

Test Examination, 2016

CLASS – X

ENGLISH

Time – 3¼ Hours]

[Full Marks – 100

Instructions :

- (i) Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.
- (ii) Figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.
- (iii) This question paper is divided into four sections : A, B, C and D.
- (iv) 15 minutes of extra time has been allotted for the candidate to read the questions.

Section 'A' (Reading - 20 marks)

- 1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : 6×2=12

You know that the earth goes round the sun and the moon goes round the earth. You know also perhaps that there are several other bodies which, like the earth, go round the sun. They are Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. All these, including our earth are called planets of the sun. The moon is called a satellite of the earth because it keeps going round the earth. The other planets have also got their satellites.)

The sun and the planets with their satellites form a happy family, called the solar system. 'Solar' means belonging to the sun. The sun is the father of the planets, so the whole group is called the solar system. <http://www.bsebstudy.com>

At night, you see thousands of stars in the sky. Only a few of them are planets. We can easily distinguish between a planet and a star. Compared to the stars, the planets are really very tiny, like our earth. But they look bigger than stars because they are much nearer to us. Compared to a star the moon is really quite like a baby. It looks so big because it is very near to us. The real way to distinguish a star from a planet is to see whether it twinkles or not. Stars twinkle, planets don't. Planets shine only because they get the light of the sun. It is merely the sunshine on the planets or the moon that we see.

Stars are like the sun. They shine of themselves because they are very hot and burning. In fact the sun itself is a star. It looks bigger than stars because it is much nearer. We see it as a great ball of fire in the sky.

- (i) How can we distinguish a star from a planet?
- (ii) Why does the moon look bigger than the sun?
- (iii) What makes the sun shine?
- (iv) How is the earth as compared to the sun?
- (v) What is a satellite?
- (vi) What is meant by the words 'solar' and 'twinkle'?

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- 2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow 4×2=8

Once upon a time there was an old man (He had four sons. They used to quarrel with one another.) They did not pay heed to their father's advice. An idea took place in the mind of the old man to draw his all four sons on the right track.) He called all his sons. He placed a bundle of wood sticks before them. He asked each of them to try in turn and hack the bundle. Each of them tried but failed in doing so. The oldman then asked them to untie the bundle and break the sticks separately. Not to speak of the oldest, even the youngest one broke the sticks without any difficulty. Then the old man told his sons that they should see the power of unity. If they lived united, no harm would come to them. If they quarrelled, they would have to face difficulty. All the four sons of the old man made out the real meaning of unity and started living unitedly with a great affection.

- (i) How many sons had the old man and what was their behaviour with one another?
- (ii) Did they pay heed to their father's advice?
- (iii) What did the old man do next?
- (iv) What moral do you get from the above passage?

Section 'B' (Writing - 20 marks)

- 3 Write a letter to your elder brother in about 80 words informing him that you are going to a hisorical tour with your teachers. 8

Or

Write a letter to your younger brother, congratulating him on his grand success in the Board Examination.

- 4 Write a short paragraph in about 60 words on any one of the following topics 4

- (a) Importance of trees
- (b) Pollution
- (c) A village fair
- (d) Terrorsms

- 5 You are Chanchal, the secretary of the cultural society. You want to organise an award-giving function in your school. Write a notice in about 50 words inviting the students to attend the award-giving function. 8

Or

On summer vacation you have visited your village and watched the mango orchard there. Write a paragraph on the mango trees that are found in your village.

Section 'C' (Grammar and Translation - 20 marks)

- 6 Do as directed 4×1=4

- (i) She is to eat bread. (into passive voice)
- (ii) She is too proud to beg. (remove 'too')
- (iii) Who does not know Gandhiji? (into assertive)
- (iv) She is the most intelligent girl in the class. (into comparative degree)

