

# **ANNUAL SECONDARY EXAMINATION, 2020**

## **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:

In England Gandhiji, at first, did not give his time entirely to his studies. Instead, he tried to copy fashionable English gentlemen in every way. Like so many young men of his age, he was attracted by what was new and foreign. He wasted a lot of money on buying smart English clothes. He started taking lessons in ball room dancing, playing the violin etc. What a change from the shy boy on the ship, who would not talk to other passengers! After three months he suddenly realised how silly it was to waste his good brother's money

on such things. After this, he devoted all his time to serious study. From the very childhood, when Gandhiji found that he was doing a wrong thing, he at once stopped doing it.

Questions:

- (a) Where did Gandhiji go for his studies?
- (b) What attracted him most in England?
- (c) What did he suddenly realize after his three months of stay in England?
- (d) Complete the following:
  - (i) He wasted a lot of money on .....
  - (ii) When Gandhiji found that he was doing a wrong thing .....

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

The old lady was glad to be back at the block of flats where she lived. Her shopping had tired her. Her basket had grown heavier with every step of the way home. In the lift her thoughts were on lunch and a good rest. But when she got out at her own floor, both were forgotten. She saw that her front door was open. She was thinking that she must rebuke her daily maid the next morning for such a great negligence. She unlocked the door. She then walked slowly into the hall. She noticed that all the room doors were open. But she had shut them before going out.

It was as clear as daylight then that burglars had forced an entry in her absence. Her first impulse was to go round all the rooms looking for the thieves. But then she decided that at her age it might be more wise to have someone with her. So she went to fetch the porter from the basement. By this time her legs were beginning to

tremble. She sat down. She accepted a cup of very strong tea, while he telephoned the police. Then when her composure regained, she started searching for the thief.

Questions:

- (a) What was the problem that shopping caused to the old lady?
- (b) What were her thoughts in the lift?
- (c) What did she find when she reached home?
- (d) What did she think to do when she found that her flat had burgled?
- (e) Complete the following:
  - (i) But when she got out at her own floor .....
  - (ii) She accepted a cup of very strong tea, while he .....
- (f) Make sentences with the following words:
  - (i) glad
  - (ii) tremble.

### **SECTION - B (Writing and Grammar : 30 Marks)**

Q.3. Write a letter to your friend congratulating him/her on his/ her grand success. (In about 100 words)

OR

Write a letter to the Area Manager, BSNL to get the dead telephone of your area repaired. (In about 100 Words).

OR

Q.4. Write a paragraph on any one of the following topics in about 100-150 words:

- (a) Your aim in life

- (b) Student life
- (c) A birthday party.

Q.5. Fill in the blanks with suitable option given in brackets:

(to meet, smoking, as, until, how, bought).

- (a) Plants breath ..... Animals do.
- (b) He told me ..... to solve it.
- (c) Don't get off the bus ..... it stops.
- (d) She has come ..... me.
- (e) My father ..... a new car.
- (f) ..... is injurious to health.

Q.6. Transform the following sentences as directed in the brackets:

- (a) He is too fat to run. (Remove 'too')
- (b) Who is not afraid of death? (Into Assertive sentence)
- (c) She said to me, "I am playing cricket." (Into Indirect speech)
- (d) They won the match. (Into Passive voice)

Q.7. Fill in the blanks with suitable modals given in brackets:

(must, may, could, can)

- (a) ..... God fulfil your wishes.
- (b) I ..... swim.
- (c) We ..... respect our elders.
- (d) ..... you please help me?

## **SECTION-C (Literature Text Books: 30 Marks)**

### **(a) Prose (Marks: 10)**

Q.8. (a) Read the passage given below 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 sill, dazzling colours and brilliant, lavish designs, all drawn on great sheets of wrapping papers. There must have been a hundred of them. All lined up. These must be the drawings for the contest. They were! Everybody stopped and whistled 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) Who won the contest meant for boys?
- (c) Who announced the winners of the contest?
- (d) Find a word from the passage which means very grand'.

Q. (B) Answer the following question:

Give a brief sketch of Anne's life.

OR

What was Valli's deepest desire? What did she do to fulfil it?

### **(B) POETRY (Marks: 10)**

Q.9. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

He should be lurking in shadow,  
Sliding through long grass,  
Near the water hole,  
Where plump deer pass.

Questions:

- (a) Name the poem from where this extract has been taken.
- (b) Who has written these lines?
- (c) Who is 'He' here?
- (d) Who would pass through the water hole?

Q.10. Answer any two of the following questions in about 20-30 words each:

- (a) Why did the poet want to turn and live with animals?
- (b) What three things suggest that the fog is like a cat?
- (c) Is Amanda an orphan? Why does she say so?

**(C) SUPPLEMENTARY READER (Marks: 10)**

Q.11. (a) Give a character-sketch of Griffin.

OR

Why is Horace Danby described as good and respectable but not completely honest?

Q. (b) Why did Bholi's marriage not take place?

OR

Why was Matilda unhappy?