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Test Examination - 2025
Class - X (Ten)

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Time : 3 Hour 15 Minutes

Subject - English

Full Marks : 90

Name :

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Reading Comprehension (Seen)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

When the family has finished tea, and gathers round the fire, the cat casually goes out of the room. True life now begins for him. He saunters down his own backyard, springs to the top of the fence, drops lightly down to the other side. He trots across and skips to the roof of an empty shed. His movement becomes lithe and pantherlike. He looks keenly from side to side and moves noiselessly, for he has so many enemies-dogs and small boys with stones.

On top of the shed, the cat arches his back and rakes his claws once or twice through the soft bark of the old roof. He stretches himself a few times to see if every muscle is in full working order. Then, drooping his head nearly to his paws, he sends across a call to his kindred. Before long they come, gliding, graceful shadows. No longer are they the meek creatures who an hour ago were mewling for fish and milk. They are now grim fighters.

Just think how much more he gets out of his life than you do out of yours! And the sports they have, too! As they get older they go in for sport to the suburban backyards. These backyards that are dull to us, are to them hunting grounds where they have more gallant adventure than King Arthur's knights ever had.

It is always spoken as a reproach against cats that they are more fond of their home than of the people in it. Naturally, the cat doesn't like to leave his country, the land where all his friends are, and where he knows every landmark. Exiled in a new land, he would have to learn a new geography. So, when the family moves, the cat, if allowed, will stay at the old house and attach himself to the new tenants. He will give them the privilege of boarding him while he enjoys life in his own way.

A. Tick off (✓) the correct alternative to complete the following sentences :

1X5=5

(i) If a cat moves to a new location, he will have to learn

(a) a new location

☐

(b) a new geography

☐

(c) a new history

☐

(d) a new neighbour

☐

(ii) Cats are less fond of the people of their home and more fond of

(a) their reproach

☐

(b) their country

☐

(c) their home

☐

(d) their land

☐

(iii) If the members of a family shift to another place, the cat may want to

(a) go with them

☐

(b) move as they like

☐

(c) Stay in the old house.

☐

(d) do nothing

☐

(iv) Staying with the new tenants will _____ for the cat

(a) be a problem

☐

(b) be costly

☐

(c) be cheap

☐

(d) be acceptable

☐

(v) The privilege of boarding him will be given -

(a) by the new tenants to the cat.

☐

(b) by the old tenants to the cat.

☐

(c) by the cat to his friends

☐

(d) by the cat to the new tenants

☐

B Complete the following sentences with information from the above passage:

1X3=3

(i) With age, the cats _____

(ii) The cat casually goes out of the room and _____

(2)

(iii) Before long, the kindred come at the

C. State whether the following statements are True or False Write 'T' for True and 'F' for False statements. Provide supporting sentences (S.S.) in favour of your answer. (1+1)x2=4

(i) The cat's fondness for his habitat is always appreciated.

☐

S.S.

(ii) The cats are adventurous.

☐

S.S.

2. Read the following poem and answer the questions given below.

Once I crept in an oakwood-I was looking for a stag.
I met an old woman there all knobby stick and rag.
She said: I have your secret here inside my little bag.

Then she began to cackle and I began to quake.
She opened up her little bag and I came twice awake -
Surrounded by a staring tribe and me tied to a stake

They said: We are the oak-trees and your own true family.
We are chopped down, we are torn up, you do not blink an eye.
Unless you make a promise now — now you are going to 'die.

Whenever you see an oak-tree felled, swear now you will plant two.
Unless you swear the black oak bark will wrinkle over you
And root you among the oaks where you were born but never grew.

A. Tick off (✓) the correct alternative to complete the following sentences:

1X4=4

(i) Inside her bag, the old woman had-

(a) Clothes ☐ (b) a secret ☐ (c) a piece of paper ☐ (d) a poem ☐

(ii) Whenever an oak tree is felled, the number of trees the poet must plant is -

(a) One (b) numerous (c) None (d) more than one

(iii) If the poet refuses to take a pledge, his body will be strangled with -

(a) oak trunk ☐ (b) oak leaves ☐ (c) Oak bark ☐ (d) oak roots ☐

(iv) Without a promise, the poet will be-

(a) an oak tree ☐ (b) a tribesman ☐ (c) a stone ☐ (d) a human being ☐

B. Answer the following questions :

2X2=4

(i) Why was the author 'twice awake'?

Ans.

(3)

(ii) Describe the old woman in the poem.

Ans. _____

Reading Comprehension (Unscen)

3. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE, London, 14 March: Stephen Hawking, who has died aged 76, was Britain's most famous modern day scientist, a genius who dedicated his life to unlocking the secrets of the Universe.

Born on 8 January, 1942-300 years to the day after the death of the father of modern science, Galileo Galilei, he believed science was his destiny. But fate also dealt Hawking a cruel hand.

Most of his life was spent in a wheelchair crippled by Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), a form of motor neurone disease that attacks the nerves controlling voluntary movement.

Remarkably, Hawking defied predictions he would only live for a few years, overcoming its debilitating effects on his mobility and speech that left him paralysed and able to communicate only via a computer speech synthesiser.

"I am quite often asked how do you feel about having ALS!" he once wrote, "The answer is, not a lot, I try to lead as normal a life as possible, and not think about my condition, or regret the things it prevents me from doing, which are not that many" Stephen William Hawking, though, was far from normal. Inside the shell of his increasingly useless body was a razor sharp mind, fascinated by the nature of the Universe, how it was formed and how it might end.

Much of that work centred on bringing together relativity-the nature of space and time-and quantum theory-how the smallest particles in the Universe behave to explain the creation of the Universe and how it is governed.

In 1974, he became one of the youngest fellows of Britain's most prestigious scientific body, the Royal Society, at the age of 32.

In 1979, he was appointed Lucasian Profence of Mathematics at Cambridge University, where he had moved from Oxford University to study theoretical astronomy and cosmology. A previous holder of the prestigious post was the 17th century British scientist Isaac Newton.

Hawking eventually put Newton's gravitational theories to the test in 2007 when aged 65, he went on a weightless flight in the United States as a prelude to a hoped-for suborbital spaceflight. Characteristically, he did not see the trip as a mere birthday present.

Instead, he said he wanted to show that disability was no bar to an achievement and to encourage interest in space, where he believed human kind's destiny lay, "I think the human race has no future if it doesn't go into space," he said.

More recently he said artificial intelligence (AI) could contribute to the eradication of disease and poverty, while warning of its potential dangers. "In short, success in creating AI could be the biggest event in the history of our civilisation.

[The Statesman, 15 March 2018]

1X6=6

A. Write the correct alternative to complete the following sentences:

(i) Stephen Hawking died as

(a) a quinquagenarian ☐ (b) octogenarian ☐ (c) nonagenarian ☐ (d) septuagenarian ☐

(ii) Father of modern science is -

(a) Sir Isaac Newton ☐ (b) Galileo Galilei ☐ (c) Einstein ☐ (d) Stephen Hawking ☐

(iii) ALS is related to -

(a) Nerve ☐ (b) heart ☐ (c) Kidney ☐ (b) Brain ☐

(iv) At Cambridge university, Hawking studied -

(a) Nuclear Physics ☐ (b) Mathematics ☐ (c) Micro biology ☐ (d) Cosmology ☐

(v) In a way, Stephen Hawking was the successor of -

(a) Thomas Edison ☐ (b) Sir Isaac Newton ☐ (c) Einstein ☐ (d) Galileo Galiei ☐

(vi) Britain's most prestigious scientific body is -

(4)

- (a) Oxford University ☐ (b) Royal Society ☐ (c) Asiatic Society ☐ (d) Cambridge University ☐
- B. Write 'T' For True or 'F' for False in the given boxes : Give supporting statements : (1+1)X3=6
- (i) Hawking did not worry much about his regrets. ☐

S.S. _____

- (ii) In Hawking's opinion AI has pros and cons. ☐

S.S. _____

- (iii) Hawking was predicted to have a short life. ☐

S.S. _____

C. Answer the following questions.

4X2=8

- (i) Name the disease Hawking was attacked by. Define the nature of the disease.

Ans. _____

- (ii) What an extraordinary event happened in 2007?

Ans. _____

- (iii) What are the studies of 'relativity' and 'quantum theory'?

Ans. _____

- (iv) What was Hawking's views on Artificial Intelligence.

Ans. _____

(5)

Grammar & Vocabulary

4. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles and prepositions :

1X3=3

Black magic is _____ great interest to certain people. It is believed that _____ Mayongs were often found involved _____ practising it.

5. Choose the correct alternative to fill in the blanks :

1X3=3

Nathan _____ (run/ran / had run) to safety when a powerful earthquake had struck his high school on Friday in palu on the Bland of sulawesi. But he could not _____ (resist / resists / resisted) going back to _____ (rescue / rescued / rescuing) his motorbike.

