

ENGLISH – 817 (HJ) 2018

Time: 3 Hours 15 Mins

Max Marks: 70

SECTION – A

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

Tansen was a great musician and Akbar was very fond of his music. One day when Tansen was in particularly good form, Akbar went into ecstasy and asked him, "What is the secret of this concord of notes which takes me out of this world and transports me to Divine regions "I have not heard anyone else who can thus cast a spell of magic and make a slave of our hearts. You are really wonderful, Tansen."

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

(b) Who was Tansen? How did Akbar react to his music?" 2

Solution:

(a) The passage is taken from the lesson "Tansen", and the author is Hazrat Inayat Khan.

(b) Tansen was a great musician in Emperor Akbar's court. Akbar was deeply moved by his music, going into ecstasy and praising Tansen's ability to create a magical effect with his notes.

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

(a) Give a character sketch of Lencho.

(b) How did the people of the second village treat their visitors? Why did Nanak pray that they may be scattered through out the country?

Solution:

(a) Character Sketch of Lencho:

Lencho was a hardworking and simple farmer who had deep faith in God. When his crops were destroyed by a storm, he wrote a letter to God seeking help, showing his unwavering trust. He was honest but also naïve, as he believed the post office employees had stolen part of God's money.

(b) Nanak's Prayer for the People of the Second Village:

The people of the second village were kind, hospitable, and generous towards their visitors. They warmly welcomed Guru Nanak and his followers. Seeing their goodness, Nanak prayed that they be scattered throughout the country so that their kindness could spread everywhere and benefit more people.

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

(a) What according to Yudhisthira is the greatest wonder in the world?

(b) What did the Jailor say to Socrates before giving him a cup of poison?

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

Solution:

- (a) According to Yudhisthira, the greatest wonder in the world is that people see others dying daily but still believe they will live forever.
- (b) The jailor, with tears in his eyes, told Socrates he had always found him to be the noblest and kindest of men before giving him the cup of poison.
- (c) Brahma was sad because there was no suitable land to create life. Vishnu helped him by killing the demon Somaka and retrieving the Vedas from the ocean.

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

4×1=4

| List A | List B |
|----------------|-----------------|
| (a) Fame | (i) Confused |
| (b) Appreciate | (ii) Reputation |
| (c) Wealth | (iii) Admire |
| (d) Puzzled | (iv) Riches |

Solution:

- (a) - (ii)
 (b) - (iii)
 (c) - (iv)
 (d) - (i)

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 lines have been selected. (2)
 (b) What do we learn from the above stanza? (2)

Solution:

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

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

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

OR

Write four lines from one of the poems given in your textbook. (Do not copy out the lines given in the question paper.)

Solution:

The Central Idea of A Psalm of Life

The poem conveys an inspiring message about living a purposeful and active life. It encourages people to make the most of their time, strive for success, and leave a positive impact on the world. The poet urges us not to dwell on the past or worry

about the future but to act with determination in the present. Through hard work, perseverance, and patience, we can achieve greatness and inspire others.

7. Answer any 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) Do we know anything definite about Vikramaditya?
- (c) Why was Edison taken out of the school?"

Solution:

(a) During the First World War, Edison helped his country by working on military inventions. He developed useful devices, including submarines and detection equipment.

(b) There is no definite historical evidence about Vikramaditya, but many legends describe him as a wise and just ruler known for his generosity and bravery.

(c) Edison was taken out of school because his teacher found him dull and incapable of learning. His mother decided to educate him at home, recognising his potential.

8. Point out True and False in the following statements:

4×1=4

- (a) Olympic Games were held in Bertin in 1936.
- (b) Vikramaditya always punished the innocent.
- (c) Edison was never satisfied till he got the right answer:
- (d) No one knows the name of Vikramaditya in India.

Solution:

- (a) True
- (b) False
- (c) True
- (d) False

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

4×1=4

- (a) Electric light show for the first time in America in _____.
 - (i) 1888
 - (ii) 1882
 - (iii) 1874
 - (iv) 1878
- (b) Edison was fond of _____.
 - (i) telling stories
 - (ii) playing games
 - (iii) making experiments
 - (iv) flying kites:
- (c) The guilty trembled before Vikramaditya because
 - (i) he was very cruel
 - (ii) he was unjust
 - (iii) he was intelligent enough to discover their guilt.

