

अर्द्ध वार्षिक परीक्षा सत्र - 2022-23

Class : IX (नववीं)

Subject : English

Time : 3:15 hrs.

M.M. 70

General instructions for the examinees :

- (1) All the questions are compulsory.
- (2) Write the answers in the given answer book only.
- (3) Write the correct serial number of each question.
- (4) Do not exceed the word limit while answering the questions.

Section-A (Reading)

1-7. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : 1×7=7

Pandit Ravi Shankar, the brilliant sitarist, was born on 7 April 1920 in Varanasi. He was one of India's most famous musicians. He began as a ballet dancer with his elder brother Uday Shankar's troupe. But he left the troupe to learn the sitar under ustad Allauddin Khan of Maihar. He underwent rigorous training practising for nearly eighteen hours a day to gain command over the instrument. He had done a single service to the country by carrying the banner of Indian music across the world. He aroused the interest of the westerners in Indian music, thus earning himself, the title, "India's musical ambassador. He died on 11 December 2012 at the age of 92."

Q.1. Pandit Ravi Shankar was born on :

(A) 7 may (B) 7 June

(C) 7 April (D) 7 March

Q.2. He underwent rigorous training for : _____ a/day

(A) Ten hours (B) Twelve hours

(C) Sixteen hours (D) Eighteen hours

- Q.3. How did he begin his career ?
- Q.4. What service had he done for the country ?
- Q.5. Whose interest did he arouse in Indian music ?
- Q.6. Find from the passage the opposite of - Younger _____.
- Q.7. Find from the passage the similar word of started _____.

8-14. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : 1×7=7

In many countries only one language mostly the mother tongue is enough to satisfy the need for expression of their inhabitants. In India, however, the position is more complicated. There is, first of all, the language that he learn on his mother's lap and through which he expresses his first needs and feelings. But, since India is a very large country, we really need an extra language as a means of communicating with states other than our own. It is for this reason that many people want a lingua franca for India but even this is not enough on the top of this, an educated Indian requires the mastery of an international language, one that is widely understood and is used in the dealings of one country with another. Ideally speaking then, the educated Indian should be able to read and write in three languages and more over, should be able to express himself in all the three with ease and fluency.

- Q.8. One expresses his first needs and feelings in India in :
- (A) Mother Tongue ✓ (B) Foreign Tongue
- (C) Both (D) None
- Q.9. The educated Indian should be able to read and write in :
- (A) One language (B) Two languages
- (C) Three languages ✓ (D) None
- Q.10. Where is the position more complicated ?
- Q.11. Why do many people want a lingua franca for India ?
- Q.12. What does an educated Indian require ?
- Q.13. Find from the passage the opposite of Dissatisfy.
- Q.14. Find from the passage the similar word of Proficiency.

Section-B (Writing)

Q.15. Imagine that you are Rahul/ Ruchi living in Vasant Vihar, Jaipur. Write a letter to your friend to congratulate him as he has won a gold medal in village olympic. You may touch upon the following points : 5

- (i) Congratulations on success.
- (ii) In which game does he win ?
- (iii) Best of luck for future.

OR

Write a formal E-mail to the principal of your school at gssspri@gmail.com requesting him to tell about the status of your scholarship.

Q.16. Prepare a speech on 'Pollution' to be delivered in your school in 60 to 80 words. You may use the following hints : 5

Air, Water, Noise, Traffic, Industries, Control, Smoke

OR

'Homework is necessary'. Debate the topic in favour and against it in 60 to 80 words. You may use the following hints :

Repetition, Practice, Self-study, Opportunity of correction.

Q.17. Complete the following story with the help of the given outlines : 4

A fox _____ lived in a Jungle _____ it was hungry _____
 here and there _____ search _____ a creeper of grapes _____ Jumped
 again and again _____ reach _____ grapes are sour.

