



VIVEK TUTORIALS

English Language
Preliminary Examination
Max Marks: 80

Date : 10/Feb/2019

Grade: 10th (ICSE)

Time: 2 Hours

Question 1

(Do not spend more than 35 minutes on this question.)

Write a composition (300 - 350) words on any one of the following:

- (A) There are three kinds of people in the world -the wills, the won'ts and the can'ts. The first accomplish everything, the second oppose everything, and the third fail in everything. By giving reasons or referring to some incidents, state in which category you fall. 20
- (B) A stitch in time saves nine 20
- (C) Should Euthanasia be allowed or not! Give a balanced view for this statement. 20
- (D) Write a short story which illustrates the truth of the statement, 'Rumour is a great traveller'. 20
- (E) Study the picture give below. Write a story or a description or an account of what the picture suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or you may take suggestions from it but there must be a clear connetion between the picture and the composition. 20



Question 2

(Do not spend more than 20 minutes on this question.)

Select any one of the following:

- (A) Write an application to the Principal of a school in answer to their advertisement for an English teacher. Give details of your education and experience. 10
- (B) Recently you went to a restaurant for dinner and there you saw your favourite sports star. You had an opportunity of spending some moments with him or her. In a letter to your friend, give a brief account of your memorable meeting with the sports star. 10

Question 3

- (a) With Diwali coming up soon, your school has decided to host a Diwali Mela, all the proceeds from which will go to charity. 10

Write an email to a well-known corporate, requesting them to sponsor the event.

(b) Draft a notice inviting everyone to attend the Mela in large numbers. You are the Events Co-ordinator of your school's Cultural Club."

Question 4

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

Nevertheless, the actual struggle does not commence this moment. You have only placed all your powers in my hands. I will now wait upon the Viceroy and plead with him for the acceptance of the Congress demand. The fourteen fold constructive programme is, of course, there for you to carry out. What more should you do? I will tell you. Every one of you should, from this moment onwards,

consider yourself a free man or woman, and act as if you are free and are no longer under the heel of this imperialism.

It is not a make-believe that I am suggesting to you. It is the very essence of freedom. The bond of the slave is snapped the moment he considers himself to be a free being. He will plainly tell the master: 'I was your bond slave till this moment, but I am a slave no longer. You may kill me if you like, but if you keep me alive, I wish to tell you that if you release me from the bondage of your own accord, I will ask for nothing more from you. You used to feed and clothe me, though I could have provided food and clothing for myself by my labour. I hitherto depended on you instead of on God, for food and raiment. God has now inspired me with an urge for freedom and I am today a free man and will no longer depend on you.'

You may take it from me that I am not going to strike a bargain with the Viceroy for ministries and the like. I am not going to be satisfied with anything short of complete freedom. Maybe, he will propose the abolition of salt tax, the drink evil, etc. But I will say: 'Nothing less than freedom.'

Here is a mantra, a short one that I give you. You may imprint it on your hearts and let every breath of yours give expression to it. The mantra is: 'Do or Die.' We shall either free India or die in the attempt; we shall not live to see the perpetuation of our slavery. Every true Congressman or [Congress] woman will join the struggle with an inflexible determination not to remain alive to see the country in bondage and slavery. Let that be your pledge. Keep jails out of your consideration. If the Government keeps me free, I will spare you the trouble of filling the jails. I will not put on the Government the strain of maintaining a large number of prisoners at a time when it is in trouble. Let every man and woman live every moment of his or her life hereafter in the consciousness that he or she eats or lives for achieving freedom and will die, if need be, to attain that goal. Take a pledge with God and your own conscience as witness, that you will no longer rest till freedom is achieved and will be prepared to lay down your lives in the attempt to achieve it. He who loses his life will gain it; he who will seek to save it shall lose it. Freedom is not for coward or the faint-hearted.

From the speech during the passing of 'Quit India' Resolution—

Mahatma

Gandhi

Questions:

(a) Give the meaning of each of the following three words, as used in the passage: (3)

(i) snapped, (ii) bond slave, (iii) raiment

(b) Answer the following questions in your own words:

(i) What should Indians consider themselves as the movement starts? (2)

(ii) How and when does a bondman snap his chains and become free? (2)

(iii) What would Mahatma Gandhi ask from the Viceroy? (2)

(iv) What was Gandhiji's mantra for the people? (2)

(v) What should be the pledge of every Congressman and woman? (2)

(vi) Explain the underlying idea of the quotation: "He who loses his life, will gain it; he who will seek to save it shall lose it." (2)

(c) (i) Summarize Mahatma Gandhi's speech as given above in 60 words. (8)

(ii) Give a title to your description given in (c) (i). State a reason to justify your choice. (2)

Question 5

(A) In the following passage, fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets. Do not copy the passage, but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space.

Example: 0 = pay

City dwellers 0 dearly for the doubtful privilege of living in a city. They pay 1 (exorbitant) for accommodation which is frequently inferior to that to be 2 (find) cheaply in rural areas, they spend huge sums on food which they 3 (can) have 4 (grow) for themselves in a village or rural 'town' and they waste what little is left on expensive entertainments, which they 5 (will) have no need for in a rural area. In addition to the 6 (finance) cost, they also pay 7 (dear) in terms of physical and mental health as their bodies

and minds are8 (threat) daily in pollution, accidents, robbery, violence and the disease caused by overcrowding in unsanitary areas. In the rural areas such risks are not part of the cost of daily life.

(B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words:

- (i) The teacher impressed us the value of discipline.
- (ii) He lost the usehis right arm.
- (iii) You look your brother.
- (iv) Shall we have coffee the mean time.
- (v) He gave vent his feelings.
- (vi) The child was taught to be independent his parents .
- (vii) Do not depress the issue.
- (viii) I have been writing..... 40 minutes.

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(C) Joint the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using and, but or so.

- (i) I took a journey to London yesterday. I desire to get the best medical advice.
- (ii) He had a large family. He must provide for them.
- (iii) Everyone should be honest and industrious. Our country expects this of every man.
- (iv) His house and goods were sold. His debts had to be paid.

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(D) Re-write the following sentences according to the instructions given after each. Make other changes that may be necessary, but do not change the meaning of each sentence.

- (i) To the best of my knowledge, he is vegetarian. [Begin: As far as]
- (ii) The train journey from Kolkata to Asansol takes three hours. [Begin: It is a]
- (iii) The peon cannot leave unless I permit him. [Use: without]
- (iv) 'Kindly leave the bag here, Madam', said the porter. [Change the narration]
- (v) The tea is so hot that I cannot drink it. [Remove: so....that]
- (vi) He was a poet as well as a statesman. [Combine to make a negative sentence]
- (vii) As soon as the awards were announced, the winners walked to the podium. [Begin: No sooner...]
- (viii) No one came as late as Diana to the party. [Change to superlative]

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