6. Do as directed.

1X3=3

(i) It seems that he had some defect of speech. (Turn into a simlentence)

Ans. _____

(ii) It was a beautiful garden. (Use the noun form of the underlined word and rewrite the Sentence)

Ans. _____

(iii) Tunir is less Intelligent than his sister. (Change the degree of comparison)

Ans. _____

7. Choose the correct phrasal verb from the list given below to replace the words underlined.

1X3=3

(i) The incident happened a little ago.

(ii) I'll always support you.

(iii) He always comes to his office in time.

(List. Come about, come over, turn up, turn on, Stand by)

8. Given below are the meanings of four words that you will find in Question No. 3. Find out the words and write them in the appropriate boxes.

2X4=8

(i) Forecast

(ii) Powerful

(iii) Honoured

(iv) Impediment

9. Write a letter to your friend describing him how best can you serve your country after finishing your academic career.

(10)

(6)

10. Develop the following outline into a story and suggest a title :

8+2=10

[Outline : Once a widow comes to Lord Buddha with her, dead child — laments bitterly-requests Buddha to revive her child — inconsolable — asks her to bring a handful of mustard seeds from a house not visited by death — goes from door to door — fails — returns sadly — Buddha pacifies her — tells her death and Sorrow common to all.]

(7)

11. Write a paragraph on 'A Day of Serious Trouble' in 100 words :

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Points : Introduction — the day — nature of trouble — Your feeling at first — how you suffered — recovery from the trouble— sigh of relief conclusion.

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AMATIA HIGH SCHOOL

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CLASS-X

SUB-ENGLISH

F.M.- 90

TIME- 3HOURS 15 MINUTES

NAME.....

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1. Read the following text and answer the questions that follow:

Some days after the funeral, a special train took Gandhiji's ashes to Allahabad. The compartment was decked with flowers. People on the train sang bhajans. People did not weep anymore for they could feel Gandhiji's presence amid the flowers and the songs. At every station, sorrowful crowds filled the platform. Amid song and prayer the train reached Allahabad. The ashes were immersed in the Ganges where a crowd had gathered at the bank. Afterwards, we all went back to Delhi.

Back in Delhi, I felt at sea. I had not directly walked with Gandhiji, gone to prison at his call or made any sacrifice for my country. My sisters and I, and other young people like me, had been merely onlookers. But I felt at sea. I felt I had grown up within a magic circle. With Bapu's passing away, I felt the magic circle had vanished, leaving me unprotected.

With an effort I roused myself. I asked myself- had Bapu lived and died for nothing? How could I so easily lose courage when he was no longer there? My values were not so weak. Millions of people would have been ordinary folk but for Bapu. He brought them out of indifference and awakened them to one another's suffering. What if now Bapu is gone? We were still there, young, strong and proud to bear his banner before us.

Bapu had passed but his India would continue to live in his children.

A. Tick the correct answer from the given alternatives:

1X5=5

(i) Gandhiji's presence could be felt amid the

(a) prayer ☐ (b) bhajans ☐ (c) flowers and songs ☐ (d) memory of Bapu. ☐

(ii) At every station, sorrowful crowds gathered at the.....

(a) compartment ☐ (b) platform ☐ (c) train ☐ (d) rail lines. ☐

(iii) After immersing Bapu's ashes in the Ganges, the narrator went back to

(a) Lucknow ☐ (b) Shimla ☐ (c) Allahabad ☐ (d) Delhi. ☐

(iv) After the death of Bapu, the narrator felt.....

(a) puzzled ☐ (b) sorrowful ☐ (c) unprotected ☐ (d) angry. ☐

(v) The Indians were proud to.....

(a) bear Bapu's banner before them ☐ (b) have walked with Bapu ☐ (c) have courage even after the death of Bapu ☐ (d) belong to India ☐

B. Complete the following sentences with information from the text :

1x3=3

(i) Gandhiji's ashes were taken to Allahabad by.....

(ii) Back in Delhi, the speaker.....

(iii) Bapu's India would continue to live.....

C. State whether the following statements are 'True' or 'False'. Write 'T' for 'True' and 'F' for 'False' in the boxes given in the right-hand side. Provide sentences/phrase/words in support of your answer:

2X2=4

(i) The compartment was decked with flags and festoons. ☐

.....

(ii) After Bapu's death, the narrator felt unprotected. ☐

.....

.....

2. Read the following text and answer the questions that follow:

The mountain and the squirrel
Had a quarrel;
And the former called the latter 'Little Prig.'
Bun replied,
'You are doubtless very big;
But all sorts of things and weather
Must be taken in together,
To make up a year
And a sphere.
And I think it no disgrace
To occupy my place.
If I'm not so large as you,
You are not so small as I,
And not half so spry.
I'll not deny you make
A very pretty squirrel track;
Talents differ; all is well and wisely put;
If I cannot carry forests on my back,
Neither can you crack a nut.'

A. Tick the correct answer from the given alternatives:

1x4=4

(i) The quarrel was between the mountain and the.....

a) rabbit ☐ b) squirrel ☐ c) dog ☐ d) cat ☐

(ii) All sorts of things and weather must be taken together to make.....

a) a month ☐ b) a week ☐ c) a day ☐ d) a year ☐

(iii) "I think it no disgrace"- this is said by.....

a) the mountain ☐ b) Ralph Waldo Emerson ☐ c) the squirrel ☐ d) the forest ☐

(iv) The squirrel track made by the mountain is.....

a) beautiful ☐ b) wonderful ☐ c) pretty ☐

d) fine ☐

B. Answer the following questions within fifteen words:

2X2=4

(i) Who is not as large as the mountain?

.....

.....

(ii) What can't the squirrel do?

.....

.....

3. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:

The morning after my teacher had come, she led me into her room and gave me a doll. When I (Helen) played with it a little while, Miss Sullivan slowly spelled into my hand the word, 'd-o-l-l'. I was at once interested in her finger play and tried to imitate it. When I finally succeeded in making the word correctly, I was flushed with a childish pleasure and pride. Running downstairs to my mother, I held up my hand and made the letter for doll. I did not know that I was spelling a word or even that word existed. I was simply making my fingers to go in monkey-like imitation. In the days that followed, I learned to spell in this uncomprehending way a great many words like pin, hat, cap and a few verbs like spit, stand, walk. But my teacher had been with me for several weeks before I understood that everything had a name.

A. Tick the right answer:

1X6=6

(i) The morning after my teacher had come she gave me- (a) a toy car ☐ (b) a doll ☐ (c) some flowers ☐
(d) some fruits ☐

(ii) Here, I refers to - (a) Miss Sullivan ☐ (b) Helen ☐ (c) Helen's mother ☐ (d) Helen's father ☐

(iii) The extract is taken from- (a) a biography ☐ (b) an autobiography ☐ (c) a story ☐
(d) a novel ☐

(iv) Helen's teacher was - (a) Miss. Sullivan ☐ (b) Mrs. Sullivan ☐ (c) Mr. Sullivan ☐ (d) miss Garrette ☐

(v) The word spelled into Helen's hand at which she became interested- (a) b-a-l-l ☐ (b) d-o-l-l ☐
(c) m-a-l-l ☐ (d) m-o-l-e ☐

(vi) Helen imitated like - (a) dog ☐ (b) monkey ☐ (c) deer ☐ (d) cat ☐

B. State whether the following statements are 'True' or 'False'. Write 'T' for 'True' and 'F' for 'False' in the boxes given in the right-hand side. Provide sentences/phrase/words in support of your answer:

2X3=6

(i) Helen was not interested in her finger play. ☐

S.S.:
(ii) Helen understood that words existed . ☐

S.S.:
(iii) Helen learnt few verbs also. ☐

S.S.:
C. Answer the following questions: **2X4=8**

(i) Why had the teacher come to Helen's house?

.....

(ii) How long had Miss. Sullivan been with Helen?

.....

(iii) How did Helen feel after learning to make the word correctly?

.....

(iv) Mention the words which Helen had learnt within a few days.

.....

4. Fill in the blanks with articles and prepositions: **1X3=3**

John Keats was.....English poet. He lived only upto the age.....25 years. But he is regarded as one.....the best English poets.

5.A. Write the correct alternative to fill in the blanks: **1X3=3**

(i) He had.....(examine/examined/examining) the lock carefully. Nobody could have.....(enters/entered/enter) the room without.....(making/make/made) a noise.

B. Replace the underlined words with appropriate phrasal verbs: **1X3=3**

(i) I cannot understand your words.

(ii) Do not hate the poor.

(iii) He recovered quickly.

List: look down upon, make out, come round, put on

C. Do as directed:

1X3=3

(i) She made a great mistake. (change the voice)

.....

(ii) Virat said, "I played my natural game." (change the mode of narration)

.....

(iii) I shall never forget you. (make it affirmative)

.....

