

# ENGLISH – 817 (BM) 2015

Time: 3 Hours 15 Mins

Max Marks: 70

## SECTION – A

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

So, in order to shake the writer's faith in God, the postmaster came up with an idea, answer the letter. But when he opened it, it was evident that to answer it he needed something more than good will, ink and paper, But the stuck to his resolution: he asked for money from his employees, he himself gave part of his salary and several friends of his were obliged to give something for an act of charity. It was impossible for him to gather together the hundred pesos, so he was able to send the farmer only a little more than half. He put the money in an envelope addressed to Lencho and with them a letter containing only a single word as a signature: God.

(i) Write the name of the lesson, from which the above passage has been taken. Who is the author of this lesson? 2

(ii) What did the postmaster do, in order to shake the writer's faith in God? 2

**Solution:**

(i) The passage is taken from the lesson "A Letter to God" by Gregorio López y Fuentes.

(ii) The postmaster, in order to shake the writer's faith in God, decided to answer Lencho's letter. He collected money from his employees, contributed part of his salary, and sought help from friends. Although he could not gather the full amount, he sent Lencho more than half of what was requested, signing the letter as "God."

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

(a) What did Pt. Nehru like to be done to his body after his death?

(b) What did Socrates tell his countrymen to do to make Athens a perfect state?

**Solution:**

(a) Pt. Nehru wished that after his death, his body should be cremated, and a handful of his ashes should be scattered in the Ganges. He also wanted the rest of his ashes to be spread over the fields of India so that they would mingle with the soil and become a part of the country forever.

OR

(b) Socrates advised his countrymen to seek wisdom and virtue rather than wealth and fame. He urged them to improve their character and strive for justice, as only a morally upright society could make Athens a perfect state. He believed that true happiness lay in self-improvement and ethical living.

3. Answer two of the following questions in about 25 words each:

2+2=4

(a) How can we serve our country as good citizens?

- (b) Why did Guru Nanak think it better for the inhospitable people to stay in one place?  
 (c) What makes all the difference between the music of Tansen and that of Swami Hari Das?

**Solution:**

- (a) We can serve our country as good citizens by being honest, following laws, respecting others, conserving resources, and contributing to society through education and social service.  
 (b) Guru Nanak thought it better for the inhospitable people to stay in one place so that only a few would suffer from their unkindness rather than spreading their cruelty everywhere.  
 (c) The difference between Tansen's music and that of Swami Hari Das was that Tansen sang to please the king, while Swami Hari Das sang purely for devotion and spiritual joy.

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

List A	List B
(a) bidding	in addition to
(b) instead of	shape
(c) besides	order
(d) figure	in place to

**Solution:**

List A	List B
(a) bidding	in addition to (c)
(b) instead of	shape (d)
(c) besides	order (a)
(d) figure	in place to (b)

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

Let us, then, be up and doing,  
 With a heart for any fate;  
 Still achieving, still pursuing,  
 Learn to labour and to wait.

- (a) Give the title of the poem from which the above noted lines have been selected. 2  
 (b) What do we learn from the above stanza? 2

**Solution:**

- (a) The above lines are from the poem "A Psalm of Life" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.  
 (b) The stanza teaches us to be active and hardworking, face challenges with courage, keep striving for success, and have patience while working towards our goals.

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

(a) The Fountain. (b) The Nation Builders.

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.) (3)

**Solution:**

**Central Idea: The Fountain**

The poem "The Fountain" by James Russell Lowell symbolises the qualities of a noble and inspiring life. The fountain, with its constant movement, brightness, and cheerful spirit, represents enthusiasm, purity, and a positive attitude. It teaches us to be active, adaptable, and ever-giving in life, just like the flowing water.

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

(a) How did Edison serve his country during the First World War?

(b) Why is Vikramaditya said to be the greatest judge in history?

(c) Why was Jesse Owen angry?

**Solution:**

(a) Edison helped his country during the First World War by inventing useful devices for the military. He worked on developing naval technology and other wartime innovations.

(b) Vikramaditya is considered the greatest judge because of his wisdom, fairness, and ability to deliver just decisions. His judgments were based on truth and righteousness.

(c) Jesse Owens was angry because Hitler and the Nazis believed in Aryan superiority and wanted to prove that Germans were the best athletes, dismissing others' abilities.

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

(a) Jesse Owens was a German.

(b) Olympic Games were held in Berlin in 1936.

(c) Vikramaditya was never deceived.

(d) Edison succeeded in making an electric bulb.

**Solution:**

(a) False

(b) True

(c) False

(d) True

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

(a) Electric light shone for the first time in America in .....

(i) 1880

(ii) 1882

(iii) 1874

(iv) 1878.

(b) Edison was taken out of school because .....

- (i) he was not pleased with his teacher
- (ii) he was a dull student
- (iii) he did not like school education
- (iv) the teacher asked his parents to withdraw him.

(c) The angel took the judgement seat to .....

