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CLASS XII

Questions & Solutions

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SUBJECT: ENGLISH

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SENIOR SECONDARY EXAMINATION, 2023 ENGLISH(COMPULSORY) – CLASS-XII

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE EXAMINEES:

- 1) Candidates must write their Roll No. first on the question paper compulsorily.
- 2) All the questions are compulsory.
- 3) Write the answer to each question in the given answer-book only.
- 4) For questions having more than one part the answers to those parts are to be written together in continuity.
- 5) Write down the serial number of each question before attempting it

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SECTION A

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

[9 × 1=9]

There was another Indian with the Professor and his troupe who took no part in the strongman acts but spent the entire time digging a shallow trench about ten feet long and two or three feet wide. By the time Professor had finished his act, this trench had been filled with red-hot coals from the cook-house. There was no funny business about this fire-trench either - we gathered around it and the heat from it was intense. This Indian, rather an elderly gentleman, then stood at one end of the trench, splashed water from a nearby bucket over his bare feet, and then proceeded to walk over the redch0t coals along the whole length of the trench. It was an incredible spectacle - we could see the low flames from the red-hot coals licking around his bare feet as he slowly walked to the end of the trench. When he reached it, as if not satisfied, he turned around and walked back the same way. He then squatted down on the ground, gestured to his feet, and invited us all to inspect them. We did, and there was not so much as a blister anywher5UO-be seen. I had pushed forward through the crowd to get a closer look at this amazing character's feet, and as I knelt down beside him I felt something thrust into my hand. It was a handkerchief, and it was then that I recognised him.

He had looked at me once, briefly, as he passed the handkerchief to me, but when I went to speak to him he looked away again so I kept my mouth shut. If he wanted to pretend that he didn't understand English then, that was all right by me. Obviously it amused him to listen to the comments of the admiring crowd gathered around him. The professor by now had recovered from his encounter with the five-ton truck and he came over to say in halting English that the fire-walker would take a volunteer with him across the fire-trench. This, of course, produced a big laugh, but I didn't join in. I knew then that I was going across the fire-trench, although the very thought of it made me go ice cold with fear.

Questions:

i) What size was the trench?

[1]

Ans. The size of the trench was ten feet long and two or three feet wide.

ii) What did the elderly person do before walking over the red-hot coals?

[1]

Ans. The elderly person stood at one end of the trench, splashed water from a nearby bucket over his bare feet before walking over the coals.

iii) What harm was caused to the elderly gentleman by this action?

[1]

Ans. No harm was caused to the elderly gentleman.

iv) When did the narrator recognise the man?

[1]

Ans. The narrator recognised the gentleman when he saw the handkerchief that he gave to him.

v) What did the crowd do to amuse the man?

[1]

Ans. The comments of admiration from the crowd amused the man.

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Resonance® RBSE XII Examination - 2023 | ENGLISH (COMP) | 22-03-2023 Inspector Robinson entered the restaurant through [1] V) (A) the kitchen (B) the front side (C) the corridor (D) the backyard (A) the kitchen Ans. Inspector arrested 'the wanted man' vi) [1] (A) at the corner table (B) at the kitchen gate (C) into the street (D) in the car park (C) into the street Ans. SECTION B 'The eco-club of GSSS Rangpur has proposed a tree plantation camp. Write a notice for the school 3. notice board appealing students to take part. Give necessary details. Sign yourself as Shubhil Shubhash. [4] Notice Writing Ans. GSSS, Rangpur 22nd March, 2023 NOTICE TREE PLANTATION CAMP The Eco-club of our school is going to organize a tree plantation programme on 30th and 31st March, 2023. The programme will start at 9 a.m. in the morning. Interested students shall get their name registered to their respective class teachers. Each student will be provided 2 plants to be planted. Kindly come forward for a noble cause. For any query contact the undersigned.

Rakhil Rakesh intends to sell herlhis old motorcycle. Draft an advertisement to be published in a daily newspaper giving necessary details.

Ans.

Shubhi / Shubhash

Secretary - (Eco-club, GSSS)

Advertisement

OR'

For Sale

Available for sale a grey and red colored, 2015 model, Pulsar 110 CC. It is in excellent condition with all parts intact and new cover seat, tyres and tubes, giving economical mileage. The bike has covered 9,000 kilometers, and is ideal for long travels. Price negotiable. Party is selling bike on urgent basis due to job transfer. Contact-Rakhi / Rakesh, 91XXXXXXXX or email- rakhi007@gmail.com

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4. You went to the nearby hospital of your locality. The conditions there were miserable. Write a report to be published in the local daily newspaper to draw the attention of the authorities. Sign it as Geeta/Gopal. [5]

Ans.

