

2016

ENGLISH

Time - Three Hours Fifteen Minutes

(First **fifteen** minutes for reading the question paper only)

Full Marks - 90

(For Regular and Sightless Regular Candidates)

Full Marks - 100

(For External and sightless External Candidates)

Special credits will be given for answers which are brief and to the point.

Marks will be deducted for spelling mistakes, untidiness and bad handwriting.

SECTION-A

[Comprehension (Seen)]

1. Read the following paragraphs and answer the questions that follow :

The last one of this long procession of silent men and women was a little wizened old man. Even he carried a load of two baskets, slung on a pole on his shoulder, the same load of a folded quilt, a cauldron. But there was only one cauldron. In the other basket it seemed there was a quilt, extremely ragged and patched, but clean still. Although the load was light, it was too much for the old man. It was evident that in usual times he would be beyond the age of work, and was perhaps unaccustomed to such labour in recent years. His breath whistled as he staggered along, and he strained his eyes to watch those who were ahead of him lest he be left behind, and his old wrinkled face was set in a sort of gasping agony.

Suddenly he could go no more. He set his burden down with great gentleness and sank upon the ground, his head sunk between his knees, his eyes closed, panting desperately. Starved as he was, a little blood rose in dark patches on his cheeks. A

vendor selling hot noodles set his stand near, and shouted his trade cry, and the light from the stand fell on the old man's drooping figure.

A. Complete the following sentences with information from the text :

[2 x 3 = 6]

(i) The old man strained his eyes because _____.

(ii) A little blood rose in dark patches on the old man's cheeks as
_____.

(iii) The drooping figure of the old man could be seen when
_____.

B. Answer the following questions in one or two sentences :

[2 x 3 = 6]

(i) What did the two baskets of the old man contain ?

(ii) Why was the load too much for the old man ?

(iii) What made the old man sink upon the ground ?

2. Read the first three stanzas of the poem, 'Ring Out, Wild Bells' given below and answer the questions that follow :

*Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light :
The year is dying in the night ;
Ring out, wild bells; and let him die.*

*Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snows :
The year is going, let him go ;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.*

*Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more ;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind*

A. Answer the following questions :

[2 x 3 = 6]

- (i) For whom does the poet express his grief ?
- (ii) Give the meaning of the phrase “redress to all mankind”.

B. Each of the following statements is either ‘True’ or ‘False’ . Write ‘T’ for ‘True’ and ‘F’ for ‘False’ . Also pick out the suitable line(s) or phase from the Poem in support of your answers :

[2 x 2 = 4]

- (i) The poet wants the year to die.

Supporting line(s)/phrase _____.

- (ii) The poet does not want the conflict between the rich and the poor to end.

Supporting line(s)/phrase _____.

Reading Comprehension (Unseen)

3. Read the passage and answer the questions. that follow :

Limbudora village will soon have a new address in the Hills - the tea gardens of Mirik. The village, which has been deserted since the July 1st landslide, that killed 26 villagers and destroyed 4 houses, will cease to exist by the end of the year. It has been decided that the displaced villagers will be rehabilitated across the tea gardens between August and December.

Limbudora villagers have refused to move to other hill slopes, for it could be just as risky. The only road leading to the village was badly damaged by the landslide

and has remained closed ever since. Even though villagers are taking turns to visit their homes during the day, the houses remain deserted and unguarded at night.

Formalities for the transfer of land will begin soon. Limbudora villagers are now living at a relief camp in Mirik. The process of identifying plain land within the estates for the settlements will start soon. Colonies will be constructed at the four gardens-Tingling, Phuguri, Gayabari and Sourini - because all the 90 families cannot be accommodated at the same spot.

[An adaptation of the report published in 'The Times of India' July 8, 2015]

(a) Complete the following sentences with information from the text :

[2 x 3 = 6]

- (i) Limbudora village has been deserted because _____.
- (ii) The displaced villagers will have their new houses across _____.
- (iii) The villagers of Limbudora are unwilling to move to other new slopes because _____.

