

**ANNUAL SECONDARY EXAMINATION, 2013**

**ENGLISH (अंग्रेजी)**

**Time: 3 Hours]**

**SET-A**

**[Full Marks: 100**

**General Instruction:**

1. This paper consists of four sections:

Section-A - Reading : 20 Marks.

Section-B - Writing : 20 Marks

Section-C - Grammar : 15 Marks.

Section-D - Text Books : 45 Marks.

2. All questions are compulsory.

3. Figures in the margin Indicate full marks.

4. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

5. Answers of the questions must be in the context of the instructions given therein.

**SECTION - A (Reading : 20 Marks)**

Q.1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

Success in life depends largely on good health. Keep your body fit and strong by being clean, inhaling fresh air and following regular habits and suitable entertainment. Avoid anything that will weaken your strength. Smoking harms the body and clouds the brain. Beware of drink. It is the deadly enemy of health and efficiency. Above all remember that your character is a precious possession. Be truthful in all things, considerate to everybody. fair to your opponents, kind and

helpful to all who are weak and suffering and do not be afraid to have the courage to stand up for what is good, pure and noble.

Questions:

- (a) What does success depend on?
- (b) How can we keep good health?
- (c) What are the things we should avoid?
- (d) Complete the following:
  - (I) Smoking harms the body and
  - (II) Remember that your character is a

Q. 2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

The water of the river Yamuna in Delhi has become useless. The water of this river is most polluted and has received E grade in terms of quality. This is the lowest grade which indicates the severity of pollution in the water. Some fifty years ago the water of the Yamuna was clear and clean. Many water plants such as weeds, algae and shrubs grew in its water or along the bank of the river. These plants were the main source of food for aquatic creatures. A number of waterbirds could be seen along the river. With the onset of winter thousands of migratory birds would come here to feed in the Yamuna waters. Sadly these water species and birds have vanished or died what one finds now are red worms, called chironomids which live in the most unhygienic and polluted water.

Questions:

- (a) Which grade has the water of Yamuna received in terms of quality?

- (b) How was the water of Yamuna some fifty years ago?
- (c) Name some water plants which grew in its water.
- (d) What do you mean by Chironomids? Where are they found?
- (e) Complete the following:
  - (i) These plants water the main source .....
  - (ii) These water species and birds.....
- (f) Use the following words in your own sentences to make their meanings clear:
  - (i) useless
  - (ii) vanished.

### **SECTION - B (Writing : 20 Marks)**

Q.3. Write a letter to your younger brother about a picnic you have enjoyed. (About 100 words)

OR

Write an application to your headmaster/headmistress of your school to grant you three days leave.

OR

Q.4. Write a paragraph on any one of the following topics in about 80 words:

- (a) My Best Friend
- (b) The Happiest Day of Your Life
- (c) A Rainy Day

Q.5. You visited a historical place. Describe your visit to this place in about 80 words.

### SECTION - C (Grammar : 15 Marks)

Q.6. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the non-finite verbs given in brackets:

(to meet, lost waiting, to stop)

- (a) She found her ..... purse.
- (b) The teacher asked the boys ..... talking.
- (c) She kept me ..... for two hours.
- (d) We went to Delhi ..... the minister.

Q.7. Fill in the blanks with suitable sentence connectors given in brackets. (until, as, than)

- (a) Plants breath ..... animals do.
- (b) He loves me, more ..... you do.
- (c) Don't get off the train ..... it stops.

Q.8. Transform the following sentences as directed in the brackets:

- (a) The birds are too small to fly. (Remove 'too')
- (b) Who is not afraid of death? (Into Assertive)
- (c) He said to me, "Please open the door." (Into Indirect speech)

Q.9. Fill in the blanks with suitable modals given below:

(could, can, may, must,)

- (a) ..... you write a letter?
- (b) Parents ..... look after their children
- (c) ..... I help you?
- (d) I asked him if I ..... see him.

Q.10. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in brackets:

(a) My father..... a new house buy)

(b) The old lady. .... the gita when the guests arrived. (Read)

Q.11. Fill in the blanks with who, how, when:

(a) I know ..... to cook food.

(b) Tell me ..... the train will come.

(c) God helps those..... help themselves.

### **SECTION - D (Text Book : 45 Marks)**

#### **(a) PROSE: (20 Marks)**

Q.12. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

"Tea was first drunk in China," Rajvir added, "as far back as 2700 B.C.! In fact words such as tea, chai and chini are from Chinese. Tea came to Europe only in the sixteenth century and was drunk more as medicine than as beverage." The train clattered into Mariani junction. Aakash's parents were waiting for them. Soon they were driving towards Dhekiabari, the tea garden managed by Aakash's father. On both sides of the gravel road were acre upon acre of tea-bushes. Groups of tea-pluckers, with bamboo baskets on their backs, wearing plastic aprons, were plucking the newly sprouted leaves.

Questions:

(a) When was tea first drunk in China?

(b) When did tea come to Europe?

- (c) Who managed the Dhekibari tea garden?
- (d) How were the tea-pluckers plucking tea leaves?
- (e) Find a word from the passage which means 'newly grown'.

Q.13. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

The minute they entered the classroom, they stopped short and gasped. There were drawings all over the room on every ledge and window still, dazzling colours and brilliant, lavish designs, all drawn on great sheets of wrapping paper. There must have been a hundred of them, all lined up. These must be the drawings for the contest. They were! Everybody stopped and whistle or murmured admiringly.

As soon as the class had assembled, Miss Mason announced the winners. Jack Beggles had won for the boys, she said and his design for an outboard motor was on exhibition in Room Twelve, along with the sketches by all the other boys.

Questions:

- (a) Why did they stop short and gasp?
- (b) How did they react to the drawings?
- (c) Who won the contest meant for boys?
- (d) who announced the winners of the contest?
- (e) Find a word from the passage which means 'Very grand'.

Q.14. How did Mandela's hunger for freedom change his life?

OR

Why does Anne want to keep a diary and what was the name given to her diary?

Q.15. When did Lencho have faith in ? What did he do?

OR

Where is Coorg? What is the main crop of Coorg ?

**(b) POETRY (10 Marks)**

Q.16. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

What is the boy now who has lost his ball,

What, what is he to do? I saw it go

Merrily bouncing, down the street, and then

Merrily over-there it is in the water!

Questions:

(a) Name the poem from where this extract has been taken.

(b) Who has written these lines?

(c) What has the boy lost?

(d) Where did he ball go?

Q.17. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30-40 words each:

(a) Where did Belinda live? Who else lived with her?

(b) What does the poet compare the branches of the trees to?

(c) What does the girl yearn for? What does this poem tell you about Amanda?

**(c) SUPPLEMENTARY READER (15 Marks)**

Q.18. Give a character-sketch of Horace Danby.

OR

What was the cause of Matilda's ruin? How could she have avoided it?

Q. 19. Why was Mr. Herriot shocked at Tricki's appearance?

OR

How did Ebright's mother encourage him ?

Q. 20. Why is Bholi's father worried about her?

OR

Why was Griffin wandering in the streets?