher and nobler deeds than making sacrifices to Athene and the other gods of Greece, and many people thought that he was leading the young astray, questioning all that they had been taught to believe and filling their minds with doubts.

(i) How did many people behave with Socrates ? 2

(ii) What did Socrates say to the people ? 2

2. Answer *one* of the following questions in about 60 words : 4

(a) What traits of Nehru's character are brought out in the lesson 'The Ganga' ?

(b) how did the people of the second village treat their visitors ? What did Guru Nanak pray for them ?

3. Answer *two* of the following questions in about 25 words each : 2+2=4

(a) How, according to C. Rajagopalachari, can we be happy ?

(b) Why did Lencho write to God ?

(c) What was the result of the merchant's toil ? What was the problem before him ?

4. Match the words of List A with their meanings in List B : 4 × 1=4

List A

List B

(a) forsake

changing

(b) amiable

at least

(c) varying

friendly

(d) at length

leave alone in a helpless condition.

5. Read the following piece of poetry and answer the questions given below it :

Not enjoyment, and not sorrow,

Is our destined end or way;

But to act that each tomorrow

Finds us farther than today.

(a) From which poem has the above stanza been taken ? Who has composed this poem ? 2

(b) How should we act in life ? 2

6. Give the central idea of *one* of the following poems : 3

(a) The Fountain (b) The Perfect Life.

Or

Write four lines from *one* on the poems given in your text-book (Do not copy out the lines given in this question paper.)

7. Answer *two* of the following questions in about 25 words each : 4

(a) Who was Edison ? How did he become famous all over America ?

(b) Why did the king of Ujjain want to sit on the Judgement Seat of Vikramaditya ?

(c) Who was Jesse Owens ? What was the Olympic event that he was expected to win easily ?

8. Point out the *true* and *false* statements in the following : 4 × 1=4

(a) Parents of Edison did not encourage him in his experiments.

(b) On 4th September, 1882, for the first time, New York shone in the brightness of electric light.

(c) The beautiful palace of king Vikramaditya stands even today in Ujjain.

(d) Jesse Owens was an admirer of Adolf Hitler.

9. Select the most suitable alternative to complete the following statements : 4 × 1=4

(a) When Edison tried his experiment on his servant girl

(i) she began to fly (ii) she fell down on the ground

(iii) she fell ill (iv) she began to tremble

(b) The labourers dug out a block of marble, supported on the hands and wings of stone angel numbering.....

(i) a dozen (ii) twenty five

(iii) twenty four (iv) none of these.

(c) Jesse Owens disliked Adolf Hitler because

(i) he patronized Luz Long, a rival of Jesse Owens

(ii) he had kept Luz Long hidden from other Olympic athletes

(iii) he advocated the doctrine of the Aryan supremacy

(iv) he suffered from vanity by organising the Olympic Games in Berlin.

(d) The important thing in Olympic Games is

(i) playing tricks (ii) taking part

(iii) winning (iv) none of these.

SECTION-B

10. Do as indicated against each of the following sentences :

(i) on Sunday every play-football we. 2

(Frame a correct sentence by re-ordering the words)

(ii) He plays tennis everyday. (Change into interrogative) 2

(iii) My father said to me, "do not waste your time in idle gossip." 2

(Change into indirect speech)

(iv) I know him very well. (Change into passive voice) 2

11. (a) Choose the correct preposition from the ones given below the sentence to fill in the blank : 2

You should live your means. (in, within, with, for)

(b) Complete the following sentence : 2

Do you know the reason ?

(c) Complete the spellings of the following words : ½+½ = 1

(i) rec - - pt (ii) he - gh -

(d) Punctuate the following using capital letters wherever necessary :

i said to hemant you will not fail if you work hard.

12. Translate the following into English : 4

एक शिकारी था। वह जंगली जानवरों का शिकार करने का शौकीन था। वह पक्का निशानेबाज था। जंगल में शिकार करने के लिए वह कई दिन और रात व्यतीत करता था। उसने कई बड़े जानवर मारे थे। अतः लोग उसे बड़े शिकार के लिए याद करते हैं।

13. Write an application to the Librarian of your college informing him that you have lost the books issued to you last week. (Do not write your Name and Roll No.)

Or

Write a letter to your friend inviting him to attend your brother's marriage.

(Do not write your name and place.)

14. Write a composition on *one* of the following topics in about 60 words. Points are given below for each topic to develop the composition : 6

(a) The Teacher I like Most :

(i) Introduction (ii) His dress and appearance

(iii) His behaviour

(iv) His method of teaching : deep knowledge of his subject, clarity of concept and communication.

(v) His qualities.

(b) A Birthday Celebration :

(i) Introduction (ii) How we celebrated it (iii) Conclusion.

(c) Importance of Books :

(i) Introduction - variety of books

(ii) Their usefulness - preserve and increase knowledge, make us wise, give us relief and comfort, help in earning bread, make us civilized and cultured.

(iii) Conclusion.

15. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions set thereon :

Tea is an evergreen shrub. The word 'evergreen' means that old leaves remain on the shrub, while new ones come out. There is no drying or falling of leaves as in the case of other trees and plants. In a wild state, the plant grows to an enormous height ranging from twenty five to thirty feet. But under cultivation it is not allowed to grow higher than four or five feet. The leaves of the plant are one of two inches in length. Their colour is green and shape oval.

The tea plant grows best of all, in places where there is plenty of rain as well as sunshine. It is abundantly grown in Japan, China, Sri Lanka, Assam and Darjeeling. Tea does not grow in cold countries. Hence there are no tea plantations in Europe, though it is a favourite beverage there.

(i) Why is the tea plant called an 'evergreen' plant ? 3

(ii) Why are there no tea plantations in Europe ? 3