

HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATION, 2011

ENGLISH-ONLY PAPER

Time : Three hours]

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Section-A

1. Select one of the following passages and answer only two of the questions given below it: 10

- (a) The voice put questions rapidly one after another.
 "What resources man in danger?"
 "Courage."
 "By the study of which science does man become wise?"
 "Not by studying any 'Shastra' does man become wise. It is by association with the great in wisdom that he gets wisdom."
 "The Yaksha asked, "What is swifter than the wind?"
 "Mind."
 "What is more faded than a dried straw?"
 "A sorrow-stricken heart."
 "What benefits a traveller?"
 "Learning"
 "What is the friend of one who stays at home?"
 "The wife."
 "Who accompanies a man in death?"
 "Dharma: That alone accompanies the soul in its solitary journey after death."
 "Which is the biggest vessel?"
 "The earth, which contains all within itself, is the greatest vessel."
 "What is happiness?"
 "Happiness is the result of good conduct."

(i) Write the title of the lesson from which the above passage has been taken. Who is the writer of the lesson?

- (ii) What rescues man in danger?
 (iii) What is swifter than the wind?
 (iv) What is more faded than a dried straw?
 (v) What is happiness?
 (vi) Who is the friend of one who stays at home?

(b) It was a unique experience. When the music stopped, Akbar turned to Tansen and said, "You say you learnt music from the saint and yet you seem to have missed the living charm of it all. Yours seems to be but chaff beside this soul-stirring music."

"It is true, Sir," said Tansen.

"It is true that my music is wooden and lifeless by the side of the living harmony and melody of the master. But then there is thin difference – I sing to the emperor's bidding, but my master sings to no man's bidding but only when the prompting comes from his innermost self. That makes all the difference."

(i) Write the name of the lesson from which the given passage has been taken. Who is the author of this lesson?

(ii) "It was a unique experience." What experience has been referred to here?

(iii) What was Akbar's opinion about Tansen's music as against the music of his master?

(iv) What did Tansen say to Akbar to explain the difference between the music of his great teacher and his own?

(v) Point out the two words from the passage which have the following meanings:

- (x) being the only of its kind (y) command.

2. Answer any one of the following questions in about 60 words 7

(i) What did Brahma create in the universe? How did Saraswati help him?

(ii) Give a character sketch of Socrates.

3. Answer any one of the following questions in about 25 words: 4

(i) How was Nehru attached to Ganga?

(ii) Why was Brahma sad? Who helped him and how?

4. Match the words of List A with their nearest meanings in List B: 4

List-A (Words) List-B (Meanings)

(a) wealth reputation

(b) uttered known

(c) familiar riches

(d) fame said

5. Select one of the following pieces of poetry and answer only two of the questions given below it: 5

(a) Into the sunshine,
Full of the light,
Leaping and flashing
From morn till night!

(i) How does the fountain appear in the sunshine?

(ii) What does the fountain do from morning till night?

(iii) Write the title of this poem. Who has composed it?

(b) Not enjoyment and not sorrow,
Is our destined end or way;
But to act that each tomorrow
Finds us farther than today.

(i) Who is the writer of this poem? Give its title also.

(ii) What does the poet say in the first two lines of the stanza? What is meant by the word 'destined'?

(iii) How should we act in life? What is the meaning of the word 'finds us farther'?

6. Give the central idea of any one of the following poems in about 40 words: 4

- (a) The Fountain (b) Psalm of Life. OR

Write eight lines from any one of the poems given in your text-book.

(Do not copy out the lines given in this question paper.)

7. Answer any two of the following questions in about 25 words each: 8

(a) Who was Vikramaditya? Why is he so popular as a king in history?

(b) Describe the important inventions made by Edison.

(c) How did Luz Long differ from other members of his race?

8. Point out the true and false statements in the following: 4

(a) Jesse Owens was an American Negro.

(b) Edison was a German scientist.

(c) For Edison his mother was the best teacher.

(d) Vikramaditya was famous for his justice.

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

(a) Edison was fond of

(i) telling stories (ii) playing games

(iii) doing experiments (iv) flying kites.