- 7 Change the following sentences into indirect form of speech 4×1=4
- (i) The teacher said, "The sun rises in the east"
 - (ii) She said "I lost my watch yesterday"
 - (iii) He said to me "Who has done this work?"
 - (iv) He said "Alas! I am undone"
- 8 Fill in the blanks with appropriate form of verbs given in the brackets 3×1=3
- (i) I wish I——a king ~~was~~ (were)
 - (ii) Many a man——come (has ~~come~~ ~~come~~ ~~come~~)
 - (iii) The poor——happy ~~is~~ (are)
- 9 Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions 4×1=4
- (i) He gets——in the morning ~~to~~ (up)
 - (ii) We are sitting——the wall (at / on)
 - (iii) He kills the tiger——a gun (by ~~with~~)
 - (iv) Ram writes——ink ~~with~~ (in)
- 10 Translate the following sentences into English 5×1=5
- (i) वह कहाँ से आता है? ~~Where does he come from~~ *Where does he come from*
 - (ii) भारत की सभ्यता बहुत पुरानी है।
 - (iii) सभी लड़के चले गये। ~~all boys ~~will~~ goes~~ *all boys will go*
 - (iv) उमकी आवाज बहुत प्यारी है।
 - (v) मनुष्य मरणशील है। *Man is mortal*

Section 'D' (Textbook and Supplementary Reader - 40 marks)

- 11 Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions 5×1=5
- I have several pet animals and birds and all of them are quite fond of me, but I don't remember any of them daring to eat from my plate. Gillu was an exception. The moment I would reach the dining room, he would emerge from the window, cross over the courtyard wall and the verandah, reach the table and would want to sit in my plate. With great difficulty, I taught him to sit close to my plate. His favourite food was Kaju and when not available for several days, he would refuse other food items and threw down from the swing
- (i) Who is the narrator of this passage?
 - (ii) What does the narrator say about her pet animals and birds?
 - (iii) What would Gillu do when the narrator would enter the dining room?
 - (iv) What lesson did the narrator teach Gillu?
 - (v) Find a word in the passage, which means 'skillfully'?
- 12 Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions 5×1=5
- What are you beating my girl for?, said she and began scolding her neighbour. One word led to another and they had an angry quarrel. The men came out and a crowd collected in the street, everyone shouting and no one listening. They all went on quarrelling, till one gave another a push and the affair had very nearly come to blows.

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when Akoulya's old grandmother, stepping in among them, tried to calm them.)

What are you thinking of friends? Is it right to behave so? On a day like this, too. It is a time for rejoicing, and not for such folly as this.

- (i) Who said it, 'What are you beating my girl for?'
 - (ii) Who did quarrel?
 - (iii) Who were shouting?
 - (iv) Name the topic and the author.
 - (v) Who did try to calm them?
13. Answer **any one** of the following questions in about 80 words. 6
- (i) What did the narrator do with the wounded squirrel?
 - (ii) What is the most dominant influence on Indian films?
 - (iii) How is the Indian culture different from the cultures of other countries?
14. Answer **any two** of the following questions in about 30 words. $2 \times 2 = 4$
- (i) In which situation does R. C. Hutchinson find himself in the cinema?
 - (ii) Why did Akoulya shout at Malasha?
 - (iii) What is the old woman's position in the neighbourhood?
 - (iv) What is more precious than diamond or silver or gold?
15. Read the stanza carefully given below and answer the questions that follow. <http://www.bsebstudy.com> $4 \times 1 = 4$
- Our groves were planted to console at noon. The pensive wander in their shades. At eve the moon beam, shiding softly in between the sleeping leaves, is all the light they wish birds warbling all the music.
- (i) From which poem have these lines been taken?
 - (ii) Why were groves planted?
 - (iii) What for 'our' stands in the first line?
 - (iv) What is the source of light in the village at evening?
16. Answer **any two** of the following questions. $2 \times 3 = 6$
- (i) Why does the poet believe that God made the country?
 - (ii) Why does the poet call Koel 'a rain of sparks'?
 - (iii) What does the poet want to live and die stealthily? Why?
 - (iv) What was the reason of man's death?
17. Answer **any one** of the following questions. $1 \times 6 = 6$
- (i) Mr. Gessler was not successful in his trade. Why?
 - (ii) Who was Munnri? Why did she ask her husband to give up tenant farming?
18. Answer **any two** of the following questions: $2 \times 2 = 4$
- (i) Why did the banker weep to read the notes of the lawyer?
 - (ii) Why did Halku need a blanket?
 - (iii) How did moon's shoes look like?
 - (iv) Was the narrator honest in his relation with the girl?