

ENGLISH SAMPLE PAPER – 2

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Q.1. Complete each of the sentences which follow by choosing the correct answer from the alternatives given : **1×4=4**

(i) Crosthwaite was sent

- (a) to assist Corbett in his work at Mokamech Ghat.**
- (b) supervise Corbett’s work at Mokameh Ghat**
- (c) to study the system of work at Mokameh Ghat.**

Ans. : Crosthwaite was sent (c) to study the system of work at Mokameh Ghat.

(ii) On the reopening day Rajam sat on the

- (a) first bench beside Mani**
- (b) last bench behind Mani**
- (c) last bench beside Mani**

Ans. : On the reopening day Rajam sat on the last bench beside Mani .

(iii) “Your constitution would stand an immediate shampoo” – Here “stand” means

- (a) accept**
- (b) tolerate**
- (c) support.**

Ans. : “Your constitution would stand an immediate shampoo”

Here stand means ‘tolerate’

(iv) According to the authors, environmental degradation

- (a) gives birth to various, social problems**
- (b) creates economic disparity among the people**
- (c) violates the principle of distributive justice**

Ans.: According to the authors, environmental degradation (c)violates the principle of distributive justice.

Q.2. Answer any two of the questions which follow (each in about 30 words) : **3×2=6**

(i) What did Mani forbid Rajam to do for the proposed duel?

Ans.:Rajam and Mani were the two central characters in the story “Rajam and Mani” by R.K. Narayan.

Since his first appearance in the same class where Mani was a student, Rajam gradually posed himself as a great rival for Mani.

Mani considered Rajam as 'a new menace' in his life. On one occasion, Mani invited Rajam to resolve their rivalry over a 'duel'. Rajam having readily accepted the challenge, Mani forbade Rajam to keep everything related to that decision for a duel out of his father's knowledge. Rajam's father was a police officer.

- (ii) How was the problem of caste prejudices' solved at Ram Saran's school?

Ans.: Jim Corbett and Ram Saran started a school at Mokameh Ghat for the sons of the workers and of the low paid railway staff. Ram Saran had passion for offering education and the undesirable distinction between higher and lower castes was the first stumbling block they faced. And Ram Saran solved this problem of making learners of high and low casters sitting together, by just turning the 'hut' into a 'shed' by removing the walls of the hut.

Q.3. Answer any one of the questions which follow (in about 50 words) : 5×1=5

- (i) What thought crossed Mani's mind as he waited for Rajam near Nallapa's Grove?

Ans.: It was so decided that Rajam would meet Mani at Nalappa's grove and end their rivalry over a hand to hand fight. Rajam posed to be a real menace for Mani as he, with his impressive debut appearance in the class, his academic excellence seemed to usurp Mani's exclusive position in the class. On the appointed day as Mani and Swaminathan were squatting on the sand near the grove, waiting for Rajam, Mani was seriously thinking of the out come of the fighting with Rajam. He was thinking what would happen if Rajam dies on the spot suffering the fatal stroke from Mani's club, and if his body thrown in the river is recovered. Mani felt alarmed to think that Rajam's ghost might appear and pull his hair at night. Such gloomy and ominous thinking crossed Mani's mind.

- (ii) Discuss any one of the ways which environmental plunder can cause harm to development.

Ans.: One of the several ways how environmental plunder can cause harm to development is the shocking usurpation of the basic rights of the under privileged in the society. As an instance the author refers to the environmental plunder caused by massive pollution, congestion, noise, tension and etc. The worst affected are the poor and vulnerable section in the society, namely, the pavement dwellers, street vendors. They are grossly deprived of the optimum environmental comfort and protection.

Q.4. Which of the following statements are True and which are False : 1×4=4

- (i) 'A white and shapeless mass' – This is said about the dying lady.

Ans.: False.

- (ii) As described in 'Nature' the mother's promise of more splendid toys gives the child great delight.

Ans.: False.

(iii) In the country of Tagore's dream there may be occasional deviations from the path of truth.

Ans.: False.

(iv) In the poem 'Futility' the subeams are said to be fatuous.

Ans.: True.

Q.5. Answer any two of the questions which follow (each in about 30 words) : 3×2=6

(i) What, according to the poet, is the cause of moon's paleness?

