



## परमाणु ऊर्जा शिक्षण संस्था

### Atomic Energy Education Society

आवधिक परीक्षा-1 2025 -26 PT-I Examination 2025 – 26

School: Atomic Energy Central School

Centre: Mysore

कक्षा /Class : VIII

विषय /Subject : English

अधिकतम अंक/ Maximum Marks :40

Portion covered: (BRIDGE COURSE)

Chapter 1: The White Elephant

Poetry 1: Cloudplay

Chapter 2: A Rupee Goes a Long Way

Grammar: Question Tag, Verb forms, collocation

Writing Skills: Story Writing, Notice Writing

#### SECTION – A

#### (READING) 10 MARKS

**A. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

1. “There is a need to define morality; let man be simply compassionate.” This sentence expresses the basic essence of morality: the extent to which it relies on compassion for its definition. For when we think about it, it is that truly human feeling of compassion which is the basis of morality.
2. Morality rests for its very meaning on the concepts of ‘good’ and ‘bad’ where good refers to all thoughts and deeds that do not aim at or accomplish any harm or injury or do not involve and attempt to inflict sufferings on others. Thus, morality is based on man’s ability to understand, being able to sympathise, feel kindness and sorrow for and identify himself with the sufferings of his fellowmen. So, only compassion can give rise to moral thoughts and feelings.
3. Depriving a person of what is his or what must belong to him- what is called stealing-for selfish ends, taunting or insulting others through words or actions for the purpose of self-gratification, violence-expressed verbally or acts of torture, killing etc. contradict morality as well as inner feeling of compassion and kindness.
4. When we talk of social morality of any kind, what comes into play is our ability to feel for the well-being of our society. A certain moral code of conduct is ultimately necessary to ensure that the society does not fall prey to degeneration of values, which would lead to rampant sufferings and chaos. It is a concern to help society by safeguarding it from unwanted ills and malaises and ensuring its well-being. Society’s concerns are our concerns: anything capable of causing a detrimental impact on it in the short-term or in the course of time is ultimately bound to affect us.
5. There is a need to realize that man must continue to feel compassion for the sake of him as well as the society. But like any other human trait, compassion ought to be continually exercised if it is to remain a dominant force. Unfortunately, in modern society what we witness

is a complete lack of kindness and sympathy between fellow beings. One can only shake one's head and say that just like other cherished values even compassion is getting eroded in the hustle and bustle of the mechanical existence of these times. What remains is material values that look only towards immediate personal gains and in the process rid man of whatever 'humanness' is left in him.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer ANY TEN questions from eleven that follow: (10X 1M = 10M)

- i) To define morality, one relies on:
  - a) Values
  - b) compassion
  - c) human feelings
  - d) all of these
- ii) The good in morality deals with:
  - a) Not inflicting sufferings on others
  - b) Men being able to sympathize
  - c) Feel kindness and sorrow for others
  - d) All of these
- iii) Morality is based on:
  - a) Differences between good and bad
  - b) Man's ability to understand and sympathize
  - c) Inducing sufferings for others
  - d) Giving rise to oral thoughts
- iv) What is gratification?
  - a) Depriving a person of his necessities
  - b) Killing inner feelings of morality
  - c) Pleasing oneself
  - d) Taunting people for fun
- v) How can one ensure that society does not suffer?
  - a) By teaching them the lesson of morality
  - b) By preaching the lessons of Buddha
  - c) By following a model code of conduct
  - d) By feeling for the well-being of society
- vi) How are the society's concerns our concerns?
  - a) Capable of having a detrimental impact immediately
  - b) The world is a small place. One has to bear the consequences
  - c) What goes around, comes around, our karma
  - d) In due course of time, these concerns are bound to affect everyone
- vii) Man must continue to feel compassion for:
  - A. His family

- B. His friends
- C. Himself
- D. The society
  - a) Only A and B
  - b) Only C and D
  - c) Only A, C and D
  - d) All of these

viii) What does one witness in modern society?

- A. Material values hold importance
- B. There is no humility left in society
- C. Complete lack of sympathy between fellow beings
- D. Compassion being eroded in machines
  - a) Only A and B
  - b) Only C and D
  - c) Only A, B and C
  - d) All of these

ix) Find a word similar in meaning to 'impose' in paragraph 2:

- a) Inflict
- b) Accomplish
- c) Attempt
- d) identity

x) Find a word opposite in meaning to 'widespread' in paragraph 5:

- a) hustle
- b) trait
- c) dormant
- d) eroded

xi) Which of the following will be the most appropriate title for the passage?

- a) Compassion
- b) Immorality
- c) Morality
- d) Mindfulness

## SECTION – B

### (WRITING & GRAMMAR) 15 MARKS

B. You are Aarti/ Arun, the head girl/boy, of S. C. M. Public School, Nagpur. Write a notice informing the students about an Art competition going to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> July in not more than 50 words. Furnish the other relevant details. (4M)

C. Raman wrote just a few lines but couldn't develop the story he wanted to write. Taking help from the hints given below and the introductory lines written by Raman, complete the story. **(Give Title and write the Moral of the story)** (5M)

"The celebrated archer guru Dronacharya taught the royal princes the finer points of archery. One day he wanted to test....."

Outline: selected a tree in forest..... placed a wooden bird on bare branch.....were to hit the bird in the eye.....Yudhisthir stepped forward....."can you see me?" asked Dronacharya. 'yes' replied Yudhisthir.....asked him to put down the bow.....each prince replied the same..... asked to retire from the competition.....finally Arjun came....."Arjuna, do you see me?" asked Dronacharya. "I see only my target," said Arjuna..... Arjuna hit the bird's eye.

**D. Complete the sentences by using the correct word from the bracket:** (2M)

- a) Then she heard a sudden noise in the dark, she felt \_\_\_\_\_, but when she saw the shadow moving toward her, she became completely \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Terrified/frightened)
- b) We need to \_\_\_\_\_ (make/take) a decision about our holiday plans soon.

**E. Fill in the blanks by using the correct form of verb:** (2M)

- a) After they \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) dinner, they \_\_\_\_\_ (go) for a long walk in the park
- b) By the time the farmer \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive), the birds \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) the corn.

**F. Fill in the blanks with the correct question tags** (2M)

- a) You haven't seen that movie, \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- b) It's a beautiful day, \_\_\_\_\_ ?.

**SECTION – C**  
**(LITERATURE) 15 MARKS**

**G. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.** (4M)

*They drift in all directions, this way and that,  
The fluffy clouds, droopy clouds, skinny and fat  
and when each of them settles in its own patch of sky,  
They're sad that it's over, and some of them cry.*

i) Complete the following sentence with a suitable reason.

We can refer to the clouds as excited or restless because \_\_\_\_\_.

ii) State two examples of contrasting descriptions from the extract

iii) Complete the sentence with the correct option.

The word 'settles' in the line 'And when each of them settles in its own patch of sky' refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A.) joins other clouds
- B.) grows bigger
- C.) stops moving
- D.) fades into the sky

iv) What might be the most likely reason for the sadness of the clouds?

**H. Answer any THREE of the following questions in 30-40 words each: (2Mx3=6M)**

- i) How did the traveler betray the elephant, and what does it reveal about him?
- ii) Do you think it was profitable for Ranji to sell the necklace?
- iii) Do you think Ranji is an honest boy? Give your reasons.
- iv) Why is the title 'Cloudplay' suitable for the poem?

**I. Answer the question in about 100-150 words: (5)**

- i) Write summary of the story "The White Elephant".