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SAMPLE PAPER CLASS XTH SUBJECT ENGLISH

TIME 3HOURS M:M 70

SECTION READING

**The habit of reading**

**Q 1.Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

1. The habit of reading is one of the greatest resources of mankind; and we enjoy reading books that belong to us much more than if they are borrowed. A borrowed book is like a guest in the house; it must be treated with punctiliousness, with a certain considerate formality. You must see that it sustains no damage; it must not suffer while under your roof. You cannot leave it carelessly, you cannot mark it, you cannot turn down the pages, you cannot use it familiarly. And then, some day, although this is seldom done, you really ought to return it.
2. But your own books belong to you; you treat them with that affectionate intimacy that annihilates formality. Books are for use, not for show; you should own no book that you are afraid to mark up, or afraid to place on the table, wide open and face down. A good reason for marking favourite passages in books is that this practice enables you to remember more easily the significant sayings, to refer to them quickly, and then in later years, it is like visiting a forest where you once blazed a trail. You have the pleasure of going over the old ground, and recalling both the intellectual scenery and your own earlier self.
3. Everyone should begin collecting a private library in youth; the instinct of private property, which is fundamental in human beings, can here be cultivated with every advantage. One should have one’s own bookshelves, which should not have doors, glass windows, or keys; they should be free and accessible to the hand as well as to the eye. The best of mural decorations are books; they are more varied in ‘colour and appearance’ than any wallpaper, they are more attractive in design, and they have the prime advantage of being separate personalities, so that if you sit alone in the room in the firelight, you are surrounded with intimate friends. The knowledge that they are there in plain view is both stimulating and refreshing. You do not have to read them all. Most of my indoor life is spent in a room containing six thousand books; and I have a stock answer to the invariable question that comes from strangers. “Have you read all of these books ?““Some of them twice”. This reply is both true and unexpected.
4. My devotion to reading has never made me a recluse. How could it be ? Books are of the people, by the people, for the people. Literature is the immortal part of history; it is the best and most enduring part of personality. But book-friends have this advantage over living friends; you can enjoy the most truly aristocratic society in the world whenever you want it. The great dead are beyond our physical reach, and the great living are usually almost the inaccessible; as for our personal friends and acquaintances, we cannot always see them. Perchance they are asleep, or away on a journey. But in a private Library, you can at any moment converse with Socrates or Shakespeare or Carlyle or Dumas or Dickens or Shaw or Barrie or Galsworthy.
5. **Complete the following table by filling in the blanks with appropriate answers. Write the correct answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. (4 marks)**
6. **Add two more advantages of our own Books as one is given**

1.1 We treat them with intimacy. a. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_        b.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Add two more disadvantages of borrowed books as one is given

1.2. They are mere guests in our house. a. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_          b.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **Complete/Answer the following statements/questions: (½ x 4 = 2 marks)**

(a) Borrowed books, like guests, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(b) Marking favourite passages enables us to

(i) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and (ii) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(c) When should we have our own library?

(d) The author calls books (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and (ii) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**III. Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following from the paragraphs Indicated. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number: (2 marks)**

**(a)** extreme carefulness to behave correctly (Para 1)

(b) destroys completely (Para 2)

