

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

SECTION – A: Reading and Writing. Answer all the questions. Each carries one mark – 10 marks.

SECTION – B: Writing and Grammar – 25 marks.

SECTION – C: Literature [Prose, Poem, Literature Reader] Attend the questions based on the choice given – 45 marks

SECTION – A (Reading and Writing) (10M)

I. a) Read the following passage and answer the questions given: 5x1=5  
DISTRACTIONS

The great advantage of early rising is the good start it gives to our day's work. The early riser has done a large amount of hard work before other men have got out of bed. In the early morning, the mind is fresh and there are few sounds or other distractions, so the work done at that time is generally well done. In many cases, the early riser also finds time to take some exercise in the fresh morning air and this exercise supplies him with a fund of energy that will last until the evening. By beginning so early, he knows that he has plenty of time to do thoroughly all the work he can be expected to do and is not tempted to hurry over any part of it. All his work is finished in good time, he has a long interval of rest in the evening before the timely hour when he goes to bed. He gets to sleep several hours before midnight, at the time when sleep is most refreshing and after a sound night's rest rises, early next morning in good health and spirits for the labours of a new day.

Questions:

1. How is early morning different from other hours of the day?
2. Why is the early riser not tempted to hurry over his day's work?
3. What enables the early riser to go to bed at the proper time?
4. What are the advantages of going to sleep well before midnight?
5. Find word, from the passage having the same meaning as:

a) Utility (or) use      b) Something that disturbs

b) Read the following passage and answer the questions given:

It was just before World – War II. We were the only family in New York town that didn't own a car. I was a typical teenager and to me 'no car', when most others had one, was disgraceful.

Our daily shopping trips were made in a small two wheeled basket cart drawn by an ancient pony that my mother had named Barkis after the character in David Copperfield Bony Barkis was a comic eyesore. Every clop of his hooves showed our poverty.

We were poor. My father's salary as clerk would have been enough had he not given half of it to support his ill and poor relatives. Even our house was mortgaged.

Mother consoled the family by saying, 'If you have character, you have the better part of wealth'.

Questions: 5x1=5

6. Who didn't own a car?
7. How did they go for shopping?
8. Who named pony as Barkis and who was Barkis?
9. Every clop of his hooves showed our poverty. Whose hooves are referred here?
10. Whom did the narrator's father give his half of the salary?

SECTION – B (Writing and Grammar) (25M)

II. c) Letter writing: 1x5=5

Write an informal letter to your sister congratulating her on her success in the examination. (OR)

You are Head Girl / Boy of Christian Model School, Ernakulam. Write a letter to United Publishers, Ernakulam, asking them to send some popular science books for your school library. (5)

d) Your school Rose Valley High School, Chittor, is organising an Inter – School Speech Competition on the topic 'INDIA'. As you are the secretary of the school literary club, draft a notice for the students of classes VI to VIII to participate in the competition. (OR)

Write a biographical sketch of the given personality: (5)

Name : William Wordsworth  
Born : April 7, 1770 Cockermouth, England  
Title : Poet Laureate  
Notable works : The Solitary Reaper, The Prelude, Lyrical Ballads, Michael, Peter Bell.  
Style : Romanticism  
Died : April 23, 1850 (aged 80) Westmorland, England.

- e) Grammar: (do as directed) 15x1=15
11. Shami enjoys playing tennis in the morning. (underline the Non-Finite verb)
  12. Naveen does not like shopping. (What type of Non-finite Verb is referred here)
  13. Shasha will direct the play. (Change the Active Voice into Passive Voice)
  14. The flute should be played by Mukesh. (Change the Passive Voice into Active Voice)
  15. I read the newspapers in the morning. (Usually) (Place the given adverb suitably)
  16. Larry is looking \_\_\_\_\_ his shoes. (Fill with correct preposition)
  17. Raghu jumped \_\_\_ the pool. (in / into) (Choose the correct option)
  18. It was raining. I did not go out. (Join the two sentences using appropriate conjunction)
  19. He picked up his bag. He went to school. (Fill the correct co-ordinating conjunction)
  20. Rajesh said, 'Saraj is my sister'. (Change the direct speech into reported speech)
  21. Mahesh said that he had watched that movie. (Change the Reported speech into direct speech)
  22. Our new music teacher is from Shimla. (Identify the kind of phrase)
  23. Shiraj is an active person (Make it a negative statement)
  24. The Northern lights make a great spectacle. (Identify the kind of sentence)
  25. i have a headache said the lady (Punctuate the sentence)

SECTION – C (Prose, Poem, Literature Reader) (45M)

- f) Write the synonyms: 5x1=5
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| 26. Endurance -  | 27. Terrify - | 28. Cellar - |
| 29. Congregate - | 30. Stern -   |              |
- g) Write the antonyms of: 5x1=5
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| 31. Clench X | 32. Reveal X | 33. Awful X | 34. Impressive X |
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35. Fury X
- h) Frame sentence with meaning: 4x1=4
36. Convinced - 37. Gaspd - 38. Stretched – 39. Ravage -
- i) Explain with reference to the context: 3x2=6
40. "It was clear that he thought me a lunatic and considered it wiser to humour me than not".

- a) Whom does 'he' refer to?
  - b) Was the act of the narrator really lunatic?
41. "The Tsunami just swept my parents away".
- a) Who said the above words?
  - b) What happened to her parents?
42. "Why do people climb mountains? It is not easy to answer the question. The simplest answer would be 'Because it is there'. It presents great difficulties."
- a) Why according to the author people climb mountains?
  - b) Give synonym for the word 'difficulties'.
- j) Answer the following questions in short: (Any 7) 7x2=14
43. Why was Larry sentenced to prison?
  44. What was so peculiar about the patch on the wall?
  45. How did Hogan and Burns want to enter the house?
  46. Why was Romi in a hurry to get home?
  47. What are the consequences faced during Tsunami?
  48. What were the three qualities that play a major role in narrator's climb?
  49. How did Mulan's family greet her?
  50. What were the words mis-spelt by the muddle head in this poem?
  51. What feeling does the poem 'The Listeners' create and why?
- k) Answer the following in a paragraph: (Any 1) 1x3=3
52. What did the disappearance of the patch on the wall signify?
  53. What was the reaction of Professor Branestawm, Mrs. Flittersnoop and Colonel Dedshott after the invention?
  54. What do you think started the forest fire?
- l) Answer the following in detail: (Any 1) 1x4=4
55. List out the incidents of Professor Branestawm in short summary.
  56. Why were Blackie and Hogan arrested?
  57. Mention three images from the text that (i) Make you feel that man is insignificant as compared to nature. (ii) Human activities irritate nature.
- m) Answer the following Literature Reader question in detail: (Any 1) 1x4=4
58. Write the summary of the story "Experiments".
  59. Depict the summary of the story 'I never forget a face'.
  60. Write the summary of the story "The night we won the Buick".