

**2nd Term Examination March 2021-22.**

**Class: 10th**

**Subject: English**

**Duration: 3Hrs.**

**MM 50**

**General Instructions:**

1. Read the instructions carefully.
2. The paper is divided into four sections.

**Section A (Reading 10 Marks)**

**Section B ( Writing 12 Marks)**

**Section C ( Grammar 8 Marks)**

**Section D ( Literature 20 Marks)**

3. Each section is compulsory to attempt.
4. There is an internal choice in the questions.
5. Write the question number as in the question paper.
6. Do not exceed the word limit.

**Section- A (Reading- 10 Marks)**

**Q.1 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (1x10=10 Marks)**

1. Spread over an area of 11570 acres, Kalesar Reserve Forest is the only one of its kind in Haryana. It is home to a wide range of wild flora and fauna including three elephants, a male tiger, 16 male and female leopards, 19 panthers and some other animals as well.
2. Spread on both sides of Yamunanagar- Paonta Sahib Road in Yamunanagar district, it was designated a national park through a government notification in December 2003. However, it is alleged lack of sufficient funds is providing to be a hindrance in wildlife conservation in the National Park. The Divisional Forest Officer revealed that it is the only forest in Haryana with a natural "Sal" tree belt.

3. As for the steps taken to ensure protection of wildlife and environment it was disclosed that staff had been given weapons by the State Government to tackle the menace posted by poachers. The State had also set up two special environmental courts, one each at Kurukshetra and Faridabad, to deal with crimes related to poaching and illicit felling of trees from the area. Eight watering holes have been dug up across the forest area to ensure that wildlife does not stray into human habitats on its fringes in search of drinking water. Similarly, earthen dams have been constructed to conserve rain water for the future use of wildlife.

4. It was disclosed that work to fence the area would be undertaken in the near future and more steps taken to ensure that wild fauna does not face drinking water problem in the natural habitat in the reserve forest.

- a) What is unique about Kalesar Reserve Forest?
- b) Which animals are found in Kalesar Forest?
- c) What is providing to be a hindrance to conserve wildlife in the National Park?
- d) Why have two special environmental courts been set up?
- e) Kalesar Reserve Forest was designated a National Park through a Government notification in
  - i) Feb. 2003    ii) Dec. 2003    iii) March 2004    iv) August 2001
- f) Which word in the passage means 'natural environment in which a particular species live' ?
  - i) Habitat    ii) Flora    iii) Fauna    iv) Water Hole
- g) Which word in Para 3 is a synonym of danger/risk?
  - i) Disclosed    ii) Fringes    iii) Poaching    iv) Menace
- h) The word illicit means-
  - i) not approved by society    ii) not allowed by rules    iii) obtained dishonestly    iv) not allowed by law.
- i) The words Kind and Kind are-
  - i) Homophones    ii) Homonyms    iii) Homographs    iv) Synonyms
- j) The antonym of Sufficient is-
  - i) insufficient    ii) unsufficient    iii) enough    iv) ample

Q.2 Write a paragraph in about 60 words on any one of the following topics- (4 Marks)

A Street Quarrel    Or    A Scene at Railway Station    Or    Any Match

Q.3 Write a short composition in about 60-80 words on any one of the following topics-(4 Marks)

Covid-19---A Pandemic Or Value of Books Or Mahatma Gandhi

Or

You are Rajan/Rajani. Write a letter to your father describing your visit to a Zoo.

Q.4 Write an Application to the Principal/Headmaster of your school, requesting him to change your section from A to C.

Or

You are Sohan/Shamita, the Headboy/Headgirl of GSSS Rampur. Write a notice inviting the students to participate in the Declamation Competition under the theme -"World Water Day" that is going to be celebrated on 22 March, 2022.

**Section- C (Grammar-8 Marks)**

Q.5 Choose and write the correct option-

(1x5=5 Marks)

A. He said to me, "I have received your letter."

i) He tells me that I have received your letter.

ii) He told me that I had received your letter.

iii) He told me that he had received my letter.

iv) He said to me that he has received your letter.

B. Neither he \_\_\_\_\_ she is present in the class.

i) or ii) nor iii) either iv) not

C. The annual prizes were distributed \_\_\_\_\_ the students.

i) among ii) between iii) for iv) with

D. Assertive form of "How lovely the scenery is!"-

i) The scenery is lovely.

ii) The scenery is so lovely.

iii) The scenery is very lovely.

iv) How is the scenery lovely!

