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Class - X

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**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE EXAMINEES:**

- परीक्षार्थियों के लिए सामान्य निर्देशः
- Candidate must write first his/her Roll No. on the question paper compulsory.*  
परीक्षार्थी सर्वप्रथम अपने प्रश्न पत्र पर नामांक अनिवार्यतः लिखें।
- All the questions are compulsory.*  
सभी प्रश्न हल करने अनिवार्य हैं।
- Write the answer to each question in the given answer-book only.*  
प्रत्येक प्रश्न का उत्तर दी गई उत्तर-पुस्तिका में ही लिखें।
- For questions having more than one part, the answers to those parts are to be written together in continuity.*  
जिन प्रश्नों में आन्तरिक खण्ड है, उन सभी के उत्तर एक साथ ही लिखें।
- Write down the serial number of the question before attempting it.*  
प्रश्न का उत्तर लिखने से पूर्व प्रश्न का क्रमांक अवश्य लिखें।

**Section-A**

**(Reading)**

**01. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: -**

Old Philemon and his wife Baucis lived in a little cottage on the slope of a hill in Greece. Their cottage was a short distance from a village which lay in the hollow at the foot of the hill. They were quite poor and had to work hard for their living, but they had enough to supply their own needs and also help others.

Philemon cultivated a strip of land and grew vegetables and fruits, and corn which Baucis made into bread. They had a cow, which supplied them with milk and butter, a few fowls to provide eggs and bees to give honey. Neighbours often called to ask for favour, such as 'could you let me some fresh vegetables?' or 'could you come Baucis, and see my wife who is ill?' They never refused a request or sent a stranger away without helping him.

- (i) Where did Philemon and his wife live ? [1]  
(1) in a bungalow (2) in a cottage (3) in a forest (4) none of these
- (ii) Where was the cottage situated ? [1]  
(1) at the top of a hill (2) at a village (3) at the foot of a hill (4) in a forest

- (iii) Which animals did Philemon family have ? [1]  
(1) goats and cow  
(2) sheep and goat  
(3) cow and buffalo  
(4) cow and fowls
- (iv) who needed their help ? [1]  
(1) their brothers (2) their sisters  
(3) their neighbours (4) none of these
- (v) Choose similar word of the following from the passage : "Assist" [1]  
(1) favour (2) aid (3) support (4) hurt
- (vi) Choose the opposite word of the following from the passage: Accepted [1]  
(1) blocked (2) dismissed (3) refused (4) requested

**02. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:- [9]**

When Jambaji was twenty-five years old, a great disaster overtook the whole region. The small quantity of rain that used to come regularly ceased altogether. The worst sufferers were the cattle. In the first year of drought, they could eat the bajra straw stored in the houses. The second year was very bad. There was not a blade of grass left standing anywhere. People hacked at any trees they could find and fed the animals on the leaves, but even so there was not enough browse for all the hungry animals. And the drought continued for eight consecutive years.

The people had hacked and hacked the last bit of foliage from all the trees, which finally began to dry up. when the stored grain was exhausted people ate khejdi pods and the flour of dried ber seeds. When this too was exhausted, they tore the bark off the sangri trees and powdered and cooked it. They hunted every one of the starving blackbucks, and finally they abandoned all hope and migrated in masses. Tens of thousands of cattle perished on the way. By now the whole country was barren. There was not a tree in sight for miles together, not a single cow, or a blackbuck. The only people to hold on were big landlords like Jambaji's father with huge stores of bajra that somehow lasted through the difficult times.

- (i) What was ceased altogether ? [1]  
(ii) Why did they hack at any trees for animals ? [1]  
(iii) What did they eat in the first year of drought ? [1]  
(iv) When did a disaster overtook in Marwar ? [1]  
(v) Who held on through such difficult times ? [1]  
(vi) What did they do when they abandoned all hopes ? [1]  
(vii) Write the similar word of the follow from the passage: "Cut" [1]  
(viii) Write the opposite word of the following from the passage: "flood" [1]

**Section-B**

**(Writing)**

03. You are Rekha/Rakesh living at 10-A/B, Hari Nagar, Dausa. Write a letter to your friend telling her / him about the district level Volleyball tournament were held in your school this year. [5]

**OR**

You are Lalit | Lalita living at Shyam Nagar, Churu. Write a letter to the Editor of the Local newspaper about an enormous increase in the prices of essential commodities.