OR

Write a task 'How you celebrate farewell party in your school' with the help of following hints :

Invite, decorate, farewell, memento, dance, song, dinner

Section : C (Grammar)

Q.18 Fill in the blanks with correct form of the verbs : **1×4=4**

- (a) Children _____ (like/likes) chocolates.
 (b) At present, my mother _____ (cooks/ is cooking) in the kitchen.
 (c) We have _____ (revise/ revised) our course twice.
 (d) I _____ (take/took) tea and went out.

Q.19 Fill in the blanks the verbs in agreement with their subjects. **1×3=3**

- (a) Both Mary and Tom _____ fond of music. (is / are)
 (b) The dacoit, with his followers _____ shot dead. (was/ were)
 (c) One of my friends _____ decorated the room. (has/ have)

Q.20. Fill in the blanks with correct determiners : **1×3=3**

- (a) His father is _____ MLA. (a / an)
 (b) There is _____ water in Jug (few/ a few/ the few)
 (c) Radha is _____ intelligent than her sister. (much/ more)

Q.21. Fill in the blanks, with suitable preposition : **1×4=4**

(Between, on, into, for)

- (a) There is a book _____ the table.
 (b) There is no argument _____ these two brothers.
 (c) The boy ran _____ the class.
 (d) I have been writing a letter _____ two hours.

Section - D

Q.22. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : **1×6=6**

But Evelyn was not going to give up. She was determined to lead a normal life and pursue her interest in music. One day she noticed a girl playing a xylophone and decided that she wanted to play it too. Most of the teachers discouraged her but percussionist Ron Forbes spotted her potential he began by tuning two large drums

to different notes. "Don't listen through your ears," he would say, "try to listen it some other way. Says Evelyn, "Suddenly I realised I could feel the higher drum from the waist up and lower one from the waist down." Forbes repeated the exercise. and soon Evelyn discovered that she could sense certain notes in different parts of her body.

(A) She was determined to pursue her interest in :

(a) Reading

(b) Music ✓

(c) Playing

(d) Singing

(B) Ron forbes was :

(a) Violinist

(b) Percussionist ✓

(c) Dancer

(d) Singer

(C) What was Evelyn's determination ?

(D) What did she notice one day ?

(E) Find the opposite word of 'Courage'

(F) Find the similar word of 'Saw'

Q.23.-24 Answer any two of the following questions in 30 words :

2×2=4

(A) Where was Margie's School ? Did she have any classmates ? (The Fun They Had)

(B) Who were the people in Kezia's Family ? (The little girl)

(C) Why did Aurangzeb ban the playing of Pungi ? (The sound of music)

(D) What did Einstein call his desk drawer ? (A truly beautiful mind)

Q.25. Answer any one of the following questions in 60 words :

1×4=4

(a) What Kind of person does the doctor want to marry ? (The Snake and the Mirror)

(b) How was Kalam's house ? (My childhood)

Q.26. Explain any one of the following stanzas with reference to the context : 1×3=3

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I
I took the one less travelled by,
And that has made all the differences.

OR

He won't do what you tell him.
So, come, let's build strong homes,
Let's joint the doors firmly.

Q.27-28 Answer any two of the following questions in 30 words.

2×2=4

- Where does the traveller find himself ? (The road not taken)
- What does the poet like to do when it rains ? (Rain on the roof)
- What kind of place is Inn is free ?

Q.29. Answer any one of the following questions in 60 words :

1×3=3

- What are the things that he wants at fair ? (The Lost Child)
- Describe toto the monkey. How was he ? (The Adventures of Toto)

Q.30-31 Answer any two of the following questions in 30 words :

2×2=4

- Where did the child go with his parents ? (The lost child)
- From where did the grandfather buy toto ? (The Adventures of Toto)
- Which book Ishwaran used to reach after his lunch ? (Ishwaran the story teller)
- What was decided by the king and the idiots of the Kingdom of fools ? (In the Kingdom of fools)
- Why the price was called Happy Prince ? (Happy Prince)

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