

# ENGLISH – 817 (MH) 2020

Time: 3 Hours 15 Mins

Max Marks: 70

## SECTION – A

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

When Socrates was an old man, his fame had spread far and wide. The house of many a rich man opened its door to him, for people felt honoured to have him as their guest. By degrees a special group of pupils gathered around him and followed him wherever he went. Among them was a young man called Plato, who treasured every word which his master uttered, and in later years became famous as a teacher as Socrates himself.

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

(b) Why were many rich men eager to have Socrates as their guest? 2

**Solution:**

(a) The name of the lesson is "Socrates" and the author is V. P. Kale.

(b) Many rich men were eager to have Socrates as their guest because his fame had spread far and wide. People felt honoured to host such a renowned philosopher, believing that his presence would bring wisdom and enlightenment to their lives.

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

(a) What according to the lesson 'The Enchanted Pool' are the qualities which man must have?

(b) What does Pt. Nehru say about the river Ganga and her different moods in different seasons?

**Solution:**

(b) Pt. Nehru describes the river Ganga as having different moods in various seasons. In the summer, she is calm and serene, flowing gently. In the monsoon, however, she becomes wild and turbulent, often flooding the banks with her force. Nehru portrays Ganga as a symbol of India's diverse character, reflecting both tranquility and strength in her different states.

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

(a) What did Lencho write in his second letter to God?

(b) How did the two sons in the lesson 'Torch Bearers' spend their rupee?

(c) Why did Akbar and Tansen go to the Himalayas?

**Solution:**

(a) In his second letter to God, Lencho asked for 100 more pesos, believing that the money he received was not enough to meet his needs.

(b) In the lesson "Torch Bearers," the two sons spent their rupee by buying a notebook and a pencil, valuing education over luxuries.

(c) Akbar and Tansen went to the Himalayas to seek peace and solace, as Tansen wanted to meditate and find a cure for his illness.

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

4×1=4

List A	List B
(a) revive	(i) token
(b) crooks	(ii) said slowly
(c) symbol	(iii) dishonest persons
(d) whispered	(iv) come back to life

**Solution:**

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

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

Ever in motion,  
Blithesome and cheery,  
Still climbing heavenward,  
Never a weary.

- (a) Write the title of the poem from which the given piece of poetry has been taken.  
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- (b) Each of the above four lines describes a particular quality of the fountain. Mention them. 2

**Solution:**

- (a) The title of the poem is "The Fountain" by James Russell Lowell.
- (b) Each of the four lines describes the following qualities of the fountain:  
Ever in motion - The fountain is constantly moving.  
Blithesome and cheery - The fountain is joyful and lively.  
Still climbing heavenward - The fountain's water rises upward, symbolising its striving nature.  
Never a weary - The fountain never tires; it flows endlessly

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

- (a) The Psalm of Life
- (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 the question paper.) 3

**Solution:**

- (a) The Psalm of Life

The central idea of "The Psalm of Life" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow is to encourage people to live life with purpose and enthusiasm. The poem urges individuals to make the most of their time, to act with determination, and to focus on the present. It emphasizes that life is short and that one should strive to leave a positive mark on the world, with courage and perseverance guiding the way.

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

- (a) How did Edison become famous in America?
- (b) What did the village boys find in the pasture?
- (c) What did Luz Long do on the success of Jesse Owens in the finals?

**Solution:**

- (a) Edison became famous in America for his invention of the electric light bulb. His work revolutionized the way people lived, and he became an icon of innovation.
- (b) The village boys found a golden necklace in the pasture. They were excited by their discovery, but they also realized the value of honesty.
- (c) Luz Long congratulated Jesse Owens after his victory in the finals, showing true sportsmanship by acknowledging his competitor's success despite their rivalry.

8. Point out True and False in the following statements: 4×1=4

- (a) Parents of Edison encouraged him in his work.
- (b) Edison was fond of reading books.
- (c) King of Ujjain, after all, succeeded in sitting on the judgement-seat of Vikramaditya.
- (d) Luz Long did not want Jesse Owens to qualify for the finals.

**Solution:**

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

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

4×1=4

(a) Edison told his teacher, "But the kites have no wings and still we can fly them in the sky." It was –

- (i) an intelligent answer
- (ii) a doubtful answer
- (iii) a silly answer
- (iv) a wrong answer

(b) The Vikram Samvat owes its origin to

- (i) Samudra Gupta
- (ii) Ashok
- (iii) Vikramaditya
- (iv) Chandra Gupta Maurya

(c) The judgement seat of Vikramaditya was made of

- (i) iron.
- (ii) silver.
- (iii) gold.
- (iv) stone.

(d) Olympic Games were held in Berlin in

- (i) 1936 .
- (ii) 1932 .
- (iii) 1940 .
- (iv) 1944.