(d) The judgement seat of Vikramaditya was found in

- (i) Ujjain
- (ii) Agra
- (iii) Delhi
- (ii) Lucknow

Solution:

- (a) (ii) 1882
- (b) (iii) making experiments
- (c) (iii) he was intelligent enough to discover their guilt.
- (d) (i) Ujjain

SECTION - B

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

4×2=8

- (a) she in the river enjoys swimming
(Frame a correct sentence by re-ordering the words)
- (b) They refused him admission. (Passive voice)
- (c) He said to me. "Are you writing a letter?"
(Change into indirect speech)
- (d) They _____ working hard for five days.
(Use the correct form of the verb to fill in the gap)

Solution:

- (a) She enjoys swimming in the river.
- (b) He was refused admission by them.
- (c) He asked me if I was writing a letter.
- (d) They have been working hard for five days.

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

I am proud _____ my daughter. (2)

(of, at, in)

(b) Complete the following sentence:

Can you tell me where _____? (2)

(c) Complete the spellings of the following words. 0.5+0.5=1

(i) Ne_ghb_ur

(ii) Tong _ _

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

i said to my father will you give me two hundred rupees as I wish to buy a new dress.

Solution:

- (a) of
- (b) you are going
- (c) (i) Neighbour
- (ii) Tongue

(d) I said to my father, "Will you give me two hundred rupees as I wish to buy a new dress?"

12. Translate the following into English:

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ईश्वरचन्द्र विद्यासागर एक योग्य अध्यापक थे । कई विद्यार्थी उनके पास पढ़ने जाते थे । एक वृद्ध पुरुष भी उनके पास पढ़ने आया । विद्यासागर ने उन्हें पढ़ाने का वचन दिया ।

Solution:

Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar was a skilled teacher. Many students went to study with him. An elderly man also came to him for learning. Vidyasagar promised to teach him.

13. Write an application to your Principal requesting him to issue you a character certificate. (Do not write your Name and Roll Number).

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OR

Write a letter to your friend inviting him to attend the marriage of your sister.

Solution:

To
The Principal,
Government High School, Varanasi.

Subject: Request for Issuance of Character Certificate

Respected Sir/Madam,

I humbly request you to issue me a character certificate as I require it for my further studies. I have been a student of this school and have always maintained good conduct and discipline. I assure you that I will always uphold the values and principles instilled in me by this institution.

I would be grateful if you could kindly provide me with the certificate at the earliest.
Thank you.

Yours sincerely,
XYZ, Class X-A

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) My Father
 - (i) Introduction
 - (ii) His dress and behaviour
 - (iii) His qualities
 - (iv) Daily life
 - (v) Conclusion
- (b) My Village

- (i) Introduction
- (ii) Name and Situation
- (iii) Mell and Women
- (iv) Conclusion
- (c) The Policeman

- (i) Introduction
- (ii) His dress and duty'
- (iii) His qualities
- (iv) Conclusion

Solution:

(a) My Father

My father is my role model. He dresses simply and behaves politely with everyone. He is kind, hardworking, and always helps others. His daily routine includes going to work, spending time with family, and guiding me in my studies. He teaches me honesty and discipline. I respect him a lot and aspire to be like him.

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

Subhash Chandra Bose was a great leader of India. His countrymen called him "Netaji" because he led them on the right path. He was imprisoned many times. But he soon found out that more efforts should be made to make India free. The British power was getting weaker in the Second World War. He thought of shaking it from all sides.

One day, he escaped from Calcutta in the guise of a 'Pathan' and went to Germany via Peshawar. From Germany, he went to Japan. He organised the Indian National Army that fought many battles against the British forces. He said to his countrymen, "Give me blood and I will give you freedom".

(a) Why was Subhash Chandra Bose called "Netaji"? 3

(b) What did he say to his countrymen? 3

Solution:

(a) Subhash Chandra Bose was called "Netaji" by his countrymen because he was a great leader who guided them in the struggle for India's independence. He dedicated his life to the freedom movement and was imprisoned many times for his efforts. His leadership and patriotism earned him immense respect and admiration.

(b) Subhash Chandra Bose inspired his countrymen with the powerful slogan, "Give me blood and I will give you freedom." He urged people to make sacrifices for India's independence. Through the Indian National Army, he fought against British rule, motivating Indians to join the struggle with courage and determination.