6. Given below are the meaning of four words which you will find in the passage in Question No. 3. Find out the words and write them in the appropriate boxes on the right-hand side: 2X4=8

(i) Copy

(ii) Blushed

(iii) Dignity

(iv) Lacking understanding

6. Write a story using the following hints. Give a suitable title:

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[Hints: A donkey, carrying a load of salt- by chance fell into a stream- part of salt dissolved- donkey became happy for lighter load- next day fell into stream intentionally- owner put load of cotton- donkey used same trick- load became heavier- suffered]

7. Write a letter to the Pradhan of the Gram Panchayat about the insanitary condition of your locality: 10

8. Suppose you are the Secretary of a club which has decided to open a library. Write a notice (within 100 words) to the members of your club inviting them to actively join this programme by donating books for the library.

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Madhyamik Test Examination – 2025
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SECTION A – (Reading Seen)

1. Read the text carefully and answer the questions that follow :

A month later a letter came for father. After he had finished reading it, his eyes looked as if he had been crying. "Do you want to know what had become of your kite?" he said. Then he sat down beside us and told us the whole story.

Father had a brother and a sister. He had quarrelled with his brother and left home. Years afterward, he felt sorry and when he went back, he found his brother had died and he could not find his sister.

The letter father had just received was from his sister, Aunt Esther, mother of Dick and Mimi. She was a widow who lived hundreds of miles inland. One day when their mother saw the kite patched with the letter, she turned pale. It was the very letter, she had once written to her brother. Phillippa was her mother's name and Chaude was her father's. She knew who we must be. So she sat down and wrote to Big Half Moon and Father received her letter.

Next day, Father went and brought Aunt Esther and Dick and Mimi with him. They had been here ever since. Aunt Esther is a dear and Dick and Mimi are too jolly for words.

But the best of it all is that. We have relations now!

A. Choose the correct alternative to complete the following sentences. Put a tick ☒ in the appropriate boxes. 1 × 5 = 5

(a) The immediate reaction father had after finishing the reading of the letter was one of.

(i) doubt ☐ (ii) joy ☐ (iii) disappointment ☐ (iv) hope ☐

(b) The best for the narrator here is that of –

(i) having kins back ☐ (ii) having discovered the letter ☐ (iii) having a shelter ☐

(iv) discovering a tree ☐

(c) Number of total siblings possessed by the narrator's father was –

(i) four ☐ (ii) two ☐ (iii) Three ☐ (iv) One ☐

(d) Father left home following - (i) a quarrell with the narrator's mother ☐ (ii) a quarrel with his

brother ☐ (iii) a quarrell with his sister ☐ (iv) a quarrell with his siblings ☐

(e) Dick and Mimi discovered the kite on

(i) a roof-top ☐ (ii) a tree-top ☐ (iii) a tower ☐ (iv) on a Rock ☐

B. Complete the following sentences with information from the text: 1 × 3 = 3

(i) Seeing the kite patched with the letter, their mother _____

(ii) Dick and Mimi here are _____

(iii) Going back, their father _____

C. Answer the following questions.

1 × 4

(i) Who told the narrator and her brother the whole story?

Ans. _____

(iii) Who sat down and what did she do?

Ans. _____

(iii) Why did father leave home?

Ans. _____

(iv) Whom did father bring with him?

Ans. _____

2. Read the poem and answer the questions that follow :

Once I crept in an Oakwood - I was looking for a stag.
I met an old woman there- all knobbly stick and rag.
She said: 'I have your secret here inside my little bag!
Then she began to crackle and I began to quake.
She opened up her little bag and I came twice awake
Surrounded by a staring tribe and me tied to a stake.
They said : 'We are oak trees and your own true family.'
We are chopped down, we are torn up, you do not blink an eye.
Unless you make a promise now-now you are going to die.!

A. Write the correct alternative to complete the following sentences:

1 × 4 = 4

(a) The phrase 'staring tribe' refers to -

(i) old woman ☐ (ii) all trees ☐ (iii) the oak trees ☐ (iv) the stags ☐

(b) The poet entered the Oakwood -

(i) silently ☐ (ii) quickly ☐ (iii) noisily ☐ (iv) mysteriously ☐

(c) Men here are described to be so -

(i) indifferent ☐ (ii) caring ☐ (iii) serious ☐ (iv) crying ☐

(d) The woman had the poet's secret inside her -

(i) mind ☐ (ii) rag ☐ (iii) bag ☐ (iv) stick ☐

B. Answer the following questions:

1 × 4 = 4

(i) What does the old woman represent here?

Ans. _____

(ii) How does the old woman look?

Ans. _____

(iii) How did the poet come 'twice awake'?

Ans. _____

7 (iv) What is the complain of the oak trees?

Ans. _____

Reading Comprehension (unseen)

3. Read the passage given carefully and answer the questions as directed:

Tansen held a high position in Akbar's court. This was not liked by many. They requested Akbar to ask Tansen to sing 'Deepak Raag'. It is a wonderful raag. When sang properly, it makes atmosphere warm so much that gradually the 'deepak' or lamp will catch fire and ultimately the singer himself will die out of immense heat. Akbar was ignorant on this effect of the raag. So he ordered Tansen to sing 'Deepak'. Tansen knew that it was almost a death sentence for him. But how could he disobey the emperor? Fortune favours the brave. He was not born to turn his back at unseen dangers. He taught his daughter Saraswati and Rupabati in disciple of Haridas Swami, the raag 'Meghmalla' which brings rain. On that fateful day, Tansen began the Alaap and the air became warm. As the tempo of the raag increased, the birds fell down dead. People cried in horror as flames shot up everywhere and the unlit lamps burned. Tansen himself was gasping for breath. At that moment Saraswati and Rupabati began Singing Meghmalla Raag. Rain came down and everything was all Right again.

A. Tick the right answer:

(i) Deepak Raag is very – (a) cool ☐ (b) hot ☐ (c) pleasing ☐ (d) detestable ☐ 1 × 6 = 6

(ii) Akbar had – (a) clear concept ☐ (b) ignorance ☐ (c) acquaintance ☐ (d) experience ☐

(iii) When 'Deepak Raag' is sung, the atmosphere becomes –

(a) airy ☐ (b) hot ☐ (c) chilled ☐ (d) light ☐

(iv) Haridas Swami was the preceptor of –

(a) Rupabati ☐ (b) Akbar ☐ (c) Tansen ☐ (d) courtiers of Akbar ☐

(v) Tansen was ordered by Akbar to sing –

(a) Deepak ☐ (b) Meghmallas ☐ (c) Melodious music ☐ (d) Popular masie ☐

(vi) Fortune favours the – (a) Timid ☐ (b) fearfuls ☐ (c) courageous ☐ (d) unkind ☐

B. Each of the following statements is either 'True' or 'False'. Write 'T' for True and 'F' for False in the boxes on the right-hand side. Write supporting Sentences in the provided place: (1+1)×3=6

(i) During the singing of 'Deepak Raag' properly, it brings no & effect to the atmosphere. ☐

Supporting sentence: _____

(ii) Tansen deprived himself from taking a supreme position in Akbar's court. ☐

Supporting sentence: _____

(iii) When asked by Akbar to sing Deepak, Tansen did not pay any importance to the words. ☐

Supporting sentence: _____

C. Answer the following sentences:

1 × 4 = 4

(i) What was the request of many persons to Akbar ?

Ans: _____

(ii) What did Tansen teach his daughter Saraswati ?

Ans: _____

(ii) What was the effect with the increasing of the tempo of the raag ?

Ans: _____

(iv) What did Tansen know when he was ordered to sing Deepak Raag by Akbar ?

Ans: _____

D. Complete the following sentences with information from the texts :

1 × 4 = 4

(i) Not disobeying the emperor Tansen began to _____

(ii) Tansen's daughters were disciple of _____

(iii) 'Meghmalla' is a raag which _____

(iv) The jealous persons tempted Akbar to ask Tansen _____

SECTION-D (Grammar and Vocabulary)

4. Choose the correct alternatives from the choice given in brackets and fill in the blanks:

1 × 3 = 3

The porter _____ (has asked/asks/asked) Michael Faraday to wait at the wooden bench by the window. As he _____ (has sat/sits/sat) there he _____ (became/becomes/has become) acutely conscious of the stillness of the room.

5. A. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles and prepositions:

1 × 3 = 3

About _____ 6th century B.C. Taxila was the Chief centre _____ learning in India. It was situated near Saraikali _____ thirty two kilometers North West of Rawalpindi, now in Pakistan.

B. Do as directed:

1 × 3 = 3

(i) Bibhutibhusan was a realistic writer. He wrote Pather Panchali. (Join into a single Sentence)

Ans: _____

(ii) The man said to you, "Will you help me with some money?" (Change the mode of Narration)

Ans: _____

(iii) The detective caught the burglar with the help of police. (Change the voice)

Ans: _____

C. Choose the correct phrasal verbs from the list given below to replace the words underlined. Write the correct phrasal verbs in the boxes on the right-hand side & changing the form where necessary. 1 × 3 = 3

(i) The fireman extinguished the fire.