04. Write a story with the help of given outlines in about 80 words, Give the title and moral to it. [4]

Stag \_\_\_\_\_ drinking water in pool \_\_\_\_\_ sees his reflecton \_\_\_\_\_ feels proud \_\_\_\_\_ beautiful horns \_\_\_\_\_ ashamed ugly legs \_\_\_\_\_ hounds \_\_\_\_\_ stag runs \_\_\_\_\_ horn get stuck in bush \_\_\_\_\_ dogs kill him \_\_\_\_\_ realizes \_\_\_\_\_ legs save him \_\_\_\_\_ horns cause death \_\_\_\_\_ hounds \_\_\_\_\_ kill him.

**OR**

A farmer \_\_\_\_\_ wonderful hen \_\_\_\_\_ lays golden egg daily \_\_\_\_\_ thinks to get all eggs \_\_\_\_\_ takes knife \_\_\_\_\_ kills \_\_\_\_\_ cuts stomach \_\_\_\_\_ looks for eggs \_\_\_\_\_ no eggs \_\_\_\_\_ very sad \_\_\_\_\_ repents.

05. Write a paragraph in about 80 words on the given picture. [4]



SARDAR VALLABHBHAI PATEL

**OR**

Write a paragraph in about 80 words on "A Visit of a Museum."

**Section-C**

**(Grammar)**

06. Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of verbs given in the brackets. [1]
- (i) We \_\_\_\_\_ our syllabus by the end of next month. (revise) [1]
- (ii) They \_\_\_\_\_ tea when the milkman rang the bell. (take) [1]
- (iii) Look ! Some children \_\_\_\_\_ after the car. (run) [1]
- (iv) If you run fast, you \_\_\_\_\_ the train (catch) [1]

**07. Change the following Sentences into indirect speech :** [2]

(i) Anil said , "Alas ! My book has been stolen."  
\_\_\_\_\_

(ii) Lokesh said to his friend, "The doctor called me".  
\_\_\_\_\_

**08. Fill in the blanks with a verb in agreement with its subject :** [2]

(i) Every one of the students \_\_\_\_\_ (want / wants) to be a doctor.

(ii) My mathematics \_\_\_\_\_ (is / are) very weak.

**09. Change the following Sentences into passive voice :** [2]

(i) People whitewash the houses before Diwali.  
\_\_\_\_\_

(ii) Who gave you this pen ?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**10. Frame question of the following sentence:** [2]

(i) He repairs everything carefully.

How \_\_\_\_\_ ?

(ii) Add Question Tag to the statement given below :

Rekha has a little lamb \_\_\_\_\_ ?

#### Section-D

(Text -Book)

**11. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :**

“ GAUTAMA Buddha (563 B.C.- 483 B.C.) began life as a prince named Siddhartha Gautama, in northern India. At twelve, he was sent away for schooling in the Hindu sacred scriptures and four years later he returned home to marry a princess. At about the age of twenty-five, the Prince, heretofore shielded from the sufferings of the world, while out hunting chanced upon a sick man, then an aged man, then a funeral procession, and finally a monk begging for alms. These sights so moved him that he at once went out into the world to seek enlightenment.

(i) What was the age of Gautama Buddha when he was sent for schooling. [1]

(1) 12

(2) 15

(3) 10

(4) 18

(ii) When was Gautama Buddha born ? [1]

(1) 563 B. C.

(2) 483 B.C.

(3) 483 A.D

(4) 563 A. D.

