

PRELIMINARY EXAM

STD : XII

SUB : English

Marks : 80

Time : 3 hrs.

SECTION- I (PROSE)**[Reading for comprehension, Language Study, Summary, Mind Mapping]****Q.1 A) Read the extract and complete the activities given below. (12 mks)**

Disconsolate, Soapy stopped his unavailing racket. Would never a policeman lay hands on him? In his fancy, the island seemed an unattainable Arcadia. He buttoned his thin coat against the chilling wind.

In a cigar store he saw a well-dressed man lighting a cigar at the swinging light. He had set his silk umbrella by the door on entering. Soapy stepped inside, grabbed the umbrella and sauntered off with it slowly.

The man at the cigar light followed hastily. "My umbrella," he said sternly. "Oh, is it?" sneered Soapy, adding insult to petty larceny. "Well, why don't you call a policeman? I took it. Your umbrella ! Why don't you call a cop? There stands one on the corner." The umbrella owner slowed his steps. Soapy did likewise, with a premonition that luck would again run against him.

The policeman eyed at the two curiously. "Of course," said the umbrella man "Well, you know how these mistakes occur if it's your umbrella. I hope you'll excuse me - I picked it up this morning in "Of course it's mine," said Soapy savagely. The ex-umbrella man retreated. The policeman hurried to assist a tall blonde in an opera cloak across the street in front of a street car that was approaching two blocks away.

A1. Say whether the following statements are True or False. Correct the false statements... (2 mks)

1. Soapy slowed his steps behind the umbrella man with the hope that the man would call the police and he would be arrested.
2. The umbrella belonged to the man who had kept it leaning by the door while entering the cigar store.
3. Soapy was sad when he found that his tricks were not working.
4. Soapy happily accepted the umbrella as he needed it badly.

A2. Give reasons :

(2 mks)

1. The policeman eyed at the two curiously.

A3. Pick out Two lines from the above extract that show Soapy's intention in stealing the umbrella.

(2 mks)

A4 The incidents in the extract are both sad and humorous.... Justify(2 mks)

A5. Language study (Do as directed)

(2 mks)

1. Why don't you call a policeman? (Make it a statement using a Modal Auxiliary showing 'duty'.

2. You know how these mistakes occur. (Make the given sentence simple. Choose the correct option from those given below)

a) You know how these mistakes are occurring.

b) You know the reason for these mistakes to occur.

c) You really ought to know how these mistakes keep occurring.

A.6. Give one word for:

(2 mks)

1. A strong feeling that something unpleasant is going to happen.

2.To give a mocking smile and remark.

3..To walk in a relaxed manner.

4. Theft of personal property.

(B). Non textual grammar. (Do as directed)

(3 mks)

1. Farmers believed in the Rain God.

(Use the noun form of the underlined word and rewrite)

2. The air will be clean as the pollution level will have dropped dramatically.(Use 'unless' and rewrite the sentence)

3. " There was barely any breathing space," said Saraswati Devi (Change to Indirect speech)

B.2. Spot the error - (Rewrite the sentence)

(1 mk)

This rice rich in nutrients medical properties

Q.2A) Read the extract and complete the activities given below. (12 mks)

Once upon a time, there were three brothers who lived with their father who was an old king. One day he said, "I will not live long now . Today you must start out into the world. In a year, bring back the best thing you have found. The one who can pick the best thing shall be the new king."

The first brother decided to look in every city or town and buy the best thing for his father. The next brother decided to go on fast ships over the sea to find something better. The last brother said, "I am going to ask the people here in our own land to tell me the best thing." The other two brothers began to laugh and said, "Then you will never be the king!"

The last brother started off. He found a small brown bird. It had been hurt, so he put it in his coat where it could keep warm. As he went on, he saw a little girl crying. He ran to meet her. "Why are you crying?" he asked. "I want to get some water from the well," she said. The brother said, "Hold this bird and I will help you." "What a pretty bird!" she said. "I wish you would give it to me. If you will let me keep it, I take care of it myself." "Yes, you may have it," said the brother. So he gave her the bird and went on.

He always stopped to help people who needed help. Soon he made many friends. All the people began to like him. They would say, "See there goes the king's son. He would be just the right kind of king for us." He still had no beautiful thing to take to his father. Just before the year was done, he went home again.

The time came when the king called his sons together. "What did you bring?" He asked them all. The other brothers had many beautiful things. "And what did you bring?" said the king to the last brother. "This is too funny!" said the other brothers. "He has nothing!" The king asked again "What did you bring me?" "I bring only the friendship of your people," said the last brother.

"That is the best thing!" cried his father. "You shall be the new king."

