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English/12/2

Pre-Board Examination-2023**A****Class-12**

Time : 3:15 Hrs]

English

[M.M.: 100

Instructions :

- (i) The first 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question paper.
- (ii) This question paper is divided into sections A, B, C and D.
- (iii) All questions are compulsory.

(Section-A) Reading

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follows:

Many men and women are so money-minded that they do not undertake any serious work that does not pay. They believe that it is foolish to exert themselves for such study and brain work that can not be converted into cash. Hard work only for money and then plenty of play and pleasure, this seems to be their rule of life. Their value intellect only as the key to material prosperity and regard personal, mental development as a foolish fad. This miserable materialistic psychology is very deep-rooted in all classes of society. Rich and poor all suffer from it. An old working woman complained to me her son's habit of occasionally buy some cheap books and said, "He wasted his money on books. What good are they to him. He is a carpenter, not a school master."

- (i) In what do the money minded men and women believe? 3
- (ii) What is their rule of life? 3
- (iii) How did the old working woman complain about her son's habit to the author? 3
- (iv) Which psychology is deep-rooted in the majority of people in a society? 3
- (v) What is the meaning of the word 'intellect'? 1½
- (vi) What are Antonyms of 'plenty'? 1½

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(Section-A) Writing

2. Write an essay (article) on any one of the following topics in about 100 & 150 words : 10
 - (a) Terrorism in India
 - (b) Evils of corruption
 - (c) Mobile phone's uses and misuses.
3. Write a letter to S.D.O. telephones complaining him against frequent telephone disorder. 10

OR

Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper describing the problem of air and water pollution.

(Section-C) Grammar

4. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions: 5×2=10

- (a) Which can not be seen is called-
 - (i) illegible
 - (ii) inaudible
 - (iii) invisible
 - (iv) invincible
 - (b) The phrase 'to and fro' means :
 - (i) blow and blow
 - (ii) backward and forward
 - (iii) to run away
 - (iv) to be careful
 - (c) The synonyms of 'Abolish' is-
 - (i) finish
 - (ii) end
 - (iii) fatal
 - (iv) help
 - (d) The antonym of 'compare' is-
 - (i) care
 - (ii) dissent
 - (iii) contrast
 - (iv) confess
 - (e) 'One is proud of his success'-
Which word in this sentence is an error-
 - (i) proud
 - (ii) of
 - (iii) one
 - (iv) his
5. (a) Change any one of the following sentences into indirect form of speech: 2
 - (i) "Sit down and learn your lesson, boys," said the teacher.
 - (ii) "Shall we post it, sir? he said."

- (b) Combine any one of the following as directed : 2
 (i) He is telling a lie. It is clear. (complex sentence)
 (ii) The train stopped children went out to play.
 (Simple sentence)
- (c) Change any one of the following as directed : 2
 (i) Who broke the chair? (Passive Voice)
 (ii) Gold is the most valuable metal. (Passive Voice)
- (d) Correct any one of the following sentence : 2
 (i) I as well as he is honest.
 (ii) He is one of my best friend.
- (e) Use any one of the following pairs of words in your own sentences to make the difference in their meanings clearly: 2
 (i) Beside, besides (ii) hell, hail
6. Translate the following passage in english : 5
 वृक्ष और जंगल हमारे देश की बहुमूल्य निधि हैं। वृक्ष हमें केवल ईंधन और फल नहीं देते, बल्कि वे हमें इमारती लकड़ी भी देते हैं। पोपूलर वृक्षों की लकड़ी से माचिस बनाई जाती है। यूकेलिप्टस की लकड़ी से कागज तैयार किया जाता है। वृक्ष वायु, प्रदूषण को रोकते हैं। वे मिट्टी के कटाव को भी कम करते हैं। जहाँ तक सम्भव हो हम समय-समय पर अधिक से अधिक नये पेड़ लगाने चाहिए ?

Section-D (Literature)

7. Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words : 4+4=8
 (a) What did the protagonist order the peddler?
 (b) Why was Douglas determined to get over his fear of water?
 (c) What made the lieutenant governor drop the case against Gandhiji?
8. Answer any one of the following questions in not more than 150 words : 7
 (a) The champaran episode was a turning point in Gandhiji life elucidate.
 (b) How does the peddler interpret the acts of kindness and hospitality shown by the crofter, the iron master and his daughter?

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9. Read the following lines of poetry and answer the questions given below : 2×3=6

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.

- (i) Why are the tigers called Aunt Jennifer's tigers?
 (ii) How are they different from Aunt Jennifer?
 (iii) What does the word, 'Chivalric' mean?
10. Give the central idea of one of the following poems: 4
 (a) A thing of beauty (b) My mother at sixty six.
 (c) Aunt Jennifer's tigers
11. Answer any two of the following questions is not more than 30 words: 4+4=8
 (i) Why had derry come to the garden?
 (ii) What is mother Skunk's role in the story?
 (iii) Why did the servants leave Dr. Sadad's house?
12. Answer any one of the following questions in not more than 150 words: 7
 (a) How did Mr. Lamb try to give courage and confidence to Derry?
 (b) Write in brief the character sketch of General Takima.