

APEEJAY COMMON ANNUAL EXAMINATION, 2021-2022
CLASS-VII
ENGLISH

Time allowed: 2hrs.

Maximum Marks: 50

General Instructions:

This paper is divided into four sections

- Section A: Reading (10 marks)
- Section B: Writing (12 marks)
- Section C: Grammar (10 marks)
- Section D: Literature (18 marks)

1. Attempt all questions.
 2. Mention the question number against every question.
 3. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet.
 4. Adhere to the word limit given with each question.
 5. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.
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SECTION – A: READING (10 marks)

I. Read the passage and answer the following questions given below. (10x1=10 marks)

(1) One day Nandu rode his horse to the village fair. On his way back he met Somendra, the merchant. The merchant was a crafty man, ready to do anything to earn some money. The villagers knew this. In fact no one knew what trick he would be up to next. Now, Nandu was poor and had no one in the world to call his own except a beautiful, white horse. He loved it more than anything else in the world. The merchant had his eye on the horse for a long time and tried to think of a way to get it for himself. Seeing Nandu, the merchant thought, "Nandu is a simpleton. Let me see if I can trick him out of his horse." So he said to Nandu, "You live all alone. How do you manage? What does a young boy like you need with a horse? Sell it to me and I shall make you rich in return." Nandu replied, "No, I don't want to sell my horse."

(2) But the merchant refused to give up so easily. He offered Nandu more money. Finally, when the offer reached five hundred gold coins, Nandu paused and said, "Five hundred gold coins seems like a good price. But I have a condition. If you agree to it, I shall give you my horse." "What is it?", the merchant asked impatiently. "Give me the money right now and I shall give you my horse when I have given you ten lashes." After all he would resell the horse for over a thousand gold coins in the market. He would take twenty lashes for such a gain. He agreed instantly. He ran home and got the money for Nandu and brought along his whip as well. Nandu counted the money carefully. He then took the whip and the lashes fell on the merchant's back in quick succession. By the eighth lash the merchant was almost in tears but he told himself that there were only two lashes to go and the horse would be his. The merchant held his breath waiting for the final lashes. But Nandu had mounted his horse and was riding off. "Wait!", shouted the merchant in anger. "What about the last lashes? Where are you going with the horse? We had a deal."

(3) Nandu stopped and said, "I agreed to give you the horse only after I had given you ten lashes. But it is upsetting my horse. I'll give you the last lashes later. Till then goodbye!" "Come back you cheat!", the merchant shouted. But the crowd that had gathered around agreed with Nandu. A deal was a deal. Till the last lash was given, the horse could not belong to the merchant. Nandu rode away richer by five hundred gold coins and Somendra waited in vain for several days for the final lash which never came.

Q1.1 Why did Nandu set the condition of giving the merchant ten lashes?

- a. to discourage the merchant from buying his horse.
- b. to demonstrate how painful whipping was so that the merchant would never hit the horse.
- c. to bargain with the merchant to offer more money.
- d. to outwit the merchant who was trying to cheat him.

Q1.2 Why did the bystanders take Nandu's side in the argument?

- i. They hoped that Nandu would give them a reward from the five hundred gold coins he had earned.
 - ii. They were sure that the merchant would ill-treat the horse and wanted to prevent that from happening.
 - iii. They knew that the merchant was a cheat and Nandu would be miserable without his horse of which he was very fond.
- a. Only i
 - b. Both i & iii
 - c. Only iii
 - d. None of these

Q1.3 What made the merchant agree to Nandu's strange condition for buying the horse?

- a. He wanted to show Nandu how brave he was.
- b. The thought of the profit he would make on selling the horse.
- c. The fear that Nandu would raise the price of his horse otherwise.
- d. He did not think that Nandu would actually whip him.

Q1.4 Which of the following options best describes the merchant's reputation in the village?

- a. He was enterprising and had made a lot of money.
- b. He was dishonest and would do anything to get what he wanted.
- c. He would squander his money on things he liked.
- d. He was generous and helped the less fortunate.

Q1.5 Choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word 'gathered' (as used in the passage).

- a. dissolved
- b. collected
- c. dispersed
- d. distributed

Q1.6 What reason did Nandu cite for not giving the merchant the final lashes?

Q1.7 Why did Nandu consider selling his horse to the merchant?

Q1.8 Choose a word from the passage that is SIMILAR in meaning to 'exchange'.

