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First Test - 2010

Standard - 12

English

Time : 3 Hours

Marks : 100

Date : 22-9-2010
Wednesday

- Instructions : (1) Write in a clear and legible handwriting.
(2) This question paper contains five sections. All the questions are compulsory.
(3) Figures to the right indicate full marks.

SECTION A

- Read the following extracts and answer the questions given below them : (10)

Extract : 1 I was taken aback. Such poverty and yet such honesty !

Hanumanthappa knew I expected no account of the money sent to him for his monthly expenditure. Yet he made it a point to return the balance money. Unbelievable but true ! Experience has taught me that honesty is not the mark of any particular class nor it is related to education or wealth. It can not be taught at any university. In most people, it springs naturally from the heart.

1. Give the meaning of the phrase 'taken aback' and use it in your sentence.

2. What are the writer's views on honesty ?

Extract : 2 The Maharaja was impressed. An oxford man who could play tennis was just the sort of tutor he wanted for his children.

When Uncle Ken told Granny about the interview, she said, "But you haven't been to oxford, Ken. How could you say that !"

"Of course I've been to oxford. Don't you remember, I spent two years there with your brother jim ?"

"Yes, but you were helping him in his pub in the town. You weren't at the university."

3. What sort of a tutor did Maharaja want for his children ?

4. "But you haven't been to Oxford, Ken. How could you say that !" Explain.

Extract : 3 Aunt Jane (relenting a little) : Now I'm sorry if I sounded rude, but really I'm shocked to find the way you're living. I've never owed a penny in my life - cash down, that's my motto and I want you to do the same.

5. What is Aunt Jane's motto ?

6. How does Aunt Jane want Jack and Jill to spend the money ?

Extract : 4 Three or four snakes were also found in my cells or near them. News of one of them got out, and there were headlines on the press. As a matter of fact I welcomed the diversion. Prison life is dull enough, and everything that breaks through the monotony is appreciated. Not that I appreciate or welcome snakes, but they do not fill me with terror as they do some people. I am afraid of their bite of course, and would protect myself if I saw a snake. But there would be no feeling of repulsion or overwhelming fright.

7. Which news was published in press ?

8. How did Nehru feel when he saw snakes ?

Extract : 5 The old man, in a thin, cracked voice requested Alan to let him take his arm. He said, "This road is so hilly, and the wind is almost too much for me."

"I would love to help you, Sir," said Alan, for he knew he could easily make up what time he had lost by running when he left the old man.

9. Why did the old man need Alan's help ?
10. How would Alan make up for the loss of the time ?

• Answer the questions in about three to four sentences each : (4)

11. Why does the writer have a fascination for rank holders ?
12. What does Alan's father mean when he said, "You were playing the game although it wasn't on the cricket - pitch."

• Write shortnotes on any two of the following using the clues given below them in about seven to nine sentences each : (Question - 13 and 14) (6)

Intimacy between pierre and Joseph :

(Clues : Delivery of milk - understanding between them - Joseph knew the route and work - pierre and Joseph grew old - pierre did not think of retirement - Joseph, a true companion - Joseph died - Pierre shocked - Pierre died - doctor examined - declaration of cataracts for last five years - a secret between the two.)

Uncle Ken :

(Clues : An idle man - good for nothing - no worry for a job - got a job of a tutor - teaching Maharaja's children - did not know anything - playing tennis with Maharaja - His tennis was improved - won the match against Maharaja - lost the job - He did not worry for that.)

Alan's Father - a model parent :

(Clues : True father - encouraged Alan - trained him for cricket - promised bicycle - He could not play - yet greet him - felt proud of him.)

SECTION B

• Read the following text and answer the questions given below it. (5)

One day Mr. Green sent to the wife of our surely friend a basket of nice plums; but her husband wouldn't let her have them. He told the person who brought them, very gruffly, that it was only done to get some of his pears in return, and he was not going to give any of them away.

At another time Mr. Green's team of Oxen stuck fast in a bog, and when he asked his neighbour for a little help, he told him, in a very rough way, that he had enough to do to mind his own business, and refused to help him.

"Never mind" said Green to someone standing by, "I'll kill him very soon, see if I don't."