Miserable Condition of City Hospital (By- Gopal)

Kota, March 22nd, 2023. The purpose of hospitals is to provide health facilities in the hygienic and disinfected environment. Some of the government hospitals instead of relieving people from diseases are adding more agony to the patients due to the unhygienic and unsanitary conditions which causes unbearable smell that usually found in wards and rooms. In current situation due to Covid19 most of the hospitals have no protective kits for pure treatment. Government is failed in providing them proper equipment because of some of corrupt employees who have only personal interest.

Health department and city administration must take this issue seriously and should take proper action immediately for the betterment of the hospital and patients. Responsible from cleaner to doctor, all should be taught or pressurised to follow their duties with punctuality and honesty.

Translate the following passage into Hindi: .

When I arrived there was no one in sight but a girl of about twelve. Her eyes were covered with a bandage and she was being led carefully between the flower-beds by a little boy, who was about four years younger. She stopped, and it looked like she asked him who had come. He seemed to be describing me to her. Then they passed on.

Miss Beam was all that I had expected - middle aged, full authority, yet kind and understanding. Her hair was beginning to turn grey, and she had the kind of plump figure that .is likely to be comforting to a homesick child. I asked her some questions about her teaching methods, which I had heard were simple.'

जब मैं पहुंचा तो वहां बारह साल की एक लड़की के अलावा कोई नजर नहीं आया। उसकी आँखें एक पट्टी से ढ़की हुई Ans. थीं और उसे फुलों की क्यारियों के बीच सावधानी से एक छोटा लडका ले जा रहा था जो उससे लगभग 4 साल छोटा था। वह रुक गई, और ऐसा लगा जैसे उसने उससे पूछा कि कौन आया था। ऐसा लग रहा था कि वह मुझे उसके बारे में बता रहा है। फिर वे आगे बढ गए।

मिस बीम वह सब थी जिसकी मैंने अपेक्षा की थी – मध्यम आयू, पूर्ण अधिकार, फिर भी दयालू और समझदार। उसके बाल सफेद होने लगे थे, और उसका शरीर मोटा था जो एक घर की याद आ रहे बच्चे को दिलासा दे सकता है। मैंने उनसे उनकी शिक्षण विधियों के बारे में कुछ प्रश्न पूछे, जो मैंने सूना था कि वे सरल थे।

5. Write a business letter to Messers Prashant and Company, New Delhi stating that the sports items supplied by their company were not of good quality, so the payments will be made only after replacement. Sign yourself as head clerk of Global School.

[6]

Ans. Global School

Kota

23rd March 2023

The Sales Manager

M/s. Prashant and Company

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Subject- Defective Sports items

We acknowledge the receipt of a parcel dispatched by you in response to our order No. KLM/17/2012 dated June, 12,20xx. However, we regret to inform you that on opening the consignment, the following articles were found to be defective.

3 (defective bottoms) Cricket bats Gloves 6 pairs (defective) Leg guards 4 pairs (defective)

Cricket Balls 2 boxes (not of good quality)

We find it hard to believe that such a reputed firm like yours dealing in sports goods for decades has committed this kind of negligence.

Anyway, we request you to arrange the replacement of the above-mentioned articles. The payments will be made only after replacement.

Hoping for an early response from you.

Yours truly Aman Sharma (Haed Clerk)

OR

You are Amita/Amit. Write a job application for the post of a clerk with your resume. (ii)

Ans. Job application

F-23, Manisha Apartments

D-Block, Janakpuri

New Delhi, 110065

22nd March, 2023

The Manager

Pathways Limited

Gurgaon, 110033

Subject- Application for the post of a Clerk

Respected Sir.

In response to your advertisement in The Hindu, dated 20th March, 2023 for the post of a senior clerk in your esteemed office. I wish to offer my candidature for the same.

I am a graduate with a master's degree in Economics from Delhi University. I also have the experience of working as a clerk for 2 years in a recognized government office. I am a hardworking, disciplined person with good communication skills. I possess all the required qualities mandatory for the job. I am enclosing a copy of my bio-data for the scrutiny and kind consideration.

I will be available for an interview on any day as per your convenience. If selected, I can assure you that I will work with uttermost honesty and integrity.

Yours Faithfully Amita/Amit

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SECTION-C

6. Join the following sentences using the connectives given in brackets:

 $[2 \times 1 = 2]$

(i) Vipin sold the painting. He painted it overnight. (Which)

Ans. Vipin sold the painting which he painted overnight.