(ii) Please continue writing answer.

(iii) Motorized Vehicles mostly emit poisonous gas.

[List: Give out, put out, keep on]

6. Find words from the unseen passage from Question No. 3. Which mean :

$$2 \times 4 = 8$$

(i) lacking knowledge.

(ii) invisible

(iii) A sovereign ruler.

(iv) Bit by bit.

7. Write a story (in about 100 words) with the help of the points given below and add a suitable title. 10
[Points: A famous scientist – wanted to celebrate his birthday – No guests turned up – Scientist worried – noticed undistributed invitation cards in the drawer – understood his mistake – blamed himself.]
Ans :

Edutips

8. Suppose you are the secretary of a local club. Write a notice informing the general public that your club is going to organise an eye treatment camp free of cost. 10

Include the following points: Time, date and place – names of the doctors to attend the camp – no fees – other necessary information.]

Ans :

EduTIPS

9. Write a letter to your friend who stays in hostel who should take care about his/her daily life. 10
You may follow these points – Get up early take – take nutritious food – take exercise regularly –
take preventive measures from various diseases like Dengue, diarrhea – study properly.

Ans :

MADHYAMIK TEST EXAMINATION - 2025

Subject : English

F. M. : 90

Time : 3 hrs 15 minutes

Name _____ Sec _____ Roll No. _____

SECTION-A : READING COMPREHENSION (Seen)

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

It is always lovely on the Big Half Moon in summer. When it is fine, the harbour is blue and calm, with little wind and ripples. Every summer, we had some hobby. The last summer before Dick and Mimi came, we were crazy about Kites. A boy on the mainland showed Claude how to make them. Back on the island we made plenty of Kites. Claude would go around to the other side of the island and we would play shipwrecked mariners signalling to each other Kites.

We had a Kite that was big and covered with lovely red paper. We pasted gold tinsel stars all over it and had written our names full on it – Claude Lette and Phillipa Lette, Big Half Moon lighthouse.

One day there was a grand wind for kite flying. I'm not sure how it happened, but as I was bringing the kite from the house, I tripped and fell over the rocks. My elbow went clear through the kite, making a big hole.

A. Tick (✓) the correct alternative in the space to complete the following sentences.

 $1 \times 5 = 5$

- i) The Big Half Moon looked lovely during - a) Spring ☐ b) Summer ☐ c) Autumn ☐ d) Winter ☐
- ii) Every summer the narrator and Claude had some - a) hobby ☐ b) classwork ☐ c) competition ☐ d) homework ☐
- iii) The narrator and Claude used to signal with kites while playing - a) Shipwrecked mariners ☐ b) hide and seek ☐
c) pirate ☐ d) sit and draw ☐
- iv) The narrator and Claude had a kite covered with - a) rough red paper ☐ b) lovely red paper ☐ c) lovely black paper ☐
d) lovely white paper ☐
- v) One day the narrator with the kite fell over - a) the light house ☐ b) the harbour ☐ c) the bush ☐ d) the rocks ☐

B. Complete the following sentences with information from the text.

$$1 \times 3 = 3$$

- i) In summer the harbour is _____
- ii) They wrote their names _____
- iii) A boy on the mainland showed _____

C. Say whether the following statements are True as False.

Provide sentences / phrases / words in support of your answer.

$$(1+1)=2 \times 2=4$$

- i) In summer the harbour is full of grand winds.

S.S: _____

- ii) The Kite was torn because Claude's leg went through it.

S.S: _____

2. Read the poem and answer the questions given below :

Within that house secure he hides

When danger imminent betides

of storm, or other harm besides

Of weather.

Give but his horns the slightest touch,

His self - collecting pow'r is such,

He shrinks into his house with much

Displeasure.

A. Tick (✓) the correct alternative to complete the following sentences.

1x4=4

- i) The most sensitive part of the body of a snail is its - a) head ☐ b) hands ☐ c) legs ☐ d) horn ☐
- ii) The word imminent means - a) lately ☐ b) about to happen ☐ c) in born ☐ d) predominant ☐
- iii) When storm comes, the snail - a) goes away ☐ b) comes out of his house ☐ c) becomes very pleased ☐
d) hides within his house ☐
- iv) The snail is sensitive to - a) touch ☐ b) hear ☐ c) smell ☐ d) cold ☐

B. Answer the following questions.

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- i) When does the snail shrink within his shell ?

Ans. _____

- ii) How does the snail react to the slightest touch ?

Ans. _____

READING COMPREHENSION (Unseen)

3. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

I was born into a middle-class Tamil family in the island town of Rameswaram in the erstwhile Madras state. My father, Jainulabdeen, had neither much formal education nor much wealth. Despite these disadvantages, he possessed great innate wisdom and true generosity of spirit. He had an ideal helpmate in my mother, Ashiamma. I do not recall all the exact number of people she fed everyday, but I am quite certain that far more outsiders are with us than all the members of our own family put together. My parents were widely regarded as an ideal couple. My mother's lineage was more distinguished, one of her forefathers having been bestowed the title of 'Bahadur' by the British.

I was one of many children, a short boy with rather undistinguished looks, born to tall and handsome parents. We lived in our ancestral house, which was built in the middle of the 19th Century. It was a fairly large pucca house, made of limestone and brick, on the mosque-Street in Rameswaram. My austere father used to avoid all inessential comforts and luxuries. However, all necessities were provided for, in terms of food, medicine or clothing. In fact, I would say mine was a very secure childhood, materially and emotionally.

A. Tick (✓) the right answer.

1x6=6

- i) Jainulabdeen had - a) no school education ☐ b) enough formal education ☐ c) more than enough education ☐ d) not much formal education ☐
- ii) Rameswaram is in - a) Madras ☐ b) Delhi ☐ c) Bangalore ☐ d) Gujrat ☐
- iii) The ancestral house of the speaker was built in - a) the 18th Century ☐ b) the 2nd half of the 18th Century ☐ c) the middle of the 19th Century ☐ d) the 19th Century ☐
- iv) The speaker was conscious of his - a) fair looks ☐ b) ugly looks ☐ c) enviable looks ☐ d) rather undistinguished looks ☐
- v) The speaker had a - a) poor cottage ☐ b) fairly large pucca house ☐ c) big house ☐ d) large puca house ☐
- vi) The speaker's father was - a) austere ☐ b) indisiplined ☐ c) inhuman ☐ d) emotional ☐

B. Each of the following statements is either True or False. Write 'T' for True and 'F' for False in the boxes on the right hand side. Also pick out suitable line(s) or phrase(s) from the passage in support of your answer.

(1+1)=2x3=6

- i) The speaker's father had two disadvantages.

S.S. _____

- ii) The speaker's parents were not good looking.

S.S. _____

- iii) Jainulabdeen always liked comforts and luxuries.

S.S. _____

C. Answer the following questions.

2x4=8

- i) Mention two great qualities of Jainulabdeen.

Ans. _____

ii) What did the speaker say about his mother's lineage ?

Ans. _____

iii) In what respect was the speaker's childhood very secure ?

Ans. _____

iv) What kind of writing is the above text ?

Ans. _____

SECTION-B : GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY

4. Do as directed :

Write the correct alternative to fill in the blanks.

1X3=3

Swami stopped on the roadside to _____ (make up/made up/making up) his mind about Samuel.
Samuel _____ (was/shall/will) not such a bad man after all. Personally he was more friendly than the other teachers. Swami also _____ (feel/felt/was felt) he had a special regard for him.

5. A. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles and prepositions.

1X3=3

I was having tea _____ home on the evening of 30th January 1948 when I was called _____ Birla House by _____ urgent telephone.

B. i) I came first. Then the train arrived. (Join into a single sentence)

1x3=3

Ans. _____

ii) Milk the cow. (Change the voice)

Ans. _____

iii) He said, "Let us play." (Change the mode of narration)

Ans. _____

C. Replace the underlined words with the correct form of Phrasal Verbs, listed below.

1x3=3

i) Write your name here.

ii) The boy resembles his father.

iii) Distribute the chocolates among the children.

[List of phrasal verbs : give away, put down, takes after, bring up]

6. Given below are the meanings of four words which you will find in the unseen passage (Q. No. 3). Find out the words and write in the appropriate boxes on the right hand side.

2x4=8

i) commanding great respect :-

ii) owned :-

iii) liberality :-

iv) not absolutely necessary :-

SECTION-C : WRITING SKILL

7. Your school is going to organise a Science Exhibition. As the secretary of the science club for the students write a notice for participating in the Science Exhibition. You may use the following points.
[Points :- Date, time, venue — types of models, charts, students can make — number of models/charts allowed per class — teachers to be contacted for guidance — other relevant details.]

Ans.

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8. Use the following flow chart to write a paragraph describing (within 100 words) how honey is made for it to be sold. 10
- [Points :- Bees collect flower nectar — bee keeper harvests — collects honey from frames — places frames in an extractor — which forces honey out of the comb — bee keeper strains the honey — drains out excess or remaining wax — bottles, labels, sends to the market.]

