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अंग्रेजी (विशिष्ट)
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Time : 3 Hours] [Maximum Marks : 100

Instructions :

- (i) Read all the questions carefully.
- (ii) Read the instructions given with the question before attempting them.
- (iii) Marks of each question are indicated against it.

SECTION - A

(Reading)

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

When Alexander Fleming was sixteen, he had to work to earn his living. He found a job in a shipping office in London. The wages were small and the work rather uninteresting. He also worked as a volunteer soldier on weekends and holidays. It was soon discovered that the sturdy young man from Scotland was a fine shot and a very good swimmer.

Just afterwards, a relative died, leaving him a small but useful sum of money. His brother Thomas advised him to give up the job at the shipping office and spend the money on his training as a doctor. Alexander said later, "My brother Thomas pushed me into medicine."



So he joined St. Mary's hospital school. He attended lectures and watched operations, he also swam and acted in plays. Yet he was always the top student in the examination. He won many prizes and scholarships. It came to be known about his memory that he could remember the whole book after reading it just once.

Questions :

- (i) Alexander Fleming was fond of :- 1
(a) travelling (b) hunting
(c) swimming (d) music
- (ii) He had to work to earn his living when he was in :- 1
(a) his teens (b) his twenties
(c) his thirties (d) his forties
- (iii) "Thomas advised him to give up the job at the shipping office." 1
The meaning of the underlined phrasal verb is -
(a) to hand over (b) to abandon
(c) to surrender (d) to delay
- (iv) Name the place where Alexander was born. 1
- (v) How did Fleming like the job ? 2
- (vi) What made possible for Fleming to become a doctor ? 2

2 Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions given below :

The rain had fallen, the poet rose
He passed by the town and out of the street,
A light wind blew from the gates of the sun,
And waves of shadow went over the wheat,
And he sat him down in a lonely place
And chanted a melody loud and sweet
That made the wild swan pause in her cloud,
And the lark drop down at his feet,
The swallow as he haunted the fly
The snake slid under a spray.



The wild hawk stood with the swan on his beak
And stared with his foot on the prey.
And the nightingale thought, "I have sung many songs"
But never a one so gay.

Questions :

- (a) The phrase 'gates of the sun' means :-
(i) behind the hills (ii) the east direction
(iii) the street in the town (iv) the gates of the town
- (b) Say whether the statement is 'true' or 'false'
The wild hawk was staring at its prey.
- (c) What made the wild swan pause in her cloud ?
(i) a sweet melody (ii) loud wind
(iii) waves of shadow (iv) the swallow
- (d) How did the snake react to the poet's song ?
(i) the snake danced
(ii) the snake slid under flower
(iii) the snake gave the tree a spray
(iv) the snake slid under a small branch
- (e) What did the poet do when rain had fallen ?
- (f) What did the nightingale think about the poet's song ?

3 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :

Why is it that there are very few women players in our orchestras ?
If one could reply flatly - sex determination : they don't want women in
orchestras - that would be a definite answer. But one can't say that.
As a matter of fact there are, if not many, a few women playing today in
symphony orchestras. Nevertheless, it is true that male orchestral players are
in an overwhelming majority. Why is that ? I'm afraid, there is no one to
answer. There are physical reasons why women don't perform well on certain
instruments. The average woman is not likely to possess sufficient lung
power and sheer muscular strength to play the tuba just as an average woman's
hands are not likely to be large enough to finger a double bass satisfactorily.
But what about the other instruments ?



I think social and family pressure have been very strong in keeping women out of orchestras. Think of the prejudice that existed half a century ago against the so called 'nice' girls going on stage. The stage was won out for the simple reason that it had to have women to play feminine roles in plays and operas, and was willing to offer a young woman more money than she could make in any other profession. Moreover, on stage, she was appearing as an individual, as a centre of attraction. This was gratifying to both her and her family. To this day, while the average parents are reconciled to seeing their daughter become an opera singer or concert artist, they don't like the idea of seeing her submerging her personality to become the member of a chorus of the orchestra.