E. She is a \_\_\_\_\_ (dance) girl.

- i) dance ii) dancer iii) danced iv) dancing

Q.6 (A) In the following passage one word has been omitted in each indicated line. Write the missing word that comes before and the word that comes after it in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. (1/2x6=3Marks)

My friend's marriage celebrated on 10th April. e.g. marriage was celebrated

Many friends relatives were invited. 1. \_\_\_\_\_

The house my friend was decorated. 2. \_\_\_\_\_

A welcome gate erected. 3. \_\_\_\_\_

All the guests were received the gate. 4. \_\_\_\_\_

But Manoj not come, 5. \_\_\_\_\_

because he was of the city. 6. \_\_\_\_\_

Or

(B) i. Post this letter. (Change the Voice)

ii) I \_\_\_\_\_ go to school on foot. (Fill with correct Modal)

iii) He killed the snake. (Change into Negative)

#### Section-D (Literature- 20 Marks)

Q.7 Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions- (1x5=5 Marks)

(A) During our childhood in Goa, the baker used to be our friend, companion and guide. He used to come at least twice a day. Once, when he set out in the morning on his selling round, and then again, when he returned after emptying his huge basket. The jingling thud of his bamboo woke us up from sleep and we ran to meet and greet him. Why was it so? Was it for the love of loaf? Not at all. The loaves were bought by some Paskine and Bastine, the maid servant of the house! What we longed for were those bread bangles which we chose carefully. Sometimes it was sweet bread of special make.

A1. Who was writer's friend and companion?

A2. What did make the writer wake up from sleep?

i) sound of bamboo ii) sound of utensils iii) sound of flute iv) sound of coins.

A3. What did the writer and his friends long for?

A4. Choose the similar word for "greet".

i) welcome ii) meet iii) goodbye iv) enjoyed

A5. "Set out" in the passage stands for-

- i) run ii) walk iii) start iv) wander

Or

(B) Her first journey - what careful, painstaking, elaborate plans she had had to make for it! She had thriftily saved whatever stray coins come her way, resisting every temptation to buy peppermints, toys, balloons, and the like, and finally she had saved a total sixty paise. How difficult it had been, particularly that day at the village fair, but she had resolutely stifled a strong desire to ride the merry-go-round, even though she had the money.

B1. Whose journey is being described in the passage?

B2. How much money had she saved?

B3. The word 'thriftily' means in the passage-

- i) Economically ii) Extravagantly iii) Lavishly iv) Shyly

B4. What did she resist?

- i) playing games ii) singing iii) all temptations iv) watching movie

B5. Choose the antonym of 'elaborate'

- i) lengthy ii) detailed iii) descriptive iv) simple

Q.8 (A) Read the given stanza and answer the questions that follow-

(1x3=3Marks)

*The fog comes  
On little cat feet  
It sits looking  
over harbour and city  
on silent haunches  
and then moves on.*

A1. Where does the fog look?

- i) It looks over tower and city.  
ii) It looks over fort and city.  
iii) It looks over port and city.  
iv) It looks over bridge and city.

A2. What is the name of the poet?

- i) Carolyn Wells ii) Robin Klein iii) Carl Sandburg iv) Robert Frost

A3. What does the fog do in the end?

Or

*(B) Belinda embraced him, Mustard licked him*

*No one mourned for his pirate victim*

*Ink and Blink in glee did gyrate*

*Around the dragon that ate the pirate.*

B1. Who did Belinda embrace?

- i) Mustard ii) Blink iii) Ink iv) Custard

B2. Whom did Mustard lick?

- i) Blink ii) Pirate iii) Custard iv) Ink

B3 Name the poem and the poet.

Q.9 What is the story about the Kodavu people's descent?

(2 Marks)

Or

What was Valli's favourite pastime?

Q.10 What legends did Rajveer tell about the discovery of tea?

(3 Marks)

Or

Write a brief character sketch of Lomov.

Or

Mention three things that humans do and animals don't.

Q.11 How did a book become a turning point in Richard Ebright's life?

(2 Marks)

Or

Why is Bholi's father worried about her?

Q.12 What kind of person is Mme Loisel? Why is she always unhappy?

(2 Marks)

Or

What are the qualities that go into the making of a scientist?

Q.13 What was the cause of Matilda's ruin? How could she have avoided it?

(3 Marks)

Or

Write a brief character sketch of Bholi.