

**Pre-Board Examination 2023 - 24****Class - X****Sub - English****SET - A**

Time : 3 Hrs.

Full Marks : 80

**Section - A****Reading : Comprehension 20 Marks**

- A. Read the following Passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :**

To us, Our planet Earth seems enormous, but if we were able to gaze at it across the vastness of space, It would look like a tiny speck. It is one of the eight planets that are constantly hurtling around a star-our Sun- along the individual oval paths or orbits.

Together, the sun and its planets are known as the solar system. This, in turn, is a part of cluster of millions of stars and planets, called a Galaxy. Our galaxy, which is shaped like a spiral is called the Milky way. It is so huge that a jet would take 100 billion years to fly across it. So far, we have discovered about 6000 million different galaxies and together they make up the Universe.

Stars are made from layers of burning gas around a dense core. Some planets are mostly gas too, while others are liquid. Our earth, however, is like a gigantic ball of rock.

The Surface of the Earth called the crust moves all the time, but this movement is so slow that we are not aware of it. Eventually, however, pressure builds up and causes earthquakes and volcanoes. Changes also happen when the crust is worn away by water or huge blocks of moving ice called Glaciers.

Our planet can support life only because it gets light and heat from the Sun. without it, the Earth would be cold, dark and dead place.

**Choose the correct option to complete the sentence: 1×5=5**

1. The Earth Constantly revolves around the Sun along individual oval paths called \_\_\_\_\_
- |          |             |
|----------|-------------|
| a) Axis  | b) boundary |
| c) orbit | d) blocks   |

2. The Solar system is part of a cluster of millions of stars and planets called \_\_\_\_\_

- |             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| a) Crust    | b) galaxy  |
| c) Universe | d) Volcano |

3. What are stars made from ?

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|--------------------------|------------|
| a) galaxy                | b) rocks   |
| c) Layers of burning gas | d) Surface |

4. Huge blocks of moving ice are called \_\_\_\_\_

- |               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| a) Glaciers   | b) Stars  |
| c) Earthquake | d) Planet |

5. Our Earth is like is \_\_\_\_\_

- |                 |                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| a) Ball of fire | b) Gigantie ball of rock |
| c) Space        | d) Jet plane             |

**Answer the following questions : -**

**1×5=5**

- What does the Earth look like if we gaze at it across the vastness of Space ?
- Define Solar system ?
- How many galaxies have been discovered so far ?
- Why can our planet support life ?
- Why can't we feel the movement of surface of Earth ?

- B. Read the following Passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :**

The feeling of patriotism is important for the freedom of a Country. A patriotic person will always be ready to sacrifice his life for the love for his Country. A patriot is immortal. Men love their own Country. They do many things for the good of the Country. This feeling of their Country is called Patriotism.

Patriotism is one of the best virtues of men. It is a noble feeling of the mind. It is said that mother and motherland are superior to heaven. Most men have got a love for their Country. They

wish to make their native land free. Some are ready to sacrifice their own interest for the good of the Country. A Selfish man cannot love his native country. A Selfish man may be rich; he may be born in a noble family; he may have a big title, but nobody respects him. After his death, he is forgotten by all. He is Some times an enemy to the Country. He seeks his own interest. He can even do harm to his Country for his own Interest. But everybody praises a patriot. A patriot is immortal. He is worshipped by his Countrymen. He is honoured all over the world. Everyone of us knows the name of Maharana Pratap Singh of Mewar. He was a king. But he suffered great hardship for his Country. He Sacrificed everything for the freedom of his Country. He was a great Patriot. He earned an immortal name by his self Sacrifice. Thus many Patriots lost their all, even their lives for the good of the Country. But they gained one thing. They won the hearts of their Countrymen.

We must love our Country; at the same time we must not hate others. Wars break out between two nations for want of love for other Countries. We should, therefore, love our Country as well as those of others.

**On the basis of your understanding of the above passage answer the following questions :-** 1×10=10

11. From which kingdom Maharana Pratap belong ?
12. Why is a Selfish person harmful for a Country?
13. What is a Patriotic person always ready for ?
14. Why does war break out ?
15. What is Patriotism ?

**Choose the correct option :-**

16. It is Said that mother and motherland are :  
 a) Interior to heaven                      b) Superior to heaven  
 c) As good as heaven                      d) as bad as hell
17. The Countrymen worship \_\_\_\_\_  
 a) a selfish man                              b) a patriot  
 c) a richman                                  d) a man with big title
18. Maharana Pratap earned an immortal name because  
 a) he was a good ruler  
 b) he was a great king  
 c) he had undertaken many welfare schemes for his Countrymen.  
 d) he sacrificed everything for the freedom of his Country.
19. Patriotism is \_\_\_\_\_ of mind.  
 a) Curiosity                                      b) noble feeling  
 c) hatred    d) freedom
20. Find out a word from the passage which means - 'received' .

