

ANNUAL EXAMINATION 2025

STD:8. ENGLISH. MARKS:60

General Instructions:

- This question paper is divided into three sections.
- Each section is compulsory
- Read the instructions carefully.
- Attend all questions.

SECTION A- READING

- I. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.(9)**

A healthy diet is essential for maintaining overall health and well-being. While some argue that diet is a matter of personal choice, others claim that it plays a crucial role in preventing chronic diseases and promoting optimal health. In this essay, we will explore both sides of the argument and examine the importance of a healthy diet.

On the one hand, some experts argue that diet is a matter of personal choice and that individuals should be free to make their own decisions about what they eat. However, this argument overlooks the fact that a healthy diet is essential for maintaining optimal health and preventing chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, and certain types of cancer.

On the other hand, a healthy diet is crucial for maintaining overall health and well-being. A diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean proteins provides the body with the necessary nutrients, vitamins, and minerals to function optimally.

Furthermore, a healthy diet has been shown to improve cognitive function, boost energy levels, and support healthy weight management.

In addition, a healthy diet is essential for preventing chronic diseases. A diet high in processed foods, sugar, and saturated fats increases the risk of developing heart disease, diabetes, and certain types of cancer. In contrast, a diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean proteins can help to reduce the risk of these diseases.

In conclusion, while there may be differing opinions on the importance of a healthy diet, the evidence suggests that a healthy diet is essential for maintaining overall health and well-being. By making informed choices about what we eat, we can reduce the risk of chronic diseases, improve our overall health, and promote optimal well-being.

1. What are some benefits of a healthy diet mentioned in the passage? (2)

2. What are some risks associated with an unhealthy diet mentioned in the passage?
(2)
3. What solution does the passage propose to promote healthy eating? (2)
4. Write the antonym for the word
“ healthy”. (1)
5. Write a suitable title for the passage.(1)
6. Which means same as ' **ideal**' from the given passage. (1)

II. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions.

The Water Cycle

The water cycle, also known as the hydrologic cycle, is the continuous process by which water is circulated between the Earth and the atmosphere. It is a vital process that sustains life on Earth.

The water cycle involves three main stages: evaporation, condensation, and precipitation.

Evaporation occurs when the sun heats up water in oceans, lakes, and rivers, causing it to evaporate into the air. Condensation occurs when the water vapour in the air cools and changes back into liquid water, forming clouds. Precipitation occurs when the clouds

become saturated with water and release it back to the Earth as rain, snow, or hail.

The water cycle is essential for life on Earth. It helps to regulate the Earth's temperature, provides water for plants and animals, and shapes our landscape through erosion and deposition.

1. What is the water cycle also known as?

- A) Hydrologic process
- B) Hydrologic cycle
- C) Water process
- D) Evaporation process

2. What are the three main stages of the water cycle?

- A) Evaporation, condensation, and precipitation
- B) Evaporation, precipitation, and condensation
- C) Condensation, precipitation, and evaporation
- D) Precipitation, evaporation, and condensation

3. What occurs when the sun heats up water in oceans, lakes, and rivers?

- A) Condensation
- B) Precipitation
- C) Evaporation
- D) Deposition

4. What happens when the clouds become saturated with water?

- A) Evaporation occurs
- B) Condensation occurs
- C) Precipitation occurs
- D) Deposition occurs

5. Why is the water cycle essential for life on Earth?

- A) It regulates the Earth's temperature
- B) It provides water for plants and animals
- C) It shapes our landscape through erosion and deposition
- D) All of the above