**Olympic Heroes**

**Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

1. **1**. It was no longer an ordinary Olympic final. There were two heroes in the great drama, both running as if their lives depended on the race. Hans Grodotski, a German with golden hair, was catching up with Halberg. Now Halberg was not fighting the others, but only against himself. His body was crying out for rest; it wanted to fall quietly on the ground and go to sleep. His body said the Grodotski, or anyone else, could have the race. But his mind and spirit would not allow the body to win.
2. He could now see the white tape at the finishing line. On the other side of the tape, he told himself, he would find peace and rest. Grodotski was only 9 meters behind him as they went round the last bend in the track. Halberg prepared himself for the last effort in case Grodotski overtook him.
3. But Grodotski never did, Halberg fell into the tape and rolled to the ground; Grodotski was 7 meters behind. Halberg’s friends gathered around the fallen body. Their minds were full of anxiety. But there was that faint smile in his face.
4. After his great victory in the 5000-metre race, everyone thought that Halberg would win the 1O,000-metre race easily. But Lydiard found a change in Halberg now. The desire to win was gone. Murray Halberg had discovered, in those last minutes of the race, that victory was not so important. He still had to live his own life, to do other things. When Halberg had fallen across the finishing tape a door had opened in his life. He had found a new meaning in life. He did not run in the 10,000-metre race.
5. When he was returning home he heard, in Singapore, that his wife had given birth to their first daughter. Compared to this great prize, the Olympic Gold Medal which he had won did not seem very important. His courage had made him immortal in the history of sports, but now he had to live the life of an ordinary mortal.
6. In the next three years, Murray Halberg ran many races and won many prizes. But never again did he feel that he was a running machine. He wanted a chance to do something useful with his life.
7. The chance came in 1963. That year, in Toronto (Canada), he gave a talk at a meeting of sportswriters. A lot of money was raised, and it was used to help the crippled, disabled children of Canada, who could not walk or take part in any game. Murray found that he could make himself useful to his fellow-men at last. Back in New Zealand, he took up seriously the task of helping crippled children. Many famous sportsmen joined him in this work, and a fund called the ‘Murray Halberg Trust Fund for Crippled Children’ was started.
8. Murray Halberg is now almost 45 years old, the father of three children. He has worked among crippled children for more than 15 years. During this time, he says, he has seen courage which makes Olympic victories seem very small. He knows a boy who had lost both his feet, but ran on the stumps of his feet in a race for crippled children. He speaks also of another boy whose entire body was paralysed below his shoulders, but who won a prize for swimming 400 meters in the open sea.
9. **Complete the following statements: (4)**

(a) Halberg was physically so tired that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(b) He continued to run as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(c) In the Last moments of the race he realized \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(d) He decided to devote himself \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **Fill in the blanks with One word only : (2)**

Halberg was not (a) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the others but only against himself. He was tired and he wanted to (b) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the ground. But his mind and spirit did not (c) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  him to do so. He prepared himself bravely and (d) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his rival.

III. Find words from the passage which mean the same: (2)

1. simple (Para 1) (b) triump

**Vegetarianism**

**3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

1. Vegetarianism promotes a natural way of life. But despite its implicit message of universal love and non-violence it has not spread, as it should have. This may be because it usually is an inward- looking habit and is best cultivated in the mind.
2. Leading a vegetarian way of life helps the animal kingdom to coexist with man. The animals supply milk, manure and energy. This has been central to the Indian culture for thousands of years. A vegetarian Lifestyle is natural, multifaceted and helps self-preservation in a healthy way. Food and health are closely related.
3. In India a vegetarian is usually a lacto-vegetarian. In the Western world, vegetarians are subdivided as “vegans” (pure vegetarians who do not take any food coming from animal kingdom), lacto-vegetarians, who use dairy products of the vetab1e kingdom and Lacto-ova-vegetarians. The Last category includes eggs, in addition to dairy products.
4. The Western science of food considers food as something to sustain only the human body, whereas the Indian science considers food as something which sustains not only the body, but also maintains the purity of heart, mind and the soul. Thus an item of food which is injurious to the mind is not considered to be fit for consumption, even if it is otherwise beneficial to the body or satisfies the taste. Indian food science does not give so much importance to protein or even to the balanced diet but it gives importance to food that increases the strength of the body and its virility.
5. Vegetarian foods provide an infinite variety of flavours whereas non-vegetarian foods have hardly any taste of their own. In fact, non-vegetarian foods have to be seasoned with ingredients from the vegetable kingdom to make them palatable.
6. In most sports disciplines, vegetarians lead in endurance tests. “You are what you eat” is an old saying and it is a fact that it is the food that makes the man. The food we eat—its quality, quantity, its timing and combination—is of utmost importance to healthy life.
7. It is significant to note that in the USA nearly 30 to 40 million people have adopted vegetarianism in the last decade. More and more intellectuals in the UK, Germany, France, Switzerland, Italy, Israel, Mexico, Russia and its former allies are gradually turning to vegetarian diet not only on ethical and humanitarian grounds but also for health and ecological reasons.
8. In the UK, surveys have shown that the medical bills of vegetarians are considerably lower than the non-vegetarians. Further, the premium rates of insurance in some categories are also lower than those of vegetarians.
9. Extensive studies by group of Bombay doctors have confirmed that vegetarianism offers protection from coronary diseases. It prevents and helps management of most of the gastro-intestinal diseases and is suitable for all non-insulin dependent and insulin dependent diabetics. Nephrologists use the diet as a major part of their therapeutics. A vegetarian diet is more useful in the treatment of liver disorders including the last stage of liver failure, when the dietary intake of fat is to be reduced. Vegetarians tend to have lower blood pressure. Lacto-vegetarian diets with their high fibre content, low acid and high vitamin and minerals prevent and to a certain extent relieve the pain felt with the progression of arthritis.