### Section - B

#### Writing and Grammar

**20 Marks**

21. Write a letter to the Editor expressing your concern about the increasing number of road accidents . 5

**OR**

Write a Letter to the Mayor of Agartala Municipal Corporation for the timely removal of garbage from your area.

22. Write a paragraph on Forest wealth and its prospects in Tripura 5

**Hints :** - Introduction \_ Geographical information \_ Products for which tripura is known for \_ prospects \_ conclusion.

**OR**

Write a paragraph on your favourite Poet .

**Hints :** Introduction \_ childhood \_ works \_ conclusion.

23. I \_\_\_\_\_ but could not catch it  
 a) running                                  b) run  
 c) ran    d) had been run
24. You \_\_\_\_\_ park your vehicle in front of a shop.  
 a) Should not                                  b) might not  
 c) Shall not                                      d) has not
25. \_\_\_\_\_ Students joined the procession  
 a) Little    b) Many  
 c) Much    d) A

**The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Identify the error and write its correction. 1×4=4**

A. The first one has been done as an example :-

**Incorrect      correct**

- |  |       |       |
|--|-------|-------|
| Over eating was one of the most wonderful        | was   | is    |
| 26. Practices between those who think they       | _____ | _____ |
| 27. Can afford it. Infact, authorities says that | _____ | _____ |
| 28. nearly all who can go as much as they        | _____ | _____ |
| 29. desire, overeat on their disadvantage        | _____ | _____ |

B. Change the sentence into indirect form of Speech      **1×3=3**

- Police man : "Why have you parked your car here?"  
 Lady : "I will buy some articles from this shop".  
 Police man : Don't you know that this is a No Parking zone?
30. The Policeman asked the lady \_\_\_\_\_  
 31. The lady replied \_\_\_\_\_  
 32. The Policeman again asked \_\_\_\_\_

**Section - C**  
**Literature**

**40 Marks**

**33. Read the extract and answer the following questions. 1×5=5**

" But if it had to perish twice.  
 I think I know enough of hate  
 To say that for destruction ice  
 Is also great  
 And would suffice ."

- a) Where do the above lines occur ?  
 b) Name the poet of the poem .  
 c) What does 'it' refer in the first line? .  
 d) What would be the cause of destruction other than fire?  
 e) The similar meaning of the word 'surffice' is,  
 (i) adequate (ii) systematic (iii) strategy (iv) sublime

**OR**

"He should be burking in shadow,  
 Sliding through long grass  
 Near the water hole.  
 Where pulmp deer pass."

- (a) Where from are the above lines taken?  
 (b) Who is 'he' referred in the above line?  
 (c) For whom is the tiger waiting near the water ?  
 (d) What is 'he' supposed to do in his natural habitat?  
 (e) Find the word from the stanza that means 'fat'.

**34. Read the extract and answer the following questions. 1×5=5**

Writing is a diary is a really strange experience for someone like me. Not only because I've never written anything before, but also because it seems to me that later on neither I nor anyone else will be interested in the musings of a thirteen-year old school girl. Oh well, it doesn't matter, I feel like writing, and I have an even greater need to get all kinds of things off my chest.

- (a) From which prose piece is the above extract taken?
- (b) Who is the speaker of the above lines?
- (c) How old is the speaker here?
- (d) Why did the speaker feel the need of writing a diary?
- (e) Find a word from the passage that means 'unfamiliar'.

**OR**

At twelve, he was sent away for schooling in the Hindu sacred scriptures and four years later he returned home to marry a princess. They had a son and lived for ten years as befitted royalty. At about the age of twenty-five, the Prince, here to fore shielded from the sufferings of the world, while out hunting chanced upon a sick man, then an aged man, then a funeral procession and finally a monk begging for alms. These sights so moved him that he at once became a beggar and went out into the world to seek enlightenment concerning the sorrows he had witnessed.

- (a) Where from is the above extract taken?
- (b) At what age Gautama was sent for schooling?
- (c) How old did he had a royal life after getting married?  
(i) 5 years (ii) 15 years (iii) 10 years (iv) 12 years
- (d) What made Gautama Buddha to become a beggar?
- (e) Find a word from the passage that means 'holy'.

**Answer any four of the following questions within 40-50 words each.**

**3×4=12**

35. From whom did Nelson Mandela learn the meaning of courage? what was understood as courage by the speaker?
36. Why is coong called the land of 'rolling hills'?
37. Lencho calls the raindrops 'new coins'. why does he call them so?
38. What is the fog compared with and how?
39. How did the crow change the poet's mind?

**Answer any two of the following questions within 40-50 words each.**

**3×2=6**

40. What did Griffin do inside the London store?
41. Why is Bholi's father worried about her?
42. How did Horace Danby plan to rob at shotover Grange?

**Answer the following questions within 150 words each.**

**6×2=12**

43. How does the poet contrast the tiger in the cage with the tiger in the forest.

**OR**

Why did Anne think she could confide more in her diary than in people ?

44. How did Dr. Herriot treat Tricki ?

**OR**

Why did the Loiseles borrow the money ? what changes came into the life of the Loiseles after borrowing the money ?

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