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**1st TERMINAL EXAMINATION 2021-22**

**Subject : English Language      Class : X      F.M. : 100      Time : 2hrs**

Answers to this Paper must be written on the paper provided separately. You will not be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes. This time is to be spent in reading the question paper. The time given at the head of this paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

Attempt all **five (5)** questions.

The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [ ].

You are advised to spend not more than **30 minutes** in answering **Question 1** and **20 minutes** in answering **Question 2**

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**Question 1**

**(Do not spend more than 30 minutes on this question)**

**Write a composition (350 - 400 words) on any one of the following:**

**[20]**

- a) You were stuck in the middle of a jungle for a night. There you came in communion with trees, birds and animals. Write about how you felt and how with their help you came out from there.
- b) 'Life is more challenging for your generation than your parents'. Write your views about the topic.
- c) Think of a time when you achieved a personal goal. Say why the goal was important to you and how you achieved it. Describe how you felt on achieving it.
- d) Write an original short story that begins with the words "I was returning to India after having completed my studies from abroad. The yearning to meet my parents and friends grew ....."
- e) Study the picture given below. Write a short story or a description or an account of what it suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or you may take suggestions from it; however, there must be a clear connection between the picture and your composition.



### **Question 2**

(Do not spend more than **20 minutes** on this question)

[10]

Select **any one** of the following:

- a) You have noticed many stray animals on the road during the busy hours of the day. These animals cause traffic jams as well as accidents. Write a letter to the Chairman of the local Municipal Corporation ( Animal Protection Department) drawing their attention to the issue and suggest suitable solutions to the problem.
- b) There was a fancy dress competition in one of your niece's school. Write a letter to your best friend telling her/him how you prepared your niece for this event. Also, tell her/him what all efforts you had to take for the selection of the theme and buying her dress and accessories.

### **Question 3**

Attempt **both** the questions.

- a) You are the Head Boy/Head Girl of your school. Your school has taken an initiative to organize a Vaccination Camp for all the students of the school. Write a notice inviting all the students to avail the opportunity. Give the necessary information. [5]
- b) Write an e-mail to the Principals of your branch schools, informing them of the drive to vaccinate the students & requesting them to send the students to your school . [5]

### **Question 4**

**Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

In Banaras District, there is a village called Bira in which an old, childless widow used to live. She was a Gond woman named Bhungi and she didn't own either a scrap of land or a house to live in. Her only source of livelihood was a parching oven. The village folk customarily have one meal a day of parched grains, so there was always a crowd around Bhungi's oven. Whatever grain she was paid for parching, she would grind or fry and eat it.

She slept in a corner of the same little shack that sheltered the oven. As soon as it was light she'd get up and go out to gather dry leaves from all around to make her fire. She would stack the leaves right next to the oven, and after twelve, light the fire. But on the days when she had to parch grain for Pandit Udaybhan Pandey, the owner of the village, she went to bed hungry.

She was obliged to work without pay for Pandit Udaybhan Pandey. She also had to fetch water for his house. And, for this reason, from time to time the oven was not lit. She lived in the Pandit's village, therefore he had full authority to make her do any sort of odd job. In his opinion, if she received food for working from him, how could it be considered as work done without pay? He was doing her a favour, in fact, by letting her live in the village at all.

It was spring, a day on which the fresh grain was fried and eaten and given as a gift. No fire was lit in the house. Bhungi's oven was being put to good use today. There was a crowd worthy of a village fair around her. She had scarcely any opportunity to draw a breath. Because of the customer's impatience, squabbles kept breaking out. Then two servants arrived, each carrying a heaped basket of grain from Pandit Udaybhan with the order to parch it right away. When Bhungi saw the two baskets, she was alarmed.

It was already after twelve and even by sunset, she would not have time to parch so much grain. Now she would have to stay at the oven parching until after dark for no payment. In despair, she took the two baskets. One of the flunkies said menacingly, 'Don't waste any time or you'll be sorry.' With this command, the servants went away and Bhungi began to parch the grain.

