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পশ্চিমবঙ্গ রবীন্দ্র মুক্তবিদ্যালয় সংসদ
উচ্চমাধ্যমিক পরীক্ষা, ২০২৫

ইংরাজী

English

সময় : ৩ ঘণ্টা ১৫ মিনিট

Time : 3 Hours 15 Minutes

পূর্ণমান : ৮০

Full Marks : 80

পরীক্ষার্থীদের প্রতি সাধারণ নির্দেশ
(General Instructions for the Examinees)

সকল পরীক্ষার্থীকে নিজের নাম, ক্রমিক নম্বর ও নিবন্ধন নম্বর উত্তরপত্রে লিখতে হবে।
Candidates should write their Name, Roll No. and Registration No.
in their respective answer scripts.

পরীক্ষার সময়ের প্রথম ১৫ মিনিট প্রশ্ন পড়ার জন্য।
প্রশ্নের উত্তর যথাযথ হওয়া দরকার।

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

প্রতিটি উত্তরের প্রশ্নসংখ্যা খাতায় সঠিকভাবে লিখতে হবে।
Write correct question no. against each answer.

পরিমিত ও যথাযথ উত্তরের জন্য বিশেষ মূল্য দেওয়া হবে।
বানান ভুল, অপরিচ্ছন্নতা এবং অপরিষ্কার হস্তাক্ষরের ক্ষেত্রে নম্বর কাটা যাবে।
প্রাস্তিক সংখ্যাগুলি প্রতিটি প্রশ্নের পূর্ণমান নির্দেশ করছে।

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.

Group–A

1. Complete each of the following sentences, choosing the correct option from the alternatives provided: 1×4=4

(i) In the short story The Night Train at Deoli, the author visited his grandmother at the age of—

- (a) 20 (b) 18
(c) 17 (d) 15

(ii) “The two friends had a few stock phrases”. One of this two friends is Mini, the other one is

- (a) Rabeya (b) Rubina
(c) Rahamat (d) the author himself

(iii) Time has become our tyrant because

- (a) we have to lead a very busy life.
(b) we have become a slave to the moving hands of the clock.
(c) time is very important in our lives.
(d) we have to work according to the factory rules.

(iv) Repairing the ravages made by generosity adds to love is a

- (a) huge task. (b) difficult task.
(c) mammoth task. (d) great task.

2. Answer *any two* of the following questions in not more than 30 words: 3×2=6

- (i) Why did Della count money thrice?
(ii) When did Gandhiji exhibit before the unruly boy the brute in him?
(iii) Why did the narrator feel sorry for Deoli?
(iv) What do the zoologists say about the habit of birds?

3. Answer *any one* of the following questions in about 100 words: 5×1=5

- (i) Describe the morning on which Mini was to get married.
(ii) How did Jim and Della buy Christmas gifts for each other?
(iii) Where is Deoli? Give a short description of Deoli station in your own words. 2+3

4. Complete each of the following sentences choosing the correct option from the alternatives provided: 1×4=4

(i) The highland lass is _____ girl in The Solitary Reaper.

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| (a) Indian | (b) French |
| (c) German | (d) Scottish |

(ii) The traveller came to the forest in a

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| (a) stormy night. | (b) windy night. |
| (c) moonlit night. | (d) cloudy night. |

(iii) The “Curled green twigs” rise from

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| (a) the earths cave. | (b) the uprooted tree. |
| (c) the rough bark. | (d) close to the ground. |

(iv) The poem “Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening” is set in

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| (a) Winter | (b) Autumn |
| (c) Summer | (d) Spring |

5. Answer *any two* of the following questions each in not more than 30 words: 3×2=6

- (i) What appears ‘queer’ to the horse?
- (ii) Where did the poet see the Solitary Reaper? What was she doing?
- (iii) What are the seven stages of human life?

6. Answer *any one* of the following questions in about 100 words: 5×1=5

- (i) How has the poet compared the song of the Reaper with the song of a nightingale?
- (ii) Who has reminded the poet that he has promises to keep? What did he do to remind him?
- (iii) Bring out the supernatural atmosphere created by the poet in the poem ‘The Listener’.

7. Choose the correct alternatives from the options given below and complete each of the following sentences: 1×3=3

(i) The policeman put up the notice on

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| (a) the notice board. | (b) the flight of steps. |
| (c) the barrel. | (d) the wall. |

(ii) Jimmy Walsh sings the song from the ballad named

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| (a) The Peeler and the Goat. | (b) Johnny Hart. |
| (c) Content and a Pipe. | (d) The Solitary Reaper. |

(iii) The quay was

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| (a) lonely | (b) crowded |
| (c) a busy place | (d) noisy |

8. Answer *any two* of the following questions each in not more than 30 words: 2×2=4

- (i) Why does the man put his hand in his breast?
- (ii) “They say he’s a wonder” — Who says this and when?
- (iii) Why does the Sergeant hide the wig and the hat of the man?

