



INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
SECOND TERM EXAMINATION 2015-16
ENGLISH (Core)

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Marks: 80
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Instructions:

- *This paper consists of three sections: Section A, B, and C. All the sections are compulsory.*
- *Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.*
- *Read these instructions carefully and follow them faithfully.*
- *Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.*

SECTION A – READING (20 Marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (8 Marks)

1. Good health is the soundness of body, mind and soul. It is that condition in which the body and mind duly discharge their function. Good health helps everyone to be creative and work for the welfare of society. He has to be, therefore free from diseases, or, if he suffers from a disease, he needs treatment not only for that particular disease but for the whole body, mind and soul. In other words, a doctor has to have a sound approach to the patient.

2. In the days of specialization, doctors cure a patient only for his immediate disease, treating it in isolation. Such an approach goes against the old truism that “prevention is better than cure”. Dr. Hegde provides insight into the overall causes of simple and serious diseases and describes the methods of preventing them without having to take medicine but by exercising, self-control on food consumption, smoking and intake of alcoholic drinks. He also advocated regular yoga exercise and meditation to keep fit but at the same time warns against over-indulgence.

3. Hegde stresses the importance of laughter because it induces secretion of good catecholamines which are hormones produced by the adrenal gland; they can be both beneficial and harmful. They are harmful while a person is angry, but beneficial if he laughs. For healthy living, “laughter proves to be a great boon”, Dr. Hedge says.

4. In these days of hectic life, full of stress, strain and emotions, everyone needs to lead a relaxed life. The best form of relaxation, according to Hegde, is sound sleep. “Restful sleep at night will recharge our batteries for the following day’s fruitful endeavours” he says. There is no use lying on the bed and tossing without sleep. Under those circumstances it is better to read or engage oneself in some light mental activity which is useful. But never seek refuge in alcoholic drinks or pills for inducing sleep as these are not refreshing for an individual. For normal human being, eight hours of sleep a day is sufficient to keep him free from stress. More than nine to ten hours of sleep a day would produce increased muscle protein loss in the body and might even shorten one’s life.

5. Society must be sympathetic to drug addicts, understand their problems and give help to them by motivating and keeping them busy. Alcoholic Anonymous may help addicts kick their habit of drug abuse and excessive drinking. Hedge claims that cigarette smoking causes more premature deaths than all the

other “ killers” put together-AIDS, cocaine, heroin, alcohol, fire, automobile accidents, homicide and suicide. Ninety percent of cancer victims are smokers.

6. The author stresses on the right type of diet and daily exercise for a healthy living. He has also talked of the dangers of over-exercising in these days of fitness mania.

1.1. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make note on it, using an appropriate format. Use recognizable abbreviations (minimum four) and give a title to your Note-Making. **(5marks)**

1.2. Write the summary of the passage in not more than 80 words, using the notes made. **(3 marks)**

2. Read the following passage carefully: (12marks)

1. Today there is a lot of talk about the environment. All nations are coming to an agreement to save planet earth. Like we pollute the earth, we pollute water, we also pollute the subtle environment through our negative feelings and emotions. We have become a victim of our environment. We are not in control of our mind. We hear a lot about other things in life but we spend very little time to hear about ourselves. How to handle our mind? How to be in the present moment? How to be happy and grateful? This we have not learnt. This is the most unfortunate thing. Then, what is the solution? This is where we miss a very fundamental principle that governs our environment. Our mind,our emotions and our life in general.

2. Our body has the capacity to sustain much longer the vibration of bliss and peace than it does negative emotions because positivity is in the center of our existence. Just like in the structure of atom, protons and neutrons are in the center of the atom and electrons are only in the periphery, same is with our lives; the center core of our existence is bliss, positivity and joy, but it is surrounded by a cloud of negative ions. Through the help of the breath we can easily get over our negative emotions in a short period of time. Through meditation and certain breathing techniques, we can clear this negative cloud.

3. This life has so much to offer to you. You can see this once you take some time off, rejuvenating the soul. Your soul is hungry for a smile from you. If you could give this, you feel energized the whole year and nothing, whatsoever, can take the smile away from you.

4. Everyone wants to be successful in life. But without knowing what is success, you want to be successful. What is the sign of success? Just having a lot of money, is that success? Why do you think money means success? Because money gives you freedom so that you can do whatever you want. You may have a big bank balance, but you have stomach aches, ulcers, you may have to go for bypass surgery, can't eat this, can't do this, can't do that. We spend half our health to gain wealth and half our wealth to gain back the health. Is this success? It is very bad mathematics.

5. Look at all those who claim to be successful- are they successful? No, they are miserable. Then what is the sign of success? It is confidence, compassion, generosity and a smile that none can snatch away, being really happy and being able to be more free. These are the signs of a successful person.

6. Take some time off to look a little deeper into yourself and calm the mind down. Thus, erasing all the impressions that we are carrying in our minds and experience the presence, the divine that is the very core of our existence. This is feeling, the presence!

2.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions. (4marks)

- (i) What according to the author, is bad Mathematics?
- (ii) What are the signs of a successful person?
- (iii) What can happen if we can calm the mind down?
- (iv) What does the author mean by saying “positivity is in the center of our existence”?