Q1.9 Choose a word from the passage that is SIMILAR in meaning to 'a brief stop'.

Q1.10 What did the merchant offer Nandu in exchange of his horse?

SECTION – B: WRITING (12 marks)

Q2. Television is a popular source of entertainment. The school going children spend most of their leisure time in watching television. Write an essay on the harmful effects of viewing television in about 200 words. (4 marks)

Q3. Write a letter to the editor of The Times of India about the misuse and poor maintenance of the public park located in your area. You may use the following hints given below: (4 marks)
Hints: deplorable condition – heaps of garbage – not well lit – poses problems to children and elderly people – frequently visited by lawless people. (120 words)

Q4. On the basis of the information provided below, write a short biography on **Joanne Rowling** in about 120 words. (4 marks)

British Novelist

Pen Names — J. K. Rowling, Robert Galbraith

Born —31 July 1965, Yate, Gloucestershire

Education — St. Michael's Primary School, The University of Exeter, England

Works — Best known for Harry Potter (2007), a series of seven fantasy novels

Personal life — Lives in Scotland with her husband and three children

Currently UK's best-selling living author

SECTION – C: GRAMMAR (10 marks)

Choose the correct option:

(10x1=10 marks)

Q5. The soldiers marched ahead and showed tremendous bravery.

- a. Simple sentence
- b. Compound sentence
- c. Complex sentence
- d. None of the above

Q6. You _____ keep the scissors away from the baby.

- a. should
- b. could
- c. may
- d. might

Q7. You go home if you have completed your work.

- a. ought to
- b. need to
- c. may
- d. would

Q8. The wise try to improve themselves _____ the fools keep blaming their luck.

- a. therefore
- b. whether
- c. whereas
- d. still

Q9. We are _____ composing the music for a film _____ directing a film.

- a. not only ...but also
- b. both...but
- c. no sooner ... than
- d. whether ... or

Q10. Change the following sentence into indirect speech.

He said, " I've lived here for a long time."

- a. He said that he has lived there for a long time.
- b. He said that he had lived there for a long time.
- c. He said that he had been living there for a long time.
- d. None of the above

Q11. Change the following sentence into indirect speech.

She said to Raman, "Have you seen this play before?"

- a. She asked Raman if he had seen that play before.
- b. She told Raman if he had seen that play before.
- c. She asked Raman have you seen that play earlier.
- d. She asked Raman whether he has seen that play before.

Q12. Identify the underlined word.

The great advantage of early rising is the head start it gives you in your day's work.

- a. Infinitive
- b. Gerund
- c. Participle
- d. Bare infinitive

Q13. Change the following sentence into passive voice.

Will you pay the money?

- a. Won't you pay the money?
- b. The money will be paid by you.
- c. Will the money be paid by you?
- d. Will the money be paid by me?

Q14. Change the following sentence into passive voice.

He is reading his favourite comic.

- a. His favourite comic has been read by him.
- b. His favourite comic will be read by him.
- c. His favourite comic was being read by him.
- d. His favourite comic is being read by him.

SECTION – D: LITERATURE (18 marks)

Q15. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:

(6x1=6 marks)

(A) All the world's a stage

And all the men and women merely players
They have their exits and their entrances,
And one man in his time plays many parts,
His acts being seven ages.

- i. Name the poem and the poet.
- ii. Identify the literary device used in the above stanza.
- iii. What do the words 'exits' and 'entrances' refer to?

(B) I long woo'd your daughter, my suit you denied: -

Love swells like the Solway, but ebbs like its tide-
And now I am come, with this lost love of mine
To lead but one measure, drink one cup of wine.

- i. Who said this and to whom?
- ii. What does 'to lead but one measure' mean here?
- iii. Name the poem and the poet.

Q16. Answer any four out of the five questions given below in about 30-40 words. (4x2=8Marks)

- (a) The postmaster 'felt like a fish out of water' in the village. Explain with reasons.
- (b) Did the postmaster take Ratan's request of taking her along seriously? What was the effect on her?
- (c) Do you think that Bholenath was actually a brave man? Give reasons for your answer.
- (d) For what reasons did the people want the governor to reverse his decision?
- (e) Why was the tiger frightened when he huddled outside Naini's hut?

Q17. Write a diary entry in about 80- 100 words describing the governor's feelings on receiving the child's letter. (4 marks)