Ans.

EduTips

9. Write a story (in about 100 words) using the following hints. Add a title and tag a moral. 8+1+1=10
[Hints :- Farmer's idle sons — told them of the treasure hidden under the earth — he died — the sons dug up the soil — no treasure — vegetation — earned money — realisation.]

Ans.

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GORAITALA HIGH SCHOOL (H.S.)

Test Examination (2025)
Class: X, Subject: English

Full Marks: 90

Time: 3hr. 15min.

Name.....Roll No.....Section.....

PROSE

1. Read the passage carefully and the questions that follow:

It was an agonizing walk. Thousands silently watched the procession. Bapu lay on an open truck covered with flowers. Thousands of people wept, trying to touch Bapu's feet. It was impossible to move in the thick crowd.

As I moved forward slowly I understood I was not merely in the midst of grieving people. This was even more than the funeral procession of India's beloved leader. I was among people for whom walking with Bapu had a special meaning. We had walked with Bapu over the rough and smooth of India's recent history. We could not now accept the fact that the man who had led us over many difficult paths, was never going to walk with us again. Bapu's slight figure had walked, staff in hand, over a large part of India. To walk is to make slow progress. It is to think with clarity and closely look at all that is around you, from small insects to the horizon in the distance. Moreover, to walk was often the only way open to the average Indian. It required no vehicle except his own body and cost him nothing but his energy. Gandhiji took this necessity, as he took much that was commonplace and transformed it into a joyful effort.

A. State whether the following statement are 'True' or 'False'. Write 'T' for True and 'F' for false in the boxes on the right hand side. Provide sentences / phrase / words in support of your answer. 2 × 3=6

i) Walking requires a staff in hand. ☐

Supporting Statement:

ii) The last walk with Bapu was agonising. ☐

Supporting Statement:

iii) The thick crowd made the movement very easy. ☐

Supporting Statement:

B. Complete the following sentences with information from the text: 1×2=2

i) Thousands of people were trying to

ii) Bapu was being carried

(Class- X-Eng. (i))

C. Answer the question

“Walking with Bapu had a special meaning” What is the significance of walking with Bapu?

Ans.

2. Read the poem and answer the questions that follow:

To grass, or leaf, or fruit, or wall
The snail sticks close, nor fears to fall
As if he grew there, house and all,
Together.
Within that house secure he hides
When danger imminent betides
Of storm, or other harm besides
Of weather.
Give but his horns the slightest touch,
His self-collecting pow'r is such,
He shrinks into his house with much
Displeasure.
Where'er he dwells, he dwells alone,
Except himself has chattels none,
Well satisfied to be his own
Whole treasure.

A. State whether the following statements are 'True' or 'False'. Write 'T' for True and 'F' for False in the boxes on the right hand side. Provide statements / phrases / words / in support of your answer: $2 \times 3 = 6$

i) The snail hides within his home when he is happy. ☐

Supporting Statement:

ii) The house of the snail is his shell. ☐

Supporting Statement:

iii) The snail fears to fall from the wall. ☐

Supporting Statement:

B. Answer the questions:

$2 \times 2 = 4$

i) What does the snail usually stick itself to?

Ans.

(Class- x-eng.ii)

ii) What makes the snail well-satisfied?

Ans.

Reading Comprehension (Unseen)

3. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

One day when I was in fifth standard at the Rameswaram Elementary school, a new teacher came to our class. I used to wear a cap which marked me as a Muslim, and I always sat in the front row next to Ramanandha Sastry, who wore the sacred thread. The new teacher could not stomach a Hindu Priest's son sitting with a Muslim boy. In accordance with our social ranking, as the new teacher saw it. I was asked to go and sit on the back bench. I felt very sad and so did Ramanandha Sastry. He looked utterly downcast as I shifted to my seat in the last row. The image of him weeping when I shifted to the row left a lasting impression on me.

After school, we went home and told our respective parents about the incident. Lakshmana shastry summoned the teacher, and in our presence, told the teacher that he should not spread the poison of social inequality and communal intolerance in the minds of innocent children. He bluntly asked the teacher to either apologize or quit the school and island. Not only did the teacher regret his behaviour, but the strong sense of conviction Lakshmana Shastry conveyed ultimately reformed this young teacher. (Extracted from "Wings of Fire" by Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam)

1×6=6

A. Tick (✓) the right answer:

- (i) When the incident took place, Ramanandha Sastry was a student of the-
 (a) fourth standard ☐ (b) fifth standard ☐
 (c) sixth standard ☐ (d) seventh standard ☐
- (ii) The student whom the new teacher sent to the back bench was-
 (a) Ramanandha Sastry ☐ (b) APJ Abdul Kalam ☐
 (c) Rameswaram ☐ (d) Lakshmana Shastry ☐
- (iii) The narrator used to wear a-
 (a) hat ☐ (b) turban ☐ (c) cap ☐ (d) crown ☐
- (iv) In the classroom the narrator always sat beside-
 (a) the new teacher ☐ (b) Lakshmana Shastry ☐
 (c) Ramanandha Sastry ☐ (d) Rameswaram ☐
- (v) When the narrator was ordered to shift to the last bench. Ramanandha Shastry was-
 (a) overjoyed ☐ (b) delighted ☐ (c) weeping ☐ (d) amused ☐
- (vi) The new teacher was summoned by-
 (a) the narrator's father ☐ (b) Ramanandha Sastry ☐
 (c) Lakshmana Shastry ☐ (d) a Muslim guardian ☐

(Class- X-eng.iii)

B. Each of following statements either 'True' or 'False'. Write 'T' for 'True' and 'F' for 'False' in the boxes on the, right-hand side. Also pick out suitable line(s) or phrase(s) from the passage in support of your answers: (1+1)×3=6

(i) The new teacher came to know that the narrator was a Muslim

S.S.

(ii) Lakshmana Shastry was pleased with the incident in the school.

S.S.

(iii) The boy who sat next to the narrator, was a Hindu boy.

S.S.

C. Answer the following questions: 2×4=8

(i) Why did Lakshmana Shastry summon the teacher?

Ans.

(ii) What could not the teacher stomach?

Ans.

(iii) What did Lakshmana Shastry ask the teacher to do?

Ans.

(iv) Choose a suitable title for the passage:

1. A lesson in communal harmony 2. The narrator's school days. 3. Lakshmana Shastry

Ans.

Grammar and Vocabulary

4. Write the correct alternative to fill in the blanks: 1×3=3

Today we are (Confined / confining / being confining) in a room as it
(Class- x-eng vi)

..... (is / has been / was) raining since morning and we are lucky
(playing / played / having played) ludo.

5. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles and prepositions: 1×3=3
My father is rice dealer. He deals rice
but deals well buyers.

6. A. Do as directed: 1×3=3

i) The teacher delivered a lecture to a group of students. (change the voice)

Ans.

ii) He said to his parents, "Let me go out"

Ans.

iii) Gold is a precious metal. It is used to make ornaments. (Join into a simple sentence)

Ans.

B. Choose the correct phrasal verbs from the list given below to replace the words underlined. write the correct phrasal verbs in the boxes on the right-hand side changing the forms where necessary: 1×3=3

i) Anil met his friends in the market

ii) I cannot tolerate such a person

iii) His proposal was rejected

[List: put up with, come across, come over, turn down]

7. Given below are the meaning of four words which you will find in the unseen passage. Find out the words and write them in the appropriate boxes on the right hand-side:

2×4=8

i) holy-

ii) pitiful-

iii) called-

iv) discrimination-

(Class- x-eng.v)

8. Write a letter to the editor of an English newspaper expressing your concern about the misuse of smart phones among students. 10

[You may use the points: addiction among young people-health issues like increased stress, sleep disruption, lack of concentration, eye strain - social isolation, lack of communication - distraction - inappropriate content - road safety hampered - parent and school should control by constant vigilance and motivation.]

Ans.

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9. As the secretary of your local club, write a notice (in about 100 words) about a Blood Donation Camp that your club has organised. You may use the following points. 10

[Date, time and venue of the camp - persons who are fit to donate blood - the doctors and social workers who would attend - the significance of blood donation - the social purpose.]
Ans.

Edutips

10. With the help of the given hints write a paragraph on the importance of growing more trees: (word limit- 100) 10

Introduction - gift of trees: fruits, flowers, wood, shelter etc - beautiful nature - creating pollution free atmosphere - giving out oxygen, absorbing carbon-dioxide - prevent soil erosion and flood - the earth is facing deforestation for large population - steps to take.

Ans.

EduTips

Madan Mohan Chak Chowdhury Institution
TEST EXAMINATION— 2025

Class—X

English (Second Language)

Time : 3 Hours 15 Minutes

Full Marks—90

Name

Section Roll No

[Section—A] Reading Comprehension (Seen)

1. Read the passages carefully and answer the questions which follow :

We live on the Big Half Moon island. 'We' are Father and Claude and I and Aunt Esther and Mimi and Dick. It used to be only Father and Claude and I. It is all on account of the kite that there are more of us. This is what I want to tell you about.

