

SECONDARY SCHOOL EXAMINATION
THIRD PERIODIC TEST: 2023-24
CLASS: IX
ENGLISH

Time: 01 hour

M.M:20

SECTION-A (Reading)

[05 Marks]

Q.1. Read the passage and choose the appropriate option

Valentine Haüy (1745-1822) was a French professor of calligraphy. One cold day, he was going through a street in Paris when he saw a blind beggar. Haüy was a very kind hearted person. He at once put his hand into his pocket and took out a coin. He put that coin on the blind beggars' palm. But as he turned to go the beggar called out: "Sir, Sir! I think you've made a mistake, you have given me a Frank instead of a Sou". How did you know that I have given you a Franc?" asked Haüy in surprise "oh!" replied the beggar, "that is quite Simple. If I pass my finger over a coin, I can at once tell what it is!" Haüy allowed the beggar to keep the Franc although it was a great deal of money in those days. But as he walked back home he thought to himself: "If a blind man can know a coin by mere touch of his finger, why shouldn't he be able to know the different marks of letters of alphabet?" This thought inspired Haüy to develop a system of reading for blind.

- (i). What did Haüy take out from his pocket?
(a) A Sou (b) A Franc
(c) A rupee (d) A piece of paper
- (ii). What did Haüy do with the coin?
(a) He put it back into his pocket.
(b) He gave it to the blind beggar.
(c) He passed his finger over it.
(d) He took it back from the beggar.
- (iii). How did the beggar know it was a Franc?
(a) He looked at the coin carefully.
(b) He knew it from the size of the coin.
(c) He passed his finger over the coin.
(d) He knew it from the colour of the coin.
- (iv). What thought inspired Haüy?
(a) That if a blind man could tell a franc by the mere touch of his finger, he could know a Sou also.
(b) That if a blind man was given some more money, he would stop begging.
(c) That if a blind beggar learnt to read, he could make great success in his life.
(d) That if a blind man could know a coin by the mere touch of his finger he could also know the different marks or letters of an alphabet.
- (v). What do you mean by "Calligraphy"?
(a) a branch of Geography
(b) The art of making maps
(c) Beautiful handwriting
(d) The art of classical singing and dancing

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Q.2. Write a debate on the theme, "Students should be allowed to own and use mobile phones' in not more than 80 words. (3 marks)

OR

It is commonly believed that nature has enough for man's need, but not enough for man's greed. Prepare a speech to be delivered in the School assembly highlighting the role of student and conservation of environment. Use the following hints:

- Children should contribute towards preservation and conservation of environment.
- Reduce waste.
- Avoid wastage of paper.
- Turn off electrical switches when not in use.
- Use non-toxic cleaners.
- Use energy saving light bulbs.
- Use biodegradable products.
- Spread awareness about environment issues.

Q.3. Choose the correct option:

(2 marks)

- a. Joe (do not / does not) like to play basketball.
- b. Either of you (have/has) stolen the book.
3. The players as well as the Coach (want/wants) to win.
4. Kavita and her sister (is/are) here to see you.

SECTION-C (Literature)

[10 marks]

Q.4. Answer the Question:

(4 marks)

- (a) "The sound was a familiar one". What sound did the doctor hear?
- (b) What two "important" and "earth shaking" decisions did the doctor take while he was looking into the mirror?
- (c) What do you think Dinamani is the name of?
- (d) How did Abdul Kalam earn his first wages?

Q.5. Read the stanza and answer the questions:

(3 marks)

It is the human earth that we defile.
Our hells of fire and dust outrage the innocence
of air that is everywhere our own,
Remember, no men are foreign, and no countries strange.

- (a) What do we pollute?
- (b) What does the poet tell us to remember?
- (c) Find a word which means the same as "pollute".

Q.6. Answer the Questions briefly:

(3 marks)

- (a) For whom does the Prince send the sapphires?
- (b) What does the swallow see when it flies over the city?
- (c) Behrman has a dream. What is it?