2.2. Choose the most appropriate option: (6 marks)

- (i) **How do we pollute the environment?**
 - (a) By becoming victims to our environment
 - (b) By not listening to indications about ourselves
 - (c) Through our negative thoughts and feelings
 - (d) By not being in control of our mind

- (ii) **How can we get rid off our negative emotions?**
 - (a) By keeping longer vibrations of the bliss
 - (b) Through meditation and some breathing techniques
 - (c) By ignoring clouds
 - (d) By preserving the protons and neutrons
- (iii) **In paragraph 2 ‘positivity has been compared to**
 - (a) Protons and neutrons
 - (b) electrons
 - (c) cloud of ions
 - (d) atom
- (iv) **We can feel the presence of the divine at the core of our existence if we.....**
 - (a) Are healthy
 - (b) Take time off
 - (c) Can erase the impressions in our minds
 - (d) meditate
- (v) **Our body can sustain the vibration of for a longer period**
 - (a) Intellectual thoughts
 - (b) pain and agony
 - (c) negative emotions
 - (d) bliss and peace
- (vi) **What is referred as “cloud of negative ions?”**
 - (a) Negative emotions
 - (b) failures
 - (c) protons
 - (d) neutrons

2.3. Find words in the passage which mean the same as the following. (2marks)

- (a) to make someone feel or look younger and more lively - paragraph 3
- (b) inkling - paragraph 2

SECTION B - WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (30Marks)

3. You are the owner of a book store and in need of a salesman, draft an advertisement for the classified column of the newspaper in not more than 50 words stating the required qualification and experience.

(4 marks)

OR

Draft a poster on "Save Environment Save Earth" in not more than 50 words.

(4 marks)

4. As Avinash / Akansha Aneja, Librarian of Swami Vivekanand Sr. Secondary School, Vikaspuri, Delhi, you have to buy dictionaries and encyclopedia. Write a letter in 120-150 words to M/s Universal Book Suppliers, 14, Gali Ram Nath, Chandni Chowk, Delhi, asking for a list of such books available with them, their publishers, special discounts for institutions, time taken for delivery and the mode of payment acceptable to them.

(6 marks)

OR

You are Shaan / Sruthi of Kailash Colony, Delhi. Write a letter to the editor of the local newspaper in 120-150 words about the misuse and poor maintenance of the public park in your colony.

(6 marks)

5. As the new Head Boy/Head Girl of the school you wish to improve discipline among the students. You have to address the school assembly. You wish to point out the importance of discipline for a student at school and at home. Write your speech in 150-200 words, showing how virtues like punctuality, regularity, obedience, cleanliness, politeness, etc. come automatically if students observe basic discipline.

(10marks)

OR

The 'Environment Club' of your school organized a cleanliness drive to keep the school campus and the locality clean. The students cleaned the classrooms, corridors, playground etc. and also organized a rally to create awareness among the masses about the importance of cleanliness. Write a report to be published in the school magazine about the drive in about 150-200 words describing the efforts made by the students to make it a success. You are Anjani / Akita of Class XI, Ajanta Public School, Delhi.

(10 marks)

6. Look at the following words/phrases. Rearrange them to form a meaningful sentence. **(2 marks)**

(a) to adorn / for centuries / himself / killing animals / has been / man / ruthlessly / and

(b) depleted / species / animals / rate / of / many / been / severely / have

7. The following passage is not edited. There is an error in each of the lines against which a blank is given. Write the incorrect and correct words in your answer sheet.

(4marks)

When I enter the classroom, the fire place
was washed clean, the windows was open
and the children were sit quietly in their places.
The girl seemed sheepish and refuse to
meet my glance and I realize that they
were ashamed, the boys were watching me
expectantly. I made no reference from the incident
As far as I was concern, the party was over.

Incorrect	Correct
a) _____	_____
b) _____	_____
c) _____	_____
d) _____	_____
e) _____	_____
f) _____	_____
g) _____	_____
h) _____	_____

8. Combine the following sentences using clauses:

(4 marks)

- (a) I am reading a book at the moment. It is very interesting.
- (b) The sweets are delicious. I bought them yesterday.
- (c) You have met Ashok. He is my friend's brother
- (d) A laser is a new device. It makes light shine in a red beam.

SECTION C - LITERATURE AND LONG READING TEXT (30Marks)

9. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

(3marks)

*I descend to lave the droughts, atomies, dust-layers of
the globe,
And all that in them without me were seeds only, latent,
unborn;
And forever, by day and night, I give back life to my
own origin,
And make pure and beautify it;*

- (a) What does 'I' do on descending? **(1 mark)**
(b) How does 'I' affect those that have seeds in them? **(1 mark)**
(c) Explain the meaning of the word latent with reference to the context? **(1 mark)**

OR

*They talked of love and preached of love,
But did not act so lovingly,
Was that the day?*

- (a) Name the poem and poet? **(1mark)**
(b) Who are 'they'? **(1mark)**
(c) What does the poet observe about 'their' behavior? **(1mark)**

10. Answer any three of the following in 30-40 words each:

(3x3=9marks)

- (a) What was the Pharaoh's curse? Who refers to it and in what context?
(b) What impression do you form of Mr Crocker-Harris on the basis of the reading of the play "The Browning Version"?
(c) Ranga possessed certain qualities that endeared him to Shyama, the narrator. Mention those qualities?
(d) What did Mr. Koch think of Albert? How did his opinion differ from other masters?

11. Answer any one of the following in about 120-150 words:

(6marks)

"No generation has free hold on the earth. All we have is a life with a full repairing lease."
Explain with reference to "The Ailing Planet-The green movement's role."

OR

What is the problem confronted by Mrs. Pearson? Who helps her solve this problem and how?

12. Answer the following in about 120-150 words:

(12marks)

- (a) How does the ghost want Virginia to help him to reach the Garden of Death to have a soundless sleep?
(b) Describe the behavior of each of the Otis' children with reference to the ghost.