Father is the keeper of the Big Half Moon lighthouse. I am eleven years old. Claude is twelve. In winter, when the harbour is frozen over, we all move over to the mainland. As soon as spring comes, back we sail to our own dear island.

The funny part used to be that people always pitied us when the time came for us to return. They said we must be so lonesome over there, with no other children near us. Of course Claude and I would have liked to have someone to play with us. It is hard to run pirate caves and things like that with only two. But we used to quarrel a good deal with the mainland children in winter. So it was perhaps just as well that there were none of them on the Big Half Moon. Claude and I never quarrelled.

To be sure, Father didn't seem to have any relations except us. This used to puzzle Claude and me. Everybody on the mainland had relations. Why hadn't we? Was it because we lived on an island? We thought it would be so jolly to have an uncle and aunt and some cousins.

A. Write the correct alternatives in the given space to complete the following sentences :

1×5=5

(a) The narrator got her relatives on account of a—

(i) news

(ii) boat

(iii) kite

(iv) book

Ans :

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- (b) The narrator's father is the—
- (i) Governor of the Big Half Moon Island
 - (ii) Field Martial of the State Army
 - (iii) Chief Advisor to the King of the Island
 - (iv) Keeper of the Big Half Moon lighthouse

Ans :

- (c) The age of Claude is —

- (i) twelve
- (ii) eleven
- (iii) ten
- (iv) thirteen

Ans :

- (d) The narrator and her family would come back from the mainlan in —

- (i) winter
- (ii) autumn
- (iii) spring
- (iv) summer

Ans :

- (e) It would be very jolly if the narrator and her brother had —

- (i) a very good school in their island
- (ii) an uncle and aunt and some cousins
- (iii) other siblings with them
- (iv) a private car for their journey

Ans :

B. Complete the following sentences with information from the text : 1×3:

- (i) Before the arrival of Aunt Esther and Mimi and Dick, members of the narrator's family were _____

- (ii) In winter, the narrator and his family would move over to the mainla because _____

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(iii) The fact that used to puzzle Claude and the narrator was that _____

C. State whether the following statements are 'True' or 'False'. Write 'T' for 'True' and 'F' for 'False' in the boxes on the right-hand side. Also provide sentences/phrases from the passage in support of your answers : 2x2=4

(i) The narrator and her brother faced difficulty to run pirate caves and things like that. ☐

Supporting sentence : _____

(ii) Claude and the narrator had quarrelled several times. ☐

Supporting sentence : _____

2. Read the poem and answer the questions that follow :.

The mountain and the squirrel
Had a quarrel:
And the former called the latter 'Little Prig'.
Bun replied,
'You are doubtless very big;
But all sorts of things and weather
Must be taken in together,
To make up a year
And a sphere.
And I think it no disgrace
To occupy my place.
If I'm not so large as you,
You are not so small as I,
And not half so spry.
I'll not deny you make
A very pretty squirrel track ;
Talents differ; all is well and wisely put;

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If I cannot carry forests on my back,
Neither can you crack a nut.'

A. Tick (✓) the correct alternatives to complete the following sentences : 1×4=4

(a) The mountain called the squirrel little —

(i) devil

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(ii) angel

☐

(iii) prig

☐

(iv) dandy

☐

(b) Here 'bun' refers to a —

(i) mouse

☐

(ii) rabbit

☐

(iii) mongoose

☐

(iv) squirrel

☐

(c) The squirrel thinks it is no disgrace to —

(i) occupy his place

☐

(ii) move on the mountain

☐

(iii) crack a nut

☐

(iv) protest the mountain's allegations

☐

(d) The squirrel track made by the mountain is —

(i) ugly

☐

(ii) pretty

☐

(iii) uneven

☐

(iv) bumpy

☐

B. Answer the following questions :

2×2=4

(i) What must be considered to make up a year and a sphere ?

Ans :

(ii) How does the squirrel prove that 'talents differ'?

Ans :

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Reading Comprehension (Unseen)

3. Read the following passages and answer the questions which follow :
Midnapore, 1 August

With grit carved on the currents of the Ganges and dreams nurtured in the modest swimming pools of rural Bengal, Afrin jabi, a 22-year-old swimmer from Midnapore, etched her name into the annals of sporting glory on Monday by conquering the fabled English Channel.

In a feat that blends courage, endurance, and quiet determination, Afrin completed the treacherous 34-kilometre swim from Dover to Cap Gris-Nez in 13 hours and 13 minutes, becoming one of the few Indians— and one of even fewer Indian women—to achieve this formidable milestone.

A sociology graduate from Midnapore Autonomous College, Afrin comes from a humble middle-class Muslim family in Midnapore town. Her story is one of patient perseverance. Introduced to the pool at the age of six, she trained for years under the quiet discipline of the Midnapore Swimming Club, never missing an opportunity to test her mettle in local and national waters.

Afrin's earliest laurels came in 2016, when she won a bronze medal in the 50-metre backstroke at the State Age Group Championships. She went on to represent her university in the All India Inter-University Swimming Championships for three consecutive years— 2021, 2022, and 2023.

In 2023, she stunned the swimming fraternity by securing 10th place overall— and ranking second among women—in the world's longest river swim, the gruelling 81-km race on the Ganges from Ahiron to Berhampur in Murshidabad.

Speaking to The Statesman, her local coach Santanu Ghosh of the Midnapore Swimming Club said, "Afrin has always unusual stamina and an iron will. But for the English Channel, she needed more than that. She underwent four months of specialised training under Biswajit De Chatterjee, National Institute of Sports instructor at Beliaghata Subhas Sarovar in Kolkata. That training, combined with her own relentless preparation, made all the difference."

The English Channel— often likened to the Everest of swimming— has claimed the ambitions of many. Its icy waters and unpredictable currents make it one of the toughest endurance swims on the planet. It is not just physical ability, but the swimmer's psychological resilience and tactical navigation that determine success.

A. Tick (✓) the right answer :

1×6=6

(i) The present age of Afrin Jabi is—

(a) 20 years

☐

(b) 23 years

☐

(c) 22 years

☐

(d) 24 years

☐

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- (ii) The distance between Dover to Cap Gris-Nez is—
- (a) 32 kilometre (b) 34 kilometre
- (c) 35 kilometre (d) 36 kilometre
- (iii) Afrin did her graduation on —
- (a) Sociology (b) Zoology
- (c) Psychology (d) Anthropology
- (iv) Afrin did her graduation from —
- (a) Garhbeta College (b) Khejuri College
- (c) Panskura Banamali College
- (d) Midnapore Autonomous College
- (v) Afrin was introduced to the pool at the age of —
- (a) seven (b) six
- (c) eight (d) five
- (vi) World's largest river swim on the Ganges from Ahiron to Berhampur in Murshidabad covers a distance of —
- (a) 81 km (b) 85 km
- (c) 82 km (d) 83 km

B. Each of the following statements is either 'True' or 'False'. Write 'T' for 'True' and 'F' for 'False' in the boxes on the right-hand side. Also pick out suitable line(s) or phrase(s) from the passage in support of your answer : (1+1)×3=6

- (i) Afrin Jabi etched her name into the annals of sporting glory by conquering the Strait of Gibraltar

Supporting Sentence : _____

- (ii) Afrin took 15 hours 15 minutes to cross the English Channel.

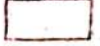
Supporting Sentence : _____

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- (iii) Afrin won a bronze medal in the 50 metre backstroke at the State Age Group Championship.

Supporting Sentence : _____



C. Answer the following questions :

2×4=8

- (i) What kind of mental qualities helped Afrin to complete the treacherous 34-kilometre swim of English Channel ?

Ans.

- (ii) Where does Afrin come from?

Ans.

- (iii) Where and how long did Afrin take her training before swimming the English Channel?

Ans.

- (iv) Why is it so tough to complete swimming at the English Channel ?

Ans.

[8]

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[Section-B] Grammar and Vocabulary

4. Write the correct alternatives to fill in the blanks :

1×3=3

Rabindranath Tagore, the great poet of Bengal _____ (gives up/ gave up/ giving up) the title of Knighthood in protest against the massacre of Jalianwallabagh where many innocent people _____ (killed/ would have killed / were killed) when General O'Dyre _____ (was ordering / has ordered / ordered) the police to fire indiscriminately.

5. Do as directed :

A. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles and prepositions : 1×3=3

Iswarchandra Vidyasagar was greatly pained seeing the sufferings _____ women. He introduced _____ Hindu widow remarriage system and also established many schools _____ girls.

B. Answer the following questions as directed :

1×3=3

(i) Samuel was teaching arithmetic.

(Change the voice)

Ans.

(ii) The sun set. We came back to our tent. (Join into a simple sentence)

Ans.

