

# ENGLISH – 817 (AM) 2019

Time: 3 Hours 15 Mins

Max Marks: 70

## SECTION – A

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

But although many people loved the old man and delighted in his wisdom, there were some who did not approve of him. He taught that man's own mind influenced his conduct more than Gods. This seemed to some people a new and wicked idea. He said that there were higher and nobler deeds than making sacrifices to Athena and the other gods of Greece, and many people thought that he was leading the young astray, questioning all that they had been taught to believe and filling their minds with doubt.

- (a) Write the name of the lesson from which the above passage has been taken. Who is the author of this lesson? (2)
- (b) Pick out the words in the passage which mean the same as
- in a wrong direction
  - suspicion. (2)

### **Solution:**

- (a) The passage is from the lesson "Socrates", and the author is Anonymous.
- (b) The words with similar meanings are:
- astray – in a wrong direction
  - doubt – suspicion

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

- (a) How can we fill our country with the light of good citizenship?
- (b) Who was Swami Hari Das? Why could Akbar not call Hari Das to his court? What did he do then?

### **Solution:**

(a) We can fill our country with the light of good citizenship by being responsible, honest, and law-abiding citizens. Respecting others, following rules, helping the needy, and protecting the environment contribute to a better society. Educating people about their rights and duties, promoting unity, and actively participating in social causes also help in building a strong and progressive nation.

OR

(b) Swami Hari Das was a great musician and a devotee of Lord Krishna. Akbar could not summon him to his court because Hari Das lived a simple, spiritual life and was uninterested in fame or wealth. To witness his music, Akbar disguised himself as a common man and went to hear him sing in his own surroundings.

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

- (a) What was the most precious gift to Nehru?

- (b) How did Lencho feel when it began to rain?  
 (c) Who was Socrates? Where did he live?

**Solution:**

- (a) The most precious gift to Nehru was a book, which opened the doors of knowledge for him. It sparked his curiosity and love for learning.  
 (b) Lencho felt overjoyed when it began to rain. He considered it a blessing for his crops, comparing the raindrops to coins that would bring him prosperity.  
 (c) Socrates was a great Greek philosopher known for his wisdom and teachings. He lived in Athens, Greece, where he questioned traditional beliefs and encouraged critical thinking.

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

4×1=4

| List A      | List B              |
|-------------|---------------------|
| (a) Proceed | (i) Save            |
| (b) Rescue  | (ii) To go forward  |
| (c) Mourn   | (iii) Holy          |
| (d) Sacred  | (iv) Express sorrow |

**Solution:**

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

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

Brave men who work while others sleep,  
 Who dare while others fly ...  
 They build a nation's pillars deep  
 And lift them to the sky.

- (a) Write the title of this poem from which the given piece of poetry has been taken. (2)  
 (b) What are the qualities of brave men given in the stanza? (2)

**Solution:**

- (a) The poem is "A Psalm of Life" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.  
 (b) The stanza highlights that brave men work tirelessly while others rest, show courage when others fear, and contribute to building a strong and successful nation.

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

- (a) The Village Song  
 (b) The Fountain

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:**

(a) "The Village Song":

The poem reflects a young girl's inner conflict between worldly attachments and spiritual devotion. Her mother urges her to stay, but she feels drawn towards a life of faith and divine surrender. It highlights the theme of detachment, devotion, and the pursuit of inner peace over material pleasures.

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

2+2=4

- (a) Who was Edison and why is he famous?
- (b) What special qualities did Vikramaditya possess?
- (c) When and where were the Olympic Games being held?

**Solution:**

(a) Thomas Edison was a great American inventor and scientist. He is famous for inventing the electric bulb, phonograph, and motion picture camera, revolutionising modern life.

(b) Vikramaditya was a wise and just ruler, known for his bravery, generosity, and intelligence. He valued scholars, encouraged learning, and was admired for his fair judgments.

(c) The Olympic Games were first held in 776 B.C. in Olympia, Greece. They were organised in honour of Zeus and featured various athletic competitions.

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

4×1=4

- (a) Vikramaditya did not love justice and learning.
- (b) Even in his childhood, Edison loved to do experiments.
- (c) Edison bought toys with pocket-money his father gave him.
- (d) Vikramaditya always punished the innocent.

