

XII Arts 1st Term Exam 2017
English

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Roll No. :

Duration: 1&1/2Hrs.

Max. Marks : 40

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Q.1 (A) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below . (11)

Everyone looked down ashamed at their behavior. Only the young man who was the first to cross the stream after leaving his sack behind seemed to be unconcerned. Chandan spotted his cheerful face in the crowd and beckoned him forward. Then he asked, "Tell me, are you not sad you had to leave behind so much of wealth that suddenly came your way"?

The man said, "I didn't pick the jewelled fruits and flowers. I had picked some of the lovely, tasty fruits and had eaten my fill of them. In my sack I had kept some others for my little daughter who is at home. I had thought she would enjoy these tasty apples and mangoes. But when I saw there was no other way to go across the stream, I did not think twice about leaving my sack by the river. My little girl can get tasty fruits from some other garden too ! But I am so happy the king let us all wander around his garden, looking at the trees and plants and animals. He is a great king for having created this place of beauty, and it was a pleasure walking around there."

Finally a smile appeared on King Amrit's face. Chandan turned to him and said, "Your Majesty, I hope you now realize that people's contentment does not end with having enough food or money. They also need to be truly happy inside. Only then will they not be swayed when they gain or lose wealth. That is a lesson that everyone- whether a king or a commoner- needs to remember".

The king nodded, as did his subjects.

Questions :

- 1) According to Chandan, what is true happiness ? (1)
- 2) For what reason did the young man leave his sack by the river? (2)
- 3) How did the young man appreciate the King ? (2)

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- 4) Do you think wealth can give true happiness? Give reasons. (2)
- 5) Do as directed. (3)
- 1) My little girl can get tasty fruits from some other garden tool!
(Rewrite the sentence using modal auxiliary expressing certainty) (1)
- 2) I had picked some of lovely tasty fruits. (Identify the tense in the sentence) (1)
- 3) It was a great pleasure walking around there. (Rewrite the sentence using the infinitive form of the underlined word.) (1)
- 6) Find out the words from the extract which mean the following: (1)
- i) gestured to move
- ii) satisfaction
- B) Grammar: (5)
- Do as directed:
- 1) It is paradoxical that average consumer can not decide which technology will offer him..... highest standard of water purification. (Fill in blanks with appropriate articles) (1)
- 2) The police Monday arrested five mencheating city businessmen. (1)
(Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition)
- 3) The teacher told us, "You have all fared very badly in your oral tests."
(Change into indirect speech). (1)
- 4) Mumbai is one of the most pollutant cities in the world. (Change the degree) (1)
- 5) I spent my high school years in New Delhi. (Change it into passive voice) (1)

Q.2 A Read the following extract and answer the questions given below. (4)

By this time, I felt very small
 And now my tears began to fall
 I quietly went and knelt by her bed,
 "Wake up, little girl, wake up, "I said
 "Are these the flowers you picked for me "
 She smiled, "I found' em, out by the tree.
 I picked' em because they're pretty like you.
 I knew you would like' em, especially the blue."
 I said, "Daughter, I'm sorry for the way I acted today:
 I shouldn't have yelled at you that way."
 She said, "Oh, Mom, that's okay. I love you anyway".
 I said, "Daughter, I love you too,
 and I do like the flowers, especially the blue".

Questions:

- 1) What did the mother do when she realized her mistake? (1)
- 2) How will you react if your parents scold you even when you are innocent? Explain. (1)
- 3) Identify and explain the figure of speech in the following line. (1)
 "I picked" em because they're pretty like you."
- 4) What has helped to enhance the dramatic quality of the above extract? (1)

(B) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below. (4)

The banyan tree was three times as tall as our house
 Its trunk had a circumference of fifty feet
 Its scraggly aerial roots fell to the ground

From thirty feet or more so first they cut the branches
Sawing them off for seven days and the heap was huge
Insects and birds began to leave the tree
And then they came to its massive trunk
Fifty men with axes chopped and chopped.

