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ENGLISH AWARENESS & SKILL TEST (EAST) – 2024

Time: 2 hours

Class: VIII

Full Marks: 100

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N.B. Answer all the Questions in the space provided. Marks will be deducted for spelling mistake, untidiness and bad hand writing.

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Section – A (Grammar – 30)

1. Rewrite as directed:

[1×25=25]

(a) How happy we were there! (Name the kind of sentence)

Ans: _____

(b) _____ (clean / cleanliness / cleaning) is next to godliness. (Fill with correct alternative)

(c) They found the Giant lying **dead under** the tree. (Name the Parts of Speech of the bold words.)

Ans: _____

(d) _____ (Every / Each) of the five boys met the principal. (Fill with correct alternative)

(e) Electric train. (Expand the meaning of the nominal compound)

Ans: _____

(f) This machine is old, give me a new _____. (Use suitable Pronoun)

(g) Few students attended the class yesterday. (Pick out the adjective & name the kind of it)

Ans: _____

(h) The pen is _____ (mighty) than sword. (Fill with the suitable form of the word)

(i) _____ boy knows _____ duties. (Use determiners in the blanks)

(j) _____ mother in her could not bear _____ the sight. (Use articles in the blanks)

(k) He brought me a glass of water. (Find out the Direct & Indirect object in the sentence)

Ans: _____

(l) He eats very little so that he _____ grow fat. (Insert auxiliary verb in the blanks)

(m) Since 1881, the census of India _____ (take) regularly every ten years. (Fill in the blanks with correct forms of verbs)

(n) **Smoking** is strictly prohibited in the public places. (Say whether the bold word is Participle or Gerund and write the function of it)

Ans: _____

(o) Allow him. (Change the voice of the sentence)

Ans: _____

(p) I know that he does not know it. (Change the voice of the sentence)

Ans: _____

(q) I can play _____ (on / in) sitar. (Fill in the blank with proper preposition)

(r) Get up _____ (before / when) the Sun rises. (Fill in with the proper conjunction)

(s) He said, "Let me have a cup of tea." (Turn into the Indirect form of Speech)

Ans: _____

(t) I said to him, "You will get it today or tomorrow". (Turn into the Indirect form of Speech)

Ans: _____

(u) He spoke loudly. We could not hear him. (Join the sentences using Adverb Clause)

Ans: _____

(v) Who is there to listen to her appeals? (Turn into Assertive Sentence)

Ans: _____

(w) Only the brave deserves the fair. (Turn into complex sentence)

Ans: _____

(x) He is as foolish as he is lazy. (Turn into simple sentence)

Ans: _____

(y) He worked hard. He did not take rest. (Join using a preposition with noun or gerund)

Ans: _____

2. Replace the underlined word or words with phrasal verbs given below: [1×3=3]

(a) I cannot remember the incident.

Ans: _____

(b) His speech has been published in the newspaper.

Ans: _____

(c) Autumn begins in September.

Ans: _____

[List: set in, come out, give in, call up]

3. Complete the passage by choosing the correct option from those given: [$\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$]

The Golconda Fort (a) _____ is near Hyderabad was built in A.D. 1163 by the Yadavs (b) _____ ruled Deogiri then. It is believed (c) _____ the fort got its name from the hill on (d) _____ it stood.

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| (a) i) who | ii) whom | iii) which | iv) what |
| (b) i) which | ii) who | iii) whom | iv) whose |
| (c) i) that | ii) if | iii) whether | iv) what |
| (d) i) that | ii) who | iii) whom | iv) which |

Section – B (Reading Comprehension – 15)

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

Education helps us realize our flaws and correct them. That is why Greek philosopher Diogenes observed that the foundation of every state is the education of its youth. Education helps a poor man come out of his poverty. It also gives every individual a better understanding of life.

Education has a vital role in our lives, for it imparts knowledge and provides us with skills to make a living. It also teaches us the value of interpersonal relationships. In the course of our years of study we learn the value of friendship as well. When we are in different situations, our education comes to our rescue. When a man is learned and can give us timely advice, or can help us in a moment of crisis, do we not look forward to meeting him and benefiting from his knowledge?

Those who seek the company of the learned are to be treated with as much respect as themselves. Educated people may be poor but people will show them more regard than they would for a rich man who has no education.

