

ATOMIC ENERGY CENTRAL SCHOOL NO.3RAWATBHATA

Second Unit Test (2018-2019)

CLASS: XI
SUB: ENGLISH CORE (CODE No. 301)

TIME 1:30 MINUTES
MAX MARKS: 50

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. This question paper is divided into 4 sections:
Section A Reading Comprehension 10 Marks
Section B Writing 15 Marks
Section C Grammar 10 Marks
Section D Text Books 15 Marks

Section: A Reading 10 Marks

Q1) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow

Time was when even wild horses could not drag me within miles of a barber's shop or salon as they are called nowadays. Those were days when hippie cut held sway and a close cropped guy was an exception. Yet, even in those days civilization was measured by the length of your locks and I was no exception. Much water has flown under the bridge since then in recent times I begin to yearn for barber's ministrations the moment my hair kiss my ears. But then there is another reason for this yearning and that is my barber Salim. He is more educated than me, having done his masters in literature with a first class first, capable of quoting Chaucer & Byron with equal felicity as he could Raja Rao and Narayana. He had been an English Professor for a couple of years but when his father, who ran the salon, kicked the bucket he found that it was good economics to make a switchover. Salim's salon was a salon with a difference. A big sign board announced that Politics was a taboo. Salim once enlightened me on this, recalling that he had sent a customer packing though only half of his hair had been cut because he had dared to take a political stand, which to add insult to injury was contrarian to Salim's view point I once asked him, "Don't you miss all those students whom you were teaching English Literature. I have heard a couple of them say that you were the best among the lot." "Not at all" said Salim without batting an eyelid, "they might no longer be my students but they are my customers now. And I do manage to clear a doubt or two when they came for a sitting". It was then that I realised that the barber's switch for literature had not dampened one bit though combs and scissors had replaced his original tools of trade (C.V. Aravind)

Answer the following questions by choosing the best option from the ones given below.

- (a) In earlier days civilization was measured by
(i) Wild horses (ii) Length of hair locks (iii) Number of cropped guys (iv) Number of salons in the town
- (b) Salim switched over from professor to a barber because
(i) Of his family pressure (ii) Of his passion for this profession
(iii) Of the advice of his students (iv) It was good economics to make a switchover
- (c) Salim considered politics
(i) To be having liberality (ii) To be a taboo
(iii) He had no viewpoint about politics (iv) To be good and essential for everyone
- (d) The word that means the same as 'Kicked the bucket'
(i) To harm as well as humiliate (ii) To show no surprise or concern
(iii) Past events that are over or done with (iv) Died
- (e) Was Salim still in touch with his students?
(i) No, he was not in contact with them (ii) Yes, he met them occasionally but never solved their problems.
(iii) He used to take extra sitting / extra classes for them.
(iv) His students were his customers and he used to solve their doubts.

- (f) The writer often thought about Salim as he
 (i) Was more educated (ii) Had received his masters degree in first class
 (iii) Was well versed with Indian as well as English Literature (iv) All the above

1.2. Answer the following questions : (1 x 4 = 4 Marks)

- (i) Why was it an exception to find a close cropped guy ?
 (ii) Why did the writer get his hair cut frequently ?
 (iii) Why was Salim's salon with a difference ?
 (iv) Salim did not miss his old students. Why ?

Section B Writing (15 Marks)

3. Draft a display advertisement for the promotion of a new tooth paste. Invent necessary details. (4 Marks)

OR

Draft a poster on the topic 'Save Tree Save Earth.'

4. Write a letter in about 150 words to the editor of the local daily complaining about the schools charging high fee without giving promised facilities. (5 Marks)

OR

Recently you bought an A.C. from R.K. Electricals Sadar Bazar, Kanpur, but you found that AC is not working properly. Write a letter complaining about the same. Sign yourself as Ankit.

5. Write an article on 'Importance of Sports in life'. (100 words) (6 Marks)

OR

Write a speech on the topic 'Internet is a boon if used judiciously.'

Section C Grammar 10 Marks

Q5 A) Fill in the blanks with correct form of verb. (1/2*8=4 marks)

A bus driver _____ (crush) to death by a speeding truck near Seernapur Depot on Saturday night. The police _____ (say) that the incident _____ (take) place around 8 p.m. when the victim _____ (stand) near his bus A speeding truck (pass) that way. The driver _____ (lose) control over the vehicle. He _____ (be) drunk, but somehow he _____ (manage) to _____ (run) away from the spot.

Q5 B) Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences.

Write the correct sentences in your answer-sheet. Remember to number the answer correctly. (1/2 x 4 = 2)

- (a) join college/decided to/at the/I/thirty five/age of.
 (b) worried/to work/about/my ability/not/I was.
 (c) confused teenager//not a/grown up/ was a/woman and/ I.
 (d) I realised/than me/the teenagers/very soon/that/better/were.

Q5 C) The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the wrong word and write it with the correction in the spaces given. Do not copy the entire passage. (1/2*8=4)

Incorrect	Correct		
While climb up a mountain		climb	climbing
a) a groups of young boys saw
b) an bear walking towards them.
c) One that of them suggests that they
d) should climbed up a tree.
e) The boys quick followed his
f) instructions. They felt safe as he
g) watched a walk past
h) the tree. They climbed down only while the bear had
disappeared in the woods.			

Section D Textual Questions (Literature) 15 Marks

Q8) Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow 3 Marks

a) And who art thou ? said I to the soft-falling shower,
Which, strange to tell, gave me an answer.
and here translated
I am the poem of the earth, said the voice of the rain.

(a) The two persons in conversations are

(i) Poem and poet (ii) Poet and rain (iii) Rain and poem (iv) None of the above.

(b) What is 'Strange to tell' ?

(i) The answer given by rain (ii) The rain giving an answer (iii) The rain replying (iv) Both (ii) & (iii)

(c) The word 'IP refers to .

(i) Earth (ii) Poet (iii) Rain (iv) Shower

OR

b) They talked of love and preached of love,
But did not act so lovingly,
Was that the day?

a) Name the poet and poem

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b) Who are they ?

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c) Which day the poet signifying from the last line?

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Q9) Answer any five out of the following questions in about 40 words. 6*2=12 marks

a) What subjects does Taplow want to opt for? Why?

b) What does the notice 'The world's most dangerous animal' at a cage in the zoo at Lusaka, Zambia, signify?

c) Describe the event in War of Panipat which according to Gangadhar Pant changed the History.

d) How are the earth's principal biological systems being depleted?

e) How does Mr. Crocker Harris differ from other masters in his reactions towards others?

f) Which theories were explained by Rajendra to Prof. Gaitonde Why?

g) Which incident does Taplow narrate to prove the fact that Crocker Harris does not like 'being liked'?