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Class-XII

Sub-Eng

Time-3hrs

F.M-80

Reading Section (20)

Q.1 Read the passage given below and answer the question that follow:- (10)

The most alarming of man's assaults upon the environment is the contamination of air, earth, rivers, and sea with lethal materials. This pollution is for the most part irrevocable, the chain of evil it initiates is for the most part irreversible. In this contamination of the environment, chemicals are the sinister partners of radiation in changing the very nature of the world; radiation released through nuclear explosions into the air, comes to the earth in rain, lodges into soil, enters the grass or corn, or wheat grown there and reaches the bones of a human being, there to remain until his death. Similarly, chemicals sprayed on crops lie long in soil, entering living organisms, passing from one to another in a chain of poisoning and death. Or they pass by underground streams until they emerge and combine into new forms that kill vegetation, sicken cattle, and harm those who drink from once pure wells.

It took hundreds of millions of years to produce the life that now inhabits the earth and reached a stage of adjustment and balance with its surroundings. The environment contained elements that were hostile as well as supporting. Even within the light of the sun, there were short wave radiations with power to injure. Given time, life has adjusted and a balance reached. For time is the essential ingredient, but in the modern world there is no time.

(a) On the basis of your understanding of the above passage make notes on it using heading and sub-heading. Use recognizable abbreviations (wherever necessary-minimum four) and a format you consider suitable, Also supply a title to it.

(b) Write a summary of the passage in above 80 words.

Q.2 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:- (10)

Healthy diet is a diet which contain all nutrient such as proteins, fats, vitamins, carbohydrates, roughage and water in appropriate proportion. A healthy diet is one that helps to maintain or improve overall health. The need for a healthy diet can be met from a variety of plant based or animal based foods. A healthy diet supports energy needs and provides healthy body to human beings. It avoids the risk of weight gain or toxicity.

Various nutrition guides are published by medical or government institutes to educate individuals on what they should be eating to promote health. In some countries it is compulsory to stick labels of nutrition facts on the products. This way consumers can choose their required components before buying.

The idea of diet therapy i.e using diet choice to maintain health and improves poor health is quite old and is used in modern life also.

Complete the following statements.

- (i) A healthy diet is a diet _____
- (ii) Healthy diet helps to _____
- (iii) We can meet the need of healthy diet from _____
- (iv) A healthy diet gives a _____ body to human beings.
- (v) If we take healthy diet, we avoid the risk of _____
- (vi) Nutrition guides are published by _____ or _____
- (vii) Lables of nutrition facts help consumer to _____
- (viii) _____ word in the passage means suitable.

Writing Skill (30)

Q.3 An NGO has approached your school to offer book grants to the needy students. As Head girl of Sunshine Public School, Aram Bagh, write a notice in about 50 words asking students who are in need to put their request into the box kept outside the Principal's office. (4)

Q.4 You are Principal, Kendriya Vidyalaya Ramnagar. The number of students in the computer class is increasing. Next year starting in April 2020, You will need 25 more computers in your lab. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the commissioner, K.V. Sangathan for funds. (6)

Q.5 Our performance in Rio Olympics has told us that we do not pay enough attention to athletics and outdoor games. It is time we reaced our attitude. Sports should be an important part of school's daily routine. Write an article in 150-200 words in 'Importance of Outdoor Games' You are Sreeja/Thomas. (10)

Q.6 Culture Society Sunshine Public School, Nellore organized an adult literary camp in its neighbourhood. Write a report in 150-200 words on the camp for your school newsletter. You are P.V. Sunitha, Secretary. Use the following clues:-

No. of volunteers-hours spent in teaching-location of the class- chairs, blackboards- no. of people attending the camp-benefit. (10)

Literature section (30)

Q.7 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (1x4=4)

Far far from gusty waves these children's faces.
Like rootless weeds, the hair torn round their pallor;
The tall girl with her weighed-down head.

- (a) Who are these children ?
- (b) Which figure of speech has been used in the first two lines ?
- (c) Why is the tall girl's head weighed down ?
- (d) What does the word, 'pallor' mean ?

Q.8 Answer any four to the following: (4x2=8)

- (a) Why is Antarctica the place to go to, to understand the earth's present, past and future ?
- (b) Dr. Sadao was compelled by his duty as a doctor to help the enemy soldier, what made Hana, his wife sympathetic to him in the face of open defiance from the domestic staff ?
- (c) What explanations does the author offer for the children not wearing foot wear ?
- (d) How did Douglas overcome his fear of water ?
- (e) Why has the mother been compared to the late winter's moon ?

Q.9 What makes human beings love life inspite of troubles and sufferings? (4)

Q.10 The peddler comes out as a person with a great sense of humour. How does this serve in lightening the seriousness of the theme of the story and also endear him to us ? (4)

Q.11 Good human values are far above any other value system. How did Dr. Sadao succeed as a doctor as well as patriot? (5)

Q.12 Garbage to them is gold. How do ragpickers of Seemapuri survive?

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