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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

PRE-MID TERM ASSESSMENT

CLASS –X- ENGLISH

1. Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow by choosing the most appropriate options:

Go, Get Yourself a Hobby

1. Do you have a hobby? Is there anything that you are passionate about? Something creative that you really like doing, or are deeply involved with? Something that grips you, makes you forget all else- even makes you forget to eat or sleep? No, I am not talking about your job or your daily chores.
2. By developing a parallel line, other than that of your job, and following it like crazy, you energise your life. It will keep you going even when all other activities have stopped.
3. It did not make much sense to me until I ran into a retired officer turned passionate writer. Let's call him Mr. X.
4. What was amazing was his appearance. He looked 10 years younger than his self-proclaimed 75- dark grey hair, tall and robust. Well-preserved, as some would say. "I don't want to take much of your time, but just wanted to show you my work", he said. In his bag, he was carrying dozens of books that he had written after retirement. Short stories and novels in his mother tongue and in English, for children and adults.
5. Mr. X retired after putting in 30 years of service. But he did not retire from life. No way. "In fact, I lead a much busier life now- writing". "So, writing is your hobby?" I asked him. "No, it is only my interest. While I was working, I did not have enough time to write. But now I work 10-12 hours a day writing, writing, writing."
6. "Why? Is that the way you support yourself?" "No, my writings don't pay me financially, but they fulfill me otherwise," he said. Mr. X lives on his savings, but he relies on his passion to take care of his mental and physical wellbeing. In fact, such is the energy and sense of satisfaction and contentment that he draws from his writing that he has managed to survive many upheavals

in life. Thanks to his passion, retirement never became a sad phase of life for him; instead, it gave him a new lease of life, an opportunity to do that which he missed out on or had no time for earlier.

7. And his level of commitment was impressive. He does not want publicity nor is he interested in advertising himself. “It will take me away from my writing and pull me into the world of Internet. I would rather follow my passion.” he says. Gathering his books, he was soon ready to leave- eager to go back to his passion. He left me with the motivation to seek one, too. Thank you, Mr. X.

1.1 on the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the following with the help of the given options: 1x5=5 marks

(a) Mr. X lives on his _____

- (i) savings (ii) profit from business (iii) son’s support (iv) siblings’ support

(b) Mr. X has managed to survive many _____ in life due to his obsession.

- (i) joys (ii) celebrations (iii) reunions (iv) upheavals

(c) The word which means ‘very enthusiastic’ in para 1 of the passage is

- (i) creative (ii) grip (iii) passionate (iv) forget

(d) The word which means ‘active and energetic’ in para 4 of the passage is

- (i) robust (ii) self-proclaimed (iii) well-preserved (iv) amazing

(e) Mr. X left the narrator with a motivation to seek a

- (i) Book (ii) hobby (iii) sport (iv) pen

2. Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow by choosing the most appropriate options:

1. Spread over an area of 11,570 acres, Kalesar Reserve Forest is the only one of its kind in Haryana. It is home to a wide range of wild flora and fauna including three elephants, a male tiger, 16 male and female leopards, 19 panthers and some other animals as well.

2. Spread on both sides of Yamunanagar- Paonta Sahib road in Yamunanagar district, it was designated a national park through a government notification in December 2003. However, it is alleged, lack of sufficient funds is proving to be a hindrance in wildlife conservation in the national park. The divisional Forest officer revealed that it is the only forest in Haryana with a natural 'Sal' tree belt.

3.As for the steps taken to ensure protection of wildlife and environment, it was disclosed that staff had been given weapons by the State Government to tackle the menace posed by poachers. The state had also set up two special environmental courts, one each at Kurukshetra and Faridabad, to deal with crimes related to poaching and illicit felling of trees from the area. Eight watering holes have been dug up across the forest area to ensure that wildlife does not stray into human habitats on its fringes in search of drinking water. Similarly, earthen dams have been constructed to conserve rainwater for the future use of wildlife.

4.It was disclosed that work to fence the area would be undertaken in the near future and more steps taken to ensure that wild fauna does not face drinking water problem in their natural habitat in the reserve forest.

1.2 on the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the following with the help of the given options: 1x5=5 marks

(a) Kalesar Reserve Forest was designated a national park through a government notification in -----

- (i) February,2003 (ii) December,2003 (iii) March,2004 (iv) August,2001

(b) ----- watering holes have been dug up across the forest area to stop wildlife from going astray in search of water.

- (i) four (ii) seven (iii) eight (iv) ten

(c) Which word in the passage means 'natural environment in which a particular species live'?

- (i) habitat (ii) flora (iii) fauna (iv) waterhole

(d) Which word in para 3 is a synonym of 'danger/risk'?

(i) disclosed (ii) fringes (iii) poaching (iv) menace

(e) The word 'illicit' means

- (i) commit an offence (ii) not allowed by rules
(iii) obtained dishonestly or unfairly (iv) not allowed by government

3. Fill in the blanks in the sentences given below by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow: 1x5=5marks

- (a) Renuka is true _____ her word.
(b) My brother is good _____ mathematics.
(c) He _____ for 3 hours.
(d) _____ book you want is out of print.
(e) John said that he _____ to be a soldier.