(ii) She put off the lights. The children had slept. (When)

Ans. She put off the lights when the children had slept.

7. Combine each set of sentences into one sentence as directed:

 $[2 \times 1 = 2]$

(i) Sushil was punished. Sushil was fined. (Compound sentence)

Ans. Sushil was punished and fined.

(ii) The earth is round. Everyone knows it. (Complex sentence)

Ans. Everyone knows that the earth is round.

8. Fill in the blanks by choosing words given in brackets:

 $[4 \times 1 = 4]$

(i). Rich tributes are paid the great men. (for / to / beyond)

Ans. Rich tributes are paid to the great men

(ii) The feminine world has created a huge revolution _____ the fashion arena. (up / in / on)

Ans. The feminine world has created a huge revolution in the fashion arena.

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(iii)	Priyanka opted for mathematics group. She with her decision.(gets out / get	ts on / gets along) .
Ans.	Priyanka opted for mathematics group. She gets along with her decision	
(iv)	I must my visit till next week. (put out/put off)	
Ans.	I must <u>put off</u> my <mark>visi</mark> t till next week.	
	SECTION - D	
9. Re	Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: 'I used every way I knew to overcome this fear, but it held me firmly in its grip. Find decided to get an instructor and learn to swim. I went to a pool and practiced ' five deach day. The instructor put a belt around me. A rope attached to the belt went throon an overhead cable. He held on to the end of the rope, and we went back and across the pool, hour after hour, day after day, week after week. On each trip across panic seized me. Each time the instructor relaxed his hold on the rope and I went unterror returned and my legs froze. It was three months before the tension began to see meto put my face under water and exhale and to raise my nose and inhale. I repeat hundreds of times. Bit by bit I shed part of the panic that seized me when my head	lays a week, an hour ugh a pulley that ran forth, back and forth s the pool a bit of the nder, some of the old lack. Then he taught ted the exercise
	Questions:	
(i)	What was the narrator's fear?	[1]
Ans.	The narrator William Douglas had a childhood fear of water.	
(ii) Ans.	What decision did the narrator take? The narrator decided to take help of an instructor to overcome his fear of water.	[1]
(iii) Ans.	What tip was given to the narrator? The narrator was put into a pool with a rope attached to him.	[1]
(iv) Ans.	Howlong did the narrator take to slack his fear? It took three months to slack his fear.	[1]
(v) Ans.	What is the opposite of 'exhale'? . Opposite of 'Exhale' is 'Inhale'	[1]
(vi) Ans.	O <mark>ne w</mark> ord for 'sudden uncontrollable fear' is Sudden uncontrollable fear – Panic	
10.	Answer the following questions in about 80 words:	[1 × 4 = 4]
(i)	What different things did Franz notice in the school that day?	The last Lesson)
Ans.	Franz saw many changes on that day when he reached school. The school looked like unlike the commotion on usual days. Everything looked strange and solemn. All the quietly. Villages had occupied the last benches. The teacher M. Hamel was in his be on special occasions of the school. He did not scold anyone and was teaching with	ke a Sunday morning children were sitting est attire that he wore

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little ones did not pay attention to the beetles that flew inside the classroom. On that day Franz was able to understand Grammar also very very easily.

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(ii) What were the feelings of Edla and her father when they got the news about the peddler? (The Rattrap)

Ans. When the ironmaster and Edla went to the church on Christmas morning, they got the news that an old crofter of Ramsjo Ironworks has been stolen of 30 Kroners by a man selling rattrap. They understood that their guest was the same thief. The ironmaster scolded his daughter Edla for allowing the rattrap peddler be their guest. He told her that such a nice man she has given shelter. He also thought that the peddler must have stolen all the precious things from their house by that time. Edla felt very embarrassed on hearing this and her head was hung with shame.

11. Answer the following questions in 20-25 words:

 $[2 \times 2 = 4]$

(i) Write down some qualities of Subbu.