9. Answer *any one* of the following questions each in not more than 40 words: 3×1=3

- (i) Describe the character of the Ragged Man.
- (ii) “I wonder now am I as great a fool as I think I am”— Who is the speaker? Do you think that he is a fool? 1+2

Group–B

10. Do as directed: 2×2=4

- (i) He said to me, “I went to school yesterday”. (Change the mode of narration)
- (ii) He is _____ B.A in English and _____ M.A in History. (Fill in the blanks with appropriate article)

11. Join the following sentences into a single sentence: 2

The sun sets in the west. Everyone knows this.

12. Split the following sentence: 2

This is the boy who stood first in the examination.

13. (i) Write a letter to the editor of an English newspaper on the price rise of essential commodities.
(Word limit : 120 words) 5

Or,

- (ii) Write a letter to your friend inviting him/ her to your house and sharing with him/ her how you plan to spend the days together. (Word Limit : 120 Words) 5

14. Write a précis of the following passage. Add a suitable title to it: 6

The lot of our Indian peasants is certainly a pitiable one. A peasant has to labour under many disadvantages. In the first place, he is illiterate and does not, therefore, care to know more than he has inherited from his fore-fathers. He ploughs his tiny pieces of land from morning till evening, and if the season favours him, he earns what barely suffices to meet his daily demands. He does not grumble to pay his rent so much as he does for the loss of his plough-cattle. He lives in debt over head and ears, and yet he does not care to save anything for the morrow. To ameliorate his condition the supply of good plough-cattle, the adoption of preventive measure to save the animals from diseases and primary education should engage the serious attention of the Indian Government.

Or,

Write a substance of the following passage.

A good book always teaches us something-in fact many things directly or indirectly, if the mind is willing to learn. Books are the best company; they also give us the best society. They help us in establishing contact with many great men. We hear what such men said and did, through books, we even see them as if they were alive. As we read, we share the great thoughts of great minds; we hope and grieve with these men. We come to know what nobleness is. Books work as agents and help us in being better than we are. Even in books on common men and women the power of literature is strongly felt. Such works help us in understanding life. Books should be regarded as friends and guides.

15. (i) Write a paragraph (in about 120 words) on A Book You have Recently Read using the points. 6

[Points: Title and type of the book — Name of the author — Subject matter and style — The message it communicates — The impression it has left on your mind]

Or,

- (ii) Write a paragraph (in about 120 words) on Noise Pollution.

[Points: The loud speaker, a menace — Noise, an aggression on quiet loving individuals — Misuse of microphones — Strict measures should be taken to stop noise pollution]

Or,

- (iii) Write a paragraph (in about 120 words) on Your Favourite Festival

[Points: Introduction — Name of the festival — When the festival takes place — Features — Participation of people — How you enjoy it — Conclusion]

16. Write a note on *any one* of the following:

5×1=5

(i) The Modern Period

(ii) The Renaissance Period

17. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions below:

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The song 'Jana Gana Mana' composed originally in Bengali by Rabindranath Tagore, was adopted in its Hindi version by the Govt. as the national anthem of India on January 24, 1950. It was first sung on December 27, 1911 at the Calcutta Session of the Indian National Congress.

The complete song consists of five stanzas. The full version of the national anthem takes nearly 52 seconds to sing. A shorter version consisting first and last lines takes about 20 seconds to sing.

The song 'Vande Mataram' written in Sanskrit by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee has an equal status with Jana Gana Mana. It was sung first in the 1896 session of the Indian National Congress. It was a source of inspiration to the people in the struggle for freedom.

(A) Choose the correct alternatives to complete the following sentences:

1×2=2

(i) 'Vande Mataram' was first sung in

(a) 1896

(b) 1986

(c) 1968

(d) 1869

(ii) The full version of 'Jana Gana Mana' takes _____ seconds to sing.

(Fill in the gap)

(a) 50

(b) 52

(c) 51

(d) 53

- (B) State whether the following statements are True or False. Write 'T' for True and 'F' for False. Provide sentences/phrases/words from the passage in question no. 17 in support of your answer. (1+1)×2=4

(i) Jana Gana Mana was first sung in December 25, 1950.

Supporting statement:

(ii) The Bengali version of 'Jana Gana Mana' is our national anthem.

Supporting statement:

- (C) Answer the following questions: 2×2=4

(i) When and by whom was 'Jana Gana Mana' made our national anthem?

(ii) How much time does it take to sing 'Jana Gana Mana' in full and in short?
