

Third Pre-Board Examination- 2020-2021

Class: 10th

Sub: English

Time: 3:00 Hours

M. Marks: 100

Section A(Reading)

1. Read the following poem and then complete the summary by writing in the blanks the missing words/phrases etc:

Belinda tickled him, she tickled him unmerciful
Ink, blink and mustard rudely called him Percival
They all sat laughing in the little red wagon
At the Realia trulio, cowardly dragon,
Belinda giggled till she shook the house;
And blink said Wreck ! which is giggling for a mouse,
Ink and mustard rudely asked his age,
When custard cried for a nice safe cage

1.1 Summary :

Belinda always teased poor custard in an (a) _____ Ink, blink Mustard would rudely call him Percival. They meant to say that custard like Percival through grown up in age was childish. They were all sitting in (b) _____ laughing at the dragon. Belinda laughed so much that the whole house seemed to be (c) _____. The mouse Blink also (d) _____ in his own way. Poor custard only cried for a (e) _____, at this ink and mustard asked him rudely what (f) _____. [½x6=3]

- 1.2 The poet has used certain expressions in the extract. Choose from the given list the best suggestions for each expression :

Expression from the poet

suggestions

- i) Percival
- ii) Realio, Trulio
- iii) Giggled till shook the house

- a) Embraced
- b) Supreme innocent
- c) Tempered dragon
- d) Laughed so much that the whole house seemed to be shaking
- e) Really and truly
- f) Move around to shake the house

[3]

- 1.3 Read the following extract from a poem and answer that follows

[5]

*My feet are cold with water seeping through shoes
My eyes are heavy with sleep or is it fever
The ground is very slippery, there is no place to stand
The mind is exhausted, looks for some spot to rest*

- a) What has made the speaker's feet cold?
- b) What does his mind look for?
- c) What do the following words mean
- i) Seeping
- ii) Spot

- 1.4) Read the following passage and answer the questions given at the end

"I am sick of Mr. Bingley," cried his wife. "I am sorry to hear that. Why did not you tell me so before? If I had known as much this morning, I certainly would not have called on him. _____ But I have actually paid the visit; we cannot escape the acquaintance now."

The astonishment of the ladies was just what he wished; that of Mrs. Bennet surpassing the most. 'How good it was of you. My dear Mr. Bennet! She said. 'But I knew I should persuade you at last.' I was sure you loved your girls too well to neglect such an acquaintance. Well, how pleased I am and it is such a good joke, too, that you should have gone this morning and never said a word about it till now?

Questions:

- a) Give the synonyms of the: pleased, astonishment (½x2=1)
- b) Give the antonyms of the following: certainly, persuade (½x2=1)
- c) Fill in the blanks:
- i) Mr. Bennet told his wife that he had ____ Mr. Bingley in the morning.
- ii) Mr. Bennet wanted ____ his wife and his daughters.
- iii) Mrs. Bennet was very ____ to hear that.
- iv) She told her daughters that they had ____ father. (½x4=2)

1.5 Read the following passage and answer the questions given below: -

[5]

India is facing many challenges religious intolerance, unemployment, poverty, disease eradication and price rise are a few of them. Rising prices in general and that of pulses is of grave nature. The price of pulses is touching the sky. Hoarding is the chief cause of rise in prices of pulses. Both the Government and the common man are on the cross-roads. Prices are to be checked by the Government authorities.

- i- The country faces _____.
- ii- Unemployment and poverty _____.
- iii- The main cause of price rise is _____.
- iv- The Government and the common man are _____.

Section B (Writing)

(2.1) You are Rashid, the Head Boy of Modern Public School, Srinagar. As part of social service, your school has decided to clean the surroundings. Write a notice, in not more than 50 words, for your school notice board asking for the names of the students of senior wing who wish to participate whole-heartedly. (4)

(2.2) Read the following notes from the note-pad of Mr. Zaheer. Principal Higher Secondary School, City Chowk. He asks his assistant to draft a message on his behalf for the class representatives and staff secretary. Using the information from the note-pad, draft the message, in not more than 50 words and put the message in the box.

- (a) Growing tendency of bringing cell-phones with camera facility in the school and keeping them in silent mode.
- (b) Most cases of their use in the school: sending messages, taking photos
- (c) Indiscipline created there upon.
- (d) All class representatives including staff Secretary to attend the meeting in the office of the Principal. (4)

2.3) You are Manu of Blooming Public School, Gujarat. You have observed that the subways in your city are seldom used by pedestrians. You have decided to write a letter to the editor of a national daily newspaper highlighting the dire need of creating awareness about it. Write a letter in not more than 150 words. [5]

- Infrastructure unutilized
- Pedestrians prone to accidents
- Causes of apathy :
 - a) Accumulation of filth and garbage
 - b) Stagnant water
- Need improvement in regular cleanliness and proper supervision

2.4) Write an essay on "COVID-19 The Pandemic". (7)

Section C (Literature)

3. Answer the following questions in about 100-150 words:

3.1) How does Shahid's face death? Describe the hospital scene.

