

Quarterly Exam 2022-2023
Class - 10th
Subject - English

Time : 3 Hrs.

M.M. : 75

Instructions -

All questions are compulsory.

Marks of each question are given against them.

SECTION -A (READING)

Q.1- Read the following passages and answer the questions given below them.

There are some benefits of switching over solar energy. First of all, using solar energy is good for our environment. Solar panels do not emit harmful greenhouse gases that cause global warming. Solar panels require very little maintenance because there are no moving parts. They are also that hard to install. They also do not lose much efficiency over the years. The Indian Government and many states offer tax benefits and other incentives to people who decide to install solar panels. Solar energy systems can be used in remote areas. Even if a diesel generator is the technology of choice, solar energy is a better option as it helps us to reduce our electricity bills.

Questions:

(i) Solar panels require very little maintenance because

- a. They have small parts
- b. They are not large
- c. There are no moving parts.
- d. They can be installed in open places.

(ii) Solar panels -

- a. Emit harmful greenhouse gases.
- b. Do not emit harmful greenhouse gases. c. Don't know.
- d. Either a. or b.

(iii) Give the noun form of the word 'decide'.

- a. Decided b. Decision
- c. Decisive d. Deceive

(iv) Govt. offers to the people who install solar panels

- a. Tax benefits b. Other incentives c. Both a. and b. d. None a. and b.

(v) Solar panels:

- a. Increases electricity bills
- b. Reduces electricity bills
- c. Generates petrol
- d. None of the above.

Q.2- Read the following passages and answer the questions given below them.

An old shepherd was playing on a flute on the marshlands outside Rome. He played so sweetly that a lovely fairy came and listened to him. "Will you marry me, and play to me in my castle?" she said. "Yes, yes, lovely lady!" said the shepherd. The fairy put a ring on his finger. At once he became a handsome young man dressed in princely robes. "But I must first go to Rome and bid farewell to my friends", he said. The fairy gave him a golden coach with twelve white horses. As he rode in State to Rome, he met the young Queen of Italy, who invited him to her palace. The shepherd saw that he had won the Queen's heart. He resolved to marry her and become the King of Italy and let the fairy go. So, when he and the Queen were alone together, he knelt down and took her hand, saying: "Marry me, dearest and I will help you to govern Italy." But as soon as he spoke, he turned into an old and rugged shepherd. "What is this horrible beggar doing here?" cried the Queen. "Whip him out of the palace."

Questions:

- (i) The fairy wanted to marry the shepherd because
- (a) he had saved her life.
 - (b) he could play sweetly on his flute.
 - (c) he was very handsome.
 - (d) the shepherd loved her.
- (ii) When the fairy put a ring on his finger, the shepherd____.
- (a) married her
 - (b) disappeared
 - (c) turned into a statue
 - (d) changed into a handsome youth
- (iii) The shepherd went to Rome in a ____.
- (a) boat (b) cart (c) ship (d) coach
- (iv) When the shepherd reached Rome, he
- (a) met his friends there.
 - (b) sought his parents' permission to marry the fairy.
 - (c) planned to marry the Queen of Italy. (d) met the King of Italy.
- (v) The Queen ordered the shepherd to be whipped out of the palace because he
- (a) turned old and ugly.
 - (b) tried to steal her jewels.
 - (c) refused to marry her.
 - (d) revealed his plan to marry the fairy.

SECTION -C (GRAMMAR)

Q.7 Fill in the blanks choosing the correct alternatives given- (Any five)

- (i) His brother is _____ R.J. in a local radio channel. (a/an/the)
- (ii) There is not _____ water in the pool. (some/any/many)
- (iii) _____ I take your pen? (need/may/used)
- (iv) I have ____ Friend.(no/none)
- (v) The Earth _____ round the Sun. (move/moves)
- (vi) He always _____ on time. (comes/come)

Q.8 Do as directed. (Any five)

- (i) He did his work well. (Change into negative)
- (ii) He teaches Hindi. (Change the sentence into Passive Voice)
- (iii) Unless you work hard, you will fail. (Rewrite the sentence using 'if' in place of 'unless')
- (iv) Aman is very intelligent. He can pass this exam easily. (Combine the sentences using 'so----that')
- (v) He taught English. (Change the sentence into Present indefinite Tense)
- (vi) Birds migrate in winter. (Rewrite the sentence in 'past continuous')

SECTION -D (LITERATURE)

Q.9 Answer the following questions.

- (i) How much money was arranged by the postmaster?
(a) 100 pesos (b) 500 pesos (c) 1000 pesos (d) 70 pesos
- (ii) Who has written the poem "Fire and Ice"?
(a) Robert Frost (b) John Keats (c) W.B. Yeats (d) S.T. Coleridge
- (iii) According to Robert Frost, what will end one day ?
(a) world (b) water (c) air (d) plant
- (iv) The tiger looks at-----
(a) cars (b) stars (c) house (d) none
- (v) The lesson 'His First Flight' is about-----
(a) pigeon (b) pilot (c) parrot (d) seagull

Q.10 (A) Read the following extract from the poem and answer the questions given below.

He hears the last voice at night,
The patrolling cars,
And stares with his brilliant eyes
At the brilliant stars.

Questions:

1. From which poem the above lines have been taken?
(a) Dust of Snow (b) Fire and Ice (c) A Tiger in the Zoo
2. What does he stare at?
(a) cars (b) night (c) stars
3. Which of the following is opposite of the word 'brilliant' ?
(a) intelligent (b) glare (c) dull

Q.10 (B) Read the following extract from the prose and answer the questions given below.

I knew that the oppressor must be liberated just as surely as the oppressed. A man who takes away another man's freedom is a prisoner of hatred; he is locked behind the bars of prejudice and narrow mindedness. I am not truly free if I am taking away someone else's freedom, just as surely as I am not free when my freedom is taken from me. The oppressed and the oppressor alike are robbed of their humanity.

Questions:

1. Who is the writer of the lesson from which this text has been taken?
(a) G.L Fuentes (b) Anup Kumar Datta (c) Nelson Mandela
2. A man who takes away another man's freedom is ____
(a) a prisoner of superiority (b) a prisoner of self-value (c) a prisoner of hatred
3. Find out the word from the above text which is opposite of the word 'wide'? (a) liberated (b) narrow (c) robbed

Q.11 Answer the following questions in about 30 words- (any 6)

- (i) What did Lencho hope for?
- (ii) What ideals does he set out for the future of South Africa?
- (iii) Why was the young seagull afraid to fly ?
- (iv) What are those bakers known in Goa? (v) Who was Anne Frank?
- (vi) Which is the smallest district of Karnataka?
- (vii) What was Valli's favourite pastime?

Q.12 Answer the following questions in about 75 words - (any 2)

- (i) Are there people like Lencho in the real world? What kind of a person would you say he is?
- (ii) How did Mandela's understanding of freedom change with age and experience?
- (iii) Describe the pen-portrait of a traditional Goan village baker.

Q.13 What is the central idea of the poem, 'The Trees'?

Or

Describe the pen-portrait of a traditional Goan village baker.

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