

THE WEST BENGAL COUNCIL OF RABINDRA OPEN SCHOOLING
MADHYAMIK PARIKSHA (SECONDARY EXAMINATION) JUNE, 2024

English
(Old Syllabus)

Time: 3 Hours 15 Minutes

Full Marks: 90

Who registered their names before June, 2023

General Instructions for the Examinees

Candidates should write their Name, Roll No. and Registration No.
in their respective answer scripts.

The first 15 Minutes are allotted for reading the question paper.
Answers should be in brief and to the point.

Write correct question no. against each answer.

Special credit will be given for answers which are brief and to the point.
Marks will be deducted for spelling mistakes, untidiness and bad handwriting.
In the right side the marks of questions are given.

Section-A

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: 20

Once upon a time, on a hot Summer's day, a big brown dog limped along the beach. He held up one of his front paws as it hurt him. Sometimes he put it on the ground, but he soon held it up again and limped along on three legs. He was looking for his master but he was nowhere to be seen. He had gone into the water to bath.

The dog sat down and licked his paw, but he could not get rid of the pain. Something had got stuck in his pad and could not get it out. He whined a little and looked around at all people on the beach. Perhaps one of them would help him.

He saw a pretty girl in a blue frock, lying in the sun with a sunshade over her. She was so pretty that the dog thought she might be kind too. So he limped up to her and put his paw on her knee.

But she sat up and shouted at him. 'Go away you horrid dog, dirtying my nice clean frock like that?'

The dog limped away at one. He looked around again to see who could be kind to him. There were a great many people on the beach to choose from. He saw an old man, reading a newspaper. He had silver hair and a pleasant face. Yes surely he would help a dog. So he trotted up to him and put his hurt paw on the man's knee. The man put out a hand and patted him. 'Good dog' he said. But he did not stop reading his newspaper. He could not be bothered to see what the dog wanted.

The dog trotted off again holding up front paw. He saw a kind-faced little girl digging in the sand. Surely she would help him; so he limped to her and rubbed his nose against her bare legs.

- A. Write the correct alternative to complete the following sentences: 1×6=6

(i) The pretty girl wore a _____ frock.

(a) red

(b) blue

(c) yellow

(d) green

(ii) The dog kept his hurt paw on the pretty girl's _____.

(a) shoulder

(b) hand

(c) knee

(d) palm

(iii) The dog limped along the _____.

(a) field

(b) road

(c) sea beach

(d) garden

(iv) The kind-faced little girl was _____.

(a) digging the soil

(b) digging the sand

(c) cutting the grass

(d) making a doll

(v) The dog was looking for _____.

(a) a little girl

(b) his master

(c) a fat man

(d) a weak man

(vi) The dog's master had gone to _____.

(a) house

(b) hotel

(c) bathe

(d) play

B. State whether the following statements are 'True' or 'False'. Write 'T' for True and 'F' for False statements in the box provided:

1×6=6

(i) The pretty girl was kind to the dog.

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(ii) The season mentioned in the passage is summer.

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(iii) The face of the old man was ugly.

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(iv) The dog was white in colour.

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(v) The dog whined a little.

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(vi) The dog held up one of his back paws.

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

1×4=4

(i) The old man was reading _____.

(ii) The colour of the dog was _____.

(iii) The dog was whining because something had _____.

(iv) The dog held up one of _____.

D. Answer the following questions:

2×2=4

(i) Why was the dog limping?

(ii) What did the old man say to the dog?

Reading Comprehension (Unseen)

20

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

Kolkata : A Kolkata Police Special Task Force seized a truck carrying 1000 kg of Potassium Nitrate Powder that was being smuggled into the state from mines in Odisha's Balasore around midnight on Saturday.

The truck, headed towards North 24 Parganas, was intercepted on Tallah Bridge around 12:30 am. The driver and the helper were arrested. Police suspect the explosives were to be used to make country bombs for use in the forthcoming Lok Sabha Elections.

