

**H.P. BOSE**  
**Sample Paper**  
**Session-2021-22**

**SECOND TERMINAL EXAM 2022**

**English**

**Time:3 Hrs**

**Class : XI**

**M.M.: 50**

Note : All the questions are compulsory. Observe word limit wherever prescribed.

**Section A (Reading Skill)**

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.
  - i) Our earth has a fine layer of soil at the surface. All plants grow in this soil only. Under the soil there are rocks of various kinds. Nature takes millions of years to form an inch of the soil in thickness. But sometimes a single heavy shower can wash it off. Such a thing doesn't happen in places where we have forests or lots of trees. The roots of trees hold the soil together and protect it from being washed off.
  - ii) We have trees not only for their usefulness, but also for their beauty. They refresh the eyes and bring peace to mind. That is why our ancient Rishis were attracted to the forests. They lived in their forest homes or Ashrams in the company of nature. It was in these ashrams that they taught their pupils. When Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore started a school, he also chose a place full of trees. He called it 'Shantiniketan' or the 'Home of peace'.

- iii) There was a time when our hills, mountains and even plains were covered with huge forests. As the population grew, trees were cut down to meet the demand for fuel and timber. Thus our wonderful forests came to be destroyed. Now we don't have enough trees to give us firewood even. So people are forced to burn cattle dung which ought to be saved for use as manure. Cattle dung is very necessary to maintain the fertility of soil. Chemical fertilizers alone can't help. In many areas where only chemical fertilizers are used, the crop yields have started falling.
  - iv) There is another grave danger. Now we don't have enough trees to treat all the carbon dioxide that is being produced in our homes, factories and by our autos. The air remains polluted and it can give us a number of serious diseases.
  - v) Trees are man's best friends. They are God's greatest gift to man. They are invaluable wealth of a nation. It is our sacred duty to protect them and look after them well. For every tree that is cut down, we must plant at least two new trees and take care of them. If we don't care for trees, they too will stop caring for us. And then imagine what will happen!
- A i) Which part of a tree holds the soil together?
- a) stem
  - b) roots
  - c) leaves
  - d) flowers
- ii) The school 'Shantiniketan' was started by-
- a) Mahatma Gandhi
  - b) Jawaharlal Nehru
  - c) Rabindranath Tagore
  - d) Subhash Chandra Bose

- iii) Trees were cut down to meet the demand for
- a) fuel                      b) food  
c) timber                    d) both (a) and (c)
- iv) Where did our ancient Rishis live?
- a) towns                    b) villages  
c) palaces                  d) ashrams
- B) Find the word from the given choices which has the same meanings as the following
- 1) holy
- a) sincere                  b) sacred  
c) wise                      d) secret                      5×1=5
2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :
- i) Much before medical science discovered it, Reader's Digest came out with the precription laughter is the best medicine. Newspapers and magazines which regularly run humour column are, therefore, doing their bit to keep the readers in good health. Reading light articles, whether they be satirical, comic or just humorous, relieves the tedium of work-a-day world. Some piece may even tickle one's grey matter.
- ii) It is said that if you laugh for ten minutes, you will be in a better position to put up with pain for two hours. According to us researchers, laughter is a good antidote to stress that tones up the system. Facial laugh, muscles instruct the brain to 'feel good' regardless of how you feel.

- iii) According to a French doctor, laughter deepens, breathing, improves blood circulation, speeds up the process of tissue healing and stabilises many body functions. In short, it acts as a power drug with no side effects. Researchers state that laughter stimulates production of beta endomorphins, natural painkillers in the body and improves digestion. Those who laugh are less prone to digestive disorders and ulcers.
  - iv) Some people in France have made it a career. You can hire a 'jovialist' who cracks jokes and laughs and promises to make you dissolve your worries in helpless laughter.
  - v) A word a caution. Although laughing is a good exercise for toning up the facial muscles, laughing at others expense, particularly at their disabilities is in bad taste and is to be avoided. Secondly, laughing with food in the mouth is dangerous as food stuff can get into the windpipe and may choke the respiratory system.
  - vi) Eating, anyway, is a serious business not to be trifled with, by any jocular diversion. Laughter comes best when it is free of encumbrances, whether it is constricting food or the need to humour the boss.
- Q. On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it, in points only, using recognizable abbreviations where necessary.

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## **Section-B**

### **Writing Skill**

3. Write a paragraph on the topic 'Cleanliness' in about 100 words, using the following hints.

Keeping surroundings clean-learn this habit at a young age-good for society donot litter the streets- roadside with garbage and rubbish-advise friends-neighbours clean society- clean habits- good health.

or

Write a report on the 'Annual Day Celebrations' in your school in about 100 words. 4

4. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper, complaining about nuisance of loudspeakers in your town.

or

Write a letter to your friend congratulating him on his success in examination. 4

5. 'Work is worship'. Discuss in about 100 words.

or

Write a short composition on 'Environmental Pollution' in about 100 words. 4

## **Section-C**

### **Grammar**

- 6) Do as directed :

- i) He always \_\_\_\_\_ (take) his coffee without sugar.

(Write the correct form of verb)

- ii) Honest men always speak \_\_\_\_\_ truth.  
(Fill a suitable article)
- iii) \_\_\_\_\_ his soul rest in peace. (Use suitable modal)  
(3×1=3)
7. Correct any three of the following sentences :
- i) Her hairs are black.
- ii) She is my cousin sister.
- iii) I am not afraid from you.
- iv) Prices have rose very high. (3×1=3)
8. Reorder the words given in the following sentences to form meaningful sentences :
- i) Ashoka/Indian/greatest/rulers/of/of/the/was/one
- ii) animal/man/a/is/reasoning. (2×1=2)

#### **Section-D**

#### **Literature**

9. Answer the following questions (any three) briefly in a line or word.
- i) Who is the poet of the poem 'The voice of the Rain'?
- ii) What has been called the 'Poem of the Earth'?
- iii) How does rain give back life to the Earth?
- iv) In the poem 'The voice of the Rain', who is the poet speaking to?
- a) Himself                      b) Showers of rain
- c) Earth                              d) Leaves (3×1=3)

- 10) Answer the following questions briefly (in a line or word)  
Attempt any six :
- i) What is 'Shanshui'?
  - ii) Who was Quinten?
  - iii) What is 'raw art', outsider art and 'art brut'? Give an example of such an art form.
  - iv) Which are the four principal biological systems of the earth?
  - v) What does the notice, 'the world's most dangerous animal,' at a cage in the zoo at Lusaka, Zambia, signify?
  - vi) Why have several species of wild life become extinct ?
  - vii) Who created the Rock Garden at Chandigarh? (6×1=6)
11. Answer any one of the following questions in about 125 words.  
Contrast the Chinese view of art with the European view with examples.

or

We have not inherited this earth from our forefathers; we have borrowed it from our children. Discuss.

12. Answer the following questions briefly (in a line or a word)  
(any six)
- i) What did Mr Koch think of Albert?
  - ii) Which country did Albert Einstein belong to?
  - iii) What do you understand of Einstein's nature from his conversation with his history teacher?
  - iv) What did the king order to be built?

- v) Who was finally crowned the king of the country?
- vi) Who was the wisest man brought to the king?
- vii) What is the name of your supplementary Reader?

(6×1=6)

13. Answer any one of the following questions is about 125 words.

The school system often curbs individual talents. Discuss.

or

What impression do you gather of a state where the king was  
'just and placid'?

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