**Solution:**

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

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

4×1=4

(a) The essential thing in life is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) earning money
- (ii) conquering
- (iii) fighting well
- (iv) winning prizes

(b) The Olympic Games were held in \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) New York
- (ii) Berlin

- (iii) Japan
- (iv) China

(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
- (iv) he looked very cruel

(d) Electric light shone for the first time in New York in \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) 1882
- (ii) 1872
- (iii) 1880
- (iv) 1878

**Solution:**

- (a) (iii) fighting well
- (b) (ii) Berlin
- (c) (iii) he was intelligent enough to discover their guilt
- (d) (i) 1882

## SECTION - B

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

- (a) My father taught me swimming.  
(Frame a correct sentence by re-ordering the words) 2
- (b) Akbar defeated Hemu in the battle of Panipat.  
(Change into passive voice) 2
- (c) He said to me, "Wash your face."  
(Change into indirect speech) 2
- (d) My father \_\_\_\_\_ working hard for ten days.  
(Use the correct form of the verb to fill in the blank) 2

**Solution:**

- (a) My father taught me swimming.
- (b) Hemu was defeated by Akbar in the battle of Panipat.
- (c) He told me to wash my face.
- (d) My father has been working hard for ten days.

11. (a) Choose the correct preposition to fill in the blank.

He has been suffering \_\_\_\_\_ fever. (2)

(for, from, since)

(b) Complete the following sentence:

My father ordered me \_\_\_\_\_. (2)

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

(i) ch\_\_ m\_\_ ng

(ii) a\_\_ ident

(d) Punctuate the following, using capital letters wherever necessary: (2)  
the father said to his son you should not waste your time on sundays.

**Solution:**

- (a) He has been suffering from fever.  
 (b) My father ordered me to complete my homework. (Any suitable completion)  
 (c) (i) charming  
 (ii) accident  
 (d) The father said to his son, "You should not waste your time on Sundays."

12. Translate the following into English:

लाल बहादुर शास्त्री भारत के महान पुरुषों में एक थे । वे सही अर्थों में देश में एक सच्चे देशभक्त थे । वे सादा जीवन उच्च विचार' में विश्वास रखते थे । वे शान्तिप्रिय थे ।

**Solution:**

Lal Bahadur Shastri was one of the great men of India. He was a true patriot in the real sense. He believed in "Simple living, high thinking." He was peace-loving.

13. Write an application to your Principal for granting you leave for three days. 4  
OR

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

**Solution:**

**Application for Leave**

To  
 The Principal,  
 Government High School, Kalaburagi.

Subject: Request for 'Three Days' Leave

Respected Sir/Madam,  
 I respectfully request leave for three days (from [date] to [date]) as I am unwell and need rest as per the doctor's advice. I assure you that I will complete all missed work upon my return.

Kindly grant me leave for the mentioned days.

Thank you.

Yours obediently,

Rohan

Class: X

14. Write a composition on any one of the following topics in about 75 words. Points are given below for each topic to develop the composition. 6

- (a) My village  
 (i) Introduction  
 (ii) Name and situation

- (iii) Men and women
- (iv) Conclusion

(b) A Cricket Match

- (i) Introduction
- (ii) Description
- (iii) Conclusion

(c) A Railway Coolie

- (i) Introduction
- (ii) His house
- (iii) His dress
- (iv) His work

**Solution:**

(a) My Village

I live in a beautiful village named [Your Village Name], located in [State/District Name]. It is surrounded by lush green fields and fresh air. The people here are hardworking, and most of them are farmers. Women actively help in household and agricultural work. Life in the village is peaceful and simple. The roads are clean, and the atmosphere is free from pollution. I love my village because it gives me a sense of peace and belonging.

15. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Florence Nightingale was born in Florence in Italy on 12th May, 1820. Her parents named her after the name of the city where she was born. Her sole ambition in life was to be a nurse and so she gave up all thoughts of marriage and personal happiness. She spent years visiting hospital after hospital. Day and night, she visited every bed in the hospital to see that no patient was neglected and that all were as comfortable as possible. However hard she might have worked all day, every night she would take her lamp and move from bed to bed. 'The lady with the lamp', the soldiers called her and that is the name by which the world has remembered her ever since.

- (a) What was Florence Nightingale's ambition? 3
- (b) Why did she give up the thought of marriage? 3

**Solution:**

(a) Florence Nightingale's ambition was to become a nurse and dedicate her life to caring for the sick and wounded. She worked tirelessly to improve hospital conditions and ensure that patients received proper medical attention.

(b) She gave up the thought of marriage because she was deeply committed to her mission of nursing. She believed that serving the sick was more important than personal happiness, and she devoted her entire life to improving healthcare and helping those in need.