(Poets and Pancakes)

- **Ans.** Subbu was a very talented person, a good actor and a poet. He was tailor made for films. He was good at heart also.
- (ii) Who was Rajkumar Shukla? Why was he described as 'resolute'?
- Ans. Rajkumar Shuka was a poor peasant from Champaran. He stayed with Gandhiji for months to take him along to Champaran and hence hi is termed as resolute.
- **12.** Explain anyone of the following stanzas with reference to context:

 $[1 \times 6 = 6]$

- (i) 'Fishermen in the cold sea
 would not harm whales
 and the man gathering salt
 would look at his hurt hands.'
- Ans. These lines are taken from the poem 'Keeping Quiet' written by Pablo Neruda. This poem talks about introspection. I the above lines the poet tells us that we all must count one to twelve i.e introspect and look into our inner selves. This will create peaceful environment and no destruction will take place anywhere on the earth. The poet uses metaphor in the form of whales and man gathering salt. No marine creatures will be destroyed and human being will get respite from self destruction if we all introspect.
- (ii) "Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across a screen,
 Bright topaz denizens of a world of green.
 They do not fear the men beneath the tree;
 They pace in sleek chivalric certainty."
- Ans. These lines have been taken from the poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers' written by Adrienne Rich'. The theme of the poem is patriarchal society i.e. male dominated society. In this poem Aunt Jennifer represents a victim of patriarchal society and she is embroidering tigers on her panel. It is her inner vibrant life to live a life like a tiger. The tigers that she embroiders are Bright yellow coloured. They are moving fearlessly and unscared of the male hunters. They are walking in style with confidence. This is the type of life which Aunt Jennifer wants to life i.e a life full of courage, confidence and elegance.

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13. Answer the following questions in about 80 words:

 $[1 \times 4 = 4]$

(i) What theme has been taken by the poet in 'An Elementary School Classroom in a Slum'?

Ans. In the poem 'An Elementary school classroom is a slum', the poet Stephen Spender concentrates on the theme of Social injustice and Class inequalities. The poet describes the plight of school children in a slum school. These poor, deprived and impoverished children life in dirty, unhealthy conditions. They are given a glimpse of wonderful world outside. But the world they see from the window of the classroom is a narrow street sealed in by a gloomy sky. They cannot think beyond the four walls of their dark holes. Their lot can be improved if Governor, teachers, eduactors, inspectors and visitors woik and take them out of their slums.

OR

(ii) Write a short summary of 'My Mother at Sixty-six'

Ans. The poem 'My mother at Sixty-six' conveys the idea that ageing is a process which envelopes one and all sooner or later. The poem examines the theme of advancing age and fear of loss and separation. The poet is travelling to Cochin with her old aged mother. The mother is dozing with mouth open. Her corpse like face and ashen face bring thoughts of her eventual death. This thought pained her and she looked outside at the world which was in contrast to that inside the car. She saw merry children spilling and young trees sprinting representing spontaneous flow of life outside in contrast to stillness in the car. She also compares her mother to late winter's moon. When the poet reached the airport she had the fear again. She bid her old mother good-bye, smiling all the time in vain to hide her childhood fear.

14. Answer the following questions in 20-25 words:

 $[2 \times 2 = 4]$

- (i) 'Of twisted bones,' what does this symbolize? (An Elementary School Classroom in a Slum)
- **Ans.** 'Of twisted bones' symbolize the weak, malnutritioned and diseased condition of the boy sitting inside the slum classroom who had inherited the disease.
- (ii) What beautiful things are depicted in the poem 'A Thing of Beauty'?
- **Ans.** In the poem 'A Thing of Beauty', the poet John Keats depicts beauty in the form of nature i.e Sun, moon, trees old and young, daffodils, clear rills and beautiful musk rose flowers in the middle of the forest.

15. Answer the following questions in about 80 words:

 $[1 \times 4 = 4]$

(i) How was the hundredth tiger arranged for the Maharaja's target?

(The tiger king)

Ans. the tiger king had managed to kill 99 tigers. When the hundredth tiger was not to be found the king threatened his Dewan and told him to double the taxes of the villagers. The Dewan had sleepless nights. Later, the Dewan had brought a tiger from the People's Park in Madras and kept it hidden in his house. When the Maharaja threatened him with dire consequences he understood that the only way to save himself was to 'plant' a tiger for the kill. So he and his aged wife dragged the tiger to the forest where the king was hunting.