The helper, Indrajit Bhui (25), and the driver, Padmalochan Dey (31) both residents of Balasore, were charged under Sections 4 and 5 of the Explosives Act. The duo has named several people from the industrial belt of North 24 Parganas. "Raids are on across Bhatpara and Barrackpore to nab those who were slated to receive the consignments," an officer said. However, no terror angle has been attributed to this case at present.

- A. Write the correct alternative to complete the following sentences:

1×6=6

(i) Kolkata Police Special Task Force has seized a truck carrying _____ of Potassium Nitrate.

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| (a) 1000kg | (b) 50kg |
| (c) 5000kg | (d) 100kg |

(ii) The truck was coming from _____.

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| (a) Assam | (b) Balasore |
| (c) Hyderabad | (d) Delhi |

(iii) The name of the driver is

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| (a) Padmalochan Dey | (b) Pulak Dey |
| (c) Biswanath Dey | (d) Gourab Dey |

(iv) The age of the helper is

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| (a) 25 | (b) 28 |
| (c) 30 | (d) 38 |

(v) The age of the driver is

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| (a) 31 | (b) 32 |
| (c) 21 | (d) 29 |

(vi) Both the driver and the helper are residents of

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| (a) Delhi | (b) Kolkata |
| (c) Bombay | (d) Balasore |

B. Write 'T' for True Statements and 'F' for False statements.

1×6=6

- (i) The truck was carrying Potassium Nitrate Powder.
- (ii) The truck headed towards Bankura.
- (iii) Balasore is in Odisha.
- (iv) The truck was intercepted around 8:30 a.m.
- (v) The name of the helper was Indrajit Bhui.
- (vi) The truck was intercepted on Howrah Bridge.

C. Answer the following questions:

2×4=8

- (i) Who seized the truck and with what?
- (ii) Where was the truck headed to and from where it was coming?
- (iii) What was the Police's suspicion about the explosives?
- (iv) Tick the most appropriate title for the passage.
 - (a) Explosives and awareness
 - (b) Timely detection of explosives
 - (c) Imminent acts of violence

Section-B

Grammar and Vocabulary

20

3. Write the correct alternative to fill in the blanks: 1×3=3
Two boys _____ (travels/were travelling/is travelled) in a bus which had _____
(rammed against/collided with/crashed into) a tree, which stood _____ (bordered/bordering/
borders) the road.
4. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles and prepositions: 1×3=3
Correctness is more important _____ writing than in speech. You know that this is true
even in _____ case _____ the mother tongue.
5. Choose the correct phrasal verb from the list given below to replace the underlined words, you
may change the form where necessary: 1×3=3
(i) I had to quit the habit of smoking.
(ii) The meeting was cancelled.
(iii) His request was not listened to.
[List: turn down, give up, call off, set in]
6. Do as directed: 1×3=3
(i) They are playing guitar. (Change the voice.)
(ii) Teacher said to students, "Open your book". (Change into indirect speech.)
(iii) She is ill. She can not go. (Join into a single sentence.)
7. Given are the meanings of four words which you will find in question no. 2.
Find the words. 2×4=8
(i) Prepare
(ii) Caught
(iii) Imposed
(iv) A pair of people or thing
8. Develop the following points and write a short story. Give a moral to it. 2+8
[Points:— A crow had a piece of meat—A fox saw it and planned to get it—Fox praised the
crow for sweet voice—The crow opened his mouth to sing—The piece of meat fell down—
The fox took it and went away]

- 9.** Write a paragraph on National Flag of India. 10

[Points:—Rectangular in size—Colours—Meaning of colours—Blue wheel—What does the blue wheel stand for—Conclusion]

- 10.** Write a letter to your friend about the Book Fair in your neighbourhood. 10

[Points:—Duration of the fair—Stalls—People gathering—Business—Culture]