(iii) As a prince Gautama Buddha's name was [1]

(1) Buddha

(2) Siddant

(3) Sinddha

(4) Siddhartha

- (iv) What sights affected Gautama Buddha ? [1]
- (v) What did he learn at school ? [1]
- (vi) Find similar word form the passage which means - "Holy" [1]

OR

One of the employees, who was a postman and also helped at the post office, went to his boss laughing heartily and showed him the letter to God. Never in his career as a postman had he known that address. The postmaster—a fat, amiable fellow—also broke out laughing, but almost immediately he turned serious and, tapping the letter on his desk, commented, “What faith! I wish I had the faith of the man who wrote this letter. Starting up a correspondence with God.” So, in order not to shake the writer's faith in God, the postmaster came up with an idea to answer the letter. But when he opened it, was evident that to answer it, he needed something more than goodwill, ink and paper. But he stuck to his resolution: he asked for money from his employees, he himself gave part of his salary, and several friends of his were obliged to give something 'for an act of charity'. It was impossible for him to gather together the hundred pesos, so he was able to send the farmer only a little more than half.

- (i) Who went to the postmaster ? [1]  
 (1) Lencho (2) Clerk (3) Postman (4) None of these
- (ii) Postmaster turned serious and \_\_\_\_\_ the letter on the desk, commented. [1]  
 (1) putting (2) tearing (3) tapping (4) opening
- (iii) It was difficult to postmaster to collect the \_\_\_\_\_ pesos. [1]  
 (1) fifty (2) eighty (3) hundred (4) seventy
- (iv) What kind of person was the postmaster ? [1]
- (v) What did the postmaster need more than goodwill ? [1]
- (vi) Write the similar word of the following from the passage: "Very Soon " [1]

**12. Answer any three of the following questions in about 20 - 30 words each :** [2 × 3 = 6]

- (i) Why did Lencho write a letter to God ? (A Letle. to God)
- (ii) What ideals does Nelson Mandela set out for the future of South Africs ?  
 (Nelson Mandela Long Walk to Freedom )
- (iii) What happened when Maxwell took mijbil to the bathroom ? (Mijbil the otter)
- (iv) After her son's death, why does Kisa Gotami go from house to house ? (The Sermon at Benares)

**13. Answer any one of the following questions in about 80 words :** [5]

- (i) Describe the narrator's experience as he flew the aeroplane into the storm. (The Black Aeroplane)
- (ii) What is the story about the Kodavu people's descent ? (Coorg)

**14. Answer any one of the following questions in about 40 words :** [3]

- (i) Why is it necessary for Lomov to marry ? (The Proposal)
- (ii) Draw a character - sketch of Natalya ? (The Proposal)

15. Read any one of the following extracts and answer the questions that follow :

[2 × 2 = 4]

The way a crow  
Shook down on me  
The dust of snow  
From a hemlock tree.

- (i) What caused these snow particles to fall ?
- (ii) Where is the poet in given extract ?

OR

"Belinda was as brave as a barrel full of bears,  
And Ink and Blink chased lions down the stairs,  
Mustard as brave as a tiger in a rage  
But Custard cried for a nice safe cage.

- (i) What quality was common among the pet animals and their mistress, except for the dragon ?
- (ii) Write the rhyme scheme and rhyming words

16. Answer any two of the following questions in about 20 words each :

[2 × 2 = 4]

- (i) What is the theme of the poem ? (For Anne Gregorry)
- (ii) What could Amanda do if she were a mermain ? (Amanda)
- (iii) How are hyenas and crocodiles mentioned in the poem ? (How to Tell Wild Aminals)

17. Answer any one of the following questions in about 80 words : -

[5]

- (i) What happened to Mrs Hall when she went to Griffin's room ? (Footprints Without Feet)
- (ii) Give a character - sketch of Matilda. (The Necklace)

18. Answer any two of the questions in about 20 words each :

[2 × 2 = 4]

- (i) Why did Horace Danby steal every year ? (A Question of Trust)
- (ii) What are the aspects that a scientist should possess ? (The Making Of a Scientist)
- (iii) What new information has come to Think Tank about the Earth ? (The Book That Saved The Earth)

19. Choose the correct answer :

- (i) At what age did Bholi fall of from her cot ? (Bholi) [1]  
(1) Ten months            (2) Ten years            (3)Tewenty weeks            (4) Ten weeks
- (ii) What was the name of Richard's room-mate ? (The Making of a Scientist) [1]  
(1) James Carry            (2) James R. Wong            (3) James Watt            (4) None of these
- (iii) Horace Danby robbed a safe every year to buy : (A Question of Trust) [1]  
(1) expensive books            (2) expenisve food            (3) expensive dresses            (4) expensive jewellery