- (i) another kingdom
- (ii) the river Ganga
- (iii) the sky
- (iv) the hell.

(d) The important thing in Olympic Games is .....

- (i) playing angrily
- (ii) winning
- (iii) discouraging your rivals
- (iv) taking part.

**Solution:**

- (a) (ii) 1882
- (b) (iv) the teacher asked his parents to withdraw him.
- (c) (i) another kingdom
- (d) (iv) taking part.

### Section B

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

- (i) the mountains of the tops covered snow are with year the throughout.  
(Frame the correct sentence by re-ordering the words) 2
- (ii) Did Ramu kill the tiger? (Change into passive voice) 2
- (iii) The peon said to the principal "Please, give me some money."  
(Change into indirect speech) 2
- (iv) He has been ..... since last night (sleep).  
(Use correct form of the verb to fill in the blank) 2

**Solution:**

- (i) The tops of the mountains are covered with snow throughout the year.
- (ii) Was the tiger killed by Ramu?
- (iii) The peon requested the principal to give him some money.
- (iv) He has been sleeping since last night.

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

Sita died ..... breast cancer. (with, by, of, for) 2

(b) Complete the following sentence: 2

I do not know when .....

(c) Complete the spellings of the following words:

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(i) d\_s\_ip\_e

(ii) s\_lf\_sh.

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

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raman said to me may i know your name bohla i said

**Solution:**

(a) Sita died of breast cancer.

(b) I do not know when he will arrive.

(c) (i) disciple

(ii) selfish

(d) Raman said to me, "May I know your name, Bohla?" I said.

12. Translate the following into English: (4)

वृक्ष हमारे जीवन के लिए बहुत बहुमूल्य है। वे हमें फल, फूल तथा विश्राम के लिए च्रया प्रदान करते हैं। वृक्ष हमें ऑक्सीजन दते है जो हमारे जीवन के लिए सर्वाधिक आवश्यक है। कृष वर्षा कराते हैं और भमिरक्षण भी रोकते हैं।

**Solution:**

Trees are very valuable for our life. They provide us with fruits, flowers, and shade for rest. Trees give us oxygen, which is most essential for our life. Trees bring rain and also prevent soil erosion.

13. Write an application to your Principal for your college, requesting him to grant you four day's leave as you have to attend your father getting treatment in hospital. (Do not write your Name and Roll No.)

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OR

Write a letter to your father, requesting him to send you money, to meet your monthly expenditure.

(Do not write your Name and Roll No.)

**Solution:**

To

The Principal,

Lucknow Government College

Gomti Nagar, Lucknow

Subject: Request for Four Days' Leave

Respected Sir/Madam,

I kindly request you to grant me leave for four days, from [Start Date] to [End Date], as I need to attend to my father, who is undergoing treatment in the hospital. My presence is necessary to take care of him during this period.

I assure you that I will make up for any missed lessons. I would be grateful for your consideration.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,  
XYZ, Class-X B

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:

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(a) Television:

- (i) Introduction
- (ii) Its good effect
- (iii) Its bad effect
- (iv) Conclusion.

(b) My Mother:

- (i) Introduction
- (ii) Her dress, education and behaviour
- (iii) Her qualities
- (iv) Her daily life
- (v) Conclusion.

(c) My Best Teacher:

- (i) Name and qualification
- (ii) His dress
- (iii) His punctuality and behaviour
- (iv) His qualities as a teacher.

**Solution:**

(a) **Television**

Television is one of the most popular sources of entertainment and information. It helps us stay updated with news, educational programmes, and documentaries. It also provides relaxation through movies, cartoons, and sports. However, watching too much television can harm our health, especially our eyes. It can also affect students' studies and reduce family interactions. Some programmes may show violence and mislead young minds. Therefore, television should be watched in moderation. If used wisely, it is a great tool for learning and entertainment.

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

Mother Teresa was a great lady. She is known all over the world. She helped the poor and the needy. She served the sick and the homeless. She was born in August, 1910 in Yugoslavia but she made India her home and lived in Kolkata. She started a home for the orphans. She named it "Nirmal Hridaya".

She looked after the sick poor and downtrodden. She even set up homes for lepers who were shunned by even their own families. She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. She was given the Bharat Ratna' also.

- (i) What did Mother Teresa do for the orphans and lepers? 3
- (ii) What awards were given to her? 3

**Solution:**

(i) Mother Teresa dedicated her life to serving the poor, sick, and homeless. She established "Nirmal Hridaya," a home for orphans, where she provided shelter, food, and care to abandoned children. She also set up homes for lepers, who were often rejected by their own families and society. Through her efforts, she ensured that these people received medical care, dignity, and love.

(ii) For her selfless service to humanity, Mother Teresa was honoured with numerous awards. She received the Nobel Peace Prize for her outstanding humanitarian work and dedication to the welfare of the poor. Additionally, she was conferred Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award, in recognition of her immense contribution to society.