**Solution:**

- (a) (i) an intelligent answer
- (b) (iii) Vikramaditya
- (c) (iii) gold
- (d) (i) 1936

## SECTION - B

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

- (a) In evening play football we the. (Frame a correct sentence by re-ordering the words) 2
- (b) "Did you lock the front door?" my mother asked me.  
(Change into indirect speech) 2
- (c) He has answered all the questions. (Change into passive voice) 2
- (d) He \_\_\_\_ in Delhi since 1998. 2  
(Use the correct form of the verb 'live')

**Solution:**

- (a) We play football in the evening.
- (b) My mother asked me if I had locked the front door.
- (c) All the questions have been answered by him.
- (d) He has been living in Delhi since 1998.

11. (a) Fill in the blank with the correct preposition. 2

The ring is made \_\_\_\_ gold.

(b) Complete the following sentence: 2

He admitted that \_\_\_\_.

(c) Complete the spellings of the following words:  $1/2+1/2=1$

(i) fr\_\_ \_ k

(ii) c\_u\_l

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

he said will you help me or shall i ask someone else

**Solution:**

- (a) The ring is made of gold.

- (b) He admitted that he was wrong.  
 (c)  
 (i) frank  
 (ii) cult  
 (d) He said, "Will you help me, or shall I ask someone else?"

12. Translate the following into English: 4  
 नई दिल्ली भारत की राजधानी है। भारत के राष्ट्रपति और प्रधानमंत्री नई दिल्ली में रहते हैं। नई दिल्ली में लाल किला और कुतुब मीनार प्रसिद्ध ऐतिहासिक इमारतें हैं। प्रगति मैदान और अप्पू घर यहाँ के आकर्षण हैं।

**Solution:**

New Delhi is the capital of India. The President and Prime Minister of India reside in New Delhi. The Red Fort and Qutub Minar in New Delhi are famous historical monuments. Pragati Maidan and Appu Ghar are attractions here.

13. Write an application to the Principal of your college requesting him to arrange regular evening games. 4

Or

Write a letter to your father requesting him to allow you to go on an educational tour organized by your college and also to send Rs. 2000/- for it.

**Solution:**

**Letter to father requesting permission for an educational tour and financial support**

CMC, Vellore  
 5<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2025

Dear Papa,

I hope you are doing well. I am writing to request your permission to join an educational tour organized by our college. The tour is scheduled to visit [Destination] and will provide us with valuable educational experiences. The total cost of the trip is Rs. 2000, and I would be grateful if you could send the amount so that I can participate in this enriching experience. I am looking forward to your positive response.

With love,  
 Mohan

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: 6

- (a) A Wedding ceremony attended by you  
 (i) Wedding of a friend  
 (ii) Place of assembly

- (iii) The marriage procession
- (iv) Arrangements at the function hall
- (v) Jaimal and the wedding feast
- (vi) Ceremonies at night
- (vii) Departure to the bridegroom's house
- (b) Early morning scene in a Public Park
  - (i) Regular visitors for fitness
  - (ii) Greenery and flowers all around
  - (iii) Sweet and fresh air
  - (iv) People running and walking fast
  - (v) Yoga
  - (vi) Keeps active and happy all the day
- (c) My Best Friend
  - (i) Name and age
  - (ii) His/her interest in studies
  - (iii) His /her nature
  - (iv) His/her activities
  - (v) His/her impression

**Solution:**

- (b) Early morning scene in a Public Park

The early morning scene in a public park is refreshing and lively. Regular visitors come for fitness, jogging, or walking. The park is filled with greenery, and beautiful flowers bloom all around. The air is sweet and fresh, providing a perfect start to the day. People are seen running and walking at a brisk pace. Some also practice yoga, which helps them stay active and healthy. A morning in the park sets a positive tone, keeping everyone active and happy throughout the day.

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

We sometimes think that it would be very nice to have no work to do. How do we envy rich people who have not to work for their living but can do just what they please all the year round. Yet when we feel this, we make mistake. Sometimes they are tired of having nothing to do. Most of us are happy when we have regular work to do. The first thing work does for us is to give us happiness. The work gives us self-respect. The idler however rich lives on the work of others. But the honest worker who earns his living by useful toil, can hold up his head and respect himself. Lastly, regular work helps us in building up character. It teaches us such good habits as punctuality, carefulness and faithfulness in work. It is the man who works, not the idler, that as a rule develops the best character.

- (i) Why do we sometimes envy rich people? 3
- (ii) What are the benefits of regular work? 3

**Solution:**

(i) We sometimes envy rich people because they don't have to work for their living. They can do whatever they please throughout the year without the obligation of regular work.

(ii) Regular work brings happiness, self-respect, and helps in building character. It provides a sense of accomplishment and respect, while also teaching good habits such as punctuality, carefulness, and faithfulness. Regular work also helps in developing a strong and honest character.