OR

- How does Antonio help Bassanio? (5)
- 3.2) What did Gerasim hear while crossing the yard? (5)

OR

- Do the atmosphere and the mood at the Hyde Park justify the title of the story? Explain.
- 3.3) Read the following extract and answer the questions given at the end. (3)

*What is the point of their teaching
of mine, and of this
learning of theirs? It all goes
down to same abyss.
What does it matter to me,
if they can write
A description of a dog, or if
they can't?
What is the point? To us both
it is all my aunt!*

- a) What does the poet think about his teachings?
b) What does the poet not care about?
c) Give the meaning of :
i- abyss ii- matter
- 3.4) Recall the poem 'Speak Up' and answer the following questions:- (3)
- i- Why does poet urge the reader to speak up now?
ii- What are the metaphors used in the poem?
iii- What images does the poet draw from the Black Smith's shop?

- 3.5) *Look there, in that smithy; Its red oven, fierce flames,
The padlocks are already opening their mouths
And each fetter is skirting around.*

Question: Name the poem and the poet. Identify the poetic device used in these lines and explain? (4)

- 3.6) Draw the character-sketch of Chubokov. <https://www.jkboseonline.com>

Or

What does Chubukov at first suspect that Lomov has come for? Is he sincere when he later says "And I've always loved you, my angel, as if you were own son?" Find reasons for your answer from the play, 'The Proposal.'

- 3.7) Give the character sketch of Natalya. (5)

OR

Give the character sketch of Portia. (5)

- 3.8) Would you agree that the 'depths of oppression' create 'heights of character'? How does Mandela illustrate this?

OR

How did the coachman persuade his master to employ Gerasim? (5)

Section D (Grammar)

- 4.1) The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Underline error and write the correct word in the blank space on your answer book:- (4)

One day Raju go near _____
A big pond and find _____
Nobody their except a _____
Few swimmer. He _____
Asked them if he can _____
Join them. He was please _____
When he got a affirmative answer _____
It was what motivate him _____
And he become a famous swimmer _____

- 4.2) Re-arrange the following words/phrases to form the meaningful sentences:

1. at night / if the baby / the mother / asked me / cried
2. where / she / know / I / lives / do / not.

3. the bank / near / he / lives / and not / post office / the.

4. sent / the / to / thief / was / jail.

5. diet / lest / you / take / light / should / fall / ill

6. backbone of / is the / institution / every / educational / library

(3)

4.3) Given below is a conversation. Complete the dialogues by filling in the gaps in any suitable way:-

(3)

Salma : Hello! Rubana (a) _____
Rubana : I'm fine, thanks. What a pleasant surprise!
Salma : Did you visit the book fair at polo view?
Rubana : No. Did you?
Salma : Yes. (b) _____
Rubana : Are there(c) _____
Salma : Yes. There are books for all age groups.
Rubana : Any Idea (d) _____
Salma : I'm not sure. But I guess it will for on for a month.
Rubana : Then I must (e) _____
Salma : Don't miss this golden chance.
Rubana : I won't (f) _____

4.4) Change the narration of the following Sentences:

(2)

1. She said to me, "Do you want some coffee?"
2. Rahul said to Amit, "Bravo! You have done well."
3. Radha says, "I am tired of the job."
4. She said to me, "Do not spit on the floor."
5. The doctor said to the patient, "Take medicine after six hours".

4.5) Fill in the blanks with appropriate Modals:

(1)

1. One ____ obey one's parents.
2. No one knew whether he ____ come or not.

4.6) Match the phrases under column A with their meanings under column B:

Column A

Column B

- | | |
|----------------|---------------------|
| 1. Make it up | a) accept |
| 2. Go into | b) to meet |
| 3. Come across | d) to investigate |
| 4. Yield to | e) to end a quarrel |

(2)

4.7) Complete the following sentences with appropriate Homonyms:

- (1) Doctorsthousands of patients a year. (heel / heal)
- (2) Results of this product may with daily or weekly use. (vary / very)
- (3) They spoke But were not to enter the hall. (aloud/allowed)
- (4) He was successful in his (carrier / career)
- (5) of everything is bad. (access/excess)

(½ x6=3)

(4.8) Join the following sentences using relative clauses:

- (1) Many things glitter. All of them are not gold.
- (2) Here is a doctor. The doctor cured me of malaria.
- (3) This is the building. It was built in single month.

(3)

(4.9) Fill in the blanks with suitable articles:

1. _____ Engineering is a useful career.
2. _____ measles is _____ contagious disease.

(1)

(4.10) Punctuate the following :

kisa goutami had an only son and he died in her grief she carried the died child to all her neighbours asking them for medicine and the people said she has lost her senses the boy is dead

(3)

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