

ENGLISH – 817 (AK) 2022

Time: 3 hours 15 mins

Max. Marks: 70

SECTION – A (Reading)

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

- a) Why do we sometimes envy rich people? 3
- b) What are the benefits of regular work? 3
- c) Find out a word in the passage which means respecting one's own self. 2
- d) Find out a word in the passage which is opposite of the man who works. 2

Solution:

- a) We sometimes envy rich people because:
 - (i) They do not have to work for their living.
 - (ii) They can do whatever they please all year round.
 - (iii) We mistakenly believe that having no work makes life more enjoyable.
- b) The benefits of regular work are:
 - (i) It provides happiness.
 - (ii) It gives self-respect, as an honest worker earns his living.
 - (iii) It builds character by teaching punctuality, carefulness, and faithfulness.
- c) The word that means respecting one's own self is self-respect.
- d) The word opposite of "the man who works" is idler.

SECTION – B (Writing)

2. Write a letter to your friend inviting him/her to attend a party on your success at the final examination. 4

OR

Write an application to the Principal of your school requesting him to arrange evening games on the school ground.

Solution:

Invitation Letter to a Friend

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31st January, 2025

Dear Mohan,

I hope you are doing well. I am writing to share the exciting news that I have passed my final examination with excellent results! To celebrate this special occasion, my family is hosting a party, and I would love for you to be there.

The party will be held at my home on 4th February at 7.00 pm. There will be delicious food, music, and lots of fun moments to cherish. Your presence will make the celebration even more special.

Please let me know if you can make it. Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Yours sincerely,

Mohan

3. Write a report on the Independence Day celebration in your school in about 60-80 words on the basis of the hints given below: 6

(School decoration, flag hoisting ceremony, cultural programme, speech by the Principal and others, distribution of sweets)

OR

Write an article on the importance of a School Library, in about 60-80 words on the basis of the hints given below:

- i) Introduction
- ii) Building and arrangement for keeping books.
- iii) Books on various subjects
- iv) Useful for studies
- v) Conclusion

Solution:

Independence Day Celebration

By Mohan Bommai, Class VIII

Kalaburagi, 15th August: Government High School, Kalaburagi, celebrated Independence Day with great enthusiasm and patriotism. The entire school was beautifully decorated with tricolour flags and banners.

The celebration began with the flag hoisting ceremony at 8:00 AM, led by the Principal, followed by the singing of the national anthem. A cultural programme was organised, including patriotic songs, dances, and skits performed by students. The Principal and teachers delivered inspiring speeches on the importance of independence and national unity.

The event concluded with the distribution of sweets among students and staff, making the celebration a memorable one.

SECTION – C (Grammar)

4. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions:

5×1=5

a) "A kind man greeted them."

Identify the adjective:

- i) kind
- ii) man
- iii) greeted
- iv) them

b) " He is a worried man."

Identify the verb:

- i) he
- ii) is
- iii) worried
- iv) man.

c) The noun form of 'good' is

- i) goods
- ii) better
- iii) best
- iv) goodness

d) He is suffering _____ fever.

- i) in
- ii) at
- iii) from
- iv) with.

e) "He is helpful to me." Change into future indefinite tense:

- i) He was helpful to me
- ii) He helps me
- iii) He will be helpful to me
- iv) He has been helpful to me.

Solution:

- a) kind
- b) is
- c) goodness
- d) from
- e) He will be helpful to me

5. Choose the following as directed in the brackets:

5×1=5

a) He said to me, "Please help me."

(Change into Indirect speech)

b) Who teaches you English ?

(Change into Passive voice)

c) Punctuate the following, using capital letters wherever necessary:

rekha said to her friend why did you not come to college yesterday

d) Frame a correct sentence by reordering the words: cat upon the jumped table the.

e) Complete the spelling of the following word:

j-st-ce

Solution:

a) Indirect speech:

He requested me to help him.

b) Passive voice:

By whom are you taught English?

c) Punctuated sentence:

Rekha said to her friend, "Why did you not come to college yesterday?"

d) Correct sentence:

The cat jumped upon the table.

e) Complete the spelling:

justice

6. Translate the following into English:

प्रयागराज एक प्रसिद्ध नगर है। इसका एक गौरवशाली इतिहास है। यहाँ गंगा और यमुना का संगम है। यहाँ उत्तर प्रदेश का उच्च न्यायालय है। यह एक स्वच्छ सुंदर नगर है।

Solution:

Prayagraj is a famous city. It has a glorious history. Here, the confluence of the Ganga and Yamuna rivers takes place. The High Court of Uttar Pradesh is located here. It is a clean and beautiful city.

