

NEPS

Class: 8th
Subject: English

Examination: Term Ist
Maximum Marks: 60

Section “A” (Reading)

Q. No. 01 (A): Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

The culture of nuclear families is in fashion. Parents are often heard complaining about the difficulties in bringing up children these days. Too much of freedom in demand, too much independence; overnight parties; excessive extravagance, splurging pocket money; no time for studies and family all this is a common cry of such families. Aren't parents, themselves, responsible for this pitiful state? The basic need of a growing youth is the family, love, attention and bonding along with moral values. One should not forget that 'charity begins at home'.

Independence and individuality both need to be respected, in order to maintain the sanctity of family. Children today are to be handled with tact in order to bridge the ever widening generation gap. Only the reasonable demands need to be fulfilled, as there are too many expenses to be met and top many social obligations to be taken care of by the parents. Our forefathers lived happily in joint families. Children loved to live with their cousins, learnt to adjust within means. There was perfect harmony between the generations. There never existed the concept of old-age homes. There was deep respect for the family elders and love, care and concern for the youngsters. Even the minor family differences were solved amicably.

Questions:

1. Mention any two major common concerns of a nuclear family. **(1 x 5 = 5 Marks)**
2. Who, according to the passage, are responsible for them?
3. Explain the expression 'charity begins at home'.
4. Describe the atmosphere in joint families.
5. Which word in the passage means 'Holiness of life'?

(B) :

Next to water, tea is the most commonly consumed beverage in the world. This is good news because tea offers important health benefits. Its benefits were first discovered by the Chinese Emperor Shen Nung who declared that it gave one vigour of body, contentment of mind and determination of purpose. Today there is ample proof that tea in its many forms possesses a number of health benefits from supporting the immune, system to reducing the risk of cancer, to helping prevent tooth decay. What makes tea such a healthy drink? The star compounds are called catechins. Those are antioxidants that help prevent cell damage by harmful molecules called free radicals.

Tea can be black, green and red and is derived from a warm-weather evergreen tree known as *Camelia Sinensis*. The more processing, tea leaves undergo, the darker they become. Green tea is the least processed tea. It is simply steamed quickly and

offers the maximum healing powers because it isn't fermented. It also helps prevent tooth decay and aids weight loss.

Questions:

1. The most commonly consumed beverage in the world is..... (1×5 = 5)
2. Benefits of tea were first discovered by.....
3. Tea turns out to be a healthy drink due to the presence of.....
4. Green tea leaves offer maximum healing powers because it is.....
5. The word to the last para which means the same as helps is.....

Section "B" (Writing)

Q. No.02 (A): Write a letter on poor sanitary condition in your locality.

Or

Imagine yourself as Raju/ Rani residing at golden street, new market, Kanpur. You are staying in hostel. Your school fee is yet to deposit. Write a letter to your father asking him to send the money as early as possible to avoid any penalties.

(8×1=8)

(B):

Write any one paragraph from the following.

- a) The importance of Trees b) Global warming c) The importance of good habits

(6×1=06)

Section "C" (Grammar)

Q. No.03 (A): Use appropriate punctuation marks in the following sentences.

- a) We had a great time in France the kids really enjoyed it
- b) Some people work best in the mornings others do better in the evenings
- c) What are you doing next weekend
- d) Mother had to go into hospital she had heart problems
- e) Did you understand why I was upset

(5×1=5)

(B)

Fill in the blanks using 'a/an/the'.

1. I want to ask..... question now.
2. It is..... nice day today.
3. Mohini works in office.
4. man was crossing the road.
5. She works in..... hospital.
6. There is..... huge statue of Rani Lakshmbai at the square.
7. Yours is..... inspiring story.

(7×1=07)

Section “D” (Literature)

Q. No. 04(A): Answer the following questions (Any three).

1. Why is the Himalayan region called the “Water Tower of Asia”?
2. What are the main sources of water in Kashmir Valley?
3. What has been the impact of global warming on J&K so far?
4. What do we as individuals need to do to deal with the problem of global warming?

(2x3=06)

(B):

Answer the following questions (Any three).

1. Why was Rustum not able to live with his wife for a long time?
2. What secret did Sohrab learn from his mother?
3. Why was Rustum at first not ready to fight Sohrab?
4. What were Sohrab’s last words?

(2x3=06)

Q. No.05: Write the summary of the poem “The Brook”.

Or

Thinking about the poem “The Bangle – Seller” & answer the following questions.

1. Who is the speaker in the poem?
2. How are the bangles described in the first stanza of the poem and who are these bangles for?
3. The poet uses different similes for the bangles. What are these?
4. Name the different colors of bangles in the poem? What do these colors represent?

(08)

Q. No.06: Fill in the blanks as in the poem “The Bangle – Seller”

- a) Bangles are said to be as Circles of light.
- b) Some are like field of
- c) Some bangles are purple and gold
- d) Peoples buy these bangles from a

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