



SHREE CHANDULAL NARAVATI VINAYMANDIR

SECOND PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

2018-2019

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Date: | 11 | 01 | 2019

STO: 10

Reading Time 15 Mins.

Marks: 80

Writing Time 2 Hours.

Answers to this paper must be written on the paper provided separately.

You will not be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes.

This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.

The time given at the head of this paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

Attempt all five questions

The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [].

Question 1

(Do not spend more than 30 minutes on this question.)

Write a composition (300 - 350 words) on any one of the following: [20]

- Write an original creative story based on the proverb 'A poor workman always blames his tools'.
- 'Men are better in sciences while women are better in the humanities.' Express your views either for or against the topic.
- Write a personal narrative account on a week spent without access to the internet.
- You are in your native place, revisiting places from your childhood. Describe the nostalgic experience you had during your visit.
- Study the picture given below. Write a short story or an account of what the picture suggests to you. Your composition must be on the subject of the picture or you may take suggestions from it; however, your composition must have a clear connection with the picture.



Question 2

(Do not spend more than 20 minutes on this question.)

Select one of the following:

- (a) Write a letter to the Principal of your school requesting her for permission to organize a Literary Club – state your aim to have such club in the school and suggest some initial steps that need to be taken for the plan to execute.
- (ii) Your cousin has got admission in the best media college in the country for pursuing her studies in Journalism. Write a letter congratulating her on getting admission there and wishing her good luck for her future endeavours.

Question 3

[5+5]

- (a) Your school is organizing an 'Inter-School Art Mela' on a grand scale, in collaboration with the local civic authorities, in the premises of your school. Draft a notice to put up on the notice board of your school, informing pupils about the event and inviting them to be part of the event.
- (ii) Write an e-mail to the Principal of a neighbouring school asking him for consent to display this notice in their school. Also request him to allow the students of his / her school to participate in the event.

Question 4

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

On his return from England, Pramathanath resolved that he would show the world how to associate with Anglo-Indians on terms of equality. Those of our countrymen who think that no such association is possible, unless they bow and our knees to them, showed their utter lack of self-respect, and were also unjust to the English - so thought Pramathanath.

He brought with him letters of introduction from many distinguished Englishmen at home, and these gave him some recognition in Anglo-Indian society. He and his wife occasionally enjoyed English hospitality at tea, dinner, sports and other entertainments. Such good luck intoxicated him and began to produce a tingling sensation in every vein of his body.

About the time, at the opening of a new railway line, many of the town, proud recipients of the title of 'Honorary Members', were invited by the Lieutenant-Governor to take the first trip. Pramathanath was among them. On the return journey, a European Sergeant of the Police expelled some Indian gentlemen from a railway-carriage with great insolence. Pramathanath, dressed in his European clothes, was there. He, too, was getting out, when the Sergeant said: "You needn't move, sir. Keep your seat, please." At first Pramathanath felt flattered at the special respect thus shown to him. When, however, the train went on, the dull rays of the setting sun, at the west of the fields, now ploughed up and stripped of green, seemed in his eyes to spread a glow of shame over the whole country. Sitting near the window of his lonely compartment, he seemed to catch a glimpse of the down-cast eyes of his Motherland, hidden behind the trees. As Pramathanath sat there, lost in reverie, burning tears flowed down his cheeks, and his heart burst with indignation.

He now remembered the story of a donkey who was drawing the chariot of an idol along the street. The wayfarers bowed down to the idol, and touched the dusty ground with their foreheads. The foolish donkey imagined that all this reverence was being shown to him. "The only difference," said Pramathanath to himself, "between the donkey and myself is this: I understand to-day that the respect I receive is not given to me but to the burden on my back."

Arriving home, Pramathanath called together all the children of the household, and lighting a big bonfire, threw all his European clothes into it one by one. The children danced round and round it, and the higher the flames shot up, the greater was their merriment. After that, Pramathanath gave up his sip of tea and bits of toast in Anglo-Indian houses, and once again sat inaccessible within the castle of his house, while his insulted friends went about from the door of one Englishman to that of another, bending their turbaned heads as before.

- (a) Give the meaning of each of the following words as used in the passage. One word [3]
answers or short phrase will be accepted.:
- insolence*
 - indignation*
 - reverence*
- (b) Answer the following questions briefly, in your own words:
- What did Pramathanath want to do in the world? What did he think about his countrymen's attitude? [2]
 - What gave Pramathanath some recognition in the Indian society? How did he enjoy such recognition? [2]
 - Why was Pramathanath angry with the Lieutenant-Governor? [1]
 - What caused Pramathanath to "burn" his "indignation"? [2]
 - How did Pramathanath relate the story of a donkey with his own? [2]
- (c) In not more than 50 words, describe Pramathanath's disillusionment with the Raj after the railway experience. [8]

Question 5

- (a) Fill up the following blanks by using the correct form of verb given in the brackets. Do not copy the paragraph, write only your answer of the blank. [4]

Example: (0) – is defined

In computer science AI research _____ (0) (define) as the study of "intelligent agents": any device that _____ (1) (perceive) its environment and _____ (2) (take) actions that _____ (3) (maximize) its chance of successfully _____ (4) (achieve) its goals. Artificial intelligence as an academic discipline in 1956, and in the years since _____ (5) (experience) several waves of optimism, followed by disappointment and the loss of _____ (6) (fund) (known as an "AI winter"), followed by new approaches, success and renewed funding. For most of its history, AI research _____ (7) (divide) into subfields that often _____ (8) (fail) to communicate with each other.

[4]

(b) Fill in each blank with an appropriate word:

- (i) She's hoping to *participate* _____ the next Olympic Games.
- (ii) He placed the ladder _____ the wall.
- (iii) She has known him _____ childhood.
- (iv) I can *match* _____ her ability to work hard.
- (v) We *insisted* _____ a refund of the full amount.
- (vi) The committee voted to prohibit people _____ leaving before the meeting was over.
- (vii) Don't believe him. He made _____ that story.
- (viii) He shook the blankets vigorously to *get rid* _____ the dust.

(c) Join the following sentence to make one complete sentence without using 'and', 'but' or 'so'. [4]

- (i) He listened to the music. He was thrilled.
- (ii) He will not spend his money. He will not save it.
- (iii) She worked very hard for exams. She did not secure the first rank.
- (iv) It was raining heavily. All schools and colleges _____ close yesterday.

(d) Re-write the following sentences according to the instructions given after each. Make other changes that may be necessary but do not change the meaning of each sentence. [8]

- (i) As soon as we decided to go out, it started raining. (Begin: No sooner...)
- (ii) She made fun of what I said. (Use 'state')
- (iii) Antarctica is the coldest of Earth's continents. (Use 'coldest')
- (iv) "Do you know what I said, Tom?" Sam said. (Begin: Sam asked...)
- (v) She is so smart that she can manage on her own. (Use 'enough')
- (vi) My mother would not allow me to go out if I do not finish my homework on time. (Begin: 'Unless')
- (vii) She inserted the disk into the drive slot. (Begin: The disk...)
- (viii) He is too old to walk such long distance. (Remove 'too')