Questions :

- (a) The word similar in meaning to 'a group of musicians' is - 1
(i) orchestra (ii) chorus
(iii) stage (iv) melody
- (b) Say 'True' or 'False' - 1
As a matter of fact there are absolutely no women playing today in symphony.
- (c) The meaning of majority is - 1
(i) very few in number (ii) dozen
(iii) maximum in number (iv) a score
- (d) What is the prime reason for a few number of women in orchestras ? (in one word) <https://www.mpboardonline.com> 1
- (e) What are the genetic deficiencies in women for playing instruments ? 2
- (f) What are the reasons according to the narrator that keep women away from orchestras ? 2
- (g) What are the changing behaviours of parents now-a-days ? 2
- (h) Why were the parents not willing for women to appear on a stage ? 2
- (i) Why was the stage won out ? 2



SECTION - B
(Writing)

4 "Beauty strikes the eyes but goodness moves to heart." Explain your views. 5
OR

"United we stand, divided we fall", elaborate the thought. 5

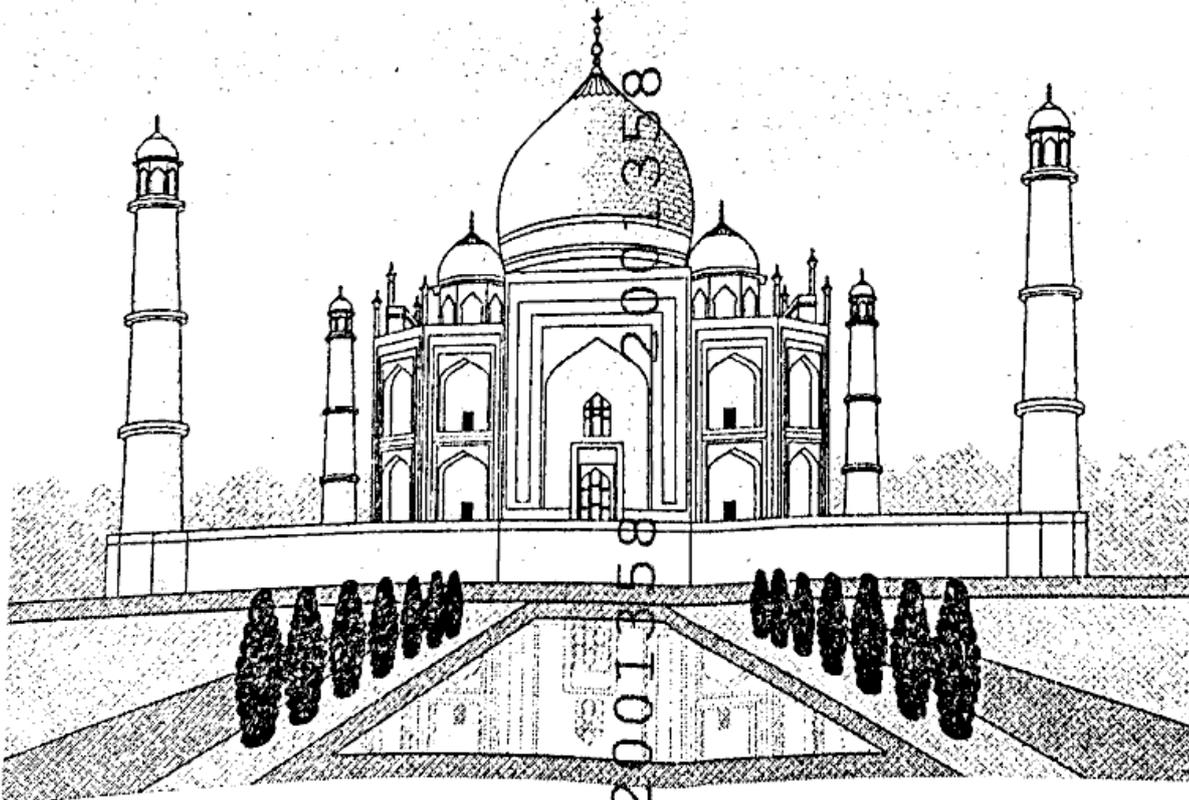
5 Your school is going to organise a social work for the welfare of the poor living in slum areas of your city. Draft a notice from the principal of your school.

OR
Write a telegram to your friend congratulating him on his success in the board examination.

6 Write an article, for your school level competition on 'Say No to Polythene Bags'. Write it with the help of the points given below : (in about 150 words) 7

- (i) Say 'No to Polythene' - A Campaign
- (ii) Harmful effects of the polythene
- (iii) Awareness among people
- (iv) Efforts and their implementations
- (v) Replacement of polythenes.

