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ENGLISH AWARENESS & SKILL TEST (EAST)– 2015

Time: 2 hours

Class: X

Full Marks : 100

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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 5 = 5]

The Indian squad _____ next month's tour _____ Bangladesh will be picked _____ national selection panel headed by Sandip Patil _____ Mumbai on May, 20, BCCI sources said.

2. Report the following dialogue in your own word: 5

“You have fairly won the prize”, said the Prince. “I shall make it twenty mohurs if you take service in my body guard.”

“ Pardon me, noble Prince,” said Rana Sing , “but I have vowed that if ever I take service it will be with our royal Prince, Pratap”.

3. Replace the bold word/words with phrasal verbs given below: [1 X 5 = 5

[List: lay out : see into : give away : draw on : take up]

(i) Kajal could not **discern** the meaning of it . Ans. _____

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

(iii) Alam **spent** hundred rupees in books. Ans. _____

(iv) The president **distributed** the prizes. Ans. _____

(v) As night **approached**, they quickened their space. Ans. _____

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

(i) Respect your elders (Rewrite using Adjective form of the underlined word). Ans. _____

(ii) There are few districts so fertile as Harishpur. (Change the degree of comparison) Ans. _____

(iii) His conduct displeased his mother? (Change the voice) Ans. _____

(iv) Old age is really painful. (Turn into Exclamatory sentence). Ans. _____

(v) It is useless to cry over spilt milk. (Turn into Interrogative sentence) Ans. _____

(vi) This fact is too evident to require proof. (Turn into Negative sentence) Ans. _____

(vii) The boy is meritorious. He can not succeed. (Rewrite using “none the less”) Ans. _____

(viii) Iago’s offence was unpardonable. (Turn into Complex sentence using Adjective clause) Ans. _____

(ix) Ronit must return the money or he will be punished . (Turn into Simple Sentence by substituting Gerund or infinitive) Ans. _____

(x) Firing commenced. The mob dispersed. (Join using Adverb clause) Ans. _____

(xi) The meeting was dissolved. Neither of the resolutions was carried. (Join using Absolute phrase)

Ans. _____

(xii) He would succeed if he _____ (insert the correct tense of the verb “to try”)

(xiii) A villager found a gold coin on the road. It was by accident. He put it into his pocket. (Join the sentences into a Simple sentence) Ans. _____

(xiv) Frailty, thy name is woman. (Name the ‘case’ of the underlined noun) Ans. _____

(xv) My views are in accordance with _____ of years. (Fill in the gap with demonstrative pronoun)

Section – B (Comprehension Test – 15)

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

Kolkata: Masudur Rahaman Baidya, the double-amputee swimmer who conquered the English Channel, passed away on Sunday afternoon. He was 46. According to his sister Monira Rahaman, Masudur felt unwell in the morning and was rushed to a private hospital in the city. “The doctors said his organs were not responding,” she informed. Masudur was declared dead a few hours later.

Masudur is survived by his mother, wife, and two daughters.

The brave and gutsy swimmer’s untimely death left the sporting fraternity stunned.

Masudur was an inspiration for all disabled athletes. His story was one of grit, determination and exemplary resilience. He lost both legs at the age of nine in a train accident and had to be amputated from the knees. But that did not deter his passion for swimming.

Masudur, who hailed from Ballavpur – a village in North 24 Parganas – fought against all odds to cross the English Channel, the Strait of Gibraltar and then the Palk Strait, he had also taken part in the 81-km world’s longest swimming competition on the river Bhagirathi in Murshidabad.

Ramanuj Mukherjee, President of the Bengal Amateur Swimming Association, recalled Masudur’s resolve as a swimmer from a young age. “Even after the accident, Masudur used to say ‘I have to swim,’” he said. “This is a huge loss for sport.”

Masudur never considered himself disabled. “He would never accept that he is handicapped. He was absolutely firm about that,” said Mukherjee. The other trait that made Masudur a loved man was his willingness to help others anytime.

“I never saw him get angry... He was willing to assist swimmers who aspired to cross the English Channel, including with the formalities that are involved in the process.”

Masudur used to train a few swimmers at the Subhas Sarovar and had worked with them on Friday too.

It was in December that cricketering legend Sachin Tendulkar, during a programme in the city, termed Masudur a real hero whose “life is like an inspiration to all of us”.

A. Answer the questions given below:

[2 X 3 = 6

i) What happened to Masudur Rahaman at the age of nine ? Ans. _____

ii) How did Ramanuj Mukherjee reminisce Masudur's determination? Ans. _____

iii) Give an account of Masudur's performance? Ans. _____

B. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false statements in the boxes on the right-hand side: [1 X 4 = 4]

i) Masudur Rahaman was not physically challenged.

ii) The great swimmer had died before he reached to hospital.

iii) Masudur encountered many hazards in life.

iv) Masudur was a man of robust will.

C. Complete sentences with information from the passage: [1 X 3 = 3]

i) Masudur did not leave the passion for swimming even after _____

ii) Masudur was always ready to _____

iii) Sachin tendulkar termed Masudur _____

D. Find words from passage that mean the following : [1 X 2 = 2]

(i) adopt : _____ (ii) plucky : _____

Section – C (Writing – 20)

6. Write a letter to the Editor of an English News paper appealing for help for the victims affected by Earthquake in Nepal. (Word limit – 150 words) [10]

7. It is said that childhood is the happiest period of one's life. Show how true this statement is , giving evidences from your own childhood days. The events and incidents you describe may be real or imaginary.(Write in a paragraph form) (Word limit 120 words): 10

Section – D (Vocabulary – 25)

8. Construct sentences using the following words as Nouns and Adjectives: [2 X 2 = 4
- i) Close (Noun) : _____
Close (Adj.) : _____
- ii) Deep (Noun) : _____
Deep (Adj.) : _____
9. Use single word for the following group of words : [1 X 3 = 3
- i) of animals which live in water : _____
ii) Not likely to be easily pleased : _____
iii) Incapable of being effaced : _____
10. Give the antonym of the following words: [1 X 3 = 3
- i) diligent : _____ ii) sufficient: _____
iii) civilization : _____
11. Give the synonym of the following words: [1 X 3 = 3
- i) affair : _____ ii) grand : _____
iii) sagacious : _____
12. Fill up each blank space with the right word from the brackets: [1 X 3 = 3
- (i) _____(Currant / Current) is a type of fruit.
(ii) Your shoes are down at _____ (heel / heal)
(iii) This enterprise will soon test your _____ (mettle / metal).

13. Replace the underlined words with idioms given below : [1 X 3 = 3]

[List : A dog's breakfast ; A feather in one's cap ; Stick in one's throat]

i) By winning this championship India has added something that we can be proud of : Ans. _____

ii) The accountant has made a meddle / mess of these accounts : Ans. _____

iii) The way she behaves and dresses is really impossible to believe. Ans. _____

14. Rewrite the following sentences by making them correct: [1 X 4 = 4]

i) He works like I tell him. Ans. _____

ii) Let us sit in the shadow of the tree. Ans. _____

iii) I will invite him on next Sunday. Ans. _____

iv) Moni is my fast enemy. Ans. _____

15. Construct sentences showing the difference in meaning between the following pair of words: 1 X 2=2

rob: (Meaning) _____ Sentence: _____

steal: (Meaning) _____ Sentence: _____

Section – E (Picture Description– 10)

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

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