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ENGLISH AWARENESS & SKILL TEST (EAST)– 2014

Time: 2 hours

Class: X

Full Marks : 100

Name _____ Ph. No. _____

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N.B. Answer all the Questions in the space provided. Marks will be deducted for spelling mistake, untidiness and bad hand writing.

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Section – A (Grammar – 30)

1. Fill in the blanks with articles and prepositions: [1 X 7 = 7]

The Dutch had said they were out _____ exact revenge _____ defending champs Spain their _____ defeat _____ 2010 Cup final. But this was massacre _____ scale that has left Spain and the world, stunned.

2. Report the following dialogue in your own word: 4

Joti : Hello! Sant, how are you to-day?

Sant : Very well, indeed, Mr. Jyoti, except the old trouble.

Joti: Oh! To be sure. Well, you know we all have some affliction to bear.

Sant :I suppose so, but indigestion is a constant source of worry.

3. Replace the bold word or words with phrasal verbs given below: [1 X 4 = 4

[List: take up : hold over : go through : lay down : get through]

(i) The case was **postponed** till the next week. Ans. _____

(ii) I have **begun** stamp collecting as a hobby. Ans. _____

(iii) The rebels **surrendered** their arms. Ans. _____

(iv) **Examine** the account books carefully. Ans. _____

4. Write as directed: [1 X 15 =15

(i) Do you know that he is stupid? (Change the Voice). Ans. _____

(ii) Our classroom contains forty desks. (Change the Voice) Ans. _____

(iii) How sad this death was! (Turn into Assertive sentence) Ans. _____

(iv) It always pours when it rains. (Turn into Negative sentence). Ans. _____

(v) Clever though he be, he will fall into my trap. (Use 'nonetheless') Ans. _____

(vi) Netaji had a _____ (miracle) escape. (Use suitable form of 'miracle')

(vii) Tapan worked hard that he might pass the examination. (Turn into Simple sentence) Ans. _____

(viii) The ship sank. The crew were drowned. (Join into simple sentence using 'Absolute phrase')

Ans. _____

(ix) In the battle Jack fought very well. The result was that the captain asked him to join his band of soldiers. (Join into complex using 'Adverb clause') Ans. _____

(x) Can you prove the truth of your statement? (Turn into Adjective clause) Ans. _____

(xi) The smell of something burning caused Rekha to dash to the kitchen. (Begin with 'Rekha')

Ans. _____

(xii) He does his work more honestly than anybody else. (Change the degree of comparison)

Ans. _____

(xiii) Confidence having more than usual level. (Work out the Nominal compound) Ans. _____

(xiv) The people broke the barricade. They wanted to meet the minister. (Join using infinitive)

Ans. _____

(xv) Binu takes much pride in his wealth. (Use verb form of 'pride') Ans _____

Section – B (Comprehension Test – 15)

5. Read the following text and answer the questions given below:

Fourteen-year-old Shivanand Tiwari has neither received any formal education nor been to school, but he is on his way to joining an IIT. The prodigy from Rohtas district's Dharampura village has secured the 2587th rank in IIT-JEE (Advanced) 2014.

"Till 2010, I didn't have much inclination towards studies, except for solving maths problems," he said. "But then somebody suggested I aim for the IIT's and I got help from Narayana Academy in New Delhi to pursue my dreams."

Shivanand's father Kamalakant Tiwari, a farmer – a history graduate – wanted him to become a sage and even started calling him 'Bal sant'. Mother Kiran Devi is a homemaker.

"Since childhood I liked spirituality and learnt the Ramayana, Mahabharata, Bhagavad Gita and number of puranas to recite at different functions," he said. "However, when my father saw I liked studying maths and science, he also agreed to do higher studies." The teenager can recite 700 'slokas' from the Gita.

