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APEEJAY COMMON ANNUAL EXAMINATION, 2019-20

ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hrs.

Class – VIII

Maximum Marks : 80

This question paper is divided into four sections :

<i>Section-A</i>	<i>:</i>	<i>Reading</i>	<i>15 marks</i>
<i>Section-B</i>	<i>:</i>	<i>Writing</i>	<i>25 marks</i>
<i>Section-C</i>	<i>:</i>	<i>Grammar</i>	<i>20 marks</i>
<i>Section-D</i>	<i>:</i>	<i>Literature</i>	<i>20 marks</i>

General Instructions :

- ✦ *Attempt all questions.*
- ✦ *Do not write anything on the question paper.*
- ✦ *Answer the questions in each section before attempting the next section.*
- ✦ *All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper.*
- ✦ *Adhere to word limit given with each question.*
- ✦ *Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.*
- ✦ *This question paper contains 12 questions.*

Section-A

(READING)

(15marks)

1. Read the passage given below carefully :

- (1) Vegetables are an important part of human diet. The number of plant families we used to eat thousands of years ago was greater than the restricted range we eat today.
- (2) The green vegetables consist of leaves, buds, young shoots and often the entire plant. They contain plenty of vitamins, certain proteins, cellulose and water. Roots and tubers can be a source of nutrients for the plant itself and may have different nutritional values for humans.

Though some of the vegetables can be eaten raw, cooking these with a reasonable amount of oil or ghee and the common kitchen spices is an established practice in most part of the world.

- (3) Vegetables are a delightful way to lighten up a meal and they combine well with most other food items like cereals and grains. Being, in general, light and moist, they are some of the easiest foods to digest when properly prepared. Researchers have found that regular and more use of vegetables can help in preventing serious health hazards like cancer, heart disease and obesity.
- (4) Not only are vegetables a rich source of vitamins, minerals and many other essential nutrients, they are also one of the natural foods for mankind which act as a good anti-oxidant agent. Iron is an essential constituent of our blood chemistry and is needed to maintain a healthy level of haemoglobin. Some of the vegetables like spinach, lettuce, tomatoes, and peas are a good source of natural iron and their regular use, especially by women, is a great nutritional health. Since vegetables are low on calories and help to lose weight, one should while increasing the level of activity, escalate their consumption.
- (5) Vegetables are also very low in the kind of fat linked to heart disease and they do not raise cholesterol. Health scientists have shown their concern that due to the change in lifestyle; the average Indian is now more prone to heart disease. An easily digestible diet made of simply boiled or freshly cooked vegetables with a minimum amount of oil is recommended to keep body fit and healthy.
- (6) Cabbage, carrot, cauliflower, pumpkin, capsicum, broccoli, green beans, spinach, mustard leaves, peas, and tomatoes are some of the vegetables which have very good nutrition value. Apart from their consumption as a dish, some other of these like onion, garlic, coriander, mint, radish and cucumber are also used as household health remedies. Due to the increased use of pesticides, all the vegetables should be sufficiently washed before cooking. Eating of salads and raw vegetables require more careful cleansing.

On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the given questions briefly.
(8 marks)

- (i) Which line conveys the idea that we eat less vegetable today than before? Write it.
- (ii) Why should we eat green vegetables?
- (iii) "an established practice" (Para 2). Which established practice is the author referring to?

- (iv) Why are vegetables easy to digest?
- (v) How are vegetables good for very fat people and heart patients?
- (vi) What diet does the author recommend for keeping the body fit and healthy?
- (vii) Why does the author recommend that vegetables, especially salads should be properly washed?
- (viii) Find words from the passage which mean the same :

dangers / risks (Para 3)

increase / speed up (Para 4)

2. Read the following poem carefully :

For those who toil from morn to night
For those who fight with their mental might
For those who climb up steep steps
While others turn back losing hope
Nothing succeeds like success.
It may make you attempt
May be one, two or three.
Obstacles will put you down
From them you must break free.
For those who sacrifice today
To get a better tomorrow
Nothing succeeds like success.
Keep trying, keep working without looking back
Remain motivated, don't lose track.
Success is a journey
Not a destination.
And when you reach its station
With hope and determination
You'll realize like others have
Nothing succeeds like success.

(a) Answer the following questions briefly. (2)

- (i) Suggest a suitable title for the poem.
- (ii) What message does the poet want to convey?