A. Choose the correct alternatives to complete the following sentences: [$1 \times 4 = 4$]

(a) Education helps us to rectify our –

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|-----------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| i) errors | <input type="checkbox"/> | ii) offences | <input type="checkbox"/> | iii) defects | <input type="checkbox"/> | iv) false | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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(b) Diogenes was a –

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| i) French philosopher | <input type="checkbox"/> | ii) Greek philosopher | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| iii) German philosopher | <input type="checkbox"/> | iv) Indian philosopher | <input type="checkbox"/> |

(c) A learned man gives us timely –

- | | | | | | | | |
|---------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|
| i) help | <input type="checkbox"/> | ii) instruction | <input type="checkbox"/> | iii) guidance | <input type="checkbox"/> | iv) advice | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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(d) People show great regard for the poor man if they are –

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|-----------|--------------------------|----------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|
| i) humble | <input type="checkbox"/> | ii) meek | <input type="checkbox"/> | iii) educated | <input type="checkbox"/> | iv) polite | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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B. Write "T" for true and "F" for false in the boxes on the right-hand side. Provide suitable line(s) or phrase from the passage in support of your answers: [2×3=6]

(a) Education helps a man come out of his poverty. ☐

Ans: _____

(b) When we face a crisis in life our education saves us. ☐

Ans: _____

(c) People pay more respect to an uneducated rich man than an educated poor person. ☐

Ans: _____

C. Complete the following sentences with the information from the passage: [1×2=2]

(a) _____ is learnt by us in course of our year of study.

(b) In the opinion of philosopher Diogenes, the basis of every state _____

D. Answer the following questions:

[1×3=3]

(a) What does every individual get from education?

Ans: _____

(b) How does education play a vital role in our life?

Ans: _____

(c) How much respect do people show to poor educated people?

Ans: _____

Section – C (Writing – 20)

5. You are Prava / Pawan. You are disturbed by the irresponsible manner in which the people of your area throw garbage here and there. **Write a letter to the local authority (Chairman / Pradhan) complaining against this and appealing to keep your area clean.**

[10]

6. Suppose you have visited a Forest / Jungle during the summer vacation. Now give the detailed description of your visit to your friend Niket / Nilima in about 120 words. Use the points below: [10]
Where you went – when you went – who were the other companions – what you did – your experience

(a) The police department is trying to find out the _____ (b) A patient needs _____ (c) We believe in international _____ (d) His _____ (child) simply claimed all _____

(a) Major _____ (b) The police department is trying to find out the _____ (c) We believe in international _____ (d) His _____ (child) simply claimed all _____

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Section – D (Vocabulary – 25)

7. Use proper Suffixes or Prefixes with words given in the brackets: [1×4=4]

- (a) The police department is trying to find out the _____ (social) element.
- (b) A patient needs _____ (nourish) for his quick recovery.
- (c) We believe in international _____. (brother)
- (d) His _____ (child) simplicity charmed all.

8. Write the antonyms/opposite of words for the following: [1×3=3]

- (a) Major: _____ (b) Praise: _____
- (c) Peace: _____

9. Use noun form of the following words (Adjectives) and make sentences with them:

[1×4=4]

- (a) Vacant (Adj): _____ Sentence: _____
- _____
- (b) Severe (Adj): _____ Sentence: _____
- _____

10. Use single / one-word expressions for the following group of words: [1×3=3]

- (a) The life history of a man written by someone else: _____
- (b) Animals living in both land and water: _____
- (c) One who believes in the non existence of God: _____

11. There is an error in each sentence. Rewrite the sentences by making them correct:

- (a) I am the man who am guilty. [1×3=3]

Ans: _____

- (b) Beware of him, he is a cheater.

Ans: _____

(c) I convey my respect to you.

Ans: _____

12. Fill up each blank space with the proper word from the brackets: [1×4=4]

(a) We have to _____ the plan for some reasons. (alter / altar)

(b) The hunter _____ a net to catch birds. (caste / cast)

(c) The night guard is _____ because of his tiredness. (dose / doze)

(d) He is a _____ social worker. (jealous / zealous)

13. Make sentences using the following words as noun and adjectives: [2×2=4]

(a) Fast (N): _____

Fast (Adj): _____

(b) Well (N): _____

Well (Adj): _____

Section – E (Picture Description – 10)

14. Study the picture below and describe it in 100 words:

[10]



(e) I convey my respect to you.

Ans.

11. Fill up each blank space with the proper word from the brackets: [1x4=4]

(a) We have to _____ the plan for some reasons. (alter / allow)

(b) The hunter _____ a net to catch birds. (cast / cast)

(c) The night guard is _____ because of his tiredness. (daze / daze)

(d) He is a _____ social worker. (jealous / jealous)

12. Make sentences using the following words as noun and adjectives: [2x3=4]

(a) Fast (N): _____

(b) Well (N): _____

(c) Well (N): _____

Section - E (Picture Description - 10)

14. Study the picture below and describe it in 100 words: [10]

