

Practice Paper for Class IX GSEB

Std IX
Time – 2 hours

English Text

30th November, 2024
Marks - [50]

Do as directed.

[8×1=8]

1. I had to control my curiosity. (Change the voice)
2. It is a legacy of our colonial years. (Turn into interrogative)
3. It is very stupid of me to forget your name. (Turn into Exclamatory sentence)
4. Inside it was not too cold for us to take off our gloves. (Remove too)
5. When can the British team's glory fade? (turn into assertive)
6. You always travel by bus. (Add a question Tag)
7. I will not help you in future. (Turn into an affirmative sentence)
8. Economics is really a very tough subject. (Turn into negative)

Unseen Passage. Read and answer the following questions.

[5 marks]

I was overwhelmed with gratuitous advice. Well-meaning yet ignorant friends thrust their opinions into unwilling ears. Most of them said they could not do without meat in the cold climate. I would catch consumption. Mr Z went to England and caught it on account of his foolhardiness. Others said I might do without flesh but without wine I could not move. I would be numbed with cold.

One went so far as to advise me to take eight bottles of whisky, for I should want them after leaving Aden. Another wanted me to smoke, for his friend was obliged to smoke in England. Even medical men, those who had been to England told the same tale. I replied that I would try my best to avoid all these things, but if they were found to be absolutely necessary I did not know what to do. I may here mention that my aversion to meat was not so strong then as it is now. I was even betrayed into taking meat about six or seven times at the period when I allowed my friends to think for me. But in the steamer, my ideas began to change. I thought I should not take meat on any account. My mother, before consenting to my departure, had exacted a promise from me not to take meat. So, I was bound not to take it, if only for the sake of the promise. The fellow passengers in the steamer began to advise us (the friend who was with me and myself) to try it. --

- (a) The advice the narrator received from his friends was NOT.....
- (b) When was the narrator offered the advice?
- (c) Why did the narrator's friends advise him to take meat?
- (d) The narrator was reluctant to eat flesh as
- (e) What does the term consumption here refer to?

Essay Writing.

[8 marks]

A. Value Education

What are values? – How are they inculcated? – Why should one be serious to them? – What are the advantages? – What are your comments on it?

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Letter Writing.

[5 marks]

Write a letter to your cousin asking him to join you for a bird watching trip.

Paragraph Writing.

[5 marks]

Advantages and disadvantages of Mobile.

Question Answers.

[15 marks]

1. Write the story of 'A legend of the Northland' in about ten to twelve sentences.
2. How does the poem 'No Men are Foreign' gives the message of unity and commonality of all mankind? Give a reasoned answer.
3. What do you think Dinamani is the name of? Give a reason for your answer.
4. What characteristics does A.P.J. Abdul Kalam inherited from his parents?
5. "I was but a poor, foolish and stupid doctor." Justify the statement in the light of the story, "The Snake and the Mirror."

Read and answer the following questions.

[4 marks]

Said the Kangaroo, "I'm ready!
All in the moonlight pale;
But to balance me well, dear Duck, sit steady!
And quite at the end of my tail!"
So away they went with a hop and a bound,
And they hopped the whole world three times round;
And who so happy – O who,
As the Duck and the Kangaroo?

- a) How did the Kangaroo respond to the Duck's proposal?
- b) Where did they go?
- c) How should the Duck sit on the Kangaroo?
- d) How did they hop the world?