

MODERN CONVENT SCHOOL
SECTOR -4, DWARKA
ANNUAL EXAMINATION (2023-24)

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General Instructions:

- a. The question paper consists of three sections: A, B and C. Attempt all the sections.
- b. All the answers must be correctly numbered.
- c. The paper contains five number of printed pages.

SECTION –A (READING)

Q1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. (4)

Nepal, a small, mountainous country tucked between India and China, may seem completely foreign to many Americans. Cows walk down busy streets unharmed, 24 different languages are spoken, and people eat two meals of rice and lentils every day. Nepali holidays, many of which are related to the Hindu religion, can seem especially bizarre to Americans unfamiliar with the culture. However, if we look beyond how others celebrate to consider the things they are celebrating, we find surprising similarities to our own culture.

The biggest holiday in Nepal is Dashain, a ten-day festival for the Hindu goddess Durga that takes place in September or October. According to Hindu beliefs, Durga defeated the evil demons of the world. To thank the goddess, people visit temples in her honour and sacrifice goats or sheep as offerings. Throughout the year, most Nepalis do not eat much meat because it is expensive, but Dashain is a time to enjoy meat every day. Children fly colourful, homemade kites during Dashain. People also construct enormous bamboo swings on street corners and in parks. Every evening people gather at these swings and take turns swinging. Nepalis say that by swinging, people can relieve the earth of their weight, if only for a few minutes out of the year. Dashain is a time for people to eat good food, relax, and enjoy themselves!

Aside from eating and enjoying themselves, during Dashain, people also receive blessings from their elders. Schools and offices shut down so people can travel to be with their families. Reuniting with family reminds people of the importance of kindness, respect, and forgiveness. People also clean and decorate their homes for Dashain. And, like many holidays in the United States, it is a time for shopping. Children and adults alike get new clothes for the occasion. People express appreciation for all that they have while looking forward to good fortune and peace in the year to come.

During American holidays, people may not sacrifice goats or soar on bamboo swings, but we do often travel to be with family members and take time off work or school to relax. No matter how we celebrate, many people around the world spend their holidays honouring family, reflecting on their blessings, and hoping for good fortune in the future.

1.1) According to the passage, Hindus believe that the goddess Durga

- i. loves to soar on bamboo swings
- ii. defeated the evil demons of the world
- iii. visits temples
- iv. enjoys rice and lentils every day

1.2) As used in paragraph 1, **bizarre** most nearly means?

- i. unbelievable
- ii. unknown
- iii. awkward
- iv. strange

1.3) Both the colourful kites and bamboo swings are used as examples of?

- i. ways people relax and enjoy themselves during Dashain.
- ii. things people honour and reflect on during Dashain.
- iii. offerings to the goddess Durga.
- iv. ways people reunite with family during Dashain.

1.4) Which of the following sentences from the passage best indicates why the author thinks Nepal would seem very foreign to many Americans?

- i. "Cows walk down busy streets unharmed, 24 different languages are spoken, and people eat two meals of rice and lentils every day."
- ii. "Every evening, people gather at these swings and take turns swinging."
- iii. "People also clean and decorate their homes for Dashain."
- iv. "During American holidays, people may not sacrifice goats or soar on bamboo swings, but we do often travel to be with family members and take time off work or school to relax."

Q2. Read the poem carefully.

(4)

The Lotus and The Black Mud

The lotus in its beauty and brilliance smiles
And dares the sun
To whom it compares its shape and shine.
"Thou hast not my tenderness,
Thou hast not my fragrance," it says.

The sun just glares
And utters not a word.
Either of censure or of praise !
The poor black mud
Nourishing the roots
With soft cool protective touch
Keeps silent too.
It is beyond compare
To either the lotus or the sun
Nor recognition does it crave !
Let the world rave and revile
At the vile stench of mud;
The mud knows the Dark Reality
It just wants to be!
It just wants to be !

2.1 How can we say that the lotus surpasses the sun?

2.2 "Thou hast not my tenderness". Who says these words?

2.3 The mud is significant because it stands for _
(i) reality (ii) harshness (iii) ugliness (iv) contrast

2.4 Give the synonym of the word "Frown" from the passage.

SECTION – B (WRITING and GRAMMAR)

Q3. Write a letter to the editor of a local daily Hindustan Times highlighting the importance of proper garbage disposal with an aim to create awareness among the city residents . You are Rubal/Rubina of Shakti Nagar, Delhi. (4)

Q4. Some young people have little leisure time and are under a lot of pressure to work hard in their studies. What do you think are the causes of this? What solutions can you suggest? Prepare speech titled as 'Leisure is necessary for hard work'.
(4)

Q5. Do as directed . (2*1=2)

- i. I feed my dog..... I eat my dinner. (Fill in suitable conjunction)
- ii. Shreya Ghosal sings beautiful songs. (Change the voice)

Q 6. Fill in suitable Prepositions. (4*0.5=2)

- i. The interior this house is mind blowing.
- ii. They walked slowly the road.
- iii. I hung my coat the door.

iii. Where are the father and the son?

B. Why did you give her those? I asked and taking out an eight anna bit, I handed it to him.

- i. Who is talking to whom here?
- ii. What is being addressed here?

Q13. Answer the following questions briefly. (5*2=10)

- i. Who was described as a strange visitor and why? (The Christmas Carol)
- ii. "You are wasting your time in building here"-Who is talking to whom here? What is being addressed here as a waste of time? (The bridge builders)
- iii. To whom did Ganesh hand over the bag and why? (The Shoeshine Boy)
- iv. Who are responsible for the miseries of the chimney sweeper boy? (The Chimney Sweeper Boy)
- v. Compare and contrast the characters of the dustman and the qadi. (The Trusted Thief)

Q14. Answer the following questions in detail. (3*3=9)

- i. Who wrote the poem "Where the mind is without fear" and what does the poet pray for in the poem?
- ii. The ghost of Jacob Marley and the three spirits help to bring about a transformation in Scrooge's character. Justify the given statement by giving evidences from the story. (The Christmas Carol)
- iii. Why does it take much time to kill a tree? What must be done to kill a tree? (On Killing a Tree)

Q15. Tick the correct answers. (1*4=4)

- i. Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way
Identify the figure of speech.
a) Alliteration b) metaphor c) simile
- ii. When did you come Rahmun?
Who is talking to whom here?
a) Mini to Kabuliwallah b) Kabuliwallah to Mini's father
c) Mini's father to Kabuliwallah
- iii. During the months of his life Fierce-Face knew nothing of his father.
a) Two b) three c) four
- iv. The dustman left his bag of coins at the qadi's home.
a) Five hundred gold coins
b) Five hundred silver coins
c) Five hundred copper coins
