

**Senior Secondary
English (302)
Important Questions**

Section A : Prescribed text

Answer the following questions in a word or sentence.

1. Why did the peasants say the name of God a hundred times? (1)

Ans: To paralyse the evil one.

2. What does Tagore mean by narrow domestic wall? (1)

Ans: Narrow minded thoughts

3. What weapon did Baldeo carry and who gave it to him? (1)

Ans: An axe, given by his father.

Answer following questions in one or two sentences:

4. How does the poet describe 'heaven of freedom'? (2)

Ans: Where the head is held high, knowledge is free. Where people are open minded and rational.

5. Why is the air in grandmother's house described as frozen? (2)

Ans: In the poem "my grandmother's house", Kamala Das described air in grandmother's house as frozen because the house is absolutely silent. No one lives there, even the air does not seem to be moving.

Read the following passage and answer Question No. 6.

As might be expected, in the beginning it was tough for all of us, for mother and my father, for my three sisters and my brother, and for me too. The illness had left me weak. The servants avoided me as though I were an evil eye personified. My sisters treated me with care, as though I were a fragile doll, and mother wept. My father, who was a doctor in the public health service, was grateful that I had got prompt and good medical treatment, for delay would have affected my mind or endangered my life. But he, like the rest, had no hope.

6. Identify the True or False sentences

(3)

(a) According to the passage, the illness had made the family members have a lot of concern for the narrator.

Ans: True

(b) The servants took care of the narrator.

Ans: False

(c) The effect of illness was more on his mother than his father.

Ans: True (April 2024)

Section B: Non-prescribed text

Read the following passage carefully and answer Question No. 7.

This story is being told by a lawyer, Jonathan Harker: In this scene, he hears of 'Walpurgis night'. Some people used to believe that supernatural things happened on this night.

When we started our drive the sun was shining brightly and the air was full of the joyousness of early summer. Just as we were about to depart, Professor Delbruck came down to the carriage and after wishing me a pleasant drive, said to the coachman, Johann, "Remember to be back by nightfall. The sky looks bright but there is a shiver in the north wind that says there may be a sudden storm. But I am sure you will not be late." Here he smiled and added, "for you know what night it is".

Johann, touching his hat, drove off quickly. When we had cleared the town, I said, after signalling to him to stop. "Tell me, Johann, what is tonight?"

He crossed himself, as he answered laconically: 'Walpurgis night'. Then he took out his watch, a great, old-fashioned silver thing as big as a turnip and looked at it, with his eyebrows gathered together. I realised that this was his way of respectfully protesting against the unnecessary delay and so I sank back in the carriage, merely motioning him to proceed. He started off rapidly, as if to make up for the lost time. Every now and then the horses seemed to throw up their heads and sniff the air suspiciously.

7. Complete the following sentences

(3)

(a) The carriage departed at _____.

Ans: the time when the sun was shining brightly and the air was full of the joyousness of early summer.

(b) Professor Delbruck expects a storm because of a 'shiver in the north wind'. He mostly said this because_____.

Ans: it indicated a sudden change in weather despite the bright sky

(c) Walpurgis night is believed to _____ things come on this night.

Ans: be a night when supernatural things happen, and some people believed such things come on this night. **(April 2024)**

Section C: Grammar

8. Report the following sentences in indirect speech: (4)

- a. The man : Where are you going?
- b. The girl : I am going to Kashmir on a trip.
- c. The man: Are you going alone?
- d. The girl : I am going with my father.

Ans:

- a. The man asked the girl where she was going.
- b. The girl replied that she was going to Kashmir on a trip.
- c. The man asked the girl if she was going alone.
- d. The girl replied that she was going with her father.

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9. Fill in the blanks with the correct preposition. (4)

- i) He is passionate _____ playing the guitar.
- ii) The plane flew _____ the clouds.
- iii) The teacher was impressed _____ the students' creativity.
- iv) The kids were excited _____ the prospect of a field trip.

Ans:

- i) about
- ii) through
- iii) by
- iv) about

Section D: Functional Writing Skills

Read the text carefully and answer Question No. 10.

You decided to write an article on how digital gadgets positively affect our relationships, connectivity, and well-being.

10. Choose the correct alternatives: (3)

- i) Select the appropriate title for your article.
 - A. The Rise of Veganism: Impact on Health in the modern age
 - B. Music Strengthening Relationships in the Digital Age

C. Digital Bliss: How Gadgets Enhance Our Relationships

D. The Art of Gardening: How to use your leisure time

Ans: C. Digital Bliss: How Gadgets Enhance Our Relationships.

ii) Choose the key element for better article writing:

A. Focusing on unique points in each paragraph

B. Stressing the same point in each paragraph

C. Including obscure sentences

D. Avoiding introductory paragraph

Ans: A. Focusing on unique points in each paragraph.

11. Read the passage given below and make a summary of it in about 100 words: (5)

Water is not only a commodity, but its true value also includes social, cultural, environmental and economic values. All of these must be considered in deciding different policies and initiatives to realise the goals of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) - social equity, environmental sustainability and economic efficiency. Unfortunately, this is rarely done in many developing countries where poor people often pay much more than the rich for the same water services. Further, the value of water embedded, directly or indirectly, in various products and services also needs recognition. This concept of virtual water now influences production and trade policies, especially in water-stressed areas, enabling the most economic and efficient use of scarce water supplies. The water crisis in many countries today is largely a governance problem. National responses to water-related disasters and shortages, allocation of trans-boundary water resources, management of national water resources, and building capacity and knowledge should all be jointly shared by governments and civil society. In reality, effective and equitable water management is impeded by many factors, such as sector fragmentation, corruption, insufficient aid and investment in the water sector, institutional shortcomings, and lack of stakeholder participation. An integrated approach to water management is the best way to overcome these obstacles. Globally the strategy to improve the overall quality of water resources is based on local level actions. Lessons learned-successes and failures are invaluable sources of information and, if properly shared, will help us to solve some of our most pressing freshwater-related problems.

Ans: Water holds social, cultural, environmental, and economic significance, which should guide policies for Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) to ensure social equity, environmental sustainability, and economic efficiency. However, in many developing nations, the poor pay disproportionately for water services. The concept of virtual water, representing water embedded in products, is vital for efficient resource use, especially in water-stressed areas. The water crisis is mainly due to governance issues, such as poor management and lack of investment.

An integrated approach, involving both governments and civil society, is essential for addressing these challenges and improving water resource management globally.
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Section E: English for receptionists

Answer the following questions in a word or sentence: (2)

12. Who attends a number of significant calls in the front office, involving taking and giving information?.

Ans: Receptionist

13. What are the prime requirements for a receptionist's job?

Ans: Courtesy and good manners

14. Frame the request for the following replies: (3)

- (a) They will close the Hotel Gate at 10.00 pm.
- (b) I shall write to the manager.
- (c) He is attending the conference in Room No. 12.

Ans:

- (a) Could you please confirm what time the hotel gate will be closed?
- (b) Would you mind if I write to the manager?
- (c) Could you please confirm whether he is attending the conference in Room No. 12?

15. How does the Receptionist work like a telephone operator attending in-coming calls ? (4)

Ans: Receptionist has to attend a number of calls every day and these calls involve some giving and taking of information which has to be noted down. Receptionist at reservation and cancellation counters, newspaper office hospitals etc.. often need exact details on several heads. So in order to gather this information they interact with their clients through the telephone.
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