

Quarterly Examination - 2018-19

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Class : XI

Time : 3 Hrs. + 15 min

Full Marks : 100

Q1. Write a composition (in approximately 400-450 words) on any one of the following subjects : (25)

- a. Give an interesting and realistic description of your best friend, his/her looks, views of life, likes and dislikes, attitude towards family, elders, peers, religion, country and his/her conviction.
- b. You were taking a walk in the park after sunset. You noticed two suspicious looking moon approaching. You tried to hide from them but were caught. Narrate what happened after that.
- c. Corruption is a contagious disease which affects all those who come in its contact. Express your views on the given statement.
- d. "Too much dependence on science and technology will one day ruin the world." Argue for or against the topic.
- e. Globalisation
- f. Write an original story, concluding with the line, 'I just didn't know what to say.'

Q2. a. A passenger plane crashed minutes before landing in a large city. Write a report (in approximately 300 words) on 'A plane crash minutes before landing'. Base the report on the following points : (20)

Date, time, place of the crash – circumstances leading the crash – passenger capacity – possible

reason – eyewitness account – damage to life and property – reaction of the authorities – reaction of relatives – Government’s response – probe – role of the police and airline authorities – compensation to be paid.

- b. As the President of the Student’s Cabinet of your school, you have been given the responsibility to celebrate the ‘Youth Festival’ in your school with a difference. Write a proposal in 150 words on the steps you will take to carry it out successfully. (10)

Q3. Answer Sections (a), (b) and (c)

- a. In each of the following items, A is complete, while sentence B is not. Complete sentence B, making it as similar as possible to sentence A. Write sentence B in each case. (10)
- i. A. “What a horrible accident it is!” he said.
B. He exclaimed.....
- ii. A. As soon as the weekend begins, he is off to his farmhouse.
B. No sooner.....
- iii. A. Both the suggestions made by him were not accepted.
B. Neither.....
- iv. A. Life is so precious that we cannot waste it in quarrels and grudges.
B. Life is too.....
- v. A. By tomorrow they will have sown all the seeds.
B. All the seeds.....

- ii. For each of the words given below, write a sentence of at least ten words using the same word unchanged in form, but with a different meaning from that which it carries in the passage. (4)

1. mean 2. minor 3. right 4. treat

- b. Answer the following questions in your own words as briefly as possible :

- i. What prompted the father to write to his son? (2)
- ii. What usually deceives a seventeen year old boy to think of himself as a genuine adult and how according to him is manhood measured? (2)
- iii. Why does no one seem to tell the adults what to do? (2)
- iv. What do children become when they “sneak” into maturity? (3)

- c. In not more than 100 words, summarise the views of the father on maturity and explain how the author proves that “Huge majority of men and women are mature.” (8)

were in the child's. They are young, untrained, uneducated, unprepared and inept people who have trouble finding and keeping the worst jobs, whose hasty escape marriages fall apart at the first tremor, whose babies often become public charges. They try to flee the restraints of being adults as once they fled the restraints of being children. Only now there is nowhere to run.

You complain that I do not treat you like an adult. My reply is, I would rather treat you like what you are. At seventeen, you are a boy and you belong in a boy's world, accepting a boy's responsibilities, dreaming a boy's dreams, learning a boy's freedoms, appreciating your boyish years. Being a successful boy is the best guarantee in the world that you will be a successful man.

In a few year time and experience will make you an adult. \ hen it does, I will treat you like an adult. It will be impossible for me to do otherwise. I don't know when that time will come, or when you will discover that it has. But I can give you one clue. When the time come that you no longer feel the necessity to prove to me, to your friends, to the world or to yourself that you are a man - you will have become one

(a) i. Given below are four words or phrases. (4)

Find the words which have a similar meaning in the passage.

1. deadline
2. handful
3. to move quietly and secretly
4. refrainment

- vi. A. Ravi finished first although he began late.
B. Despite.....
 - vii. A. Robin Hood robbed the rich and fed the poor.
B. Not only.....
 - viii. A. Rita had refused to answer my question and that annoyed me.
B. On.....
 - ix. A. I met my childhood friend by chance at the railway station last week.
B. I ran.....
 - x. A. I have A few grudges against life.
B. I do.....
- b. Fill in the blanks with suitable words. (Do not copy the question)
- i. The driver cannot start the bus because the battery has run _____.
 - ii. We had run _____ of sugar and so we could not make ice tea.
 - iii. Mona backed _____ of her promise.
 - iv. He failed to back _____ his team.
 - v. The entire workforce has walked _____ in protest against the new agreement.
 - vi. He walked _____ with all the prizes at the school sports.
 - vii. He had planned to go to Paris, but the plans fell _____.

- viii. The general ordered the soldiers to fall _____ to a safer location.
- ix. The child blew _____ the candles.
- x. They were carrying the home made bombs to blow _____ the plane mid-flight.

- c. Fill in the blanks in the passage give below with the appropriate form of Verb given in brackets. Do not write the passage but write the Verbs. (5)

If you ____ (1) (be) in the business of spying as long as I ____ (2) (be), you ____ (3) (know) that such a career is filled with danger. Risks ____ (4) (undertake) every few days. One can never ____ (5) (guarantee) that the man one ____ (6) (meet) has not already ____ (7) (find) out that one ____ (8) (be) a spy. Yet such a life ____ (9) (have) its excitement and I ____ (10) (not leave) my profession for anything else.

Question 4

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

Last, Saturday you and I disagreed on how late you should be allowed to stay out When I refused to extend your curfew, you explained that I was not treating you like an adult. This has become your standard answer whenever you can't have your own way. But what you really mean is that I don't go along with your idea of what constitute adulthood.

Let me put it this way : I do not pretend you are a grown man because you are a 17 year old boy. I am not, as you are, deceived by a few similarities of plumage, diet and song into identifying you as a genuine adult. You

may be as big and strong and capable as many adults (and you probably argue better than most), but only a child would maintain and sincerely believe that his manhood can be measured by the lateness of the hour his father permit him to stay out at night.

I can understand why you and our friends are eager to become adults and to enjoy the freedoms, privilege and even the bad habits that are denied to you as children. What you fail to see is that these freedom and privileges are routine and minor by products of being an adult. They are not, as many of you believe, the components of genuine maturity.

Look around a typical town. Ninety percent of the people who could stay up all night are in bed by ten. Ninety percent of the people who have the legal right to smoke wish they are able to give up the habit. Ninety percent of the people who have the right to buy and drink all the liquor they want, are sober. What it all adds up to is the fact that the majority of men and women are mature. Yet children seem to believe that the way to prove themselves adult is to imitate the unstable, destructive, irresponsible minority. You don't seem to understand that the absence of orders does not mean the absence of duties, that the reason no one seems to tell the adults what to do is that they do what has to be done without being told.

It is a sad thing when children renounce their own generation and try to sneak into maturity as though it were a border to be crossed under cover of darkness. They do not become free and equal citizens of the adult world. They become half formed semi-adults who are as out of place in the adult world as they thought they