OR

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(i)	How did Mr. Lamb	motivate Derry?	revisioned Done	(On th	e face of It)		
Ans.	M <mark>r. La</mark> mb's encoun	iter with Derry was	like a magical ac <mark>t as</mark> was abl	le to transform <mark>Der</mark> ry	into a positive		
	human being. His long conversation with Mr. Lamb helped Derry to overcome his infe				ty complex. He		
	also told him not to	also told him not to be scared of others and others will not be scared of him. He told him handsome is					
	as handsome does	s. Mr. La <mark>mb a</mark> dvise	d him not to care about the o	comments made by	others. Hence,		
	Derry now no long	<mark>e</mark> r cared about his	burned face or looks. He w	as more concerned	about what he		
	th <mark>oug</mark> ht and felt, an	id what h <mark>e w</mark> anted t	o hear and see.				
16.	Answer the following	ng questions in 20-2	5 words:		$[2 \times 2 = 4]$		
(i)		ao and his wife afrai			(The Enemy)		
Ans.	Dr. Sadao and his	wife had sheltered	a white man in their house b	pecause he was wou	unded. So they		
	were afraid that the	y might be punishe	d as a traitor for saving the lif	e of enemy soldier.			
(ii)	What kind of person	n was Evans?		(Evans Tri <mark>es</mark> a	n O-level)		
Ans.	1000000		escaped thrice from the priso	· ·			
			wanted to appear for O-Leve	1,000			
17.	Choose the correct	altornativo			[6 1 – 6]		
			if		$[6 \times 1 = 6]$		
(i)	(A) he lied	red to cut off his tuft	e hundredth tiger was killed				
	(C) books were fals	. 7	warded				
Ans.	(B) the hundredth ti	y · /	warded				
(ii)		rctica if we want to s	study and examine the earth's				
	(A) nature		(B) structure				
100	(C) temperature		(D) present, past and future	9			
Ans.	(D) present, past a	nd future					
(iii)	How long has Jack	been telling stones	to his daughter?				
	(A) 2 years	(B) 3 years	(C) 4 years	(D) 5 year			
Ans.	(A <mark>) 2 y</mark> ears						
(iv)	had an ug	ly face					
	(A) Derry	(B) Lamb	(C) Joe	(D) Jack			
Ans.	(A) Derry						
(v)	What language exa	ım was Evans appe	aring for?				
	(A) English	(B) French	(C) German	(D) Span <mark>ish</mark>			
Ans.	(C) German						
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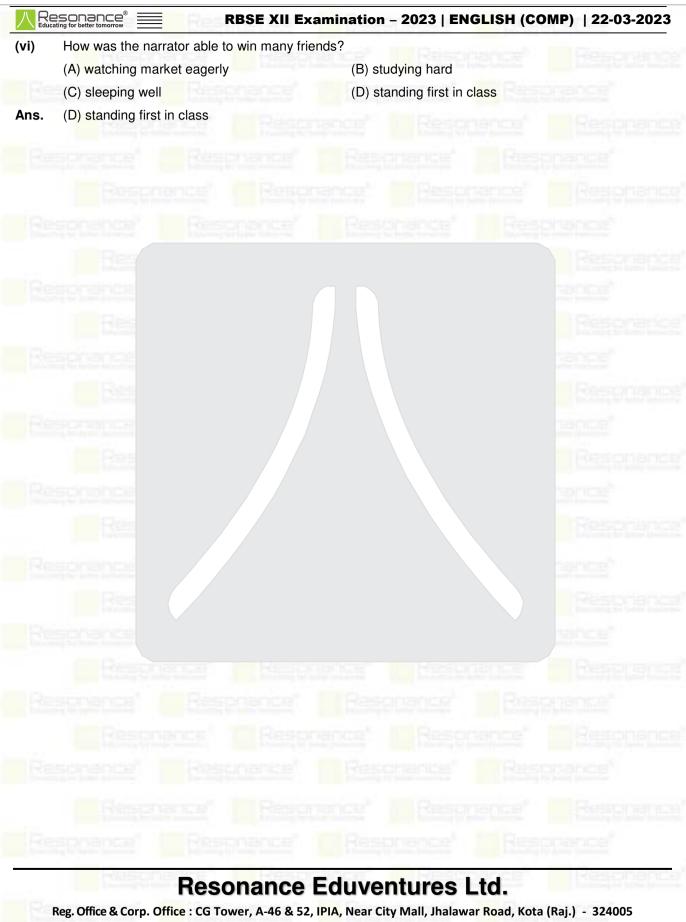
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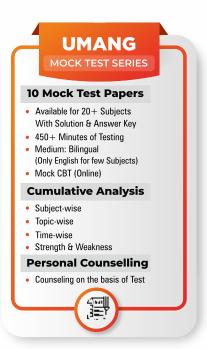
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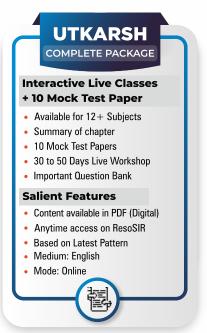
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