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2039

ANNUAL EXAMINATION SYSTEM

GENERAL ENGLISH

(Common for All Groups and Vocational Stream)

(Evening Session)

Time allowed : Three hours

Maximum marks : 65

- Note :** (i) You must write the subject-code/paper-code 001/A in the box provided on the title page of your answer-book.
- (ii) Make sure that the answer-book contains 30 pages (including title page) and are properly serialized as soon as you receive it.
- (iii) Question/s attempted after leaving blank page/s in the answer-book would not be evaluated.
- (iv) No extra sheet will be provided. Answer the questions to the point and avoid cancelling the answered questions.
- (v) Draw a line as soon as you have answered a question.
- (vi) Write on all pages except the back side of the title.
- (vii) While writing answers, the question number should be written correctly.
- (viii) All questions are compulsory.

Part-I (Objective Type Questions) (8 Marks)

1. Do as directed : 8×1=8
- (i) Select the correct option. 1
- The Washington Post was a
- (a) journal (b) magazine (c) newspaper (d) post office
- (ii) A robot is more creative than a human brain. (True/False) 1
- (iii) Fill in the blank : 1
- is the author of the essay, 'On Giving Advice'.
- (iv) What was the age difference between Chandu and the narrator? 1
- (v) Who was the owner of 'The Modern Frame Works'? 1
- (vi) Which day was the most difficult for the children? 1
- (vii) Translate into English : 2×1=2
- (a) ਮੈਂ ਇਹ ਕਿਤਾਬ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ । ਮੁझे यह पुस्तक चाहिए ।
- Choose the correct option for the above sentence :
- (i) I want this book (ii) I am wanting this book
- (iii) I was wanting this book (iv) I wanted this book

- (b) बच्चा किਉं तें रिगुं तै ? बच्चा क्यौं रो रहा है ?

Choose the correct option for the above sentence :

- (i) Why will the child cry ? (ii) Why is the child crying ?
(iii) Why did the child cry ? (iv) Why does the child cry ?

Part-II (Reading Skills) (10 Marks)

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 6×1=6

Health and hygiene go hand in hand. Health refers to a state of sound mind and a physically fit body free from any sort of sickness, disorder or ailment. Hygiene refers to the good practices that prevent disease and lead to good health through cleanliness, proper sewage disposal, balanced and nutritious food, regular exercise, proper sleep, pure and fresh air and supply of fresh drinking water. The proverb, 'Health is Wealth' is truly said of all things in the world. Health is the most valuable thing that one can possess. Money is ; undoubtedly, a prized possession but can it provide pleasure to a ruined health ? As body and mind are closely related, the mind can never be sound and cheerful without sound health. An unhealthy man may have intelligence, merit and wealth but he can never put them to use and reap their benefits. We must, therefore, adopt proper hygienic measures to preserve and maintain good health. Too much work or exercise, eating or drinking are injurious to health. A regulated life coupled with clear and pure mind makes life worth living.

- (i) Hygiene refers to practices that leads to good health through
(a) balanced diet (b) impure air
(c) abundant wealth (d) regular play
- (ii) Life will become worthless through
(a) gambling and drinking (b) regulated life
(c) pure mind (d) healthy body
- (iii) What does the term, 'health' refer to ?
- (iv) Can a wealthy but unhealthy man enjoy life ?
- (v) Fill in the blank using a suitable word from the passage :
The selection in Army Service is made purely on
- (vi) Match the words in the Column A with their antonyms in Column B :

A	B
fresh	use
preserve	stale
	destroy

3. Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow : 4×1=4

He is your field which you sow with love and reap with thanksgiving.
And he is your board and your fireside.
For you come to him with your hunger, and you seek him for peace.
When your friend speaks his mind you fear not the 'nay' in your
own mind, nor do you withhold the 'ay'.

Questions :

- (i) Name the poem and the poet.
(ii) What is the most important thing that one can give to a friend ?
(iii) When we shower our friends with love, what do we earn in return ?
(iv) How is a friend our fireside ?

(3)

or

O pusillanimous Heart, be comforted
And, like a cheerful traveller, take the road
Singing beside the hedge.