Shivanand first wants to study applied physics from IIT-Kanpur and later do research in physics. "I'm really interested in correlating spirituality and science," says Shivanand, who read many works of Swami Vivekananda while preparing for the IIT-JEE. He scored 93.4% in his CBSE Class XII exams this year, but was hoping for better grades in both exams. "I'll take another attempt at JEE next year to improve my rank," he said.

Shivanand advises other IIT aspirants to first have clear concepts and then take as many practice tests as possible to crack the exam. "The weekly or monthly tests are the best way to gauge one's strength and weakness," he said.

One of Shivanand's mentors, Deepak Singh, said: "He doesn't need to read any thing twice to remember it."

A. Chose the correct alternative from the following:

[1 X 4 = 4

- i) Shivanand Tiwari is a boy of (a) 41 years (b) 4 years (c) 14 years
- ii) The boy has made himself to a) IIT (b) College (c) University
- iii) Kamalakant Tewari is a graduate of (a) Science (b) History (c) Commerce
- iv) The mentor of Shivanand mentioned in the passage is (a) Kamalakant (b) Deepak Singh
- (c) Narayan

B. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false statements in the boxes on the right-hand side:

[1 X 4 = 4

- i) Shivanand hails from Bihar.
- ii) Shivanand never has received any formal education before making his way to IIT.

iii) No one helped Shivanand to pursue his dreams.

iv) The surprise boy had no interest in spirituality.

C. Answer the questions given below:

[1 X 2 = 2]

i) What does Shivanand want study first ? Ans. _____

ii) What advices does Shivanand give to the IIT aspirants? Ans. _____

D. Fill in the following chart with information from the passage :

[1 X 5 = 5]

(i) Shivanand's performance : _____

(ii) Help to him came from : _____

(iii) Shivanand was called by his father : _____

(iv) The number of 'shlokas' recited by him : _____

(v) Mother of Shivanand : _____

Section – C (Writing – 20)

6. Write a newspaper report on the following information: (Word limit – 150 words)

[10]

[25th June, 2014 – a separate district Alipurduar – bifurcation of Jalpaiguri – Chief Minister announced it – state's 20th district – help of administrative convenience – the new district has 717 k.m. railway tracks – 717 k.m. of bus link , higher than Jalpaiguri – the district will have eight Police Stations – The C M. stressed on redrawing the district map – people expressed happiness.]

7. Write a letter to your friend describing a striking deed of courage and self-sacrifice you did: 10

Section – D (Vocabulary – 25)

8. Give the opposite of the following words: [1 X 4 = 4]

i) superior: _____ ii) virtue: _____

iii) uniform : _____ iv) enrich: _____

9. Form adjectives from the following Nouns and make sentences with them: [2 X 2 = 4]

i) East: _____ Sentence: _____

ii) Death: _____ Sentence: _____

10. Construct sentences using the following words as Nouns and Adjectives: [2 X 2 = 4]

i) Watch (Noun) : _____

Watch (Adj.) : _____

ii) Chance (Noun) : _____

Chance (Adj.) : _____

11. Use single word for the following group of words : [1 X 4 = 4]

i) That can not be seen : _____

ii) A post without salary : _____

iii) of one's own free will : _____

iv) Soldiers in a fortress : _____

12. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words from the brackets: [1 X 4 = 4]

- (i) _____ the fire, please (Distinguish / Extinguish).
- (ii) This medicine is sure to _____ to the pain. (lessen / lesson)
- (iii) Flames _____ the ship on all sides. (wreath / wreathe).
- (iv) The ship passed safely through the _____ of Gibraltar. (straight / strait)

13. Make sentences with the following idiomatic expression: [1 X 2 = 2]

- i) Take the floor : Ans. _____

- ii) Raise the roof : Ans. _____

14. Rewrite the following sentences by making them correct: [1 X 3 = 3]

- i) We are out of our danger. Ans. _____
- ii) I found a one-rupee note crossing the road. Ans. _____
- iii) He was appointed as Head clerk. Ans. _____

Section – E (Picture Description– 10)

15. Study the picture and describe it: (Word limit - 100) [10]

