



Kāsiga School

Sample Question Paper

English

History/Civics

Geo/Eco

For admission to class 11 Humanities

Time: 3 hrs

Total: 150 marks

ENGLISH

Section A

The worst days of any summer are the rainy ones. We spend all year looking forward to nice weather and long, hot days. All of winter, with its dreary gray days and bitter cold, we dream of those endless days at the beach, laying on the sand and soaking in the bright and burning sun. And then, summer comes, and it rains. As a child, I would wake up to rainy summer days and come close to crying. It wasn't fair. We suffered through months of school and miserable weather for those scant ten weeks of freedom and balmy weather. Any day that I could not spend at the beach or playing ball with my friends seemed like a punishment for something I didn't even do.

On those rainy summer days, I had nothing fun to do and could only sit inside, staring out at the rain like a Dickensian orphan. I was an only child, so there was no one else to play with. My father worked from home, so I was not truly alone, but he could not actively play with me since he was technically at work. It was those days that I would resign myself to whatever was on television or any books that I could find lying around. I'd crawl through the day and pray each night that the rain would not be there the next day.

As an adult, though, my opinion of summer rain has changed. When you have to work every day, summer is not as eagerly anticipated. Mostly, the days run together, bleeding into each other so that they no longer seem like separate entities and instead feel like continuations of the same long day. Everything seems monotonous and dull, and an ennui or listlessness kicks in. Such a mindset makes you cheer for anything new or different. I spend the winter dreaming of summer and the summer dreaming of winter. When summer comes, I complain about how hot it is. And then I look forward to the rain, because the rain brings with it a cold front, which offers a reprieve—admittedly one that is all too short—from the torture of 100° and humid days. Rainy days are still the worst days of the summer, but summer rain today means positively beautiful—and considerably cooler—weather tomorrow.

Q1. Tick the correct option

(5)

1) The passage makes use of language that is

- A. metaphorical
- B. rhetorical
- C. formal
- D. ambiguous

2) According to the passage, summer is different for adults because

- A. rain brings with it cold temperatures for the following days
- B. the weather is much warmer than it is for children
- C. they do not get a long time off from work for the season
- D. they better know how to occupy their downtime

3) According to the passage, which of the following is a true statement about the narrator as a child?

- A. he or she was often bored on summer days.
- B. he or she preferred cooler weather.
- C. he or she liked staying indoors.
- D. he or she had no siblings.

4) Compared to how he or she was as a child, the narrator as an adult is

- A. more realistic
- B. less excitable
- C. more idealistic
- D. less calm

5) As used in the final paragraph, the word reprieve most nearly means

- A. permanent conclusion
- B. short continuation
- C. higher level of pain
- D. temporary break

Q2. Answer the following questions:

(15)

A. The author of this passage describes his or her feelings about rainy summer days. In general, how do you feel about such days? Do you agree with the author's opinions, or do you not mind this type of weather? Briefly explain your views below.

B. In paragraph 4, the author describes why he or she no longer looks forward to summertime the way he or she used to do as a child. What do you think of this change? Do you believe that you will come to feel this way one day? Why or why not?

C. The author writes in paragraph 4 that he or she "spends] the winter dreaming of summer and the summer dreaming of winter." On the other hand, many people would say that they have specific favorite seasons or times of year. How do you feel? Do you have a favorite season, or do you always look forward to whatever is to come? Why?

Section B

Q3. Choose the best word from the options given below and complete the passage: (6)

Rivers are considered holy i) _____ India but they are hardly treated ii) _____ respect. All kinds of dust and filth find iii) _____ way into rivers. If we have to treat and purify the water iv) _____ drinking it, how can the fish survive in v) _____ waters? Every year river Gomti becomes vi) _____ death bed of thousands of fish because of the polluted water.

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| i) a.in | b. on | c. at | d. of |
| ii) a. in | b. with | c. at | d. of |
| iii) a. their | b. his | c. its | d. over |
| iv) a. of | b. in | c. on | d. for |
| v) a. these | b. this | c. that | d. their |
| vi) a. the | b. a | c. their | d. those |

Q4. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences (4)

1. an antidote/ and pain/ is/ to stress/ laughter

2. for toning/ a good exercise/ up/ it is/ facial muscles

3. are stabilized/ is improved/ body functions/ and blood circulation

4. between/ distance/ two people/ laughter/ shortest/ is the

Q5. 1. You are Amit/Amita. Write an e-mail to your younger brother/sister, who has recently joined a boarding school, emphasizing the importance of a good breakfast in about 200 words (12)

HISTORY

Q1. Answer the following in the space provided:

(14)

a) When had France become a Republic?

b) What was Political Radicalism?

c) What was the Pentangular Tournament?

d) What is Forestry?

e) What was the socialist system?

f) What was the Duma? How far was it successful?

g) How did the economic crisis begin in the USA?

Q2. Long answer questions: (8)

a) What do you know about Hitler's personality?

b) How did television coverage change cricket? Give reasons.

Q3. Answer the following in one word/sentence: (4)

1) Karl Marx was a socialist and his followers were called: -----

2) To which dynasty did Louis belong to: -----

3) The German parliament was called: -----

4) When was the Indian Forest service set up: -----

CIVICS

Q1. Answer the following in the space provided:

(12)

a) When was the constitution completed and why was it imposed on 26 January 1950?

b) What do you understand by Personal liberty?

c) What makes an Election democratic?

d) What do you understand by the term Apartheid?

e) Give example of countries which do not provide equal rights to vote.

f) Who was the founder leader of the Socialist party of China and what were his major ideologies?

GEOGRAPHY

(Answer all the Questions)

Q1. Waste disposal is one of the urgent current environmental problems. How would you deal with this issue? (5)

Q2. Globally people are making an effort to shift to renewable resources of energy. Discuss. (5)

Q3. Our Forests are being depleted. How are we responsible for the degradation of these Forests? (5)

Q4. Media can be a powerful force for change in developing countries. What are your views on this? (5)

Q.5 The Tehri Dam in Uttarakhand is one of the 15 biggest dams in India, providing water and electricity to millions of citizens. These dams have been hailed as the Temples of a modern India. Support your views. (6)

ECONOMICS

Answer all the questions

Q1. Mention a condition under which underemployment happens. (1)

Q2. What does COPRA stand for? (1)

Q3. Write a note on the tertiary sector in India (3)

Q4. Why is sustainability important for development? (3)

Q5. What are the differences between formal and informal sources of credit? (3)

Q6. How is an MNC different from other companies? (3)
