

SUBJECT : ENGLISH (SET-I)

Time : 3 Hrs.

M.M.: 100

General Instructions :

1. *The paper is divided into three sections - A, B and C. All the sections are compulsory.*
2. *Separate instructions are given with each question wherever necessary. Read these instructions carefully and follow them meticulously.*
3. *Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.*

SECTION-A (READING)

Q1. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow : (10)

1. All of us do some kind of work to ward off starvation or to gain sufficient material wealth with a view to maintaining that standard of living which our physical and intellectual powers have helped us to reach. But there is another kind of work which is completely divorced from the burdensome process of our livelihood and which is undertaken for the sake of amusement or interest on the direction of our surplus stores of energy in some new and useful channels of refined tastes. This delightful occupation, combining work with pleasure or hobby, as it is properly termed, called for the application of our highest faculties gives proper form to our healthy instincts, purposeful habits and disciplined behaviour. In our carefree and vacant hours it allows these faculties to perform their natural functions and to display their instinctive greatness. We devote our leisure time to the pursuit of this pleasant task and derive advantages which compare favourably with those we obtain from the burdening routine of our daily life. Hobbies widen the sphere of our cultural activities, gives refinement to our tastes and show us the path that leads to our systematic mental and moral development. Our tendencies and inclinations also find in them an outlet for a healthy and progressive expression.
2. "A hobby is a favourite subject or occupation that is not one's main business." In this age of machinery which has taken upon itself most of the laborious duties of physical exertion formally performed by man, then creating for him pleasant intervals of rest and leisure, it should not be difficult for him to devote some time to the pursuit of a new interest that can add some charm, colour or zest to his life. The spare time must not be frittered away in idleness or spent on such work that overtakes his mind and body after they have performed their normal functions for the day. The new interest will be worthwhile only if it provides relaxation and change from ordinary occupation, banishes the drabness of routine work and produces a feeling that life is both charming and meaningful.
3. The choice of hobbies, like the choice of books, is not an easy task. Some hobbies demand a little guidance from experienced persons. Some hobbies are rather expensive, and, therefore, beyond the means of ordinary people who can ill afford to spend large sums of money on them. A few are incompatible with our temperament and taste. We must not, therefore, allow the glamour of certain hobbies to blind their reality, howsoever tempting they may appear to us, nor should we begin to cherish them thoughtlessly because we find other people so devotedly attached to them. In the first flush of enthusiasm many have rushed into unsuitable hobbies only to find themselves turning away from them in a state of great disillusionment and thus discard them. Scattered interest in half a dozen or more odd hobbies is also not a desirable end.

- (A) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the given questions by choosing the correct options : (6x1=6)

1. Hobby is a kind of work which is undertaken for _____ .

(a) warding off starvation	(b) gaining wealth
(c) amusement	(d) maintaining a standard of living
2. A hobby is completely divorced from _____ .

(a) the burdensome process of livelihood	(b) enjoyment you may get from it
(c) exercise of intellect	(d) use of energy
3. Hobby is a combination of _____ .

(a) work and thinking	(b) intellect and mind
(c) work and pleasure	(d) work and play
4. Hobby banishes _____ .

(a) hardwork	(b) activity
(c) application of abilities	(d) drabness of routine
5. Choose the correct option :

(a) Hobbies don't need any direction	(b) Hobbies are never expensive
(c) A few hobbies may not suit our temperament and taste	(d) We can choose hobbies at random
6. The word/phrase in the passage which means the same as 'wasted away' is :

(a) undertaken	(b) burdening
(c) frittered away	(d) banishes

(B) Answer the given questions briefly :

- (a) What are the advantages of having a hobby? (2)
- (b) Why one has to be careful about choosing a hobby? (1)
- (c) Under what circumstances do we discard a hobby? (1)

Q2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : (12)

