

Final Examination - 2017-2018

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Time : 3 hrs. 15 min.

F. M. : 100

Std. : XI

Attempt all four questions

(You are advised to spend not more 45 minutes in question 1, 45 minutes on questions 2, 30 minutes on question 3 and 1 hour on question 4)

Q1. Write a composition (in approximately 400-500 words) on any one of the following subjects : (25)

- a. Imagine that you visited a remote village untouched by the influence of technology. Describe the village, the people, their routine and at least one person you met there. How did you feel at first? What were your feelings when you had to return?
- b. You were waiting near a bank when a white car drew up and four men with masks rushed into the bank. Narrate the incident and how an attempted bank robbery was failed by an alert security guard.
- c. 'Today's youth is more practical and less swayed by emotions.' Argue for or against this topic.
- d. Greed
- e. 'Students in class XI and XII should be treated differently from those in the rest of the school.' What are your views?
- f. Write an original story entitled 'The Lost World'.

QII. a. Your group of four friends had planned a trip for a week. You travelled by local transport. Write a report in about 300 words on the outline given below : (20)

Preparation for the trip – area covered – interesting and important places on the route – traffic on the highway – accommodation and stopovers – problems faced – feeling at the end of the trip.

QII. b. Suppose you are a student highly interested in dramatics. Write a proposal for setting up a 'Dramatics Club' in school for all the students in school interested in dramatics.

(The proposal should not exceed the word limit of 100 - 150 words) (10)

QIII. Answer sections (a), (b) and (c)

- a. In each of the items, sentence A is complete but sentence B is not. Complete sentence B making it similar in meaning as possible to sentence A. Write sentence B in each case. (10)

1. A : It's a very fine picture.

B : How fine.....

2. A : As soon as he received the news, he left in a taxi.

B : No sooner.....

3. A : Nothing can be gained without effort!
B : Can.....
4. A : He confessed his crime.
B : He confessed that
5. A : He has suffered a loss, still he is happy.
B : Notwithstanding.....
6. A : Rita is one of the smartest girls in the class.
B : Very.....
8. A : He won the Mathematics as well as the Essay prize.
B : Not only.....
9. A : Though the man was suffering from cancer he bore it with a smile.
B : In spite.....
10. A : Struggle up the last slope and you will be at the top.
B : If you

b. Fill in the blanks with a suitable word :

(½x10=5)

- i. He agreed to carry _____ my orders.
- ii. His son carried _____ his business in his absence
- iii. His uncle looks _____ him.
- iv. The police inspector will look _____ the matter.
- v. His master called _____ an explanation of his conduct.
- vi. I shall call _____ him tomorrow.
- vii. He came _____ this word last year.
- viii. The matters grew worse and came _____ blows.
- ix. Account _____ your absence from the college.
- x. He accounted _____ his master for the money.

c. Fill in the blanks in the passage given below with appropriate form of the verbs given in brackets.

(½x10=5)

Today traffic creates one of the most serious menace for the people who still inhabit the centers of big cities. Thousands of lorries, buses and private cars (1) (thunder) down the streets where they live. Their sleep (2) (disturb) by the incessant noise, their houses (3) (shake) by the vibrations and the atmosphere they breathe (4) (poison) by the fumes (5) (emit) by exhausts. During the past twenty years the number of motor vehicles (6) (increase) many times, but the roads (7) (not improve) sufficiently to cope with the additional traffic. As a result accidents _____ (rise) alarmingly and many more people are

killed and injured. Now it is no wonder that citizens demand that heavy traffic ___(9)___ (prevent) from entering cities or that new roads ___(10)___ (construct).

Question 4

Read carefully the passage given below and answer the questions (a), (b) and (c) that follow :

(The passage is about Mrs. and Mr. Robert Quick, and their daughters, Jenny and Kate).

- (1) Kate and Jenny were sent to wash and change their dirty frocks. The committee was coming to tea. And, at tea, the two girls, dressed in smart clean frocks, handed round cakes, bread and butter with demure and reserved looks. They knew how to behave at the tea party. They were enjoying the dignity of their own performance. Their eyes passed over their father as if he existed only as another guest, to be waited on.
- (2) And now, seeking as it were a new, if lower, level of security, of resignation, he said to himself, "Heavens, but what did I expect? In a year or two more, I can't count all. Young men will come prowling, like the dogs after Snort. I shall be an old buffer, useful only to pay bills."
- (3) The ladies were talking about a case, -the case of a boy of fourteen, a nice respectable boy, most regular at Sunday school, who had suddenly robbed his mother's till and gone off in a stolen car. Jenny seated at her mother's feet, was listening intently. Kate was feeding chocolate roll to Snort, and tickling her chin.
- (4) Quick felt at once a sense of stuffiness. He wanted urgently to get away, to escape. Yes, he needed some male society. He wanted to go to the club. Probably no one would be there but the card-room crowd, and he could not bear cards. But he might find old Wilkins in the billiard room. Wilkins, at seventy, was a crashing dreary bore who spent half his life at the club, who was always telling you how he had foreseen the slump, and how clever he was at investing his money. But what good was money to old Wilkins? But Quick thought, he could get up a game with Wilkins, pass an hour or two with him, till dinner time, even dine with him. He could phone his wife. She would not mind. She rather liked a free evening for her various accounts. And he need not go till the children were in bed.
- (5) And when, after tea, the committee members pulled their agenda, he stole away. Suddenly, as he turned by the corner house, skirting its front garden wall, he heard running steps and breathless call. He turned, it was Jenny. She arrived panting, holding herself by the chest 'Oh, I couldn't catch you'.
- (6) 'What is it now, Jenny?'
- (7) 'I wanted to look-at the cut.'
- (8) Robert began to stoop. But she cried, 'No, I'll get on the wall. Put me up.'
- (9) He lifted her on the garden wall which made her about a foot taller than himself. Having reached this superior position, she poked the plaster.
- (10) 'I just wanted to make sure it was sticking. Yes, it's all right.'
- (11) She looked down at him with an expression he did not recognize. What was the game-medical... .. material ? Was she going to laugh? But the child frowned. She was also struck by something new and unexpected.

(12) Then he tossed back her hair. 'Good bye.' She jumped down and ran off. The man walked slowly towards the club. "No", he thought, "not quite a game-not for half a second. She's growing up, and so am I."

- Adapted from Growing Up by Joyce Carry

- a. i. Given below are a few words/phrases. Find words having similar meanings in the passage. (4)
1. calm 2. stepping down 3. reputable 4. envisage
- a. ii. For each word give below, write a sentence, using same word unchanged in form, but with a different meaning from that which it causes in the passage (4)
1. change 2. roll 3. room 4. cut
- b. Answer the following questions
- i. What did Kate and Jenny wear and how did they behave at the party? (2)
- ii. How did the two girls treat their father at the tea-party? (1)
- iii. After seeing the two girls, what did Quick say to himself, seeking a new level of security? (3)
- iv. After Jenny's run off, what did Quick do? (1)
- v. What did Robert Quick think? (2)
- c. Write in not more than 100 words about Quick's desire to escape, and his encounters with Jenny (Failure to keep within the word limit will be severely penalised). (8)