



Dnyansagar Coaching Classes, A'nagar

Std. - 8th (MM)

Sub- English

First Term Exam

Time - 3 hrs

Max Marks - 80

Q.1A I) Read the Following Passage and answer the questions given below it : 10

Since ancient times, Indians have studied the functioning of the human body. They discussed various diseases and ailments, correctly describing their symptoms, diagnosis and cure as long as 3000 years ago. Great scholars of that period composed books about the 'science of life' or 'ayurveda'. These books were also translated into other languages of the ancient world. The structure of the human body and the various processes like digestion and blood circulation that go on inside the human body are described in great detail in the books. They also describe how to obtain medicines from herbs to cure and sometimes prevent diseases.

The ancient sages advised people on diet, exercise and a good lifestyle.

- a) i) What have Indians studied since ancient times ?
ii) What did the ancient sages advise people on ?
- b) What do the books of Ayurved describe ?
- c) i) They discussed various diseases.
(Change the voice)
ii) Great scholars composed books about 'ayurveda'.
(Frame a Wh-question to get the underlined part as an answer).
- d) Find past tense forms of the following from the text.
i) study
ii) translate
- e) What things do you come to know about 'Ayurveda' from the text ?

II) Read the Following passage and answer the questions given below it : 10

Don Quixote and Sancho Panza left their village together, to look for adventures. Don Quixote's head was so full of the stories about knights that he found adventures everywhere - even in ordinary things.

On the way, they came across a number of windmills. As soon as he saw them, Don Quixote said to his squire,

"Look, friends Sancho Panza, we are really lucky. Thirty monstrous giants present themselves to us at once. I will fight and slay all of them. Then I will take the money they have looted from others. With that money we can travel further to look for other adventures. It is God's work to sweep these evil giants from the face of the earth.

- a) i) Why did Sancho and Quixote leave the village ?
ii) What did they come across ?
- b) What did Quixote say to Sancho after seeing the windmills ?
- c) i) We are really lucky.
(Make negative)
ii) It is God's work.
(Add a Question tag)
- d) Find opposites of the following from the text.
i) extraordinary ii) absence
- e) What shows that Quixote found adventures in ordinary things ?

P.T.O.

Q.2 A) Read the Following Passage and answer the questions given below it : 10

We have seasonal festivals in different parts of India. Fairs are held all over the country at some time or the other and they are celebrated by Hindus, Muslims and Christians. The biggest of these is the “Kumbha Mela” that comes round once in twelve years. The Kumbha Mela is, therefore, held at Haridwar, Ujjain, Prayag and Nasik in rotation.

One of the most grand and gay events in the life of the common people of India, is their festivals. Festivals are events that are remembered by one and all. They come round year after year, arouse our tender feelings and bring a message of joy to our lives.

- a) i) Which people celebrate the fairs?
ii) Where is Kumbha Mela held?
- b) What does the writer say about festivals?
- c) Find two adjectives from the passage.
- d) People of India always remember the festivals.(make negative)
- e) Which festival do you like most? Why?

B) Read out the stanza and answer the questions given below it : 04

Into the starlight,
 Rushing in spray,
 Happy at midnight,
 Happy by day !
 Glad of all weathers,
 Still seeming best,
 Upward or downward,
 Motion thy rest ;
 Glorious fountain !
 Let my heart be
 Fresh, changeful, constant,
 Upward like thee !

- a) What does the fountain do into the starlight ?
- b) What is the rest of the fountain ?
- c) How does the poet want his heart to be ?

C) Read out the stanza and answer the questions given below it : 04

How beautiful is the rain !
 After the dust and heat,
 In the broad and fiery street,
 In the narrow lane,
 How beautiful is the rain !
 How it clatters along the roofs,
 Like the tramp of hoofs !
 How it gushes and struggles out
 From the throat of the overflowing spout !
 Across the window-pane
 It pours and pours :
 And swift and wide,
 With a muddy tide,

Like a river down the gutter, roars
The rain, the welcome rain !

- a) Where does the rain clatter ?
- b) What are the gutter compared with ?
- c) List thyming words in the poem.

Q.3

Vocabulary Questions :

- a) Write past tense forms of the following. (any 2) **02**
 - i) can
 - ii) say
 - iii) come
 - iv) die
- b) Find adjectives from the following . (any 2) **02**
 - i) extremely
 - ii) quietly
 - iii) eagerly
- c) Write '-ing' forms of the following : (any 2) **02**
 - i) ask
 - ii) turn
 - iii) get
- d) Make adjectives from following nouns. (any 2) **02**
 - i) swiftness
 - ii) kindness
 - iii) danger

Q.4

A) Grammer Questions:

- a) Punctuate the following : **04**

it is easy to see replied don quixote
- b) Write sentences of your own using the following words : (any 2)
 - i) assistant
 - ii) looked
 - iii) things
- c) We read the story books. (Change into present continuous tense)

B) Language Questions :

- a) Try to build following ladders. (any one) **02**
 - i) COLD to HEAT
 - ii) CAT to DOG
- b) Make an album of any of your freinds ; Add his Dream - hobbies - passion etc. in it. **03**

Q.5

A) Write an example to show the use of the expressions : (any one) **03**

- i) "Believe it or not ?"
- ii) "We are not amused".
- iii) "To be or not to be".

B) Write your views for the notice board on the following topics : (any one) **02**

- i) Are studies important than games ?
- ii) Should we have exams ?

Q.6 A) Letter writing : **05**

Write a letter to your father asking permission and money for the trip.

Use following points :

- the school has arranged a trip.
- tell where the trip is going.
- ask for permission and money.
- tell who are going with trip.
- tell when you will return.
- add your own points.

OR

Write a letter to your friend to invite him for your birthday.

Use following points :

- invite your friend for birthday.
- tell day and date
- preparations made
- tell that other friends are also coming too
- add your own points.

B) Writing Skill : **05**

Make an invitation to send to the guests as your school has arranged a 'Prize Distribution Ceremony'.

OR

Write two short paragraphs on 'Your Best Friend'. Use the following question:

- 1) Who is your best friend?
- 2) Does he/she learn in your class?
- 3) Does he/she help you in your studies? How?
- 4) What kind of nature does he/she have?
- 5) Does he/she share your problems?
- 6) How does he/she behave in your pleasure?
- 7) How do you feel in his/her company?
- 8) Does he/she advise you when you are in confusion?
- 9) What are your feelings about him/her?
- 10) Add your own point.

Q.7 Write two short paragraphs about 'Anak Krakatoa' in your own words. **05**

OR

Write a story about 10-12 lines with the help of the following outline. Suggest a suitable title.

A farmer living in a village - has a hen - once the hen laid an egg - it was of gold - day after day he got golden eggs - became very rich - wanted to become the richest man in the world - killed the hen to get all golden eggs from her stomach in a day - lost the hen as well as golden eggs - moral.

Q.8 Translate the following into good Marathi. **05**

I had been fascinated by the mysteries of the sky and the flight of birds from early childhood. I used to watch cranes and seagulls soar into flight and longed to fly. Simple, provincial boy though I was, I was convinced that one day I, too would soar up into the skies. Indeed, I was the first child from Rameswaram to fly.