Question :

15. What did Mr. Green do to become friendly with his neighbour ?
16. What reason did the neighbour give for not accepting the plums ?
17. How was Mr. Green in trouble once ?
18. How did the neighbour behave with Mr. Green in his difficult time ?
19. Find out the words from the passage which show the following expressions :

- (1) quite impolitely _____
- (2) not to interfere in other's affairs _____
- (3) bad tempered _____
- (4) allow _____

Read the following stanza of the Poem and answer the questions given below it.

(5)

Well, ego might be pleased enough,
But zealous athletes play so rough,
They do not ever, in their dealings,
consider one another's feelings.
I'm glad that when my struggle begins
Twixt prudence and ego, prudence wins.
When swollen eye meets gnarled first,
When snaps the knee, and cracks the wrist,
When calm officialdom demands
Is there a doctor in the stands?
My soul in true thanks giving speaks
for this most modest physiques.

Questions:

20. How do the athletes play in game?
21. What kind of struggle begins in poet's mind?
22. Why does the poet prefer prudence to ego?
23. When is the doctor needed on the play ground?
24. For what does the poet thank?

Read the following unseen text and answer the questions given below it :

(5)

An old man was once busy ploughing his field; when the king of the country, who was an idler, happened to pass that way. Attracted by the bent down figure of the old man, he drew up his reins and called out to him. The old man quickly ran to the king and prostrating himself before him begged to know what his sovereign lord demanded of him. Curious to know his age, the king asked him if he had known his father, the last king, "Yes", said he, "I had known him and his father - my Lord's grand father and" "You are then over seventy five years of age." interrupted the king. "May be", quickly replied old man, "But my lord will permit me to say that I'm but seven years now."

"Ah ! Ah ! What is that you say ? Seven years, only seven years !" cried the king in surprise.

"So it is, my lord." replied the old man counting only the number of years he had lived for the good of others. "Of what benefit is it to others to live a life of idleness and ease ?"

The king was deeply touched by the wise words of the old man, and thanking him, rode off. From that day onwards the king was a different man altogether.

Questions:

25. Why did the king stop his horse?
26. How did the old man respect the king?
27. "You are then over seventy five years of age" commented the king. Why?
28. Why did the old man say that he was seven years old?
29. What made the king change his life?

30. Read the following passage and write its summary. Also give a suitable title to it :

(5)

At 6:20 when Ang Dorjee and I stepped out from the south col, it was a perfect day. There was a gentle breeze but the cold was intense. I was, however, warm in my well - insulated climbing gear. We climbed unroped. Ang Dorjee set a steady pace but I had no difficulty keeping up with him.

The steep frozen slopes were as hard and brittle as sheets of glass. We had to use the ice-axe and I had to kick really hard to get the front teeth of the crampons to bite into the frozen surface. I took every step very deliberately on the dangerous stretches.

In less than two hours we reached the summit camp. Ang Dorjee looked back and asked if I was tired. I replied, 'No' to his surprise and delight.

SECTION - C

31. Rehana Khan, Anupam flats, Usmanpura, Ahmedabad writes a letter to the Municipal commissioner of the city complaining about the bad roads and pits on the roads because of rain. (7)

32. Prepare a brief report on "The teacher's day celebration in your school." (5)

33. Write an essay on anyone of the following in about 150 words. (8)

(a) Each one tree one.

(Points : man and trees - relationship - usefulness - duty towards trees - duty towards future generation)

(b) Advantages and Disadvantages of loan system.

(Points : Advantages : can buy a house, vehicle or a gadget - even without enough funds on hand - easy to pay back by installments - can fulfil your dream or desire
disadvantages : a trapping temptation - taking loan without planning - causes anxiety - sometimes leads to misery.)