— The Hindustan Times

1. **Complete the following statements: (2)**

**(a)** Vegetarianism has not spread as desired because\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**(b)**The three types of vegetarians are\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**(c)** In India, food is not meant only for the body\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**(d)** The Indian food science underrates the importance \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **Fill in the blanks with One word only : (2)**

**Vegetarianism is a habit which is**

**(a)** in mind only. This means\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**(b)** of men and animals. There are many\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**(c)** of vegetarianism. It is medically confirmed that vegetarian diet gives\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**(d)** from heart diseases. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**III. Find words in the passage which mean the following: (1)**

**(a)** indirect (Para 1)

**(b)** of the heart (Para 2)

SECTION WRITING & GRAMMAR

Q.4 Write a story in 150-200 words based on the input given below :

She finally had it – the key to the treasure – the map –she trembled – excitement – anticipation 10 M

Q. 5Write an article for the school magazine emphasizingthe need for art and music to be taught in schools . Mention how the study of art and music helps in the better emotional development of students in shaping their personalities . 5M

Q. 6 Complete the following paragraph with the help of given options : 3M

Authorities setteled (a)…………………………32 pages in (b)……………………next answer book (c)…………………….for the undergraduate courses .

1. On / at / up / in
2. a/ an / the / some
3. Mean / meant / means / meaning

Q.7 Read the dialogue given below and complete the paragraph that follows : 3M

Doctor : I hope you can read .

Patient : You may think it is funny but I can’t .

Doctor : Then why should I treat your eyes ?

Patient : I believe illiterates too need eyes to see .

The doctor told the patient (a)……………………….. . The patient said the (b)…………………………. . The doctor asked (c)………………………. . The patient replied that illiterates too need eyes to see .

Q. 8 Jumbled words 4M

1) of/ politeness/ thank you / are / please / and / expressions

2) smoothsailing / make / loife / our / they

3) silvery-green / her / the / trees / frightened / olive

4) came / months / me / for eight / to teach / he

LITERATURE SECTION

Q. 9 Read the following extract given below and answer the questions that follow : 3M

A real message from the real Sebastian Shultz . We both knew that by reliving the accident , something wonderful had happened .

1. Who is the narrator ?
2. What accident is he referring to ?
3. Write the antonym for the word , ‘ wonderful ‘.

Q.10 Answer the following questions in 30-40 words : 4x2=8M

a) Give two examples of the use of supernatural in The Rime of Ancient Mariner .

b) Why did the spirits in the Ouija boards call Hallock a traitor ?

c) Why did Calpurnia not wantCeasar to go to the senate ?

d) Why did the poet throw the log at the snake ?

Q. 11 Imagine you are Michael . Write a diary entry describing your spirit of fellow feeling with which you finally Sebastian . 4M

Q.12 Draw a charater sketch of Helen’s parents . ( Novel The Story of My Life ) 10M