(b) Given below is the summary of the poem. Complete it by writing the missing word against the correct blank number. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 10 = 5$)

If one wants to be (a) one will have to (b) hard from morning till night. Success can easily be achieved by those who use the power of their (c) to fight all odds, overcome all (d) and not ever lose (e) Sometimes one has to sacrifice one's present for a better (f) One has to keep trying and (g) without looking back at the past. One has to constantly motivate oneself and remain on a single (h) i.e. one clear goal. With hope and (i) one is sure to reach one's (j) i.e. success. Sooner or later everyone has to have this realization.

Section-B

(WRITING)

(25marks)

3. "Prevention is better than cure". Keeping this age old adage in mind, Yoga has become a rage and people devote time for yogic exercises. Write an article (125-150 words) expressing your opinion on the **Importance of Yoga**. (8)
4. Your school has decided to hold a Talent Hunt competition for the students of class VIII. As a Head boy / Head girl, write a notice in not more than 50 words, inviting the students to be present at the notified time and place, and perform before a group of teachers appointed for the purpose. (5)
5. 'You opened your letter box after a long time and to your surprise found ' Write a story using the clue given in about 120-150 words. (5)
6. You are Parul / Piyush of Lajpat Nagar, Delhi. You have noticed many polythene bags full of litter lying along the road early in the morning. These litter bags cause pollution. You have spoken to the concerned authorities, but no action has been taken so far. Write a letter to the Mayor of the Municipal Corporation of your area highlighting the problem to seek immediate action. (7)

Section-C

(GRAMMAR)

(20 marks)

7. Do as directed :

(1×12=12)

- (a) I remembered (switch) off the lights but I didn't shut the windows. (Rewrite the sentence using either a gerund/an infinitive form of the given verb)
- (b) Garry helped his grandmother in the kitchen because his father (tell) him so. (Complete the sentence with the Past Perfect Tense of the given verb)
- (c) Ravi's performance in the academics has been upstanding. (Rewrite the sentence using the correct prefix)
- (d) The workers (repair) the road for one week. (Complete the sentence with the Present Perfect Tense Continuous Tense of the given verb)
- (e) the / Indian / English / exploited / the / farmers (Arrange the given words to make a meaningful sentence)
- (f) (he/finish) his exams when we go on a holiday? (Complete the sentence with the Future Perfect Tense of the given verb)
- (g) She walks (swift) than me. (Rewrite the sentence using degree of adverb appropriately)
- (h) He hurriedly walked the building. (Complete the sentence with a suitable preposition)
- (i) Elephants have a good memory. (Change and rewrite the given sentence as an interrogative sentence)
- (j) He did not come. He did not call. (Join and rewrite the sentence using a suitable conjunction)
- (k) Needle and thread (is/are) always kept handy by mother. (Complete the sentence with the suitable option)
- (l) The thief was beaten. He was handed over to the police. (Join and rewrite the sentence using the conjunction 'not only.but also')

8. Rewrite the following sentences in Reported Speech.

(4)

- (a) He said, "Do you like the book?"
- (b) I said to him, "Leave this place at once."
- (c) "Where have you spent your money?" she asked him
- (d) She said to me, "Can I use your phone?"

9. Change the voice of the following sentences : (4)
- (a) I do not distribute newspapers.
 - (b) Was she not driving a motor car?
 - (c) Can our team win the match?
 - (d) They had already done their work.

SECTION-D
(LITERATURE)

(20 marks)

10. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. (6)
- (a) 'Oh, she isn't exactly nasty', 'only I do so hate her mean, little saving ways.'
- (i) Who said these words? (1)
 - (ii) Why did the boy dislike his mother? (1)
 - (iii) Was his opinion about his mother correct? Give reason. (1)
- (b) "Twas vain: the loud waves lashed the shore...
...And he was left lamenting,"
- (i) Name the poem and the poet of the above lines. (1)
 - (ii) What was the 'vain' or useless action? (1)
 - (iii) Why was Lord Ullin left lamenting? (1)
11. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words : (2×5=10)
- (a) Why did the centipede offer to be the listener in the conversation?
 - (b) Was Jack's plan for a grand restaurant lunch successful? Why? / Why not?
 - (c) What did the traveller see in the ancient land? (Ozymandias)
 - (d) Why are the fishermen in the poem 'Coromandel Fishers' confident that they will be protected?
 - (e) What was the 'new fad' Toady introduced his visitors to?
12. Answer any one of the following in 150 words : (4)

On reading 'A Fishy Story', what impression do you form of the villagers? What human weakness is the author highlighting through this satirical story?

OR

Why did Hughie call Alan a heartless person? Do you agree with Hughie? Explain your views with examples from the text.