1. Physical education, which is commonly a part of the curriculum at school level, includes training in the development and care of the human body and maintaining physical fitness. Physical education is also about sharpening overall cognitive abilities and motor skills like athletics, exercise and various physical activities like martial arts and dance.
2. Physical education promotes the importance of inclusion of a regular fitness activity in the routine. This helps the students to maintain their fitness abilities to an optimum level. Physical fitness helps to inculcate the importance of maintaining a healthy body, which in turn keeps them healthy and energised.
3. Indulging in sports, be it team sports or dual or individual sports, leads to a major boost in self-confidence. The ability to go on the field and perform instills a sense of self confidence, which is very important for the development of a person's self-confidence. Moreover, the ability to accept defeat on field and yet believe in your own capabilities brings a sense of positive attitude as well.
4. Physical education classes are about participating in the physical fitness and recreation activities, but they are also about gaining knowledge about the overall aspects of physical health. For example in today's world the problems of obesity and anaemia are rampant among teenagers. Physical education provides the benefits of nutritious food and cite the ill effects of junk food. Promoting sound eating practices and guidelines for nutrition are some of the very valuable lessons that can be taught through physical education classes at school level.

5. Participation in team sports or even dual sports helps to imbibe a team spirit among the students. While participating in team sports, the children have to function as an entire team and hence they learn how to organize themselves and function together. The process of team building hones a person's overall communicative skills and the ability to get along with different kinds of people.
6. Participation in sports and several physical education activities helps to sharpen the reflexes of the students. It also brings order and discipline to the body movements and helps in the development of a sound body posture as well as the hand-eye coordination.
7. Physical education classes also include the lessons about the importance of personal hygiene and importance of cleanliness. Thus, these classes help the students to know the important hygiene practices that must be practised in order to maintain the health and well being throughout life.
8. Physical education classes help to enhance the overall cognitive abilities of the students, since they get a lot of knowledge about the different kind of sports and physical activities that they indulge in. For example, a person who is participating in a specific type of martial art classes, will also gain knowledge about the origins of martial art and the other practices and historical significance associated with it.

(A) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the given questions briefly: (9x1=9)

- (a) What are the components of physical education?
 - (b) How does physical fitness help in one's well being?
 - (c) How do sports boost one's self-confidence?
 - (d) Physical education brings a sense of positive attitude in an individual. Explain.
 - (e) How can physical education increase one's knowledge?
 - (f) How can team work enhance one's communicative skills?
 - (g) Explain how students' reflexes are sharpened due to physical education.
 - (h) What do all physical education classes include?
 - (i) How can physical education classes enhance one's cognitive skills?
- (B) Find words from the above passage that convey a similar meaning as the following : (3x1=3)
- (i) instill (para 2)
 - (ii) widespread (para 4)
 - (iii) regulation (para 6)

Q3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : (8)

In a very short period of time the internet has had a profound impact on the way we live. Since the internet was made operational in 1983, it has lowered both the costs of communication and the barriers to creative expression. It has challenged old business models and enabled new ones. It has provided access to information on a scale never before achievable.

It succeeded because we designed it as flexible and open. These two features have allowed it to accommodate innovation without massive changes to its infrastructure. An open, burdenless and standardized platform means that barriers to entry are low, competition is high, interpretability is assured and innovation is rapid.

The beauty of an open platform is that there are no gatekeepers. For centuries, access to and creation of information was controlled by the few. The internet has changed that and is rapidly becoming the platform for everyone, by everyone.

Of course, it still has a way to go. Today there are only about 2.3 billion internet users, representing roughly 30% of the world's population. Much of the information that they can access online is in English, but this is changing rapidly.

The technological progress of the internet has also set social change in motion. As with other enabling inventions before it, from the telegraph to television, some will worry about the effects of broader access to information — the printing press and the rise in literacy that it effected were, after all, long seen as destabilising. Similar concerns about the internet are occasionally raised, but if we take a long view, I'm confident that its benefits far outweigh the discomforts of learning to integrate it into our lives. The internet and the world wide web are what they are because literally millions of people have made it so. It is a grand collaboration.

It would be foolish not to acknowledge that the openness of the internet has had a price. Security is an increasingly important issue and cannot be ignored. If there is an area of vital research and development for the internet, this is one of them. I am increasingly confident, however, that techniques and practices exist to make the internet safer and more secure while retaining its essentially open quality.