(iii) The boy said to his mother, "I will submit my English Project tomorrow."
(Turn into indirect speech)

Ans.

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C. Choose the correct phrasal verbs from the list given below to replace the words underlined. Write the correct phrasal verbs in the boxes on the right-hand side, changing the form where necessary. There is one extra phrasal verb in the list :

 $1 \times 3 = 3$

(i) The headmaster will enquire the matter.

(ii) The child resembles her mother.

(iii) He appeared at the right time.

[List : take after, turn up, look up, look into]

6. Given below are the meanings of four words which you will find in the passages in Question No. 3. Find out the words and write them in the appropriate boxes on the right-hand side :

 $2 \times 4 = 8$

(i) historical records —

(ii) quality of being firmly comitted to doing something —

(iii) brotherly feeling —

(iv) of or affecting the mind —

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[Section-C] Writing Skill

7. Write a letter to your younger brother advising him to select his aim in life to be a doctor in future. (in about 100 words) 10
[no doctor in your family, even not among relatives — a noble profession economically and socially — free check-up for patients for at least one day in the week — encourage him.]

Ans.

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8. Write a paragraph (within 100 words) on A Cultural Function organised by your school. [ENG -X!]

[Hints : Occasion — place — events and participants — delegates and their speeches — enthusiasm among the students — Your Impression.]

Ans.

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[ENG -X]

9. Write a story with the following hints. Add a title at the top and a moral at the end.

[A carter moving with his cart — a muddy road — the wheels of the cart sink — whips the bullocks — no result — begins to weep — then prays to Hercules — god appears and advises to use his own shoulder — the cart moves.]

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BHADRESWAR DHARMATALA GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL (H.S.)
MADHYAMIK TEST EXAMINATION - 2025
SUBJECT - ENGLISH

FULL MARKS :- 90

TIME :- 3 HOUR 15 MINUTES

Reading Comprehension (Seen)

Section -A

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

Father is the keeper of the Big Half Moon lighthouse. I am eleven years old. In winter, when the harbour is frozen over, we all move over to mainland. As soon as spring comes, back we sail to our own dear island.

The funny part used to be that people always pitied us when the time came for us to return. They said we must be so lonesome over there, with no other children near us. Of course Claude and I would have liked to have someone to play with us. It is hard to run pirate caves and things like that with only two. But we used to quarrel a good deal with the mainland children in winter. So it was perhaps just as well that there were none of them on the Big Half Moon. Claude and I never quarrelled.

A. Write the correct alternative to complete the following sentences:-

- i. Name of the game that Claude and Narrator would play- a) hide and seek; b) flying kites; c) pirate caves; d) making kites. (1x5=5)
- ii. Claude was- a) elder than the speaker; b) younger than the speaker; c) stupid; d) the narrator's niece.
- iii. The narrator returned to the island as soon as- a) spring; b) winter; c) summer; d) autumn.
- iv. In the Big Half Moon lived- a) the narrator and Claude; b) the narrator Claude and many other children; c) a few children; d) the narrator, father and Claude.
- v. People pitied the narrator and his family when- a) time came for them to go to the mainland; b) time came for them to stay at the mainland; c) time came for them to go to the island; d) none of these.

B. Complete the following sentences:-

- i. The narrator's father was keeper of the big half moon lighthouse. (1x3=3)
- ii. There was no quarrel between Claude and I.
- iii. The narrator and Claude used to quarrel a good deal with the mainland children.

C. State whether the following statements are True/ False. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false in the box on the right- hand side. Provide sentences/ phrases/ words in support of your answer:-

- i. In winter the harbour remains covered with sand ☐

S.S.

- ii. People of the mainland felt pity for them when they returned to the island ☐

S.S.

2. Read the poem carefully and answer the questions that follow:-

Give but his horns the slightest touch,

His self- collecting pow'r is such,

He shrinks into his house with much Displeasure.

Where's he dwells, he dwells alone,

Except himself as chatells none,

Well satisfied to be his own

whole treasure.

A. Tick (✓) the correct answer:-

- i. The snail has 'chatells' like- a) a lot of treasure; b) only himself; c) horns. (1x4=4)
- ii. The house of the snail is made of- a) hard shell; b) bone; c) mud.
- iii. Apparently the snail is- a) selfish; b) fearless; c) social.
- iv. In his house the snail feels- a) uncertain; b) secure; c) suffocated.

B. Answer the following:-

- i. When does the snail feel displeased?

(2x2=)

- ii. How does the snail lead a well- satisfied life?

Reading Comprehension (Unseen)

3. Read the following passage and answer the questions below:-

The polythene bags came into our life extensively as late as 1982. But they have given such a beating to our recycled newspaper that one hardly sees the latter now. Few, however, seem aware of the dangers that the plastic bags pose.

Polybags have often caused the death of infants all over the world. Babies love to cover their heads with polythene bags as a part of their play but cannot remove them from their head timely, and often die, gasping for breath, since air doesn't pass through polythene. Most plastic toys are always required to be made of non-toxic material and carry stalemate to that effect.

The same is the fate of fish and other marine life when polythene finds its way into the water of any sort. Plastic indeed pose a sticky disposal problem for the world at large. One cannot burn it, one cannot bury it. Throwing it away clogs the arteries of the drainage system. So one just cannot get rid of it, once one has produced it. It has enveloped our life. Bags made of paper, can however be a substitute of plastic bags if given a thought over it.

A. Tick (✓) the correct answer:-

i. Polythene bags have given a negative below to -

a) clay pots, b) paper bags, c) glass items, d) leather bags.

ii. Polybags have become rampant since- a) 1982; b) 2000; c) 1990; d) 1983.

iii. Infants are also in the fatal grip of-

a) plastic pollution, b) water pollution, c) sound pollution; d) noise pollution.

iv. One can get rid of plastic- a) easily; b) completely; c) hardly; d) possibly.

v. Aquatic creatures are also affected by- a) toxins, b) paper bags; c) leather, d) polythene.

vi. Plastics have got us in a- a) pocket, b) sticky grip; c) mini world; d) sea.

B. Each of the following statements is either 'True' or 'False'. Write 'T' for True and 'F' for false in the boxes on the right-hand side. Also write suitable line(s) or phrase(s) from the passage in support of your answers:-

i. The text suggests to reduce the use of the plastics. ☐

S.S.

ii. Polythene bags are in fashion. ☐

S.S.

iii. Fishes are safe in the world of plastics. ☐

S.S.

C. Answer the following questions:-

i. What happened after the incoming of polythene bags in 1982?

ii. How are polythene bags harmful to infants?

iii. What can be a good substitute for plastic bags?

iv. What is the plastic disposal problem?

(2x4=8)

Section -B

Grammar and Vocabulary

4. Write the correct alternatives to fill in the blanks:-

Karinyashree, an initiative which _____ (has taken/ has been taken/ is taken) by the state government of West Bengal in order to support girls who _____ (do not pursue/ could not pursue/ cannot pursue) their education due to poor economic condition _____ (has achieved/ have achieved/ achieve) international recognition.

5. Do as directed:-

A. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles and prepositions:- (1x3=3)

Kolkata is the capital of West Bengal. The city stands on the bank of river Hooghly. There is a University in Kolkata.

B. Rewrite as directed :-

i. Simran has dropped two cards. (Change the voice)

ii. This is the burial place of Michael Madhusudan Dutta. (Change into a complex sentence)

iii. "What have you written, Nila?" the teacher said. (Change the mode of narration)

C. Choose the correct phrasal verbs from the list given below to replace the words underlined. Write correct phrasal verbs in the boxes on the right-hand side changing the form where necessary. There is one extra phrasal verb in the list.

i. Anita quarrelled with her sister.

ii. The students wear blue uniforms.

(1x3=3)

They established a free coaching centre for poor students.

[E - set up, cut down; fall out; put on]

Given below are the meanings of four words which you will find in the passage in question No. 3. Find out the words and write them in the appropriate boxes on the

left-hand side:

- Oceanic - ☐
 Hugely - ☐
 Parting - ☐
 Covered - ☐

(2x4=8)

Section - C

Writing

Write a paragraph with the following hints within (120 words) about "Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan." [10]

Hints: Birth - 05/09/1888, Place - Tirutani, a small village near Madras now Chennai; Education - village school - School education at Tirupati - graduation from Vellore, Christian College - Post graduate from Andhra University; Service - Prof. of philosophy at Mysore University, Calcutta University, Oxford University, Ambassador USSR (1948) - vice President of India (1952-62) - president of India (1962-67); Honour - Bharat Ratna (1954); Birthday observed as Teachers' Day; Death - 1975

Write a letter to your younger brother advising him to read text books thoroughly in details and not to depend on note books for good result in Madhyamik Examination.

(Within 120 words)

Hints: Thorough study of text books - help to gain concrete and clear idea - study minute details - refer to note books at a minimum level - sufficient practice by writing - text book studying helps in answering objective and subjective questions - obtain good marks

9. Write a notice as the Secretary of Tour Committee of your school inviting students of classes IX and X to participate in a day-long trip to the Science City, Kolkata. (10)

TEST EXAMINATION-2025

Class-X

Sub.-English

F. M.- 90

Time-3Hr.15M.

