

HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATION, 2012

English-Only Paper

Time : 3 Hours 15 Min.]

817 (JD)

[Max. Marks : 70

SECTION-A

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

Socrates went round the town on foot and talked to people. The Athenians began to look for his familiar figure in the streets and to say to their friends, "Yes, that's Socrates, come along and talk to him." After sometime Socrates become famous as a teacher. He wandered along the roads and stood in the market places, talking to anyone who cared to greet him. His listeners were often confused after they had argued with him or answered his questions. Socrates told his countrymen that everyone must learn to think for himself, so that by using his reason he would have the power to see what was right, just true and beautiful and so shape his own conduct. He wanted Athens to be a perfect state. He told everyone – both his pupils and his other followers – that, this could only happen if every citizen educated his own mind to see what was right and noble.

(a) Why did Socrates wander along the streets and stand in the market places? 2

(b) How, according to Socrates, should man use his reason? 2

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

(a) How did the Yaksha reward Yudhishtira? Give reasons for rewarding him.

(b) Sketch the character of the Postmaster in the story, 'A Letter to God'.

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

(a) Why did Nehru want the major portion of his ashes scattered over the fields of India?

(b) Whom did the old man want to give all his money to?

(c) Why did Saraswati give man music and other fine arts?

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

List A	List B
(a) in the course of	moaned
(b) talents	indebted
(c) sobbed	during
(d) owe	natural qualities

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

Glad of all weathers,
Still seeming best
Upward or downward,
Motion thy rest;

(a) What is the state of the fountain in every weather? 2

(b) What lesson does the poet want to give us in the above stanza? 2

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

(a) The Psalm of Life (b) The Perfect Life.

Or

Write four lines from one of 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: 2+2=4

(a) Why did the teacher think that Edison was stupid and naughty?

(b) How and why did the judgement seat of Vikramaditya disappear from the earth forever?

(c) Why has Luz Long been called a fine example of Coubertin's ideal?

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

(a) Even in his childhood Edison loved to do experiments.

(b) Winning is the most important thing in games and sports.

(c) The judgement seat of Vikramaditya was a slab of white marble.

(d) Edison bought toys with the pocket money his father gave him.

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

(a) Edison got a beating from his mother because:

(i) he had eaten up all the eggs (ii) he had sold the eggs

(iii) he had hatched the eggs

(iv) he had smashed the eggs and spoiled his shorts.

(b) Jesse Owens was angry because:

(i) he was not allowed to take part in games

(ii) he had not qualified himself for the games

(iii) Negroes were supposed to be inferior to Aryans

(iv) Germans were not superior to all other races of the world.

(c) King Vikramaditya is famous for his

(i) justice and learning (ii) honesty

(iii) affection (iv) injustice and learning

(d) When Edison went on asking questions in the class, the teacher thought that he was

(i) trying to be fool her (ii) very intelligent

(iii) arrogant (iv) stupid and naughty

SECTION-B

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

(i) loss his regretting seller the greedy cried.

(Frame a correct sentence by re-ordering the words) 2

(ii) Everybody knows him. (Change into Passive voice) 2

(iii) The speaker said, "Forests prevent soil erosion." (Change into Indirect Speech) 2

(iv) Using the correct form of the verb given within the brackets complete the sentence: 2

My father will go home, when the rain (stop).

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

He has been charged theft.

(b) Complete the following sentence: 2

He is working hard lest

(c) Complete the spellings of the following words: 1

(i) S_ _ ge (ii) Twel_ th.

(d) Punctuate the following: 2

i may be slow said the tortoise but i can win the race

12. Translate the following into English: 4

ईश्वर महान है। वह सर्वव्यापी है। वह न्यायी है, वह दयालु है वह सर्व शक्तिमान है। उसने हमारे लिए चाँद बनाया है, उसने सूर्य बनाया है। आदमी घर बनाता है, आदमी ने कम्प्यूटर तथा परमाणु बम बनाया है परन्तु आदमी एक भी फूल नहीं बना सकता। हमें ईश्वर की पूजा करनी चाहिए। मैं उसकी प्रार्थना करता हूँ।

13. Write an application to the District Magistrate to ban the use of loudspeakers during the Board examinations. (Do not write your Name and Roll No.) 4

Or

Write a letter to your friend telling him about your school. Give reasons for your liking or disliking it. (Do not write your Name and Roll No.)

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) My Father:

(i) Introduction (ii) His dress and behaviour

(iii) His qualities (iv) His daily life

(v) Conclusion.

(b) A Rainy Day:

(i) Introduction (ii) Date and time

(iii) School closed (iv) Cool and pleasant weather

(v) Conclusion

(c) A Journey by Train:

(i) Introduction (ii) Preparations

(iii) Scene at the platform (iv) Scene in the train

(v) The end of the journey (vi) Conclusion

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

Punctuality is the soul of business. If a man opens his shop later than the appointed time, his customers will go away to other shops to make purchases. So also, when a trader comes to a railway station, only a few minutes before the departure of a train, in which his merchandise is to be booked, he causes much inconvenience not only to himself but also to other persons with whom he has to deal. Similarly, if a school boy comes to school late, he misses his lessons for the time being and if he goes on indulging in the habit, he becomes unsuccessful in the examination at the end of the year. It is, therefore, justly said that most of the failures in the examinations of the present day are due to the want of habit of punctuality in our boys.

(i) Whom does a businessman who is not punctual, cause inconvenience to? 3

(ii) What is the reason of most of the failures? 3