After working on the internet and its predecessors for over four decades, I'm more optimistic about its promise than I have ever been. We are all free to innovate on the net everyday. The internet is a tool of the people, built by the people for the people and it must stay that way.

- (A) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it using recognizable abbreviations, wherever necessary. Also suggest a suitable title. (5)
- (B) Write a summary of the above passage in about 80 words. (3)

SECTION-B (ADVANCED WRITING SKILLS)

- Q4. You are Silvi/Selran of St. Joseph School, Jabalpur. Your school is organising a charity show in aid of the victims of recent floods. Write a notice to be put up on the school notice board inviting names of students from classes XI-XII interested in participating. Also encourage them to contribute generously for the cause.

OR

Your school is organizing a rally against the exploitation of children working in the cracker factories. Design a poster for the same. (4)

- Q5. You purchased a frost-free Godrej Refrigerator from ABC Company, Trivandrum. After using it for a month, you found that the freezing section is not functioning. Write a letter to the Sales Manager, complaining about it in not more than 150 words. You are Raja/Ragini a resident of 23, Lake View Road, Trivandrum.

OR

You are Saurabh/Surabhi a student of BSN School, Gurgaon. You are aware that the present day youth are equipped with knowledge and information besides having energy and enthusiasm. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily highlighting how their energy can be tapped into removing poverty from India. (6)

- Q6. You are Anurag/Anusha. You very strongly feel that English language has to be learnt as it has come to stay as an official language in India and it serves as a necessary national and international link between literate people. Write an article for your school magazine in 150-200 words, on the topic 'Importance of Studying English in India'.

OR

Computers have become a rage with children as well as adults. You do understand the positive role computers play in today's age. But sometimes they serve as a major distraction and have their hazards as well. Write an article highlighting the role and significance of computers and also point out the hazards their excessive use can cause. (10)

37. You have been asked to give a speech in the morning assembly, highlighting the need and value of outdoor games in this age of television and computer games. Write a speech in about 200 words on the topic 'Joy of Outdoor Games'.

OR

The number of vehicles has increased in your city thus polluting the environment. A great many people have been complaining about the problems related to lungs and hearing impairment. Write a speech in about 200 words, to be delivered in the morning assembly on the topic "Ill Effects of Pollution". (10)

SECTION-C (TEXT BOOKS AND LONG READING TEXT)

38. Read the given extracts and answer the questions that follow :

Now we will count to twelve

and we will all keep still

For once on the face of the Earth

lets not speak in any language,

lets stop for one second,

and not move our arms so much.

- (a) Why does the poet ask his listeners to "keep still"? (1)
(b) What changes does the poet expect on the face of the Earth? (1)
(c) How would we all be together? (1)
(d) Explain "not move our arms so much". (1)

OR

Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across a screen

Bright topaz denizens of a world of green

They do not fear the men beneath the tree

They pace in sleek chivalric certainty

- (a) Where do the tigers appear? What are they doing? (1)
(b) What is the attitude of the tigers towards men? (1)
(c) How does the poet portray the outer and inner qualities of the tigers? (2)

39. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each : (4x3=12)

- (a) How and why was the hundredth tiger honoured?
(b) Why were there no curtains in Mr. Lamb's house?
(c) What fate did the real McLeery meet?
(d) What was the significance of the bulletin board in the town hall?

40. Answer the following question in not more than 150 words :

Bring out the difference in the character of Sophie and Jansie.

OR

"The Cutting of My Long Hair" show insensitivity of the mainstream culture towards marginalised communities. Discuss. (6)

1. Honesty is considered as the best policy for earning one's bread and butter. Stealing is a sin and a punishable act. Vagabonds tend to forget this essential goodness. Write an article on the topic 'Honest Means of Livelihood' with reference to the story "The Rattrap". (150 words) (6)
2. Describe the circumstances that made Griffin rob his own father. What made his crime grave? (150 words) (6)
3. Write a character sketch of Mr. Oliver, the professor. (150 words) (6)