A1. Choose the correct two statements that show the central idea of the extract. (2 mks)

- 1 It is the story of becoming a king.
- 2 It gives the importance of making friendships with common people .

3 It provides the good judgement of the old King.

4 It presents the reality of a kingdom.

A2. Complete the following :

(2 mks)

| | |
|--|--------|
| Humanitarian work of the last brother | 1..... |
| | 2..... |

A3. The last brother was selected as a new king. Give its reason.

(2 mks)

A4. Give the importance of friendship in your life.

(2 mks)

A5. Language study :

(2 mks)

1. He found a small brown bird. (Begin the sentence with "A small")

2. Choose the correct answer and rewrite the sentence :

He would be just the right kind of King for us. (the present tense of the given sentence is _____.)

- a. He would have been just the right kind of king for us.
- b. He is just the right kind of king for us.
- c. He has been just the right kind of king for us.

A6. Vocabulary .

(2 mks)

1. Write synonym of the following words.

- a) beautiful b) old

2. Add suffix for the following words to make nouns.

- a) better b) friend

B) Summary :

(3 mks)

Write a brief summary of the above extract with the help of the points given below. Suggest a suitable title.

Hints :(Decision of the king, other brother's search, kind work of last brother, end.)

C) Mind-Mapping :

(3 mks)

Develop a 'Mind Mapping' frame/design to show the 'Benefits of games and sports' to the students. You can take the help of the following points in order to develop each of them into further branches :

(Fitness and stamina, team spirit and sportsmanship, group behaviour, killer's instinct, will to win)

SECTION II : (POETRY)

[Comprehension and Appreciation]

Q.3A) Read the extract and complete the activities given below : (10 mks)

Afoot and light-hearted I take to the open road,

Healthy, free, the world before me,

The long brown path before me leading wherever I choose.

Henceforth I ask not good-fortune. I myself am good-fortune,

Henceforth I whimper no more, postpone no more, need nothing,

Done with indoor complaints, libraries, querulous criticisms

Strong and content I travel the open road.

The earth, that is sufficient,

I do not want the Constellations any nearer,

I know they are very well where they are,

I know they suffice for those who belong to them.

(Still here I carry my old delicious burdens,

I carry them, men and women, I carry them with me wherever I go,

I swear it is impossible for me to get rid of them,

I am fill'd with them, and I will fill them in return.)

A1. Global Understanding: (2 mks)

Pick out 2 lines which show that the poet is prepared to enjoy the journey.

A2. Inference

(2 mks)

The poet is free from all inhibitions. Discuss how the concept is expressed in the poem.

A3. Personal Response:

(2 mks)

Express your views and feelings regarding the below line “ Healthy, free, the world before me “

A4. Poetic Device:

(2 mks)

Pick out a line from the extract that is an example of paradox and explain it.

A5. Poetic Creativity:

(2 mks)

Compose two lines of poetry on the topic
“your journey towards your goals”.

Q 3 B Appreciation of seen poem

(4 mks)

Read the following extract and write the appreciation in about 150 words, in paragraph format with the help of the following points:

- * About the poem/poet and significance of the title
- * The form and theme, and its significance
- * Poetic style, language features/poetic devices used
- *Special features
- * Inspirational message, values, morals in the poem
- * Your opinion about the poem

Man's estrangement from a man-made world.

Coming out he trembles at the sink,

The cold water running over his brown hands,

A few droplets cling to the greying hair on his wrists.

His sullen children have often refused to share

Jokes and secrets with him.

He will now go to sleep

Listening to the static on the radio, dreaming
Of his ancestors and grandchildren, thinking
Of nomads entering a subcontinent through a narrow pass..

SECTION III : (Writing Skills)

Q.4 Complete the activities as per the instructions given below (16 mks)

(A) Attempt any one of the following (4 mks)

Drafting virtual message:

Using the information given below write a message which Mohit left for his brother Mohan . (Do not add any new information)The message should not exceed more than 50 words .

Rajan called up - self written story reading competition - occasion National Book Day and A.P.J Abdul Kalam's birthday - venue is city library at Churchgate . He will pick up at 5:00pm and they both will attend the program together

OR

Statement of purpose:

Read the personal details given below and prepare a suitable Statement of Purpose. (The SOP should be written in 500 words i.e five to six paragraphs)

NMIS College at Mumbai of Mumbai University is one of the leading college for the study of Chartered Accountancy. You belong to Chartered Accountant's family and would like to persuade your career as a chartered accountant as you like to help your father and uncle in their accountancy firm in future. In your junior college you have opted for commerce stream and have scored well in board examination especially in accountancy you have got 100 on 100. You also have won two State level prizes for scoring highest marks in Book- Keeping & Accountancy. Your hobbies are literally activities like elocution debate and essay writing. You also get well along with people.