Name: Roll No. Sec.

Section A.

(Reading seen)

1. Read the following text and answer the questions that follow :

It is always lovely on the Big Half Moon in summer. When it is fine, the harbour is blue and calm, with little wind and ripples. Every summer, we had some hobby. The last summer before Dick and Mimi came, we were crazy about kites. A boy on the mainland showed Claude how to make them. Back on the island we made plenty of kites. Claude would go around to the other side of the island and we would play shipwrecked mariners signalling to each other with kites.

We had a kite that was big and covered with lovely red paper. We pasted gold tinsel stars all over it and had written our names full on it-Claude Leete and Philippa Leete, Big Half Moon lighthouse.

One day there was a grand wind for kite-flying. I'm not sure how it happened, but as I was bringing the kite from the house, I tripped and fell over the rocks. My elbow went clear through the kite, making a big hole.

We had to hurry to fix the kite if we wanted to send it up before the wind fell. We rushed into the lighthouse to get some paper. We knew there was no more red paper. We took the first thing that came handy-an old letter lying on the bookcase in the sitting room. We patched the kite up with the letter, a sheet on each side and dried it by the fire.

A. Underline the correct alternative to complete the following sentences: 1x5=5

(a) Last summer before the arrival of Dick and Mimi, Claude and Philippa were crazy about- (i) stamps (ii) balloons (iii) kites (iv) toys.

(b) Claude learned to make kites from- (i) Philippa (ii) a boy on the mainland (iii) his father (iv) his tutor

(c) Claude and Philippa made a big kite covered with lovely- (i) green paper (ii) blue paper (iii) orange paper (iv) red paper

(d) When the narrator was bringing the kite from the house, she fell over the- (i) rocks (ii) tree-trunks (iii) boxes (iv) sand dunes.

(e) The old letter which was used for patching up the kite was lying on a- (i) table (ii) chair (iii) bed (iv) bookcase.

B. Complete the following sentences with information from the text: 1x3=3

(i) When it is fine, the harbour of Big Half Moon

(ii) Signalling to each other with kites, the narrator and her brother.....

(iii) On the big kite, it was written.....

C. State whether the following statements are True or False. Write T for True and F for False statements. Provide sentences/phrases/words in support of your answer.

2x2=4

(i) There was a big hole in the kite because a branch of a tree went clear through the kite ☐

S.S:

(ii) After patching the kite up with the letter, it was dried by the fire. ☐

S.S:

2. Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow:

To grass, or leaf, or fruit, or wall
The snail sticks close, nor fears to fall
As if he grew there, house and all,
Together Within that house secure he hides
When danger imminent besides
Of storm, or other harm besides Of weather,
Give but his horns the slightest touch,
His self-collecting power is such,
He shrinks into his house with much Displeasure.

A. Underline the correct alternative to complete the following sentences: 1x4=4

a) The snail hides himself-

i) in a hole he finds ii) under a stone iii) going into sand iv) within his own shell.

b) The snail considers his house- i) nice ii) small iii) secure iv) dangerous

c) On grass, leaf or fruit or wall, the snail behaves as if-

(i) he is compelled to stay there (ii) he was grown there (iii) he feels very uneasy there.
(iv) he may fall anytime.

d) When danger imminent betides'- Here 'imminent means-

i) impending ii) illusory iii) impossible iv) intangible.

B. Answer the following questions :

2 x 2 = 4

(a) What does the snail do at the slightest touch on his horns?

(b) What kind of danger may the snail face?

(Reading unseen)

3. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Devotees began gathering in Digha as rituals for the Jagannath Dham inauguration on Akshaya Tithiya began. The air was filled with shehnai and chants. Security was tightened- Contai ASP said- checkpoints and traffic curbs would be in place. Nearly 800 policemen were deployed. The rituals, including the chanting of one crore mantras, were conducted by Puri temple servitor Rajesh Daitapati, ISKCON vice-president Radharamn Das and 60 others. The idols of Jagannatha, Subhadra, Balarama and Sudarshana were bathed in milk.

Hotel demand in Digha surged due to the temple event. Chandernagore artisans decorated roads with light gates, but one collapsed in a norwester, briefly affecting traffic. No injuries were reported.

The temple, proposed by the CM, West Bengal in 2018, was built on 20 acres near New Digha station, 360m from the sea. It follows Kalinga and Nagara architecture. Stones from Bansi Paharpur in Rajasthan were used.

Inside the sanctum, the stone idols of Lord Jagannatha, Balabhadra, and Subhadra rest on the sacred Ratnabedi, closely following the traditional arrangement seen at Puri. Adding to the temple's spiritual rhythm is a set of wooden idols carved from neem wood by renowned Bhubaneswar-based sculptor Sudarshan Maharana. These will be paraded during the annual Rath Yatra, offering a ceremonial connection to the moving traditions of Puri. Notably, the wooden deities used here are crafted from ordinary neem wood, not the sacred Daru (divine neem) used in Puri's Nabakalebara ritual, clarifying earlier media speculation with official confirmation. A 65m high Vimana stands above the sanctum where stone idols rest on the Ratnabedi. [Source: The Telegraph, April 2025]

A. Underline the correct alternatives to complete the following sentences: 1x6=6

- i) The inauguration of Jagannath Dham will take place on-
 a. Rath Yatra. b. Durga Puja. c. Akshaya Tritiya. d. Shivratri
- ii) The temple site, near station, is located-
 a. 36 km from sea. b. near Puri. c. in Rajasthan. d. 360m from seashore.
- iii) Number of policemen deployed in Digha was- a. 300. b. 600. c. 800. d. 1000
- iv) The architecture of the temple is based on-
 a. Gothic. b. Modern. c. Kalinga and Negara. d. Mughal
- v) Stones for the temple were brought from.
 a. Rajasthan. b. Gujarat. c. Maharashtra. d. Karnataka
- vi) The wooden idols in Digha temple are carved from
 a. Teak b. Ordinary Neem c. Sacred Daru d. Neem used in Puri's Nabakalebara ritual,

B. Each of the following statements is either True or False. Write 'T' for true and 'F' false and provide sentences/phrases/words in support of your answer: (1+1)×3=6

- i) A norwester caused a light gate to collapse in Digha. ☐

Supporting sentence:

- ii) A sculptor from Puri carved the wooden idols. ☐

Supporting Statement:

- iii) Hotel demand in Digha downturned due to the temple event. ☐

Supporting Statement:

C. Answer the following questions:

2x4=8

- i) Who conducted the rituals at the Jagannath Dham temple?

Ans.

- ii) What are there inside the sanctum?

Ans.

- iii) Where does the Vimana stand? What's its height?

Ans.

- iv) What has added to the spiritual rhythm of the temple?

Ans.

4. Write the correct alternative verb forms to fill in the blanks: 1x3=3
- Last night when I _____ (was going to/ is going to/ am going to) sleep
I _____ (will be hearing/ heard/ hear) a loud scream. I opened the window
and _____ (was peeping /peeps/peeped) outside.
5. Do as directed:
- A. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles and prepositions : 1x3=3
- We should remember that nothing is permanent..... this world. Neither good fortune
will keep smiling.....us nor bad luck keep hunting us all..... time.
- B. Do as directed: 1x3=3
- (i) Keep the ball rolling. (Change the voice)
- (ii) The judge said, "The evidence was not recorded properly."
(Change the mode of narration)
- (iii) The dog is one of the most faithful animals. (Change into comparative degree)
- C. Choose the correct phrasal verbs from the list given below to replace the words in
bold. 1x3=3
- (i) The workers have withdrawn the strike.
- (ii) Penguin India has decided to publish my book.
- (iii) Mr. Banerjee's proposal was rejected.
- [List of Phrasal Verbs: turn down, come by, call off, bring out]
6. Given below are the meanings of four words which you will find in question no. 3.
Find out the words and write them. 2x4
- i) Hallowed or blessed:
- ii) Craftsmen:
- iii) Rites:
- iv) Structural design:
- [Section-C] Writing
7. Develop the following points into a story in 100 words. Add a title to the same. 10
- Outlines:
A fox invites a crane to dinner—serves soup in a flat dish—could not dip its long beak—
the crane hungry—invites the fox—serves food in a jar with a long narrow neck—head
couldn't enter the narrow neck—the fox goes away hungry.

8. Write a letter to your friend (within 120 words) describing your experience of visiting a place of historical interest. Use the following points: 10 (Place of visit - mode of transport - duration of stay - members accompanying - the spots you visited- your feelings)

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9. Your school is going to arrange a career guidance seminar for students of class-X to help them choose the right stream and career. Imagine you are the school captain. Now write a notice giving information about the seminar, its schedule, speakers and registration details. [Word limit 100]

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