

SCHOLARSZILLA YOUTUBE CHANNEL

H.S.C. Practice Papers (2021-2022)

Time : 3 hrs.

Max. Marks : 80

SECTION - I - Prose

(Reading for Comprehension, Language Study, Summary, Mind Mapping)

Q.1 (A) Read the first activity, read the extract and then do all the activities:

(12)

"Why should I leave home again?" the other said reflectively. "I was only going away now and then to look for him and to choke out his life if I met him." He shook his head regretfully. "He has escaped my hands. I hope at least he died as he deserved." "Yes," said the astrologer. "He was crushed under a lorry." The other looked **gratified** to hear it.

The place was deserted by the time the astrologer picked up his articles and put them into his bag. The green shaft was also gone, leaving the place in darkness and in silence. The stranger had gone off into the night, after giving the astrologer a handful of coins.

It was nearly midnight when the astrologer reached home. His wife was waiting for him at the door and demanded an explanation. He flung the coins at her and said "Count them. One man gave all that."

"Twelve and a half annas" she said, counting. She was overjoyed. "I can buy some jaggery and coconut tomorrow. The child has been asking for sweets for so many days now. I will prepare some nice stuff for her."

"The swine has cheated me! He promised me a rupee," said the astrologer. She looked up at him. "You look worried. What is wrong?"

"Nothing."

After dinner, sitting on the *pyol*, he told her "Do you know a great load is gone from me today? I thought I had the blood of a man on my hands all these years. That was the reason why I ran away from home, settled here, and married you. He is alive."

She gasped. "You tried to kill him!"

"Yes, in our village, when I was a silly youngster. We drank, gambled, and quarreled badly one day - why think of it now? Time to sleep," he said, yawning, and stretched himself on the *pyol*.

A1. Say whether the following statements are true or false, correct the false statement :

(2)

- a) It was evening when the astrologer reached home.
- b) The stranger gave the astrologer a hand full of coins.
- c) Guru Nayak wanted to take revenge.
- d) The astrologer was restless and could not sleep.

A2. Match the characters in Column A with their qualities in Column B.

(2)

Column 'A'	Column 'B'		
(i) Astrologer	(a) Caring		
(ii) Guru Nayak	(b) Blessed		
(iii) Astrologer wife	(c) Shrewd		
(iv) Astrologer daughter	(d) Aggressive		

A3. What was the load on the astrologer's mind?

(2)

A4. Of the two characters, the Astrologer and Guru Nayak, which character affects to you? Explain.

(2)

A5. Do as directed:

(2)

- i) It was nearly midnight when the astrologer reached. (Rewrite the sentence by removing 'When')
- ii) The swine has cheated me. (Rewrite the sentence beginning with 'I')

B1) Do as directed :

(3)

- i) Siddharth is active member of students Union of our college.
(Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles)
- ii) It has been raining morning and the road is flooded water.
(Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions)
- iii) Diversity will be respected, resulting in a vibrant and creative society.
(Rewrite using and)

B2) Spot the error :

(1)

- i) Let us sit under the shade of the tree.

Q.2 A) Read the first activity, read the extract and then do all the activities:

(12)

All of us can cultivate the reading habit. There are ways to find reading time for example, in a doctor's waiting room, when held up in a traffic jam, before going to bed etc. These are the much clicked advantages of book reading. They are your best friends and you discover a whole new world between the covers of a book. A good book is an intellectually stimulating whole some entertainment.

Having books lying around the house and having a reading habit yourself are the best ways to wean, the children away from the T.V. and to guide them towards book reading, because natural curiosity makes them sneak into books that their parents read. Having a wide range of books at home helps children form their own preference. The quality of books that one reads as an adult, of course, depends upon the quality of intellectual stimulus received as a child. Surely, a home without books is a truly deprived one.

A1. Say whether the following statements are true or false. Correct the false statements :

(2)

- (i) There are ways to find reading time.
- (ii) One should not develop reading habits.
- (iii) Home should not have a wide range of books.
- (iv) Books are our best friends.

A2. Match the Pairs.

(2)

	Column 'A'		Column 'B'
(i) Skim	(a) Text Book		
(ii) Scan	(b) Magazine		
(iii) Intensive reading	(c) Novel		
(iv) Extensive reading	(d) Research		

A3. The methods to be adopted to :

(2)

- (i) Wean the children away from TV
- (ii) To get stimulating wholesome experience during travel

A4. What are the advantages of reading according to you?

(2)

A5. Do as directed:

(2)

- i) All of us can cultivate the reading habit
(Rewrite the sentence using Modal Auxiliary indicating obligation.)
- ii) A good book is an intellectually stimulating wholesome entertainment.
(Rewrite as a negative sentence)

A6. Give the adjectives of :

(2)

- i) Curiosity
- ii) Preferences

A6. Give the noun form of :

(2)

- i) Cultivate
- ii) Stimulus

B) Write a summary of the above extract with the help of the points given. Add a suitable title:

(3)

Reading - Intellectually stimulating - wholesome entertainment - form own preferences.

C) Mind Mapping:

(1)

Develop a 'Mind Mapping' frame / design to show the development in your personality seen within yourself in the last 5 years. You can take the help of the following points in order to develop each of them into further branches.

