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LIMITED DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION TO
HEADMASTER, GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL UNDER SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,
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PAPER - I

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

Pass Marks : 40

Marks for each question is indicated against it.

Attempt all questions.

1. Write an essay in about 400 words on the following topic : (20)

- Role and responsibility of a Headmaster in motivating teachers to promote intellectual and moral responsibility in the minds of students.

2. Write a précis of the given passage and give it a suitable title : (20)

We do not realise adequately to what extent our minds are moulded by books we read especially in youth. We have several means by which we acquire knowledge today, i.e newspaper, television, internet resources via cell phones and computers etc..., but reading of books is the most ancient and effective of them all. Reading of books is different from mechanised instructions. We are never alone when we have books as our companions.

A great writer has said that religion is what man does with his solitariness. It is not merely religion but art and literature, scientific discovery and technological invention that are the outcome of what man does with his solitariness. In the modern world we tend to be gregarious beings. When we have a little leisure we run to parties, clubs or other social activities. We are afraid to be alone with ourselves, afraid to stand and stare, much less to sit and think. We are happy with others not with ourselves. Reading book gives us the habit of solitary reflection and enjoyment.

3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow (Use your own words as much as possible) :

Having a dog helps a child learn how to act responsibly. As a dog owner, the child must take care of the animal's daily needs. The dog must be fed and exercised every day. A dog is completely dependent on its owner for all its needs, including the needs for good health and safe environment. Therefore, the owner is responsible for the welfare of its dog. Being responsible for a dog also means taking care of the dog so the dog stays healthy and well-trained. Furthermore, the owner must take the responsibility for the safety of the dog and the safety of the people it comes into contact with. If the child forgets any of these duties and responsibilities, or ignores any of the dog's needs, the dog will suffer. This teaches the child that his responsibility to the dog is more important than his desire to play with his friends, toys, watch televisions, play computer games, or talk on the phone. This is true not only for the care of the dog, but also for the care of oneself, care for another person, or one's job. Learning how to take responsibility for the health and welfare of a dog leads to learning how to take responsibility for oneself.

QUESTIONS :

- (a) What is the responsibility of the owner of a dog? (4)
- (b) Why and how is a dog dependent on its owner? (4)
- (c) Mention some of the positive effects of having a dog on a child's development. (4)
- (d) What lesson is learnt from caring for a dog in a responsible way? (4)
- (e) Pick out words from the passage which is similar to the words given below : (4×1=4)
 - (i) accountable
 - (ii) well-being
 - (iii) wish
 - (iv) surroundings

4. Use the correct Past Tense or Past Participle from those given in brackets to fill in the blanks : (5×1=5)

- (a) The country is _____ by fear these days. (*tear*)
- (b) The little girl _____ down to pray. (*kneel*)
- (c) Their path was _____ with hardships. (*strew*)
- (d) Her company was greatly _____ after. (*seek*)
- (e) He was _____ through with a bayonet. (*thrust*)

5. Make sentences with each word in the following pairs of words to show their difference in meaning : (5×2=10)

- (a) altar/alter; (b) latter/later;
- (c) story/storey; (d) disease/decease;
- (e) rein/reign

6. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions : (10×1=10)

- (a) I correspond _____ her regularly.
- (b) The patient died _____ cancer.
- (c) The book is _____ the table.
- (d) It is quite difficult to put up _____ his behaviour.
- (e) I came _____ a blind man on the road.
- (f) Nothing can deter me _____ pursuing my goals.
- (g) Drinking proved fatal both _____ his reputation and health.
- (h) Hard work has told _____ his health.
- (i) The teacher advised the students to put _____ hard work.
- (j) Please attend _____ your work.

7. Correct the following sentences without changing their meaning :

(10×1=10)

- (a) Neither you nor he are to blame.
- (b) Ten quintals are a heavy load.
- (c) He did not met her yet.
- (d) Isn't his father doctor?
- (e) He had three teas today.
- (f) The new student speaks bad.
- (g) The strawberry shortcake tastes deliciously.
- (h) Everyone on the project have to come to the meeting.
- (i) He does nothing but to play cards.
- (j) You can get as many information as you want from the library.

8. Name the 'tense of the verb' of the following sentences :

(5×1=5)

- (a) Thuama has left for home.
- (b) Did you see the one-eyed cat?
- (c) It is raining cats and dogs.
- (d) By this time tomorrow, I shall have left my hometown.
- (e) They were fighting in the street.

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