

Section- A (Reading)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow-

Early rising leads to health and happiness. The man who rises late, can have little rest in the course of the day. Anyone who lies in bed late is compelled to work till a late hour in the evening. He has to go without the evening exercise which is so necessary for his health. (In spite of all his efforts his work will not produce as good results as that of the early riser. The reason for this is that he cannot take advantage of the refreshing hours of the morning. Some people say that the quiet hour of midnight is the best time for working. Several great thinkers say that they can write best only when they burn the midnight oil. Yet it is true to say that few men have a clear brain at midnight when body needs rest and sleep. Those who work at that time soon ruin their health. Bad health must, in the long run, have a bad effect on the quality of their work.

- (a) Why is early rising better than rising late? 3
(b) Why do some thinkers burn the midnight oil? 3
(c) What is the disadvantage of working at midnight? 3
(d) What are the possible advantages of both morning hours and midnight hours?
(e) (i) Which word in the passage is opposite of 'noisy'? 1
(ii) Use the phrase 'in spite of' in your sentence. 1
(iii) Give the antonym of 'several'. 1

Section- B (Writing)

2. Write an article on any one of the following topics in about 100-150 words- 10
(a) Importance of games at school
(b) The role played by the doctors during the pandemic

- (c) Career for educated girls in India
3. Write a letter to the waterworks department complaining about erratic and polluted water supply in your locality. 10
OR

Write a letter to a sports dealer placing an order for some games material.

Section- C (Grammar)

4. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions- 5×2=10
- (a) One who abandons his religious faith is an-
(i) atheist (ii) apostate (iii) infidel (iv) optimist
- (b) The phrase 'pick holes in' means-
(i) find fault with (ii) to insult someone
(iii) to attack (iv) to puncture
- (c) The synonym of 'acute' is-
(i) nice (ii) accidental (iii) severe (iv) curious
- (d) The driver stood at the extremest edge of the rock.
Which word in this sentence is an error-
(i) stood (ii) extremest (iii) edge (iv) of
- (e) The antonym of 'blunt' is-
(i) fortune (ii) sharp (iii) crime (iv) monk
5. (a) Change any one of the following into indirect speech-2
(i) He will say, "The student is lucky."
(ii) He said, "We can not be quite happy in this life."
- (b) Combine any one of the following as directed- 2
(i) The battle was over. The enemy withdrew. (Simple sentence)
(ii) He tried his best. He could not succeed. (Complex sentence)
- (c) Change any one of the following as directed- 2
(i) Besides making a promise, he kept it. (Into a compound sentence)
(ii) No other poet of India was so great as Kalidas. (Superlative degree)
- (d) Correct any one of the following sentences- 2
(i) One should love his country.

- (ii) Being a rainy day we did not go out.
(c) Use any one of the following pairs of words in your sentences to make the difference in their meanings clear-

(i) affect ; effect (ii) alter ; altar

6. Translate the following into English- 5
अपनी मातृभाषा को निम्न समझना हमारी भूल है। हमें संसार के साथ रहना और चलना है अतएव संसार की अन्यान्य भाषाओं को सीखने की जरूरत है पर अपनी मातृभाषा के महत्व का खयाल रखना भी बहुत जरूरी है। हम अंग्रेजी भाषा और साहित्य के विद्वान हो सकते हैं, पर शेक्सपियर (Shakespeare) या मिल्टन (Milton) नहीं हो सकते। अंग्रेज हिन्दी भाषा और साहित्य का विद्वान हो सकता है, पर वह सूर या तुलसी कभी नहीं हो सकता। अच्छी किताबें हम मातृभाषा में ही लिख सकते हैं।

Section- D (Literature)

7. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each- 4+4=8
(a) What did M.Hamel say about the language and its importance?
OR
Who is Mukesh? What is his dream?
(b) Which two incidents in Douglas' early life made him scared of water?

OR

Who gave the peddler shelter for the night and why?

8. Answer any one of the following in about 80 words : 7
(a) How did the incident at the YMCA pool affect Douglas?
(b) Who was Saheb? What was the plight that compelled him to wander in the streets of Delhi for ragpicking?

9. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow : 3×2=6

Now we will count to twelve

and we will all keep still

For once on the face of the Earth

Let's not speak in any language,

Let's stop for one second,
and not move our arms so much.

- (a) What does the poet say in the first two lines?
 - (b) What does the poet want once on the face to the Earth?
 - (c) What does the poet want for one second?
10. Write the central idea of any one of the following poems : 4
- (a) My mother at Sixty-six
 - (b) Keeping Quiet
 - (c) A Thing of Beauty
11. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each : 4+4=8
- (a) What did the psychiatrist friend of Charley tell him when Charley told him about the third level at Grand Central Station?
 - (b) How did the Maharaja in the story 'The Tiger king' eventually kill the hundredth tiger?
12. Answer any one following questions in about 80 words : 7
- (a) What was the vow of the Maharaja? How did he fulfil it and what dangers did he face?
 - (b) What was the 'Students on Ice' programme? What was its aim and why it became a successful programme?