- (a) (i) on (ii) to (iii) at (iv) from
(b) (i) into (ii) on (iii) at (iv) over
(c) (i) am reading (ii) was reading (iii) shall be reading (iv) has
been reading
(d) (i) A (ii) The (iii) An (iv) Some
(e) (i) wanted (ii) is wanting (iii) has wanted (iv) was wanting

4. A. 'It was a temptation to keep Tricki on as a permanent guest, but I knew Mrs. Pumphrey was suffering and after a fortnight, felt compelled to phone and tell her that the little dog had recovered and was awaiting collection.'

1x3=3 marks

a) Why was it a temptation to keep Tricki on as a permanent guest?

- i) Tricki was more attached to Mr. Herriot than to Mrs. Pumphrey
ii) Mr. Herriot loved Tricki a lot
iii) Mrs. Pumphrey was wealthy and would pay a large fee
iv) Mr. Herriot and his partners didn't want to lose the treats sent by Mrs. Pumphrey

b) Which of the following adjectives suit the veterinarian?

- I) tactful II) over-doing III) intelligent IV) irrational V) far-sighted

i) I, II & III

ii) II & IV

iii) I, III & V

iv) II, IV & V

c) “Surgery” in the story 'A Triumph of Surgery' by refers to -

i) an operation done on a dog- James Herriot

ii) an operation done on a human- James Harold

iii) a medical establishment for dogs- James Herriot

iv) a lab for conducting medical tests- James Harold

5. “When I reached the station I did not stop at the ticket office (I had never bought a ticket in my life) but dashed straight to the platform. The Lucknow Express was just moving out. The train had still to pick up speed and I should have been able to jump into one of the carriages, but I hesitated—for some reason I can’t explain—and I lost the chance to get away.” 1x3=3

a) ' When I reached the station.... ' 'I' here is Hari Singh, which was not his real name because-

i) Yes, He liked changing his name- He was a writer

ii) No -He could be ahead of the police in a race- He disliked changing his names

iii) Yes- He could fool the authorities and employers – He was a thief

iv) No-He could be a wrestler- He liked changing his name

b) Word in the extract that means the same as ‘hurried’ is.....

i) Express

ii) get away

iii) dashed

iv) hesitated

c) How do the narrator's feelings toward Anil develop the theme of the story?

i) Anil trusts the narrator at the beginning of the story, and the narrator feels so comfortable with Anil that he never steals his money.

ii) At the beginning of the story, the narrator steals from Anil immediately. After that, he never earns his trust back, which leads the narrator to continue to steal.

iii) The narrator befriends Anil at the beginning of the story, and when the narrator tries to steal from Anil, the narrator is caught.

iv) At the beginning of the story, the narrator wants to steal from Anil. As the story continues, the narrator earns the trust of Anil, which leads him to feel guilty about stealing his money.

6. *The house- the only one in the entire valley -sat on the crest of a low hill. From this height one could see the river and the field of ripe corn dotted with the flowers that always promised a good harvest. The only thing the earth needed was a good downpour or at least a shower. Throughout the morning Lencho -who knew his fields intimately- had done nothing but see the sky towards the north-east.*

1x4=4 marks

1. Based on the detail of the house's location, how can it best be described?

a) majestic b) imposing c) solitary d) unique

2. The field of corn dotted with flowers means that

a) not a single flower was bigger than a dot

b) the flowers were scattered across.

c) the flowers were in shaped like dots.

d) the flowers had shrunk in size.

3. Which quote supports the idea in the given extract?

a) —Farming is a profession of hope.

b) —I would rather be on my farm than be emperor of the world.

c) —Farming looks mighty easy when your plough is a pencil, and you are a thousand miles from the corn field.

d) —Those too lazy to plough in the right season will have no food at the harvest.

4. Find the word from the passage which means 'very closely'.

a. crest b. downpour c. intimately d. harvest

7. *The way a crow*

Shook down on me

The dust of snow

From a hemlock tree

Has given my heart

A change of mood

And saved some part

Of a day I had rued.

1x5=5marks

1. Of the many symbols the hemlock tree represents, choose the one that Frost drew upon in all likelihood, for this poem. Symbol of

a) longevity b) togetherness c) healing d) protection

2. Choose the option that lists the possible feelings of the poet prior to the experience shared in the poem.

1) reassured

2) disappointed

3) curious

4) demotivated

5) thankful

6) disheartened

7) impulsive

a) 1, 3 & 7

b) 2, 4 & 6

c) 5 & 7

d) 1 & 3

3. Identify the option that DOES NOT use the word 'rue' correctly.

a) The film was a disaster and he rued his decision to act in it.

b) I am sure she rued the day she listened to a fortune-teller.

c) It wasn't long before I rued my disobedience and my deceit.

d) The one who is dishonest and heartless is finally rued by others.

4. Choose the option showing the reason NOT corresponding with "..... a crow / Shook down on me / The dust of snow".

a) The crow's landing on the branch of the tree.

b) The shivering of the crow, due to the cold.

c) The readjustment of position of the crow on the branch.

d) The cawing of the crow hidden in the foliage.

5. 'Saved some part of a day' means the poet _____

a) saved some money during the day

b) divided his day and utilized it fruitfully

c) came out of his sad mood and spent the remaining part of the day in a cheerful mood

d) did nothing during the remaining part of the day