Ans.: Poet P.B. Shelley in his poem the Moon', has offered a personified presentation of the moon', an object of Nature. The moon in the poem appears pale and lack-lustre. According to the poet this paleness in the result of her long tiring wanderings across the sky. It could be that as the full moon rises in the glooming eastern horizon just after sunset it looks pale as the eastern sky has turned dusky.

(iv) Why does Wilfred Owen call the sun 'kind'?

Ans.: Poet Wilfred Owen calls the sun 'kind' in the poem 'Futility'. The Sun is kind to nature in general and had been kind to the poor soldier when he lived his normal life in his own home in England. The Sun is kind as it infuses life in the seeds and make them sprout. The Sun would also wake him up early in the morning and would inspire him to get busy with his farming activities.

Q.10.A. Rewrite the sentences which follow as directed, without changing their meaning : 2×5=10

(i) They took away my name. (Change into passive voice)

Ans.: My name was taken away by them.

(ii) Have you the courage to prove that you are a man?

asked Mani. (Change into indirect speech)

Ans.: Mani asked rather rudely if he had the courage to prove that he was a man.

(iii) 'Nature leads us gently. (Rewrite using the Noun form of 'gently')

Ans.: Nature leads us with gentleness.

(iv) Was it for this the clay grew tall? (Change into an assertive sentence)

Ans.: The clay (this human body) did not grow tall for this.

(v) It was my fault. I led him into temptation. (Join into a complex sentence)

Ans.: It was my fault that I led him into temptation.

B. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles and preposition : 3

When suitable buildings had been erected, _____ additional seven masters employed, and the students increased _____ two hundred, the Govt. relieved us _____ our financial responsibilities.

Ans.: When suitable buildings had been erected, with additional seven masters employed, and the students increased to two hundred, the Govt. relieved us of our financial responsibilities.

- C. With each of the following wh-words, frame a question in such a way that the answer matches the given context : 1×2=2

(i) Why :

Context : My mother was all the time in the Kitchen. I could not get it.

Ans.: why couldn't you get it?

(ii) Where :

Context : Meet me at the river

Meet me near Nallappa's Grove.

Ans.: Where should I meet you?

- Q.11.(a) Write a letter within 120 words to the editor of a newspaper complaining about the high prices of everyday necessities. 10

[Points : prices of almost all articles of daily use rising high – poor and middle class people suffer much – the Govt. to take steps to check rise in prices]

Ans.:To,

The Editor,

'Letters to the editor column'

The Statesman, Kolkata-700 001.

Dear Sir,

I would like to draw the attention of the concerned authority to the problem detailed below through the widely read 'Letters the editor'-column of your publication.

The problem I am concentrating is the uncontrolled rise of prices of almost all articles of daily use. The financially weak and the middle class people are the worst sufferers. The prices of such edibles as rice, dal, vegetable oil, sugar and etc. have increased to such a height that they seemed to have gone beyond the purchasing capacity of average consumers, particularly, those who belong to the low and middle income group. Obviously, these people are feeling frustrated and this frustration may snowball into many other crises in social life.

Hope, the Government would take note of the matter and would take some drastic steps to check this untoward rise of prices of essential commodities.

Place :

Date :

Your Sincerely,

- Q.12.(a) Continuous torrential rain in Kolkata for about four hours on 3rd May, 2008, afternoon – water logging in many areas – disruption of traffic – buses diverted to other routes – persons coming home from offices suffered – most shops closed.**

Write a report in about 150 words about the torrential rain in Kolkata and its effects. 10

Ans.:Torrential Rain in Kolkata :

Long-stretches water logged – Commuters in great trouble.

Kolkata, May 3, 2008 :Incessant torrential rain gripped the city metropolis for about four hours this afternoon, the 3rd of May, causing severe waterlogging of long stretches of arterial roads in North and East Kolkata.

As a result of this sustained heavy shower for hours traffic got stranded in many areas that remained underwater. Buses and vehicular traffic have been diverted to other routes; and large number of persons coming from offices or different business houses had to suffer a lot covering long distances on foot. As most shops dropped their shutters during peak business hours in the evening streets looked deserted. To add to the misery power-supply in many areas got badly disrupted. KMC sources briefed that though initially some drainage pumps did not work properly, the situation is now under control. Despite all such assurances from the municipal authorities, average commuters feel quite nervous to think how miserable would be the situation in near future.