SECTION - D (Literature)

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

Lencho showed not the slightest surprise on seeing the money; such was his confidence - but he became angry when he counted the money. God could not have made a mistake, nor could he have denied Lencho, what he had requested. Immediately, Lencho went to the window to ask for paper and ink.

a) Why did Lencho become angry? 2

b) Why did Lencho go to the window? 2

Solution:

a) Lencho became angry because the amount of money he received was less than what he had requested from God.

b) Lencho went to the window to ask for paper and ink in order to write a letter to God, demanding the missing amount.

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

a) What were the difficulties faced by Nelson Mandela in achieving freedom for his people?

b) Why did Anne Frank maintain a diary?

Solution:

(b) Anne Frank maintained a diary to express her thoughts, emotions, and experiences while hiding from the Nazis during World War II. She felt isolated and wanted a companion to confide in, as she couldn't share her feelings with anyone

around her. Her diary, named "Kitty," became a source of comfort and a way to document her life in hiding, providing an insight into her personal struggles and hopes for the future.

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

- a) What are the animals, you are likely to see in Coorg?
- b) How is a baker important for a party or a feast in Goa?
- c) What was Valli's deepest desire?

Solution:

- a) In Coorg, you are likely to see animals such as elephants, tigers, deer, monkeys, and various species of birds, especially in the forests and wildlife sanctuaries.
- b) In Goa, a baker is important for a party or feast as he provides freshly baked bread, cakes, and other delicious treats that are essential for the celebrations.

10. Match the words of List A with their meanings in List B: 3×1=3

List A	List B
a) Creature	i) said slowly
b) Destroy	ii) animal
c) Whispered	iii) damage

Solution:

- a) - ii)
- b) - iii)
- c) - i)

11. Read the following extract and answer the questions given below it:

Some say the world will end in fire
 Some say in ice,
 From what I've tasted of desire
 I hold with those who favour fire.

- a) What does the poet say about the end of the world? 2
- b) Point out the rhyming words in the stanza. 2

Solution:

- a) The poet suggests that some people believe the world will end in fire, while others think it will end in ice. The poet personally favours the idea of fire based on their experience with desire.
- b) The rhyming words in the stanza are:
 fire / desire

12. Write the central idea of one of the following poems: 4

- a) The Trees
- b) Amanda

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)

Solution:

a) The Trees

The poem "The Trees" by Adrienne Rich revolves around the theme of nature's resilience and the cycle of life. It highlights the trees' struggle to grow and regain their freedom after being confined in a room. The trees' act of breaking free symbolizes the strength and determination of nature to restore balance. The poem also explores the interconnectedness of all living things and the power of growth, renewal, and transformation.

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

- a) Why did Matilda borrow the necklace?
- b) Why is Bholi's father worried about her?
- c) How does the narrator treat the dog in the story 'A Triumph of Surgery'?

Solution:

a) Matilda borrowed the necklace because she wanted to appear wealthier and more sophisticated at the party, as she was dissatisfied with her modest appearance.

b) Bholi's father is worried about her because of her physical appearance, as she is weak, has a scarred face, and is unable to speak clearly, making her seem less attractive.

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

- a) Give a character sketch of Matilda in the story 'The Necklace'.
- b) How did a book become a turning point in Richard Ebright's life?

Solution:

b) A book on butterflies became a turning point in Richard Ebright's life. It sparked his curiosity about nature and science. The book, given to him by his mother, inspired him to start collecting butterflies and studying them. This interest grew into a passion for science, leading Ebright to pursue research in the field. His love for reading and discovery helped him achieve success in his scientific career.

15. a) Point out true and false in the following statements: 1+1=2

- i) James Herriot was a veterinary surgeon.
- ii) Later part of Matilda's life became sad due to the diamond necklace.

Solution:

- (i) True
- (ii) True

b) Select the most suitable alternative to complete the following statements: 1+1=2

- i) Richard Ebright was
 - w) an actor
 - x) a singer
 - y) an engineer
 - z) a scientist
- ii) Ramlal had seven children
 - w) three daughters and four sons

- x) three sons and four daughters
- y) two sons and five daughters
- z) five sons and two daughters.

Solution:

- i) Richard Ebright was
- z) a scientist
- ii) Ramlal had seven children
- x) three sons and four daughters