

HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATION, 2014

ENGLISH

Only Question Paper

Time : 3 Hours 15 Min]

817 (AK)

[Max. Marks : 70

SECTION-A

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

The Ganga especially is the river of India, beloved of her people, round which are intertwined her racial memories, her hopes and fears, her songs of triumph, her victories and her defeats. She has been a symbol of India's age-long culture and civilization, ever-changing, ever-flowing, and yet ever the same Ganga. She reminds one of the snow-covered peaks and the deep valleys of the Himalayas, which I have loved so much and of the rich and vast plains below, where my life and work have been cast.

- (i) What does the Ganga symbolize? 2
(ii) What does the Ganga remind Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru of? 2

2. Answer *one* of the following questions in about 60 words : 4

- (a) What circumstances forced Lencho to seek help from God? 4
(b) What did Socrates ask his countrymen to do, to make Athens a perfect state?

3. Answer *two* of the following questions in about 25 words each : 2 + 2 = 4

- (a) Why should we train ourselves in good citizenship?
(b) Why had Yama taken the form of Yaksha?
(c) What did Tansen do to make Hari Das sing?

4. Match the words of **List A** with their meanings in **List B** : 4 × 1 = 4

List A

- (a) stare
(b) urged
(c) at last
(d) belongings

List B

- at length
possessions
insisted
gaze.

5. Read the following piece of poetry and answer the questions given below it :

Glorious fountain !

Let my heart be

Fresh, changeful, constant,

Upward like thee!

- (a) Why is the fountain said to be 'glorious'? 2
(b) What qualities of the fountain does the poet wish to have? 2

6. Give the central idea of *one* of the following poems : 3

- (a) The Nation Builders (b) The Perfect Life.

OR Write four lines from *one* of the poems given in your text-book. (Do not copy out the lines given in this question paper.)

7. Answer *two* of the following questions in about 25 words each : 2 + 2 = 4

- (a) What did Edison find in his mother, his best teacher?
(b) Why did the guilty tremble when they came before Vikramaditya?
(c) What did Pierre de Coubertin say about the Olympic Games?

8. Point out *true* and *false* statements in the following : 4 × 1 = 4

- (a) Jesse Owens was a German athlete.
(b) Pierre de Coubertin was the founder of modern Olympic Games.
(c) Vikramaditya loved injustice.

- (d) Edison loved to experiment even in his childhood.

9. Select the most suitable alternative to complete the following statements : 4 × 1 = 4

- (a) Edison got a beating from his mother because
(i) he had sold the eggs
(ii) he had hatched the eggs
(iii) he had smashed the eggs and spoiled his shirt.
(iv) he had eaten up all the eggs.
(b) The angel took the judgment seat to
(i) the sea (ii) the hell
(iii) another kingdom (iv) the sky.
(c) Luz Long was a real sportsman because
(i) he was a German
(ii) he was tall and well-built
(iii) his main object in games was, not conquering but fighting well.
(iv) he loved Negroes.
(d) The guilty trembled before Vikramaditya because
(i) he was intelligent enough to discover their guilt.
(ii) he looked fearful
(iii) he was very cruel
(iv) he was unjust.

SECTION-B

10. Do as indicated against each of the following sentences:

- (i) school not did to he go
(Frame a correct sentence by re-ordering the words) 2

- (ii) Help him.
(Change into passive voice) 2

- (iii) My friend said to me, "Will you go to Mumbai?".
(Change into indirect speech) 2

- (iv) His sister was by her father.
(Use correct form of the verb 'beat') 2

11. (a) Choose the correct preposition from the ones given below the sentence to fill in the blank : 2

- He was made aware danger.
(with, for, from, of)

- (b) Complete the following sentence : 2
The teacher will take extra classes to

- (c) Complete the spellings of the following words: $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$
(i) dev - t - on (ii) con - ci - nce.

(d) Punctuate the following sentence using capital letters wherever necessary : 2

he said to his friend ravi i can not write french.

12. Translate the following into English : 4

मीना कक्षा दस की विद्यार्थी है। वह इलाहाबाद पब्लिक स्कूल में पढ़ती है। वह पंद्रह वर्ष की है। वह बहुत अच्छी गायिका है। वह प्रायः स्कूल के सभी समारोहों में नृत्य करती है। वह स्वभाव से बड़ी मिलनसार है। वह अपने सहपाठियों से अच्छा व्यवहार करती है। उसने पाँच वर्ष की आयु से नृत्यकला सीखना शुरू कर दिया था। वह एक प्रसिद्ध नर्तकी बनना चाहती है।

13. Write an application to your Principal requesting for a week long leave for arranging your sister's marriage. 4

(Do not write your Name and Roll No.)

OR Write a letter to your games teacher requesting him, to nominate you, the captain of college football team.

(Do not write your Name and Roll No.)

14. Write an essay on *one* of the following topics in about 60 words. Points are given below for each topic to develop the composition :

(a) *My English Teacher* :

- (i) Name and qualification (ii) Dress
(iii) Punctuality and behaviour (iv) His qualities.

(b) *Holi* :

- (i) A national festival
(ii) The time of celebration
(iii) Preparations for the festival
(iv) How it is celebrated.

(c) *A Railway Coolie* :

- (i) Introduction (ii) His dress (iii) His work.

15. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions set thereon :

Milk is a complete food. It contains fats, protein and calcium. It is very good for growing children. We get milk from cows, buffaloes and goats. The milk should be boiled well before drinking. It should be stored in a refrigerator, otherwise it can get spoiled. We get cream, ghee, butter, buttermilk, curd and cheese from milk. Sweets and ice-creams are also prepared from it. In summer, people make mango shake with it. Milk makes us strong and healthy.

- (i) How is milk a complete food? 3
(ii) What other eatable things can be prepared from milk? 3