

**PAST QUESTION PAPERS
FOR
CLASS-X**

YEAR – 2017

ENGLISH

Full Marks – 80

Time : Three hours

Pass Marks – 20

*The figures in the right indicate full marks for the questions.
Answer the questions in your own words as far as practicable.*

**SECTION – A
(READING)**

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Infrastructure systems provide services that maintain and enhance economic activity. Roads, ports and airports offer producers access to resources and markets for their products. People use transport systems to gain access to work and recreation. Communication and information systems, such as telephone lines and data storage devices help exchange and retain information. Water supply, drainage, flood management and wastewater treatment systems provide water to agriculture, industry and residential consumers, protect homes and businesses from flooding, and ensure treatment of effluents to minimize environmental harm and adverse human health effects. Energy systems such as power plants, and their associated distribution networks, provide energy on which the economy runs. Constructed facilities, such as residential and commercial buildings provide space for families and businesses. In short, all facts of an economy are affected by the availability and reliability of its infrastructure systems. And in turn, the extent and reliability of infrastructure systems is closely related to the performance of an economy and its institutions – those institutions that directly regulate maintenance, expansion and use of infrastructure, and those that directly or indirectly place demand on the services provided by infrastructure systems.

(a) Complete the following statements :

- (i) Infrastructure systems are highly essential to 1
- (ii) Some infrastructure systems are transport systems, communication and information systems, water and wastewater management systems, energy systems and 1

(b) Answer the following questions in one phrase/sentence each:

- (i) Mention one communication and information system. 1
- (ii) Why do people need transport systems? 1
- (iii) How do energy systems provide services? 1

- (c) Answer the following question in about 50 words: 3
How do water supply and treatment systems provide services?
- (d) Find out the words from the passage that have the same meaning as : 1x2=2
(i) liquid waste
(ii) negative

COURSE BOOK**(PROSE)**

2. Answer the following questions in one phrase/ sentence each: 1x3=3
(a) Why is Loktak Hydro Electric Project a major threat to Sangai?
(b) During the reign of which king of Manipur did "Sagol Kangjei" originate?
(c) Why did many climbers consider Mount Everest, the Himalayan Peak, unconquerable?
3. Answer the following question in about 30 words each: 2x3=6
(a) What does the Shwedagon Pagoda look like in the setting Sun?
(b) What did M.K. Gandhi say about learning many languages in the school?
(c) Why should we adopt a holistic view of nature?
4. Answer the following questions in about 50 words each: 3x2=6
(a) How does the writer describe the topographical and climatic feature of the Dzuko Valley?
(b) How did educational institutions influence Sunita Williams?
- Or,
How did M.C. Mary Kom grow up into full girlhood?

SECTION-B**WRITING**

5. Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 200 words using the outlines given: 7
- (a) Mobile Phone:
[Outlines : Introduction _____ its utility in the contemporary existence _____ its harmful effects _____ conclusion.]
- (b) Private Tuition in Manipur:
[Outlines : Introduction _____ its current trend in Manipur _____ its merits and demerits _____ conclusion.]
- (c) Library in the Schools of Manipur:
[Outlines : Introduction _____ the role of library in imparting knowledge _____ condition of the school libraries in Manipur _____ conclusion.]

6. You are S. Dicky of Moirang. Write a letter to the Manager of the book publishing house, Macmillan Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi to order some books of your interest. 5

Or

- You are L. Sunnee of Lamsang. Write a letter to the editor of the Manipur Times to draw his concern on the rising noise pollution in the city of Imphal.

7. Write a report to be published in the newspaper about the devastation caused to many houses in the recent earthquake in Manipur. Prepare the report and sign yourself as X. 4

8. Make notes of the important points of the following passage and write a summary using the notes: 3+3=6

Scholars believe that the Chinese myths that have come down to us are not as old and authentic as the myths from other ancient cultures. The principal reason is that in 213 B.C. the first emperor of China burned all books that were not about medicine, prophecy, farming, or the raising of trees and plants.

During the great Han Dynasty (206 B.C.–220 A.D.), the emperors instituted the teachings of Confucius as the state religion and banned religions that involved nature worship. Many of the old myths that had been passed down orally were recorded anew during this period, but Han scholars reconstructed them to reflect their own attitudes and the political and religious climate of their times.

The creation myth of Pangu is the most detailed Chinese creation myth in existence. It is found in texts written between 200 and 500 A.D. This myth focuses on the creation of order out of chaos and the preservation of that order. Pangu first brings order into the universe by separating heaven from earth. His corpse provides additional structure by differentiating the surface of the earth into a variety of natural forms, such as mountains, oceans, and forests and by differentiating the heavens as well. Later, after the monster Gong-gong inadvertently destroys the natural environment, the Mother Goddess Nügua restores order to the world.

9. You are Nonglei, the student representative of Yoihen High School, Pallel. Write a notice asking the students of your school to participate in the social service camp to be held at your school during summer vacation 2017 from 10-07-17 to 13-07-17.

SECTION-C

(GRAMMAR)

10. Rewrite the following sentence inserting appropriate determiners whenever necessary: 1+1=2

(a) There is too water in the pond.

(b) We like student's essay.

11. Fill in the blank with the correct modal verb of the following: 1

Dark clouds are seen in the sky; it _____ rain.

12. Change the voice of the following sentence: 1+1=2
- (a) The new school will be opened by the Prime Minister on May 25th.
- (b) Who washes the clothes?
13. Change the narration of the following sentences: 1+1=2
- (a) He said to me, "Meet me anytime."
- (b) My friend says, "What a beautiful flower!"
14. Rewrite the following sentence using the correct form of the verb within the bracket: 1
- If you _____ (listen) to any advice, you would have passed.
15. Transform the following sentences as directed: 1+1=2
- (a) If you did not deceive the girls, they would not have left the hostel.
[Change it into the Affirmative without changing the meaning]
- (b) Shocked at the news of the accident of her son, the mother tainted.
[Change it into a compound sentence]

SECTION-D

(LITERATURE)

16. Answer the following questions in about 30 words each: 2x2=4
- (a) Why did the little Master go off at a racing speed to the river?
- (b) Why are bad manners more poisonous than all the crimes?
- Or
- Why didn't Madame Forestier recognize Mathilde Loisel when she met her after ten years?
17. Answer the following questions in about 30 words each: 2x3=6
- (a) "The memory of what has been,
And never more will be."
Explain the meaning of the above lines.
- Or
- "The steeples swam in amethyst
The news like squirrels ran."
Explain the meaning of the above lines.
- (b) Why does the poet say that the charge of the Light Brigade is a charge to the valley of "Death"?
- Or
- Why does the flower say that it is "a part of joy and a part of sorrow" in the poem, "Song of the Flower"?

(c) Why does the poet say that morning comes with "state smells" in "The Preludes"?

Or

What does the poet mean by the line, "When in eternal lines in time thou grow'st" in the poem, "Shall I compare Thee to a Summer's Day"?

18. Answer the following question in about 120 words: 5

Describe briefly how M. Hamel conducted his last lesson on French in his class.

Or

Describe briefly Macbeth's mind when he is in a state of doubt to carry out the murder of king Duncan.

Answer the following in 120 words

19. Write the significance of the title of the play, "The Bishop's Candlesticks." 5

Or

Write about what the convict had become after having gone through ten years' sentence in the prison.

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