Questions :

- (i) Name the poem and the poet.
- (ii) Which figure of speech is used in the first line ?
- (iii) Pusillanimous Heart is
 - (a) a heart that is enjoying life.
 - (b) a heart that is frightened to take risks
 - (c) a heart that is ready to take risks
- (iv) In which manner should one move on a journey ?

Part-III (Writing Skills) (14 Marks)

4. Make a Précis of the following passage and give it a suitable heading : 5

Women, who constitute half of the human population, are encountered with many challenges. Female foeticide is, perhaps, one of the worst form of violence against the women, where a woman is denied her most basic and fundamental rights i.e. 'The Right to Life'. Though there is no particular definition of foeticide provided by the code of criminal procedure but the following definition will clear your concept. "Female foeticide" is the killing of a healthy female foetus in order to get rid of a female child by means of medical termination of Pregnancy (MTP) or Abortion. Female foeticide is considered a criminal offence in India. Abortion is lawful only when the doctor believes that the continuance of the pregnancy may pose a direct threat to the life or the health of the mother or the unborn child. No doubt, if this practice continues, it will disturb the social balance. For a healthy society, the male and female gender ratio must remain at a balanced level. The alarming rate of female foeticide is a cause of great concern, as the number of girls born is decreasing drastically in several sections of our society, thus, exposing females to more exploitation and violence. This state of affairs, if not corrected, will have a disastrous impact on the future generation of our society.

5. Suppose you are Ronit. You live at House No. 57, Jawahar Nagar, Ludhiana. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper complaining against the bad condition of buses in Punjab. 6

or

Suppose you are Varsha. You live at 100-Officers Colony, Moga Road, Ferozepur Cantt. You have passed your Higher Secondary Board Examinations from Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Ferozepur City. Write an application to the Principal of your school to issue you a testimonial of your character and abilities.

6. Explain the newspaper headline in 15-20 words : 3
FACEBOOK : 40 LAKH PLEDGED TO DONATE BLOOD

or

Write an e-mail message to your friend, Gurbir asking him to join you for dinner at your home at the weekend.

Part-IV (Grammar and Translation) (10 Marks)

7. Translate into Punjabi/Hindi : (*any two*) 2×1=2
- (i) Trust in God.
(ii) She forgot her purse at home.
(iii) Will she prepare tea for us ?
8. **Do as Directed :** 2+1+1+1+1+1+1=8
- (i) Fill in the blank with suitable determiners :
(a) Is there milk left in the jug ?
(b) She is as pure as angel.
- (ii) We went (see) him. (Fill in the blank with infinitive)
(iii) Children love (play). (Use Gerund to fill in the blank)
(iv) These fruits are too cheap to be good. (Remove 'too')
(v) He is poor but he is honest. (Change into complex sentence)
(vi) Sit down. (Change the Voice)
(vii) The teacher said, "Honesty is the best policy." (Change the Narration)

Part-V (Literature) (23 Marks)

9. Write down the central idea of any *one* of the poems given below : 3
- (a) The Road Not Taken (b) On Friendship
10. Answer the following questions (*any three*) in 40-50 words : 3×2=6
- (i) What made the driver and the mechanic choose their roles ?
(In celebration of Being Alive)
- (ii) What would have happened if the girl had selected a black pebble in the 'pebble-game' ?
(Thinking out of the Box-Lateral Thinking)
- (iii) What serves as 'little courtesies' in our daily life ? What is the first requirement of civility ?
(On Saying Please)
- (iv) What is the message conveyed by the two boys in the story ? (Two Gentlemen of Verona)
11. Answer the following questions (*any two*) in 40-50 words : 2×2=4
- (i) How many siblings did Bholi have ? Why was Ramlal worried about Bholi ? (Bholi)
(ii) How was Hryukin's bleeding finger a flag of victory ? (A Chameleon)
- (iii) What news did the postman bring ? What was the effect of the news on Mann Singh ?
(The Bull Beneath The Earth)
12. Give in brief the theme of the chapter, 'The Story of My Life'. 5
or
Write a brief character sketch of Hassan in about 100-120 words.
(Hassan's Attendance Problem)
13. Justify the title of the story, 'The Bull Beneath the Earth'. 5
or
Give a brief character sketch of Miss Beam. (The School for Sympathy)