SECTION - D

34. Here is the picture of Volini Gel. Study it well and write about 8 sentences based on it. (4)

The advertisement for Volini Gel includes the following information:

- Product Name:** VOLINI GEL
- Manufacturer:** RANBAXY LABORATORIES LIMITED
- Address:** Plot No. 1335 - 1340, NEAR EPIP - 1, BHAIOLI KALAN, BADDI - 382005 (H.P.)
- Registration:** B.No. S47309, MFD. DEC. 2009, EXP. NOV. 2011, M.R.P. Rs. 90.00 (INCL. OF ALL TAXES)
- Claims:** No. 1 DOCTOR PRESCRIBED PAIN RELIEVER
- Indications:** Low Back Pain, Joint Pain, Muscular Pain, Sprain
- Offer:** Introductory Offer Rs. 90/- Only
- Composition (50g):**
 - Diclofenac Diethylamine BP 1.16% w/w (Equivalent to Diclofenac Sodium 1% w/w)
 - Unseed Oil BP 3% w/w
 - Methyl Salicylate IP 10% w/w
 - Menthol IP 5% w/w
 - Preservative: Benzyl Alcohol IP 1% w/w
 - Gel base q.s.
- Directions:** Store below 25 C. Do not freeze. KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN. REPLACE CAP TIGHTLY. Direction for use: Apply 3 - 4 times a day, gently rub on the affected area. Volini gets quickly absorbed without the need to massage.
- Warnings:** FOR EXTERNAL USE ONLY. Warning - Not for Veterinary Use. For your feedback/queries, call 0124-4185825 or e-mail us at volini@ranbaxy.com
- Barcode:** 8 901296 016961

35. Anil Kumar, A - 903, Rahul Tower, Satellite, Ahmedabad - 15. applies for the post of a journalist to the manager, Divya Bhaskar, S. G. Highway, Ahmedabad. (6)

Rewrite the following paragraph selecting the correct words from the brackets. (Q. 36 to 45) (5)

It was last week ¹ (when, where, why) Mita went to the shopping centre. She rang up ² (in order that, in order to, which) find if I can join her. We went ³ (when, how, where) clothes were sold. I found her faster in buying clothes for her ⁴ (then, than, that) most other girls. She is one of ⁵ (the, a, an) girls who likes pink. She was ⁶ fast that (so, too, enough), I could not spare time ⁷ (to buy, buying, bought) anything for me. From there we went ⁸ a place (at, to, for) where we could enjoy chocolate ice cream. ⁹ (because, since, though) it was raining, we finished our ice - cream ¹⁰ (but, or, and) got ready to go back home.

5. Turn the following conversation into the indirect form of narration. (4)

Teacher : How was your yesterday's visit to the central library ?

Student : Excellent. How greatly we enjoyed ! We have decided to go there every Saturday.

Teacher : What a wonderful idea !

Student : We have also decided to make list of good books.

SECTION E

6. Fill in the gaps with the appropriate forms of the verbs given in the brackets. (Q. 47 - Q. 51) (5)

My daughter always gets (get) me to watch (watch) good programmes on T.V. Last week she telephoned me and said, "Watch, an exciting cricket match is being telecasted (telecast) on T.V." had enjoyed (have + enjoy) the game, I thanked her. If she had not informed me, an exciting game would have missed (will + miss).

7. Complete the following sentences using the words given in the brackets. (6)

52. Pankaj exports such cars _____ (as, to be, excellent).

53. Very few epic poets _____ (to be great, John Milton)

54. No sooner did the red light appear _____ (than, the traffic, come, to halt)

55. The older a man grows _____ (the, weak, become)

56. Though India tried hard, _____ (can, remove, poverty)

57. _____ can not be said just now. (how + this issue + take a turn)

58. Combine the following sentences and make one meaningful sentences. (3)

Lala was a merchant. He once possessed a flourishing grain business. He made the mistake of taking a partner. His partner was a dishonest man. He knew nothing about his partner.

9. Rewrite the following text by replacing the underlined words with those given in the brackets. (3)

Make necessary changes if needed : (Q. 59 - Q. 61)

I always ponder over the problem of students' indiscipline. Parents and teachers have to put up with them without any reason. If someone points out their mistakes they scamper away from the place. (run away, think deeply over, tolerate)

10. Rewrite the following paragraph filling in the gaps using the proper form of words given in the brackets : (Q. 62 - Q. 65) (4)

Like Gandhiji, Martin Luther king was _____ (fear). He told his Negro people not to take revenge or become _____ (violence). He believed _____ (firm) in _____ (violent) and said that violence was always wrong even if people were fighting for a just cause.