

## II TERM EXAMINATION (2022-2023)

CLASS : X (ICSE)

Time : 2 hrs

SUBJECT - ENGLISH LANGUAGE (PAPER - 1)

M.M. : 80

### General Instructions:

- \* Answers to this paper must be written on the paper provided separately.
- \* You will not be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes.
- \* This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.
- \* The time given at the head of this paper is the time allowed for writing the answer.
- \* Attempt all five questions.
- \* The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [ ] you are advised to spend not more than 30 minutes in answering question 1 and 20 minutes in answering question 2.

Q.1 (Do not spend more than 30 minutes on this question).

Write a composition (300 - 350 words) on any one of the following: [20]

- (i) Write an original short story which illustrates the truth of the statement 'With faith in yourself, you can achieve anything'.
- (ii) "It is better to live in a joint family than a nuclear family" express your views either for or against this statement.
- (iii) Describe an important skill that a person should learn in order to lead a successful life.
- (iv) Narrate an incident which made you realise that forgiveness is nobler than revenge.
- (v) Study the picture given below. Write a story or a description or an account of what it suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or you may take suggestions from it; however, there must be a clear connection between the picture and your composition.



Q.2 (Do not spend more than 20 minutes on this question).

Select any one of the following: [10]

- (i) Write a letter to your younger sister advising her to read books regularly, impressing upon her the need for doing so.
- (ii) Write a letter to the editor of a reputed news paper raising your concern for the problem of open manholes in your area.

Q.3 (i) Your school is hosting an Inter School Hockey Tournament. Write a notice for the same informing the students about the event. [5]

(ii) Write an e-mail to the Principal of a neighbouring school informing him/ her of the event and requesting him/ her to send a team to participate. [5]

Q.4 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Smiley was the most curious man always betting on anything that turned up. He was lucky and he almost always came out as the winner. He caught a frog one day, and took him home. He did nothing for three months but set it in his backyard and taught the frog to jump. He'd give him a little punch behind, and the next minute the frog would whirl in the air like a doughnut. He got him up so in the matter of catching of catching flies, and kept him in practice so constant that he would nail a fly every time

as far as he could see him. You never see a frog so modest and straightforward as he was, for all he was so gifted.

Smiley kept the beast in a little cardboard box, and used to fetch him downtown sometimes and lay for a bet. One day a stranger came across and said, "What is that you've got in the box?"

Smiley said, "It might be a parrot, or it might be a canary, but it is just a frog." And the stranger took it, and looked at it carefully, and turned it round in all direction and asked, "What's he good for?"

Smiley replied, "He's good enough for one thing, and I'll bet forty dollars that he can outjump any frog in Calaveras County."

The stranger said, "I'm only a stranger here, and I don't have any frog: but if I had a frog, I would have had a bet with you."

Smiley said, "That's all right, if you'll hold my box a minute, I'll go and get you a frog." And so the stranger took the box, and put up his forty dollars along with Smiley's, and sat down to wait.

So the stranger sat there for some time thinking and then he got the frog out and opened his mouth and took a teaspoon and left him with of quail - shot up to his chin and set him on the floor. Smiley went to the swamp and slopped around in the mud for a long time, and finally caught a frog and fetched him in, and gave to the stranger.

"Now if you're ready, set him alongside of my frog, with his forepaws just even with those of my frog, and I'll give the word." Then he said, "One - two -three- jump!" and he and the stranger touched up the frogs from behind, and the new frog hopped off lively, but Smiley's frog could not **budge**. Smiley was surprised, and was disgusted too, but he didn't have any idea what the matter was.

The stranger took the money from the bet and went away happily. Smiley stood scratching his head and looking down at his frog. At last he said, "I wonder if there is something odd about the matter with him - he appears mighty baggy, somehow." And he caught his frog up by the nap of the neck, and turned him upside down and he **belched** out a double handful of pellets. And then he saw how it was, and he was the maddest man - he set the frog down and set out after that stranger, but he never found him.

- (i) For each of the word given below, choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the options provided. [3]
- (1) constant (line 6)
- (a) happening or existing all the time or again and again.
  - (b) fluctuating.
  - (c) changeful.
  - (d) hesitant.
- (2) budge (line 30)
- (a) to move or make something move a little
  - (b) oppose
  - (c) repel
  - (d) hold off
- (3) belched ( line 36 )
- (a) restrain
  - (b) shocked
  - (c) ejected violently
  - (d) stopped
- (ii) Answer the following questions briefly in your own words
- (a) Why did Smiley keep a frog with him? [2]
  - (b) How did Smiley train the frog to jump? [2]
  - (c) How did the stranger get a frog? [1]
  - (d) What was the bet between Smiley and the stranger? [2]
  - (e) What were the feelings of Smiley after losing the bet? What did he do then? [2]
- (iii) In not more than 50 words, state how the stranger managed to win the bet. [8]

- Q. 5 (i) Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets. Do not copy the passage but write the answers in correct serial order. [4]

**Example** 0 Answer - disapproved.

One of the world's greatest music composers George Frederick Handel, was the son of a man who 0 (disapprove) music.

