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FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT - II (PAPER PEN TEST) 2014 - 2015

Class : XII
Sub : English

Time : 90 Min.
Marks : 30

SECTION A (READING)

8 M

1. Whether work should be placed among the causes of happiness or among the causes of unhappiness may perhaps be regarded as a doubtful question. There is certainly much work which is exceedingly irksome, and an excess of work is always very painful. However, work is not to most people less painful than idleness. There are in work all grades, from more relief of tedium upto the profoundest delights, according to the nature of the work and abilities of the worker. Most of the work that most people have to do is not in itself interesting, but even such work has certain great advantages. To begin with, it fills a good many hours of the day without the need of deciding what one shall do. Most people, when they are left free to fill their own time according to their own choice are at a loss to think of anything sufficiently pleasant to be worth doing. And whatever they decide on, they are troubled by the feeling that something else would have been pleasanter. To be able to fill leisure intelligently is the last product of civilisation and at present very few people have reached this level. Moreover the exercise of choice is in itself tiresome. Except to people with unusual initiative, it is positively agreeable to be told what to do at each hour of the day, provided the orders are not too unpleasant. Most of the idle rich suffer unspeakable boredom as the price of their freedom from drudgery. At times they may find relief by hunting big game in Africa or by flying round the world, but the number of such sensations is limited, especially after youth is past. Accordingly, more intelligent rich men work nearly as hard as if they were poor. Work, therefore is desirable, first and foremost as a preventive of boredom, for the boredom that a man feels when he is doing something out of compulsion; though uninteresting work is as boring as having nothing to do. With this advantage of work another is associated, namely that it makes holidays much more delicious when they come. Provided a man does not have to work so hard as to impair his vigour, he is likely to find far more zest in his free time than an idle man could possibly find. The second advantage of most paid work and some of unpaid work is that it gives chances of success and opportunities for ambition. In most work, success is measured by income and while our capitalistic society continues, this is inevitable. However dull work may be, it becomes bearable, if it is a means of building up a reputation. Continuity of purpose is one of the most essential ingredients of happiness and that comes chiefly through their work.

- 1.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it, in points only, using headings and sub-headings. Also use recognisable abbreviations, wherever necessary (Minimum four). Supply an appropriate title to it. Use a suitable format.

(5M)

- 1.2 Write a summary of the above passage in about 80 words.

(3M)

SECTION B (ADVANCED WRITING SKILLS)

10 M

2. Design a poster to promote vegetarianism. (4 M)
3. You are an eye-witness to a road accident resulting in loss of human life and property. As a press reporter of 'National Herald', write a report in about 100 words. (6 M)

SECTION C (TEXT BOOKS)

12 M

4. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

(3 M)

"Therefore, on every morrow, are we wreathing
A flowery band to bind us to the earth,
Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth
Of noble natures, of the gloomy days
Of all the unhealthy and o'er darkened ways
Made for our searching:

- i) What are we doing every day?
- ii) What evil things do we possess and suffer from?
- iii) Explain, 'In spite of all'.

5. Answer the following questions in about 40-50 words each.

(3 x 3 = 9 M)

- i) What impression do you form of Edla Wilmanson on reading the story, 'The Rattrap'?
- ii) How did the servants initially react to the presence of a white man in their master's house?
- iii) Do you think the title 'The Enemy' is appropriate? Give reasons in support of your answer.