

Annual Examination
English
IX

BYC-21/35

Time - 2:30 Hrs

M.M. - 70

Section - A (Reading)

- 1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it-**

Forget, ~~goodwill and equality~~ when it comes to our friendships. (Research has shown that when it comes to picking friends, we feel most comfortable in the company of people who we think are on the same level as us socially or even slightly below us) It doesn't matter how well you are doing; as long as you believe you are better off than your friends and neighbours, you find your life more fulfilling.

This new research might come as a shock to many, but if we are completely honest with ourselves, we would realise that at some point or the other, we must have felt slightly threatened by a friend's success.

Even with the friendships that most of us have left behind, we often believe that the reason it happened was because you drifted apart. But the real reason could be that at some point, one of you could have felt a bit superior or inferior to the other. It could be a fantastic job or a set of great friends that could cause the insecurity. Even if we don't spell it out, chances are that most friendships have a lot going on below the surface.

- a) According to research, when are we most comfortable in choosing friends? 3
- b) What impress us easily when we select a partner or friends? 3
- c) The word in para 1 means the same as 'careful investigation'. 2
- d) Which word in paragraph 3 is the antonym of 'confidence'? 2

Section - B (Writing)

- 2. Write an application to the principal of your school requesting him school leaving certificate.** 4

OR

Write a letter to your father requesting him to send you Rs. 500/- for buying a cricket bat and some other necessary things.

- 3. Write an essay on one of the following topic in about 60 words-** 6

- a) My Best Friend b) My School c) An Indian Farmer
Section - C (Literature)

4. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it-

She never looked back from that point onwards. She toured the United Kingdom with a youth orchestra and by the time she was sixteen, she had decided to make music her life. She auditioned for the Royal Academy of music and scored one of the highest marks in the history of the academy. She gradually moved from orchestral work to solo performances. At the end of her three-year course, she had captured most of the top awards.

- a) What history did Evelyn create for Royal Academy of music? 2

- b) How Evelyn changed her performing style in music? 2

5. Answer any one of the following questions in about 60 words- 4

- a) What two 'important' and 'earth shaking decisions' did the doctor take while he was looking into the mirror?

- b) Where was Abdul Kalam's house?

6. Answer any two of the following questions in about 25 words-

- a) Why was Kezia afraid of her father?

- b) Why did Einstein write a letter to Franklin Roosevelt?

- c) Who were the people in Kezia's family?

7. Match the following words of List-A with their meanings in List-B- 4

List - A

Familiar

Solitary

Attentively

Earnings

List - B

Lonely 2

Known 1

Income 4

Listening carefully 3

8. Read the following lines of poetry and answer the questions given below it-

I will arise and go now, for always night and day

I hear the lake water lapping with low sound by the shore;

While I stand on the roadway, or on the pavements grey,

I hear it in the deep heart's core.

- a) Write the name of the poem and the poet of the given stanza. 2

- b) Where does the poet stand when he hears the sound of the lake water? 2

9. Give the central idea of any one of the following poems- 4

a) The Road Not Taken

b) Rain on the Roof

OR

Write four lines from one of the poems from your textbook.
(Do not copy the lines given in the question paper)

10. Answer any two of the following questions in about 25 words each-

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a) Why does the lost child interest in the things that he had wanted earlier?

b) How does Toto come to grandfather's private zoo?

c) Why was Iswaran an asset to Mahindra?

11. Point out "True" or "False" statements-

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a) Iswaran was an Asset to Mahindra. (True/False)

b) Iswaran was a fascinating story teller. (True/False)

c) The Entire factory was once a burial ground. (True/False)

d) Iswaran belonged to the area which was famous for timber. (True/False)

Section - C (Grammar)

12. Translate the following into English-

नरेन्द्र मोदी का पूरा नाम नरेन्द्र दामोदरदास मोदी है। उनका जन्म 17 सितम्बर 1950 वडनगर, गुजरात में हुआ था। नरेन्द्र मोदी एक भारतीय राजनीतिज्ञ और वर्तमान में भारत के 15 वें प्रधानमंत्री हैं। भारत के राष्ट्रपति ने 26 मई 2014 को नरेन्द्र मोदी को प्रधानमंत्री पद की शपथ दिलाई थी।

13. Do as indicated against each of the following sentences-

a) Frame a correct sentence by reordering the words- 2
Good are Indian players.

b) Change the following sentence into Passive Voice- 2
Radha washes the clothes.

c) Change the following sentences into Indirect Narration- 2
Ravi said to me, "Mahesh is a teacher."

d) Choose the correct preposition from the words given below- 2

His friend died cancer. (with, in, of)

e) Fill in the blank with suitable articles- 2

i) She has umbrella. (an, a, the)

ii) Ganga is a sacred river of India. (the, a, an)

f) Punctuate the following using capital letters wherever necessary- 2

my brother said to me you should not waste your time on sundays