6. The word "vital" in the passage can be replaced with which of the following words?

- A) Missing
- B) Unnecessary
- C) Important
- D) Practical

7. Water cycle regulates the temperature on the Earth. (True/ False) (1)

8. Write a new title for the passage.(1)

SECTION B- WRITING & GRAMMAR

- III. You are the assistant manager of Public Bank. Write a notice to be displayed on the bank's notice board, informing customers and the general public about an upcoming interview for various positions at the newly established bank branch. (5)
- IV. You are Kavitha/ Karan Secretary of your school Nature Club. Write a letter to the Editor of a local newspaper requesting publication of an article on the importance of protecting wildlife and conserving their natural habitat.(5)
- V. Answer **any 10** of following questions. Read the given instructions before attempting each question. (10)
1. The narrator said to the readers,“The Anarchist stole the Bacillus” (Change into reported speech.)
 2. He is very intelligent.(Change into exclamatory sentence)
 3. The school offers scholarships to bright students.(Change into Passive Voice)
 4. I am hearing footsteps behind me.
(Rewrite correctly)
 5. Liesel opened the door.(Change into Passive Voice)
 6. Bassanio opened the lead casket.
(Change into interrogative sentence)
 7. We are having a new plan.(Rewrite it correctly)

8. Muller said to Flannigan, “ We have got it abroad right enough”.(Change into reported speech)
9. Max sat beneath -----(a/an/the) steps. (Choose the right article)
10. Practicing steadily and sincerely gave him a better chance to succeed. (Pick out the non-finite verbs)
11. I have never forgotten your birthday,.....(haven't I/ have I)? (Choose the correct question tag)
12. The princes wanted to take the challenge,.....(did they/ didn't they)?(Choose the right question tag)

SECTION C-LITERATURE

VI. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow. (1x5=5)

The whitish grains which I had seen one of them pour into the box no doubt formed a fuse for exploding it. I had heard a sound come from the box which might have been emitted by some delicate piece of machinery. But what did they mean by tonight? Could it be that they were putting their horrible design into action on the very first evening of our voyage? The mere thought of it sent a cold shudder over me.

1. What did the narrator see being poured into the box?

- A) A liquid
- B) Whitish grains
- C) A piece of machinery
- D) A fuse

2. What sound did the narrator hear coming from the box?

- A) A loud explosion
- B) A faint whisper
- C) A sound emitted by delicate machinery
- D) A scream

3. What did the narrator think the whitish grains might be used for?

- A) To make the box heavier
- B) To create a fuse for exploding the box
- C) To make the box smell nice
- D) To decorate the box

4. What was the narrator's reaction to the thought of the horrible design being put into action?

- A) He felt excited
- B) He felt curious
- C) He felt a cold shudder
- D) He felt angry

5. Write one word for “ a long journey involving travel by sea” from the passage.(1)

**VI. Read the following lines and answer the questions.
(6)**

He is a creature mild and vicious,
Practical-minded and capricious,
Loving and brutal, sane and mad,
The good as puzzling as the bad.
The sticky centre of this mess
Is an uneasy selfishness.

1. Who is ' he' in the above extract?

- A) Animals
- B) Humans
- C) Tigers
- D) Elephants

2. What are the contradictory qualities of the creature described in the poem? (2)

3. What is the “sticky centre” of the creature’s personality?
(1)

- A) Selfishness
- B) Bravery
- C) Sweetness
- D) Optimism

4. Write the rhyme scheme of the given stanza.(1)

5. The poem presents a straightforward and one-dimensional portrait of human beings. **TRUE/ FALSE. (1)**

VII. Answer any **four** of the following questions.(2x4=8)

1. How did the barber and his customer react to the news about the bank?

2. What was Papa's plan to prevent the Nazi officer from finding Max ?

3. Did Whitaker and his team succeed in breeding a large number of gharials in captivity ? Was their project a success or a failure?

4. Why did the narrator of the story 'That Little Square Box' think he was about to die? Why did he think there was no chance of living?

5. Why has the wild goose come to the marsh? Where is it going?

6. What is the meaning of "dower" What wealth does Helen Keller's "dower" contain?

VIII. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 80 to 100 words.(1x4=4)

1. Imagine you are the bacteriologist of the story The Stolen Bacillus who intentionally misled the Anarchist. Write your experience before and after the visit of the anarchist in the form of a **diary** entry.

2. Imagine you are the narrator of the story “ The Little Square Box” . Write your imaginary conversation with Flannigan and Muller after their adventure on the ship.