

Year 2008
Uttar Madhyama Ist Year, IInd Semester
Subject- English, Paper-3rd

Time- 3½ hours

Marks- 50

Instruction

- ▶ All questions are compulsory.
- ▶ Write only the answers in your answer book. There is no need to copy down any part of the questions in the answer book, unless you are specifically asked to do so in a particular question.
- ▶ Read each question very carefully before answering.
- ▶ Number your answers very carefully, so that they match with the relevant question number.
- ▶ Only brief answers are expected. Do not write unnecessarily long answer.

Q.1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:-

Like most 11 years olds, he was naughty, somewhat of a problem child for his parents. Then one day, he fell from a tree. And his parents had enough. His elder brother, hit upon the idea of sending him to cricket coaching classes, so all that bubbling energy would have a different outlet.

It was the beginning of an extraordinary journey. That mischievous child is world cricket's most feared and respected name. And in a career embellished with awesome feats. Sachin Tendulkar recently added another century to his name to become the seventeenth player in the history of the game to have played 100 test matches.

For a player who is the best batsman of our time and among the finest the world has seen, the first step towards greatness, at the tender age of 16, was his most difficult. He had such a hard time in his first test innings that he says, 'I thought I didn't belong here'. As he goes down memory lane, he says, "I still remember my first Test, Waqar and Akram were bowling and I had never faced such fast bowling in my life. I struggled and was out for 15. When I sat in the dressing room. I thought it was the end of my cricketing career. This was so different from a Ranji game. The pressure was too much and I thought I would never get another chance".

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He did get another chance and a score of 59 in his second Test helped him gain confidence, Not only does he 'belong here', in the time since, he has created new myths and broken fresh grounds and established for himself on image of self-effacing modesty and innocence, " I owe all this to my father". He inculcated in virtues of simplicity and honesty. He was a teacher of Marathi literature and would always drum into me that life had to be lived and sincerely, when he realized that cricket and not studies would be my life, he did not mind all he told me was "play the game fairly and give it your best. Don't shirk hard work'.

- (a) Why was Sachin sent to cricket coaching classes? 7 marks
(1 mark each)
- (b) What milestone has Sachin reached?
- (c) At what age and against which team did Sachin play his first test match?
- (d) How did Sachin make his debut?
- (e) Why was Sachin despondent after his first test innings?
- (f) When did the turn around come for Sachin?
- (g) How did Sachin's father contribute to the building of his character?

2. Read the passage and answer the question that follow-

The Cinema is an outstanding wonder of this modern age. Apart from the great pleasure it gives us as a means of entertainment, it is in many ways an education in itself, and no regular patron of the Cinema ever be called illiterate. The cinema is also a very valuable asset to educationists in imparting knowledge. The film companies, from time to time, produce historical pictures and these pictures are of great assistance to the teacher of history. A couple of hours spent in the company of historical personages dressed in the proper dress of the period can teach us far more than we can learn from a whole week's browsing in a history text book. Even some of Shakespear's dramas and comedies have been filmed and we thereby gain a much better idea of the play than would be possible from a casual reading of it.

But of far greater importance is the use of the film in the teaching of science and industry. There are educational film companies which devote their time to the filming of the habits and customs of animals, insects, fishes, germs, and

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numerous other branches of scientific life. We can see the hatching of the eggs of fish and their gradual development into large fishes. We can watch the unceasing activity of many kinds of germs, and their effect on water, milk or blood. We can watch the opening and closing of flowers and leaves, and the growth of grass and weeds, All these actions and movements are greatly on the screen. Such pictures are intensely interesting and are a great help in the cause of education.

- (a) Make notes on the above passage using appropriate abbreviations or symbols wherever necessary. 3 marks
- (b) Write an abstract of the above passage 2 marks
- Q.3. Your house has been burgled while you had gone to see a movie. On your return, you lodge a complaint with the police, which is called on FIR (First Information Report), For lodging on FIR you need to give a written report to Station House Officer (SHO) of the concerned Police station. Include all the necessary details. 3 marks
- Q.4.(a) Urbanization has replaced the peace and quiet of our beautiful villages with the noise and smoke of pollution. 4 marks
- Write an article in 80-100 words for a National daily using the above points and your personal experiences.
- (b) Everybody wants to adopt an easy way of earning a livelihood. Do you also agree with this? Give reason in support of your answer. 3 marks
- Q.5. Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verbs given in brackets:- 2

Someone------(ring) up half an hour ago. He-----
(say) that there was a time bomb in the train. The bomb-
squad------(search) all the corners and -----(not,find)
anything. Did you------(hear) the train stop with a search?

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Q.6. Change the underlined sentence into a conditional clause using the conjunction given in brackets. 2 marks

- (i) She hurries at work. That is why she makes mistakes (if).
- (ii) You do not have your identity card. You can not enter the school premises (unless)

Q.7. Change the voice in the following sentences:- 2 marks

- (i) Somebody gave me a book.
- (ii) Did the noise frighten you?

Q.8. Answer the following questions briefly. 4 marks

- (i) Why did artists like the hotel where the American couple was staying?
- (ii) What is the condition of the palace now and where do the Queen and her family live?
- (iii) What are the changes that are expected in the communications technology?
- (iv) Why was Quinn so eager to talk to Allison?

Q.9. Answer the following questions in one sentence. 4marks

- (i) What was the reaction of Father Gilligan when the Sickman's wife said "Father! You come again?"
- (ii) Why does the spectator say, I'll drink to you?
- (iii) Why did the man hold proper opinions "for the time of year"?
- (iv) How does god whisper to mankind at night?

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Q.10. Answer the following questions in about 100 words each: 4 marks

(i) What changes have been brought about by the contemporary system of communication in the area of medicine and banking?

or

(ii) What signs of human companionship in the writer speaking about?

Q.11. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words. 6 marks
(3x2)

(i) Why did Pakhon undertake a journey down the Volga to Samara?

(ii) Why did Albert see no point in learning dates and facts?

(iii) Why was the atmosphere of the forest full of sadness and anguish?

Q.12. Answer the following questions in about 100 words- 4 marks

(i) Compare and contrast the characters of Rosemary and her husband?

or

(ii) What makes life a pleasant experience the awareness of one's rights or consciousness of one's duties?