It's no laughing matter to parch a whole maund of grain. She had to keep stopping from the parching in order to keep the oven fire going. So by sundown not even half the work was done. She was afraid Panditji's men would be coming. She began to move her hands all the more frantically. Soon the servants returned and said, "Well, is the grain parched?"

Feeling bold, Bhungi said, "Can't you see? I'm parching it now.' 'The whole day's gone and you haven't finished any more grain than this! Have you been roasting it or spoiling it? This is completely uncooked! How's it going to be used for food?"

It's the ruin of us! You'll see what Panditji does to you for this.' The result was that that night the oven was dug up and Bhungi was left without a means of livelihood.

**a) Give the meaning of the following words as used in the passage.**

**One word answers or short phrases will be accepted.**

[3]

- i) squabbles
- ii) menacingly
- iii) maund

**b) Answer the following questions briefly using your own words.**

- i) How did Bhungi earn her livelihood? [2]
- ii) Why was Pandit Udaybhan against paying Bhungi? [2]
- iii) Which word in the passage shows that the old woman started working hastily in a disorderly manner out of anxiety? [1]
- iv) What did one of the servants of Pandit warn Bhungi? [2]
- v) What does the author mean by 'She had scarcely any opportunity to draw a breath'? [2]

**c) Describe the hard work and the plight of Bhungi , in not more than 50 words.**

[8]

### **Question 5**

**a) In the following passage, fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in the brackets. (Do not copy the passage but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space) :**

**[4]**

(0) refers

The term 'traditional medicine' (0) .....(refer) to ways of protecting and restoring health that (i) ..... (exist) before the arrival of modern medicine. As the term (ii) ..... (imply), these approaches to health belong to the traditions of each country, and (iii) ..... (hand) down from generation to generation. Traditional systems in general have had to meet the needs of the local communities for many centuries. China and India, (iv) ..... (develop) very sophisticated systems such as acupuncture and ayurvedic medicine. A genuine interest in various traditional practices now (v) ..... (exist) among practitioners of traditional, indigenous or alternative systems. They (vi) ..... (begin) to accept and (vii) ..... (use) some of the modern technology. This (viii) ..... (help) to foster teamwork among all the categories of health workers within the framework of primary health care.

**b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words:**

**[4]**

- i) She didn't allow cancer to discourage her ..... the contrary, she began to work twice as hard.
- ii) They say good looks run \_\_\_\_\_ my family.
- iii) I take a lot of pride \_\_\_\_\_ my ability to read Arabic.
- iv) She has two cars and a boat, \_\_\_\_\_ her bicycle.
- v) Everyone is nice to Ron at work, but they are always talking \_\_\_\_\_ his back.
- vi) Sales have been increasing \_\_\_\_\_ the leadership of our new boss.
- vii) Please bear \_\_\_\_\_ us while we try to fix the computer system.
- viii) I sold my bike \_\_\_\_\_ a profit.

**c) Join the following pairs of sentences to make one complete sentence without using *and*, *but* or *so* :**

**[4]**

- i) His father is a millionaire. He sent him to England for higher education.
- ii) I speak the truth. I am not afraid of it.
- iii) He was unwilling to make another attempt. He decided to quit.
- iv) He spent all his money. This was foolish.

**(d) Re-write the following sentences according to the instructions given after each. Make other changes that may be necessary, but do not change the meaning of each sentence.**

**[8]**

- i) George did not realize that he had committed an error.( Begin: Little ...)

- ii)** No matter what the cost is, the project must be completed. (End: ..... any cost.)
- iii)** He succeeded in completing the assignments although he was ill. (Begin: Despite....)
- iv)** If I had not intervened in the matter, it would have had a drastic consequence. (Begin: But .....)
- v)** Granny opened the door and her pet dog ran out. (End: ..... dog.)
- vi)** The neighbour returned a week ago. (Begin: It has ....)
- vii)** We had not even walked one kilometer when they stopped us. (Begin: Hardly.....)
- viii)** The memory is so vivid that I shall never forget it. (Use : 'too' )

[ Written : 80 marks ; Internal Assessment : 20 marks ]