OR

Group discussion:

An economically deprived girl student in your class who has received admission in a reputed college abroad needs monetary help to pursue further studies there. Have a group discussion amongst your friends to seek solutions to help her. Write four/five views in the form of dialogues.

(B) Attempt any one of the following:

(4 mks)

Email writing:

Imagine that you are Vedant Deshpande working for Veroc Company at Aurangabad. You want a leave of one week in the month of April.

Write an email to the manager of your company.

OR

Report writing

Your college organised, 'Save Girl Child Movement'. The Health Minister of Maharashtra State Shri Rajesh Tope was invited to launch this campaign. Write a report of this function in about 120 words.

OR

Interview Questions:

You are working as a reporter for Indian Express newspaper. You are asked to interview Saina Nehwal. Frame a set of 8 to 10 questions that covers the interview

(C) Attempt any one of the following:

(4 mks)

Speech writing

You intend to take part in an inter collegiate elocution competition. One of the topics there is ' Social Distancing need of the time' prepare speech on it in about 100-150 words.

OR

Compering:

One of the teachers from your junior college is going to retire from his service. You all students are planning to give him a grand farewell. All your friends want you to

complete the retirement program of him/her. Prepare a script of the same with the help of the following points.

- Introduction
- Welcome of the guest and welcome speech.
- Lighting of lamp
- Main event of the farewell program
- Vote of thanks

OR

Expand the following idea in about 120 words. It must have an introduction, middle and a conclusion.

'Knowledge is Power'

(D) Attempt any one of the following:.

(4 mks)

Book review:

Choose any recent book that you've read and give an account of it based on the following points:

- Title of the book
- subject/story information
- Language/style/presentation
- Benefits/message

OR

Blog writing:

Write a blog in a proper format on the following topic: (100-150words)

'Cycling - A better way to commute'.

OR

Appeal writing:

Draft an appeal for personal hygiene and cleanliness in the view of covid19 (Corona Virus) to the people. Tell them why they need to keep themselves away from the pandemic. Make use of the following points to write an appeal.

- Prepare an attractive slogan
- Use a logo/ a picture
- Advantages of social distancing
- Make a persuasive appeal.

SECTION IV (LITERARY GENRE- NOVEL)

Q.5 A) Answer the following questions : (4 mks)

1. Match the Columns : (2 mks)

| A | B |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1.Murasaki Shikibu | a) Cervantes |
| 2.Novella | b) Bankimchandra Chattopadhyaya |
| 3.Don Quixote | c) Tale of Genji |
| 4.Rajmohan's Wife | d) New |

2. Complete the following statements :: (2 mks)

- The two types of conflicts that the plot may have are
- The word 'picaresque' is originated from
- The epistolary novel presents the narrative through
- In the eighteenth century middle class could get the time for reading and discussing the novels because

B) Answer the following questions.(based on 4.2.To Sir, with Love). (4 mks)

1.Match the presenter to the subject :: (2 mks)

| A | B |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 1) Potter | a) Physiology |
| 2) Sapiano | b) Geography |
| 3) Miss Peggy and Jackson | c) Nature Study |
| 4) Miss Dare and Fernman | d) Arithmetic |

2.Explain in brief the theme of the extract. (2 mks)

C) Answer the following questions.(based on 4.3.Around the World in Eighty Days). (4 mks)

1. Complete the table highlighting the various traits of the major characters in the extract. (2 mks)

| | |
|---------------|--|
| Phileas Fogg | |
| Aouda | |
| Passerpartout | |
| Detective Fix | |

2. Select the correct options : (2 mks)

1. Which of the following place/s in India is/are not mentioned in the extract of the novel?

a) Bombay (Now, Mumbai). B) Allahabad. C) Chennai. D) Calcutta (Now, Kolkata)

2. Which one among the following is not a major character of the Novel?

a) Phileas Fogg. B) Aouda C) Passerpartout D) James Strand

D) Answer the following questions.(based on 4.4.The Sign of Four). (4 mks)

1 Describe in brief the importance of the following places in the extract. (2 mks)

A) London. B) Agra

2 Arrange the sentences in correct sequence as per their occurrence in the extract.

(2 mks)

a. Holmes gave Winwood's book 'Martyrdom of Man's to Dr.Watson.

b. Mary received a large and lustrous pearl through the post..

c. Mary's father was an officer in an Indian regiment.

d. Mary Mostan was a well-dressed young lady.

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