(Development in Physique, Self - Learning Process, Communication Skills. Social Awareness, Family Responsibility)

SECTION – II

(Poetry and Appreciation)

Q.3 A) Read the extract and complete the activities given below:

(8)

Afoot and light hearted, I take to the open road,
 Healthy, free, the world before me.
 The long brown path before me leading whoever I choose
 Hence forth I whimper no more, postpone no more, need nothing
 Done with indoor complaints, libraries querulous
 Criticisms
 Strong and content I travel the open road.
 The earth, that is sufficient,
 I don't want the constellations any nearer,
 I know they are very well where they are,
 I know they suffice for those who belong to them.
 (Still here I carry my old delicious burdens.
 I carry them, men and women, I carry them with me wherever
 I go, I swear it is impossible for me to get rid of them,
 I am filled with them, and I will fill them in return)

A1. Choose the correct alternative :

(2)

- 1) a) As the speaker starts his journey in the poem he seems to be :
 i) Confident ii) Desperate
 iii) Curious iv) Resigned
 b) The speaker characterizes his previous attitude towards setting out on a journey by being
- 2) i) Fearful ii) Determined
- 3) iii) Impatient iv) Reluctant
- 4) The use of personal pronoun 'I' is evident and prominent in this poem. Give reasons.
 Do you like to travel ? Explain.
 Name and explain the figures of speech in the following lines.
- 5) i) "Strong and content I travel the open road".
 ii) "..... postpone no more, need nothing"
 Compose 2-4 lines on the topic.
 "The road that leads to my college".

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B. Write an appreciation of the poem "Indian Weavers" in about to 15 lines.

(4)

Indian Weavers

Weavers, weaving at break of day, Why do you weave a garment so gay?
 Blue as the wing of a halcyon wild, we weave. The robes of a new born child.
 Weavers weaving at fall of night, why do you weave a garment so bright?...
 Like the plumes of a peacock, purple and green, we weave the marriage - veils of a queen.
 Weavers, weaving solemn and still, what do you weave in the moonlight chill ?
 While as a feather and white as a cloud, we weave a dead - man's funeral shroud.

SECTION – III
(Writing Skills)

Q.4 Complete the activities as per the instructions given below: (16)

A1. Attempt any one

i) Using the information given below, write the message which Rajat's mother left for him :

(2)

Rajat comes home from school and finds the door locked. Since he has a duplicate key he enters and finds a note from his mother kept on the table. In it she explains, that she had to rush to the hospital with Ms. Manohar, their neighbour, who had met with an accident. She had also written that he should have, the rice and curry kept on the dining table for lunch. He could heat the food in the microwave oven if he wanted to, but he should be very careful while handling the switch.

ii) Read the following details given below and prepare a suitable SOP: (4)

University of Bath, UK is one of the leading Universities for Business studies. You belong to a business family and wish to start your own business in future. In your Jr. College you have opted for commerce, Scored well in your std X Board Examination. You made profit in the stall you had put up in the business fair organized by your college. Your hobbies are playing cricket / hockey. You get along well with people.

iii) There is an inter college cricket match and in that match your college is losing. As you are the captain, have a group discussion with your teammates in the tea break about the strategy to be followed to save your college from losing the match. Give at least four / five suggestions.

B) Attempt any one:

i) Write a report for your college magazine on your 'College Festival'. (4)

ii) Mr. Patil has been in the news for her stand on 'Child abuse and infanticide'. Frame 8 questions to interview her. (4)

iii) Your friend from your previous school is planning to visit Delhi in the winter vacation. He would stay with you. Write an e-mail to ask him to share his plan. Also inform him about the things he should carry for the visit. (4)

C) Attempt any one:

i) Your college has arranged an inter - class Elocution competition. Draft a speech that you would deliver for the same, on the topic 'Stop Cruelty to animals.' (4)

ii) Expand the idea "Actions speak louder than words". (4)

iii) Imagine that you are a compere of a prize distribution ceremony of your college. Write a script of the same. You can take help of the following points. (4)

- a) Introduction
- b) Welcome Speech
- c) Lighting the lamp
- d) Welcome song
- e) Main event
- f) Vote of Thanks

D) Attempt any one:

i) Write a review of a film that you have seen. (4)

ii) Write a blog on the following topic "Communication Skills". (4)

iii) Prepare an appeal on 'Save our Environment' with the help of the following points. (4)

- a) Prepare an attractive slogan
- b) Make persuasive appeal
- c) Inform about the different programmes to be under taken
- d) Ask for contribution
- e) Tell about the need to save the Environment.
- f) Add some of your own ideas.

SECTION - IV

(Literary Genre - Novel)

A1) Complete the following activities given below as the instructions fill in the blanks.

- a) The word novel is derived from the Italian word meaning new.
- b) The name of the first Indian novel in English by an Indian novelist is

A2) Pick out the odd element from the group.

- a) Arun Joshi, Vikram Seth, Graham Greene, Kiran Nagarkar.
- b) Pace, Period, Theme, Climate, Life Style

B) Answer in about 50 words the questions given below:

(4)

- 1) The incidents in the extract 'To Sir with Love' occurred at a particular place. Explain the significance of that place in your own words.
- 2) The relationship between the teacher and the students is highlighted in the extract. Illustrate with suitable examples from the extract.

C) Answer in about 50 words : The questions given below:

(4)

- 1) Describe the importance of the following places in the development of the plot and behaviour of the characters.
 - a) Reform Club
 - b) London
- 2) Following are some dialogues of the major characters in the extract. Find out who the speaker is, her/his tone, style, significance of the dialogue.

	Dialogue	Speaker	Who said to whom	Tone	Style	Significance
a)	"Why do you not curse me? It was my fault that -"					
b)	"It is for me to ask that question you were ruined, but now you are rich again"					

D) Answer in about 50 words : The questions given below:

(4)

- 1) Discuss the importance of the following statements from the light of the extract.
 - The trio - Holmes, Dr. Watson and Mary decide to visit Lyceum Theatre.
- 2) Write in brief the theme of the extract "The Sign of Four".

(2)

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