(b) Answer the following questions in one or two Sentences :

[2 x 4 = 8]

- (i) By what time, according to the passage, are the villagers expected to be rehabilitated ?
- (ii) Why has the only road leading to the village been closed ?
- (iii) Name the tea gardens where the new colonies will be constructed.
- (iv) Why is it necessary to build colonies in the four tea gardens?

(c) Each of the following sentences is either 'True' or 'False'. Write 'T' for

'True' and 'F' for 'False' in boxes on the right-hand and Side: [2 x 3 = 6]

- (i) The village Limbudora has ceased to exist since July 1st .

- (ii) At present the villagers are living in a relief camp at Mirik.
- (iii) The villagers go back to their homes every night.
- (iv) Plain land has to be identified for their new settlements.

(d) Tick the most appropriate title for the text in the box on the right-hand side. [2]

- (i) The landslide at Limbudora village.
- (ii) The tea gardens at Mirik.
- (iii) New homes for landslide victims.

SECTION-B

[Grammar and Vocabulary]

4. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles and prepositions : [1 x 4 = 4]

India stormed into _____ quarter-finals _____ the World Cup on Friday defeating West Indies four wickets in _____ not-so-high scoring game in Perth.

5. Do as directed : [1 x 4 = 4]

(i) She said to me, "Are you well?"

(Rewrite in Indirect Speech)

(ii) He is too short to reach the fruit of the tree.

(Rewrite the sentence by removing 'too' and 'to')

(iii) I know the man.

(Changes the voice)

(iv) He is the tallest boy in the class.

(Change the degree of comparison)

6. Choose the correct phrasal verbs from the list given below to replace the words underlined. Write the correct phrasal verbs In the boxes on the right-hand side, changing the form, where necessary. There is one extra phrasal verb in the list : [1 x 4 = 4]

(i) I cannot understand what he says.

(ii) I met my friend the park.

(iii) She failed to appear in time.

(iv) The strike was withdrawn at last.

[Lift of phrasal verbs: take after, call off, make out, turn up, come across]

7. Given below are the meanings of four words which you Will find in the passage in Question No. 3. Find out the words and write them in the appropriate boxes on the right-hand side: [2 x 4 = 8]

(i) Stop happening or existing

(ii) Help somebody resettle after a disaster

(iii) Things to be done as part of a legal-process

(iv) Provided with a place to live in

SECTION-C

[Writing]

8. Write a paragraph (in about 120 words) on 'Keeping Your Surroundings Clean and Eco-friendly'. You may use the following points : [12]

[Points : Reasons for keeping your surroundings clean -- participation of your

neighbour - making arrangements for removing garbage - cleaning ponds - planting saplings]

9. Suppose you are the captain of your school. Write a notice (in about 80 words) for the students of your school requesting them to donate money and other essential items for the earthquake victims of Nepal. [8]

10. Write a letter (in about 100 words) to your younger brother staying in a hostel about a new pet you have received from you father as a birthday gift. You may use the following points : [10]

[**Points:** Description of the pet -- its activities -- your relationship with the pet -- love and affection]



SECTION-D
[Supplementary]

1. Add prefix or suffix to the words given in brackets and fill in the gaps choosing from the list given below : [1 x 5 = 5]

- (i) you must _____ (courage) the child to play.
- (ii) The occasion was really a _____ (memory) one.
- (iii) Her condition has become _____ (hope).
- (iv) You must _____ (pure) the water before drinking.
- (v) The man is very _____ (popular) for his rudeness.

[List prefixes/suffixes : ---ify, un--, en--, --able --less]

2. Write down the nominal compounds for the following expression :

[1 x 5 = 5]

- (i) Cricket played in one day _____.

(ii) A stick for walking _____.

(iii) Fiction on science _____.

(iv) A house for the guests _____.

(v) A train that carries mail _____.

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