OR

- (b) Write a summary of the passage which follows in about 100 words : 10**

If we would profit by our study we must be careful not only to select proper books, but also to persue them right. The same book will affect the readers differently according to the purpose with which they read it. The butterfly sits over the lower bed, gathering nothing, the spider collects poison from it; but bee finds and stores up honey. So the object for which we go to a book will determine the kind of fruit it will yield us. The same volume may be made to minister to instruction or to rational amusement or to a mere morbid love of excitement. The child takes off the lid of the tea kettle for sport, the housewife, for use but James Watt for science which ended in the invention of steam engine.

Ans.: Summary :

To make our study worth the effort we must fix our purpose of reading the books we would select. It is always the purpose or the objective that justifies an effort. While a child takes off the lid of a kettle for sport, or a housewife for some domestic use, James Watt did it as a scientific experiment to ascertain the force of steam that made the invention of a steam engine possible. (72 words)

13. Read the passage below and answer the questions which follow :

Macbeth did not feel safe and comfortable now that he was particularly afraid of Banquo who, he knew, would think him guilty of the murder since he had been with him when they had met the witches. Besides, the witches had said that the kingdom would one day go to Banquo's family. This thought made angry, now that he himself was king. He felt he could not safely let him live and he determined to murder him also.

In order to kill Banquo, the new king Macbeth and his queen gave a great feast for the chief Nobles, to which they invited Banquo and his son as the most important guests. But Macbeth had secretly paid two men a large sum of money to murder Banquo and his son. Banquo went out riding with his son, and as they were returning in the evening, the two murderers attacked and killed Banquo. The son managed to escape. In later years some of his descendants became kings of Scotland and in spite of Macbeth, what the witches said to Banquo came true.

(A) Complete each of the sentences which follow by choosing the correct answer from the alternatives given : 1×7=7

(i) Macbeth was

- (a) a noble man
- (b) a man of talent
- (c) a sinful man.

Ans.: (c) a sinful man.

(ii) Macbeth had no peace of mind, as

- (a) he was hated by Banquo
- (b) he suffered from a sense of guilt
- (c) he was disliked by the chief nobles.

Ans.: (b) he suffered from a sense of guilt.

(iii) Macbeth was angry, because

- (a) Banquo spoke against him
- (b) the witches had predicted that his kingdom would one day pass into the hands of Banquo's descendants
- (c) Banquo did not support him.

Ans.: (b) the witches had predicted that his kingdom would one day pass into the hands of Banquo's descendants

(iv) The two men hired by Macbeth

- (a) killed Banquo and his son
- (b) killed Banquo
- (c) could not kill Banquo as he managed to escape

Ans.: (b) killed Banquo.

(v) The prediction of the witches about Banquo

- (a) came true
- (b) did not come true
- (c) was partly true.

Ans.: (a) came true.

(vi) Macbeth and his queen gave a great feast for the chief nobles

- (a) to entertain the guests
- (b) to kill Banquo
- (c) to satisfy themselves.

Ans.: (b) to kill Banquo.

(vii) Macbeth hired the murderers

- (a) to kill Banquo and his son
- (b) to kill Banquo only
- (c) to kill Banquo's son

Ans.: (a) to kill Banquo and his son.

(B) Answer the questions which follow (each in about 20 words) : 2×4 = 8

(i) Why was Macbeth afraid of Banquo ?

Ans.: Macbeth was afraid of Banquo who, he thought, would think him guilty of the murder.

(ii) What was the prophecy of the witches ?

Ans.: The witches who Macbeth and Banquo had met, prophesied that the kingdom of Scotland would one day go to Banquo's family.

(iii) Why did Macbeth want to kill Banquo ?

Ans.: Macbeth was ambitious of possessing the throne of Scotland, and so he killed Banquo whom he thought as his contestant to the throne.

(iv) What happened in later years ?

Ans.: In later years some of Banquo's descendants became kings of Scotland and thus what the witches' prophecy came true.

(C) Re-arrange the sentences which follow in their proper order : 5

(i) His son fled away.

Ans.: The prediction of the witches that Banquo's descendants would be kings of Scotland made Macbeth unhappy (v)

(ii) So he engaged two men to do away with Banquo.

Ans.: He planned to kill Banquo (iii)

(iii) He planned to kill Banquo.

Ans.: So he engaged two men to do away with Banquo (ii)

(iv) Macbeth was king of Scotland.

Ans.: His son fled away (i)

(v) The prediction of the witches that Banquo's descendants would be kings of Scotland made Macbeth unhappy.

Ans.: Macbeth was king of Scotland (iv)