Questions :

- 1) Who lost their shelter when the tree was cut ? (1)
- 2) What would you do if you see a tree being cut ? Explain. (1)
- 3) Pick out an example of Repetition from the extract. (1)
- 4) Find out any two picturesque expressions from the extract. (1)

Q.3 (A) Read the following extract and rewrite it from the point of view of Herman. (4)

My brothers and I were transported in a cattle car to Germany.

We arrived at the Buchenwald concentration camp one night weeks later and were led into a crowded barrack. The next day, we were issued uniforms and identification number.

“Don’t call me Herman anymore.” I said to my brother. “Call me 94983.”

I was put to work in the camp’s crematorium, loading the dead into a hand- cranked elevator.

I, too, felt dead. Hardened, I had become a number.

Soon my brothers and I were sent to Schlieben, one of Buchenwald’s sub- camps near Berlin.

One morning I thought I heard my mother’s voice.

“Son,” she said softly but clearly, “ I am going to send you an angel.”

Then I woke up. Just a dream. A beautiful dream.

But in this place there could be no angles. There was only work. And hunger. And fear.

A couple of days later, I was walking around the camp, around the barracks, near the barbed - wire fence where the guards could not easily see. I was alone.

On the other side of the fence, I spotted someone :a little girl with light, almost luminous curls. She was half hidden behind a birch tree.

I glanced around to make sure no one saw me. I called to her softly in German, "Do you have something to eat ?"

She didn't understand.

I inched closer to the fence and repeated the question in Polish. She stepped forward. I was thin and gaunt, with rags wrapped around my feet, but the girl looked unafraid. In her eyes, I saw life.

She pulled an apple from her woolen jacket and threw it over the fence.

I grabbed the fruit and, as I started to run away, I heard her say faintly, "I'll see you tomorrow."

I returned to the same spot by the fence at the same time every day. She was always there with something for me to eat- a hunk of bread or , better yet, an apple.

(B) Extend the above extract by adding a paragraph of your own in about 120 words. (4)

Q.4 (A) Prepare a tourist leaflet on any place of historical importance with the help of the following points : (4)

- 1) How to reach there
- 2) What to see there
- 3) Where to stay
- 4) Best time (Season) of the year to visit it
- 5) Add your own points

(B) Write a letter of job application in response to the following advertisement with the help of the C.V. provided. (4)

**SITUATION VACANT
WANTED**

Smart, English speaking Salesman for an Electronic showroom
Good salary offered, Experienced candidate will be preferred

Write giving details to-

The Proprietor, Suyash Electronics M.P.Road, Nashik

Name	:	Prashant Sonawane
Age	:	28 years
Address	:	302, Nutan Apartment, M.G. Road, Pune-11
Education	:	B.A (First Class) Pune University.
Qualification :		
Experience	:	3 years experience of working as a Salesman in textile shop.
Interests	:	Travelling, Photography, Reading .

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- १) भ्रमणध्वनी हव्यास की गरज!
२) मी बोर्डात पहिला आलो तर....
३) श्रावणातला पाऊस
- प्र.२ अ)१) पुढील शब्दाला समानार्थी शब्द कोणता ते ओळखा. (१४)
- १) आकाश - (०१)
- (अ) सदन (ब) मदन (क) वदन (ड) गगन
- २) पुढील नामासाठी योग्य विशेषण ओळखा. (०१)
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- ३) गटात न बसणारा शब्द ओळखा (०२)
- १) गराडा : (अ) घेराव (ब) वेढा (क) फेरा (ड) घेरा
- २) पैसा : (अ) धन (ब) संपत्ती (क) रण (ड) अर्थ
- ब) १) पुढील विधानांत/ काव्यपंक्तीत कोणता रस प्रामुख्याने आढळतो, त्यासाठी योग्य पर्याय निवडा (०२)
- १) उन्नीकृष्णन गेले. मी विषण्ण मनाने घरात आलो.
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- २) सखे शेजारिणी, तू हसत राहा।
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- २) पुढील पर्यायांतून निर्दोष शब्द ओळखा (०२)
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