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Quarterly Examination-2025
Class-10
Subject-English

Time: 3.00 hrs.

MM: 75

Ins- All questions are compulsory. Marks are indicated in front of each question.

SECTION-A (READING)

Q.1- Read the following passage and answer the questions given below. 1×5= 5

The Great Wall of China is one of the most iconic structures in human history, stretching over 21,000 kilometers across northern China. Built over several centuries, its primary purpose was to protect Chinese territories from invasions, particularly from nomadic tribes in the north. Construction began in the 7th century BC, but the most well-preserved sections were built during the Ming Dynasty (1368–1644). The wall is made from various materials, including stone, brick, tamped earth, and wood, depending on the region's resources. Watchtowers were strategically placed for surveillance, communication, and defense, with soldiers stationed to guard vulnerable points. Contrary to the popular myth, the wall is not visible from space without aid, but it remains a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a symbol of Chinese resilience. Over the centuries, the wall also served as a means of controlling trade along the Silk Road and regulating immigration and emigration. Today, it attracts millions of tourists annually, standing as a reminder of China's rich history and engineering skill.

Questions:

- i. Approximately how long is the Great Wall of China?
A) 2,100 km B) 21,000 km C) 210 km D) 12,000 km
- ii. What was the primary purpose of the Great Wall?
A) To mark Chinese territory B) To protect from northern invasions
C) To serve as a trade route D) To connect cities
- iii. What is a common myth about the Great Wall?
A) It was built in one year B) It is visible from space without aid
C) It is made entirely of stone D) It has no watchtowers
- iv. Besides defence, what other functions did the Great Wall serve?
A) Controlled trade and regulated migration B) Stored grain and water
C) Served as a royal palace D) Hosted sports events
- v. Today, the Great Wall is a symbol of:
A) Chinese wealth B) Chinese resilience and engineering skill
C) Modern military strength D) Global unity

Q2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below. 5

The creation of a law typically follows a structured and transparent process to ensure fairness and accountability. It begins with a proposal called a bill, which can be introduced by a legislator or government minister. The bill undergoes a first reading, where it is formally presented but not debated in depth. The second reading allows lawmakers to discuss its general principles, after which it may be sent to a committee for detailed examination and possible amendments. During this stage, experts, citizens, and interest groups may give testimony. If the committee approves the bill, it returns to the main chamber for a third reading and final vote. If passed, it moves to the other legislative chamber—if one exists—for a similar process. Once both chambers approve the bill, it is sent to the head of state, the president for final approval or "assent." Upon receiving assent, the bill becomes an official law, enforceable by the courts. This process ensures that laws are carefully considered before they shape society.

Questions:

