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ENGLISH AWARENESS & SKILL TEST (EAST)– 2016

Time: 2 hours

Class: IX

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. Rewrite as directed: [1 X 20 = 20]
- (a) There are no men who are not suffering from high prices. (Remove the double negative)
Ans. _____
- (b) Harold has a dog's sagacity. (Name the underlined Noun) Ans. _____
- (c) Where is the garden of your father ? (Use genitive case and rewrite) Ans. _____

- (d) God helps those _____ help themselves. (Fill in gaps with suitable pronoun)
- (e) Each of the wheels _____ ten spokes. (Fill in gaps with suitable Verb)
- (f) Homer is the greatest of all ancient poets. (Turn into degree of Comparison) Ans. _____

- (g) Each member of the team was given a badge. (Change the Voice) Ans. _____

- (h) Speaking ill of anyone behind his back is meanness. (Replace Gerund by infinitive) Ans. _____

- (i) The work is half done. I dislike this. (Join the sentences using participle) Ans. _____

- (j) Keats died an untimely death. (Name the underlined object) Ans. _____

(k) Work heart and soul. (Point out and name the kind of phrase) Ans. _____

(l) He says something. There is much truth in that. (Join using noun clause) Ans. _____

(m) The boy tried. He did not stop before his success. (Join using Adv clause) Ans. _____

(n) Everybody knows that the earth is round. (Turn into negative sentence) Ans. _____

(o) Am I not sure that you will join us. (Turn into Assertive sentence) Ans. _____

(p) They proposed to hold a meeting. (Change the Voice) Ans. _____

(q) He not only did his own work, but also he helped me. (Turn into simple sentence) Ans. _____

(r) His failure is almost certain. (Turn into Complex sentence) Ans. _____

(s) I could not but feel sorry for you. (Use 'help') Ans. _____

(t) "God night to you all", said John. (Change the mode of narration) Ans. _____

2. Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of words given within brackets: [$\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$]

Your loving letter _____ (be) to my hand. You've _____ (express) your concern about my comforts in the hostel life. Well, I _____ (be) very happy here. For the first few days, I _____ (can) not adjust myself with the new environment. But soon that uneasiness _____ (disappear) and I _____ (be) quite at home.

3. Replace the underlined words with phrasal verbs given below: [$1 \times 4 = 4$]

[List: - turn up : come of : work out : call in : give up]

(i) Success will come if you do not **abandon** the attempt.

Ans. _____

(ii) The man is poor but he **was born** in a respectable family.

Ans. _____

(iii) The leader sat together and **solved** the problem.

Ans. _____

(iv) The doctor came when the boy was found sick.

Ans. _____

4. Re-arrange the words to form meaningful sentences : [1 X 3 = 3

a) a / past / merely / record / history / events / not / is / of

Ans. _____

b) pleasures / an / man / many / imaginative / special / enjoys

Ans. _____

c) wide / reading / is / succeed / in life / habit / of / the / essential / to

Ans. _____

Section – B (Comprehension Test – 15)

5. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

Bankura: It seems Malda and Murshidabad, the undisputed mango producers in the state till recently, have a tough time ahead. And, giving these districts a run for their money is Bankura, which has been in the news since last year for varieties like Amrapali, Dussera and Mallika.

In 2015, Amrapalis produced in Bankura had bagged the first prize in the agri-horticulture fair in Kolkata. And this year, the producers are all set to export the variety to Dubai following 18 stringent tests in the Arab nation.

Earlier, the Centre had banned export of all mango varieties, barring Alphonso, to USA, Europe and Arab countries. But recently, the Bankura agri-horticulture department came to know that there is no export ban on Amrapali in Arab countries. Samples were then sent to Dubai for testing.

Talking to TOI, Bankura agri-horticulture department coordinator Sanjoy Sengupta said around eight tonnes of Amrapali will be exported to Dubai through an agency. “We had sent 5 quintals for testing. The results have been encouraging. Hopefully, more mangoes will be exported next year,” he said. He pegged this year’s profit margin at Rs. 4 – 4.5 lakh.

Siddhartha Sen, a local youth, had cultivated Amrapali on 84 bighas. The mango sent for testing in Dubai were mostly from his orchard. “There are huge tracts of land in Bankura where cultivation does not take place. I feel all such land should be converted to mango orchards in the years to come. It will change the socio-economic scenario of Bankura,” he said.

A. Answer the following questions given below: [2 X 2 = 4

a) Why do you think, that Malda and Murshidabad have a tough time ahead ? Ans. _____

b) How, according to Sen, can change the socio-economic scenario of Bankura? Ans. _____

B. Write ‘T’ for true and ‘F’ for false statements in the box given: [1 X 4 = 4

a) Already 500 kgs. Of mangoes had been sent to Dubai for testing.

b) The export ban on Amrapali is still imposed in Arab countries.

c) Mangoes like Alphanso were not prohibited for export in USA, Europe and Arab countries.

d) There held an agri-horticulture fair in Kolkata in the year 2015.

C. Fill in the chart with information from passage : [1 X 5 = 5

i) The Designation of Sanjoy Gupta : _____.

ii) The number of tests of mangoes before export to Dubai : _____.

iii) The variety qualities of mangoes are : _____.

iv) Except Bankura, other two mango producing districts in W B. are : _____.

v) The district Bankura attained first prize in : _____.

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

i) rigorous : _____ ii) garden of fruit : _____

Section – C (Writing – 20)

6. Write a paragraph on '**Education**'. You may use the following points. [What it is – training of mind, body and character, bringing out the hidden potentials within us.] [10

7. Suppose you were the witness of an accident like bridge collapse in your town. Suddenly you saw some of your companions were under the collapsed bridge. Now write a letter to your father expressing your horror feeling. (Word limit – 150 words) [10

Section – D (Vocabulary – 25)

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

i) fast (Adj.): _____

fast (Adv.): _____

ii) likely (Adj.): _____

likely (Adv.): _____

9. Fill in the blank with right word from the brackets: [1 X 4 = 4]

i) This book was _____ by the Govt. [proscribe / prescribe].

ii) Most of the voters went to the _____. [poll / pole]

iii) We lived in the upper _____. [storey / story]

iv) Roy was dressed in European _____. [custom / costume]

10. Give the antonym of the following words: [1 X 3 = 3]

i) honour: _____ ii) prohibit : _____ iii) written : _____

11. Give the synonym of the following words: [1 X 3 = 3]

i) perish : _____ ii) conquer: _____ iii) fool: _____

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

i) Inhabitants of Greenland : _____ ii) Worthy of being believed : _____

iii) Without life : _____ iv) What can not be heard : _____

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

i) Neither Singh nor Mishra were present. Ans. _____

ii) One should obey his parents. Ans. _____

iii) I said to him about this. Ans. _____

iv) I should love to see you. Ans. _____

14. Fill in gaps with the following idioms listed:

[1 X 3 = 3

(end in smoke / harp on the same thing / chime in with)

- i) Your ideas _____ my views.
- ii) Our proposals _____.
- iii) We should not _____ of glorifying the past.

Section – E (Picture Description– 10)

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

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