(b) The Vikrama Samvat owes its origin to

(i) Samudragupta (ii) Ashoka

(iii) Vikramaditya (iv) Chandragupta Maurya.

(c) Edison said, "But the kites have no wings and still we can fly them in the sky". It was

(i) an intelligent answer (ii) a doubtful answer

(iii) a silly answer (iv) a wrong answer.

(d) Jesse Owens could not jump properly in the beginning because

(i) he was in tension (ii) he was ill

(iii) he did not want to jump

(iv) he did not know how to jump properly.

Section-B

10.(a) Frame correct sentences by reordering the words in the following: 2

(i) life not bed roses of is a

(ii) Wordsworth for his nature is love famous of.

(b) Change the following sentences as directed in the brackets: 2

(i) He does not speak English. (Affirmative) OR

The scene is very charming. (Exclamatory)

(ii) Ram went to a shop. (Interrogative) OR

I saw a dog on the street. (Negative)

(c) Change the following into indirect speech: 4

(i) The teacher said to the boy, "God is present everywhere".

(ii) Mukesh said to Kamal, "Did you solve this question yesterday?"

(d) Rewrite the following sentences using the correct forms of the verbs given in the brackets: 2

(i) Renu a race. (run) OR

He has never The Taj. (see)

(ii) Praveen his B.A. examination in 2008. (pass) OR

She a sari for her sister. (buy)

11. (a) Choose the correct prepositions from the following list and fill in the blanks in the sentences given there under: 2

(List : of, since, to, at, for)

(i) Many persons have died Cholera. OR

Opportunity knocks the door but once.

(ii) Honour is preferable death. OR

He has been living in this house seven years.

(b) Complete the following sentences: 2

(i) If you come (ii) He is very sick

(c) Fill in the blanks in any two of the following words: 2

(i) att__nt__on (ii) comm__tt__e

(iii) abs__ute.

(d) Punctuate the following using capital letters wherever necessary: 2

ganga is a holy river it is worshipped like a mother kannauj, allahabad and varanasi are situated on its bank

12. Translate the following into English : 7

एक जंगल में दो बिल रहते थे। वे घनिष्ठ मित्र थे। वे सदा साथ-साथ रहते थे। वे एक दूसरे की सहायता करने के लिए तैयार रहते थे। शेर भी इन पर आक्रमण करने से डरता था।

13. Write a letter to your friend inviting him to attend the marriage ceremony of your elder brother. (Do not write your Name and Roll No.) OR

Write an application to the Principal of your college, requesting him to grant you leave for five days as you have to look after your mother, who is suffering from fever. (Do not write your Name and Roll No.)

14. Write a composition on any one of the following topics in about 75 words. Points are given below for each topic to develop the composition. 10

(a) My Neighbour

(i) name and other particulars of the neighbour

(ii) family members (iii) what you like most in your neighbour?

(iv) overall opinion about the neighbour (v) conclusion.

(b) Cricket Match

(i) date, time, place of the match; the two teams playing, toss

(ii) the play – the first half – the second half

(iii) feelings of the people sitting in the stadium and watching the match

(iv) the team that won (v) your impression.

(c) My Village

(i) name of the village, location, population – men – women

(ii) the school and the Primary Health Centre in the village; facility to reach the town, etc. (iii) main source of livelihood

(iv) needs to improve the life in the village (v) conclusion.

15. Read the following passage carefully and answer only two of the questions set thereon: 10

A man was kept in jail without any fault. When the king visited the jail, he told him that he was innocent. The king found out that this was true. He gave him a sum of money and set him free. He went straight to the market, where some birds were kept for sale. He purchased all the birds from the shopkeeper and set them free. At this the shopkeeper was surprised. Then the man said, "If you had been in prison like me for no fault, you would have done the same."

(i) What did the king do when he found out the prisoner innocent?

(ii) Where did the prisoner go after he was set free by the king?

(iii) Why was the shopkeeper surprised?

(iv) What did the man say to the shopkeeper?

(v) Explain the underlined words in the passage.

(vi) Give a suitable title to the passage.