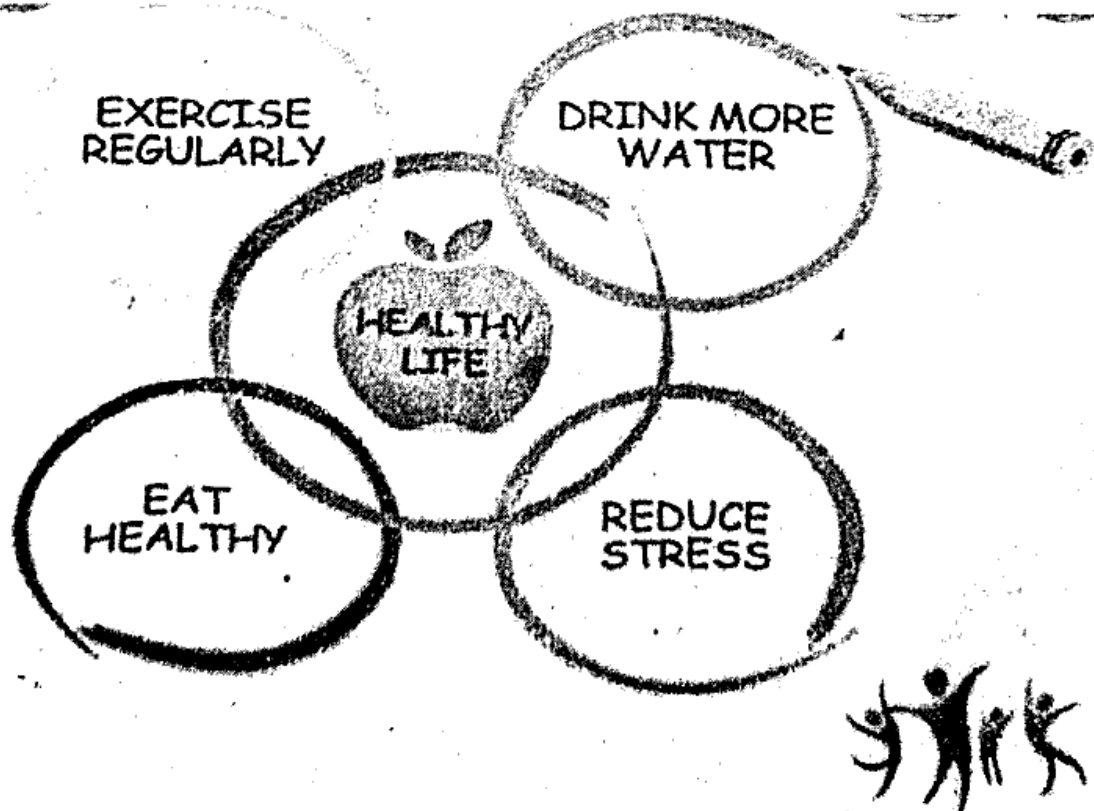
- i. What is the first stage in creating a law?
A) Committee review B) Proposal of a bill C) Public voting D) Head of state approval
- ii. In which reading are the bill's general principles discussed?
A) First reading B) Second reading C) Third reading D) Final assent
- iii. Who may give testimony during committee review?
A) Only lawmakers B) Experts, citizens, and interest groups
C) Only judges D) Only journalists
- iv. What happens if the committee approves the bill?
A) It becomes a law immediately B) It goes to the head of state
C) It returns for a third reading and final vote D) It is sent to the courts
- v. What occurs if both chambers approve the bill?
A) It is enforced immediately B) It is sent to the head of state for assent
C) It goes back to committee D) It is reintroduced

section-B (writing)

Q3. Read the following passage carefully and make notes on it. and also give a suitable title to it. 4

Time is perhaps the most valuable resource we possess, yet it is often the most carelessly wasted. Unlike money or possessions, once time is lost, it can never be regained. Every person is given the same 24 hours a day, but how we use those hours determines our success and happiness. Effective time management involves prioritizing important tasks, avoiding procrastination, and maintaining a balance between work and leisure. Wasting time on unproductive activities not only reduces productivity but also leads to regret. On the other hand, making the most of each moment allows us to achieve goals, learn new skills, and enjoy life fully. Time is also a great equalizer—it treats everyone the same, regardless of status or wealth. As the old saying goes, "Time and tide wait for none." Valuing time means respecting our own commitments and the time of others. By using time wisely, we can lead more fulfilling and purposeful lives.

Q4. On the basis of the picture given below, describe how we can keep ourselves fit and healthy? 3



- Q5. You are Manasvi Shrivastava studying in Govt. High School, Chhindwada, (M.P.). Write an application to your principal for school leaving certificate.(S.L.C.) 4

OR

You are Abhishek. Write a letter to your father requesting him to send you Rs.1000/- only to buy some course books.

- Q6. Write a paragraph on any one of the following topics. (in about 120 words) 5
- (i) Importance of english (ii) Online Education
(iii) Value of Games and sports (iv) Computer and Mobile.

SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)

- Q7. Fill in the blanks choosing the correct alternatives given (any-5) 5

- (i) Ganga is a sacred river. (a/an/the)
(ii) There is water in the pool.(some/any/many)
(iii) You drive carefully. (may/must/can)
(iv) He always on time.(comes/come/coming)
(v) He is hard..... hearing.(in/at/of)
(vi) Work hard..... you will fail. (but/other wise/as)
(vii) He has given smoking. (away/up/for)

- Q8. Do as directed (any-5) 5

- (i) He is too poor to pay his fees.
(Rewrite the sentence using 'so..... that')
(ii) He has taken tea. (change into interrogative)
(iii) He did not go to school. He was ill.
(combine the sentence using 'because')
(iv) Workhard. you will fail in the exam. (combine with 'or')
(v) He taught English.
(change the sentence into present Indefinite tense)
(vi) He shut the door.(change into negative)
(vii) The boy is my cousin. The boy has won the race.
(combine the sentences into a relative clause)

[SECTION-D] TEXT-BOOK

- Q9. Choose the correct answers- 4

- (i) Who read the letter sent by Lencho ?
(a) his wife (b) the postmaster (c) the God (d) his son
(ii) What does 'fire' symbolize in the poem 'fire and Ice' ?
(a) desire (b) hatred (c) love (d) pain
(iii) According to Mandela, what comes naturally to heart ?
(a) hatred (b) love (c) discrimination (d) unity
(iv) The poem 'Amanda' is about
(a) teacher psychology (b) parent psychology
(c) child psychology (d) none

- Q. 10. (A) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below: 3

"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. It was during the meal, as Lencho had predicted: big drops of rain began to fall. In the north-east, huge mountains of clouds could be seen, and in the air, fresh and sweet, there was the smell of a promised downpour. The older boys were working in the field, while the smaller ones were playing near the house until the woman, who was preparing the supper, called to them: 'Come for dinner...'"

Questions:

- i. Where was Lencho's house located?
A) On the bank of a river B) At the foot of a hill

- ii. C) On the crest of a low hill D) In the middle of the valley
What did the flowers in the cornfield always promise?
A) A beautiful view B) A good harvest
C) A sweet fragrance D) Early rainfall
- iii. Who were working in the field when the rain began?
A) The younger boys B) The older boys C) Lencho and his wife D) The entire family

Q. 10. (B) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below: 3

I am an orphan, roaming the street.
I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet.
The silence is golden; the freedom is sweet.

Questions:

- i. Who is the speaker in these lines?
A) The poet B) Amanda imagining herself as an orphan D) A passer-by
- ii. What does "silence is golden" suggest in these lines?
A) Silence is a sign of wealth B) Silence is valuable and peaceful
C) Silence is dangerous
- iii. write the name of the poet of the above poem.

Q11. Answer the following questions in about 30 words.(any 6) 12

- (i) What did Lencho hope for?
(ii) What is the meaning of "afartheid"?
(iii) Why was the young seagull afraid to fly?
(iv) Why did the narrator decide to take the risk of flying into the storm?
(v) When did Anne Frank write her diary?
(vi) What compelled the young seagull to finally fly?
(vii) Where did the inauguration ceremony take place?

Q12. Answer the following questions in about 30 words. any 2- 4

- (i) What is a 'dust of snow'? <https://www.mpboardonline.com>
(ii) What does 'ice' stand for in the poem?
(iii) Why does Amanda want to be an orphan?

Q13. Answer the following questions in about 30 words, any-2 4

- (i) Why was Dr. Herriot worried about Tricki?
(ii) Why had Fowler wanted to meet Ausable?
(iii) What did Horace Danby do with the stolen money?

Q14. Answer the following in about 75 words. (any one) 3

- (i) Write a brief character sketch of Mr. Kessing?
(ii) What made the woman in the control centre look at the narrator strangely?

Q15. Answer the following question in about 75 words. 3

What is the theme of the poem 'A tiger in the Zoo'?
OR What do the 'hemlock' and the 'hemlock represent'? / what does the dust of snow that the crow shakes off a hemlock tree stand for?

Q16. Answer the following question in about 75 words. 3

What treatment was given to Tricki by Dr. Herriot?
OR What are Hari Singh's reactions to the prospect of getting an education? What makes him return to Anil?