OR
Look at the visual input given below and produce a small description about it. Write in 120-150 words.



- 7 You are Rohit Gupta, residing at 56, Gandhi Nagar, Rewa. Write a letter to your friend inviting him to spend a part of summer vacation at any hill station. 6

OR

Write a letter to the District Health Officer drawing his attention to the insanitary conditions prevailing in your locality.

- 8 Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 250 words : 7
- Importance of Trees.
 - Science in our daily life.
 - Corona - A threat to our society.
 - Value of Discipline.
 - Save Animals.
 - Values of Games and Sports.

SECTION - C
(Grammar)

- 9 Fill in the blanks with suitable words given in the brackets : (any ten) 10×1=10
- ✓(i) Diamond is _____ hardest of all metals. (a, an, the)
 - ✓(ii) I am not interested _____ politics. (to, of, in)
 - ✓(iii) Where there is a will, there _____ a way. (are, was, is)
 - ✓(iv) Look _____ you leap. (before, after, with)
 - ✓(v) There isn't _____ rice in the bowl. (much, many)
 - ✓(vi) Will it make _____ difference to you ? (some, any, many)
 - (vii) Either Sita or Gita _____ come. (has, have, are)
 - (viii) Speak slowly _____ you should listen. (lest, but, and)
 - ✓(ix) My father _____ cross the river, when he was young.
(was, could, can)
 - ✓(x) We _____ to serve our nation. (should, ought, need)
 - ✓(xi) If you work hard you _____ be selected. (should, would, will)
 - (xii) You must abide _____ the rules of road. (by, with, to)



- 10 Do as directed : (any five)
- (i) They went to school every day. (Change into interrogative)
 - (ii) He does his work very neatly. (Change into negative)
 - (iii) Reema said, "Dogs bark at strangers."
(Rewrite the sentence into indirect speech)
 - (iv) The garden has lovely flowers. The garden is in front of my house. (Combine the sentences using 'Relative Clause')
 - (v) Twenty rupees are not a big amount. (Correct the sentence)
 - (vi) She is so poor that she can not pay her fees.
(Rewrite the sentence using 'too - to')
 - (vii) I am glad that I have met my friend.
(Rewrite the sentence using 'an infinitive')

SECTION - D
(Text Book)

- 11 Read the extract carefully from the poem and answer the questions given below :

"Old man", said a fellow pilgrim, near

"You are wasting strength with building here"

Your journey will end with the ending day;

You never again must pass this way.

Questions :

- (a) This extract is taken from the poem.... 1
 - (i) The Bridge Builder (ii) To the Cuckoo
 - (iii) Gitanjali
- (b) Who addressed the old man ? 1
 - (i) A woman (ii) A child
 - (iii) A fellow traveller
- (c) Who was building the bridge ? Where ? Why ? 2



- 12 Read the extract of the poem and answer the questions given below :
- In one salutation to thee, my God let
all my senses spread out and touch this
world at thy feet like a rain-cloud of July hung low
with its burden of unshed showers let all
my mind bend down at thy door in one
salutation to thee.

Questions :

- (a) The poet of these lines is - 1
- (i) John Keats (ii) Robert Frost
- (iii) Rabindranath Tagore (iv) William Wordsworth
- (b) The one word used for 'something loaded' in the extract is : 1
- (i) burden (ii) mind
- (iii) showers (iv) door
- (c) What is the cloud burdened with ? 2
- 13 Answer any **one** of the following questions : (in about 120-150 words)
- What were the qualities of Wasserkopf that the Principal and the Masters evaluated ? 5

OR

Describe how Jean and Pierre managed to get the pie.

- 14 Answer any **four** of the following questions in about 30-40 words : 4×2=8
- (a) What happened to the statue of the Happy Prince at last ?
- (b) What is Bacon's advice on extraordinary expenses ?
- (c) What did the author see when he looked through the glass partition ?
- (d) How did Behrman save Johnsy's life ?
- (e) What would Helen like to see in the eyes of her teacher ?

- 15 Answer any **one** of the questions in about 75-100 words : 4
- What do the Jataka stories recount

OR

Write a note on the importance of hard work in life.

