

Ramnagar Atul Vidyalaya (H.S.)

Secondary Test Examination-2023

Class— X

Full Marks—90

Subject— ENGLISH

Time— 3 hours 15 mins

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SECTION -A

Reading Comprehension (Seen)

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the question that follow :

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. We started out, and and up went the kite like a bird. The wind was glorious and it soared. All at once – snap! And there was Claude, standing with a bit of cord in his hand, looking foolish. Our kite had sailed away over to the mainland.

A. Write the correct alternative to complete the following sentences : 1×5=5

- i) The Kite was covered with —
a) letter b) red paper c) blue paper d) plastic.

Ans:

- ii) The hole in the kite was done by—
a) rock b) elbow c) wind d) another kite.

Ans:

- iii) The letter was found in the—
a) kitchen b) book case c) cave d) bedroom.

Ans:

- iv) The tinsel stars were—
a) golden b) silvery c) red d) blue.

Ans:

- v) The narrator tripped and fell over a—
a) big hole b) kite c) rock d) grass land

Ans :

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

- i) They hurried to fix the kite because _____

- ii) The patch on the kite was dried by _____

iii) Claude was looking foolish as _____

C. Write 'True' or 'False' against the following sentences and give supporting statements in support of your answer : 2×2=4

i) There was enough red paper in the lighthouse.

☐

Supporting Statement : _____

ii) They wrote their names and address on the kite.

☐

Supporting Statement : _____

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

To grass, or leaf, or fruit, or wall
The Snail sticks close, not 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. Tick the right answer :

1×4=4

i) The snail has no fear— a) to fall ☐ b) to die ☐ c) to fight ☐ d) to hang ☐.

ii) The word 'Chatells' means—

a) shelter ☐ b) personal belongings ☐ c) wealth ☐ d) friends ☐.

iii) The snail hides himself from any danger—

a) in a hole he finds ☐ b) under a stone ☐ c) going into sand ☐ d) within his own shell ☐.

iv) Danger comes to the snail from—

a) air ☐ b) other animals ☐ c) tides ☐ d) storm ☐.

B. Answer the following questions :

2×2=4

i) What makes the snail well satisfied?

Ans: _____

ii) How does the snail react when his horns are given the slightest touch?

Ans: _____

Reading Comprehension (Unseen)

Kolkata : Street food, a lifeline for city's working class as well as foodies, is facing the heat of the prolonged hot weather spell.

Office-goers are conspicuous by their absence at the street food clusters in the central business district. Food vendors in Dalhousie, India Exchange Place, Chandni, Esplanade, Chowringhee and Camac Street have been wearing a deserted look for the past three weeks. Even the iconic Dacres Lane in Esplanade, which remains chock-a-block during the lunch hour, has seen a drop in footfalls as well as sales.

Many vendors who catered to big crowds of office workers now get only a trickle of customers while others have been forced to reduce their inventory. Several office-goers TOI spoke to said they didn't want to step out in the scorching heat from the cool environs of their AC office. While many have been carrying their lunch, others order using food delivery apps. "I ventured out to grab a bite once but it made me feel sick. After that I decided to carry my own lunch box". said Dipanita Ghosh, who works in a bank in Dalhousie.

"Sales have dropped by almost 50% due to this weather. Lunch hour sales have been worse because people don't step out of office in this heat. Most customers come in the evening when it is comparatively less hot," said Mukund Singh, owner of Kona Dukan on Lyons Range behind Writers Buildings.

Many vendors have put up shade and huge umbrellas for the convenience of their customers but that have failed to ramp up sales. "The customers are not coming during the day. Office workers prefer staying inside their AC offices. This has severely affected our business," said Arun Pandey, who sells lunch at the Camac street-Park Street crossing.

Many vendors have reduces the quantity they would make every day. Shyamal Das, who sells 'Kolkata Chinese' on a cart on Mission Row, has reduced the amount by almost 50%. "Food was getting wasted as there were not enough customers and I was incurring losses. On certain days, I am unable to sell even the reduced quantity" said Das.

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A. Tick (✓) the right answer :

1×6=6

- i) Arun Pandey sells—
 a) launch ☐ b) dinner ☐ c) tiffin ☐ d) snacks ☐
- ii) Sale of Shyamal Das has been reduced to—
 a) 60% ☐ b) 50% ☐ c) 40% ☐ d) 70% ☐
- iii) The location of Kona Dukan is— a) on Lyons Range ☐ b) in front of Writers Building ☐ c) Decres Lane ☐ d) Camac Street ☐.
- iv) In daytime office workers prefer—
 a) reading ☐ b) roaming ☐ c) AC office ☐ d) outside heat ☐.
- v) Dipanita Ghosh works in a—
 a) kitchen ☐ b) food stall ☐ c) bank ☐ d) food delivery app ☐.
- vi) Sale of food business in the central business district mainly occurs in—
 a) tiffin hour ☐ b) lunch hour ☐ c) evening hour ☐ d) sundays ☐.

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 : 2×3=6

- i) The evening is comparatively less hot. ☐

Supporting sentence : _____

- ii) Street food is the life line of city working people. ☐

Supporting sentence : _____

- iii) Food vendors in city Central sell during day time. ☐

Supporting sentence : _____

C. Answer the following questions :

2×4=8

- i) What have many vendors done for the comfort of customers?

Ans _____

ii) What does Shyamal Das do?

Ans _____

iii) How do the office workers lunch presently in office time?

Ans _____

iv) What is the sale of street food facing?

Ans _____

Grammar and Vocabulary

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

The word 'Paragraph' _____ (has been / had been/ is) derived from the Greek word 'Paragraphos'. In Greek, 'Para' _____ (means / is meant / is meaning) 'beside', Originally there is a sign or mark to _____ (commence / is commencing / commenced) a new section or part.

5. Do as directed : 1×9=9

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

Albert Einstein, _____ genius was born _____

14 March, 1879 in the German City _____ Ulm.

B. i) The boy is taller than his friends. (Rewrite using the positive degree)

Ans: _____

ii) The teacher said, "Then why did you come at all?" (change into indirect speech)

Ans: _____

iii) We pasted gold tinsel stars all over it. (change the voice)

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 manager demanded the explanation from the worker.

ii) Kalam suddenly met his friend on the way from office.

iii) We have published our new magazine.

(give up, come across, call for, bring out)

6. 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 right hand side. $2 \times 4 = 8$

i) Obvious or striking

ii) Irregular flow

iii) Hazard

iv) Comfort.

SECTION – C

Writing

7. Write a newspaper report in about 100 words on heavy rainfall in Delhi using the following points : 10

Monsoon rain Pounded Delhi — A week continuous rain — 215 mm rainfall recorded — Most places overflowed — people suffering — relief campaign.

Ans:

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8. Write a letter to your friend about the celebration of ‘Gandhi Jayanti’ as a part of value learning programme in your school. 10

9. Write a story (within 100 words) using the given hints. Give a title to the story. 10
Dispute between sun and wind—who is stronger? Strength to be tested —a traveller
appears —decided to take off traveller's coat — wind blows harder — tightens his
coat — sun shine — takes his coat off — winner.