Handel, however, had an aunt, who 1 (teach) him to sing and gave him a clavichord, a musical instrument like piano, to play 2 (secret) in the attic. In due course of time, Handel's father was 3 (appoint) as a surgeon to the court of Duke Johan Adoph I.

One day having learnt that Handel played his 4 (music) instrument, the Duke's organist 5 (invite) him to play the great court organ. The organist 6 (amaze) to hear what young Handel could do and took him to play for the Duke. At the end of the 7 (perform) the Duke called in Handel's father and suggested that his son should study music. The 8 (suggest) from the Duke was very much a command. Thus the composer of The Messiah began a great career in music. [4]

- (ii) Fill in the banks with appropriate words. [4]

- (a) Amit has always been good \_\_\_\_\_ drawing.
- (b) Our request for a picnic was turned \_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) The two friends quarrelled \_\_\_\_\_ a trifle.
- (d) He bore \_\_\_\_\_ the first prize in the competition.
- (e) My house is adjacent \_\_\_\_\_ the temple.
- (f) His timely help saved us \_\_\_\_\_ bankruptcy.
- (g) Enthusiasm for the new project has fallen \_\_\_\_\_.
- (h) His services have been dispensed \_\_\_\_\_.

- (iii) Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using 'and', 'but' or 'so'. Choose the correct option. [4]

- (1) He is rich. He is unhappy.
  - (a) He is rich therefore he is unhappy.
  - (b) He is unhappy as he is rich.
  - (c) Being rich, he is unhappy.
  - (d) In spite of his riches, he is unhappy.
- (2) Work hard. you will not pass.
  - (a) Work hard therefore you will not pass.
  - (b) If you had not worked hard, you will not pass.
  - (c) If you did not work hard, you will not pass.
  - (d) If you do not work, you will not pass.
- (3) Arjun went to bed. He fell asleep.
  - (a) Arjun fell asleep therefore he went to bed.
  - (b) Arjun fell asleep if he went to bed.
  - (c) Arjun fell asleep unless he went to bed.
  - (d) No sooner did Arjun go to bed than he fell asleep.
- (4) Lead an active life. Therefore you can be healthy.
  - (a) If you lead an active life, you can be healthy.
  - (b) If you did lead an active life therefore you can be healthy.
  - (c) If you had lead an active life therefore you can be healthy.
  - (d) If you being an active life, you can be healthy.

- (iv) Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given after each. Make other changes that may be necessary, but do not change the meaning of each sentence. Choose the correct options. [8]

- (1) The captain said, "I am happy to be here this evening."  
(Begin: The captain \_\_\_\_\_)
  - (a) The captain said that he was happy to be there that evening.
  - (b) The captain said that he had been happy to be there that evening.
  - (c) The captain ordered that he did happy to be there that evening.
  - (d) The captain investigated to be happy that evening.

- (2) She found the climate of Shimla favourable and decided to live there.  
 ( Begin : Having found \_\_\_\_\_ )
- (a) Having found the climate of Shimla favourable, she decided to live there.  
 (b) Having find the climate of Shimla favourable, she decided to live there.  
 (c) Having been found the climate of Shimla favourable, she decided to live there.  
 (d) Having had found the climate of Shimla favourable, she decided to live there.
- (3) He is the cleverest man I have ever met.  
 ( Begin : I have never met \_\_\_\_\_ )
- (a) I have never mat any other man as cleverest as he.  
 (b) I have never mat a man cleverer than him.  
 (c) I have never mat a man cleverest than him.  
 (d) I have never mat a man as cleverest as him.
- (4) Very few cities are as beautiful as Jaipur.  
 ( End : \_\_\_\_\_ cities.)
- (a) Jaipur is more beautiful than most other cities.  
 (b) Jaipur is more beautiful than any other cities.  
 (c) Jaipur is the most beautiful cities.  
 (d) Jaipur is not one of the most beautiful cities.
- (5) He worked hard. He did not succeed.  
 ( Begin : In spite \_\_\_\_\_ )
- (a) In spite of being working hard, he did not succeed.  
 (b) In spite of rather working hard, he did not succeed.  
 (c) In spite of having been working hard, he did not succeed.  
 (d) In spite of working hard, he did not succeed.
- (6) Unless he is invited, he will not come.  
 ( Begin : If \_\_\_\_\_ )
- (a) If he is not invited, he will not come.  
 (b) If he was not invited, he will not come.  
 (c) If he did not invited, he will not come.  
 (d) If he will not be invited, he will not come.
- (7) As soon as he finishes his work, he starts playing.  
 ( Begin : No sooner \_\_\_\_\_ )
- (a) No sooner did he finish his work than he starts playing.  
 (b) No sooner did he finished his work than he started playing.  
 (c) No sooner had he finished his work than he started playing.  
 (d) No sooner does he finish his work than he starts playing.
- (8) My friend scolded me.  
 ( Begin: I \_\_\_\_\_ )
- (a) I had been scolded by my friend.  
 (b) I have been scolded by my friend.  
 (c) I was scolded by my friend.  
 (d) I was being scolded by my friend.

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