

# ANDHRA ASSOCIATION HIGH SCHOOL-HS

SELECTION EXAMINATION: 2018-19

CLASS: XII

SUB: ENGLISH

DATE: 30/11/2018

F.M = ~~80~~ 60

TIME: 3.15 mins.

## GROUP -A

1) Answer any two of the following questions in about 100 words:  $6 \times 2 = 12$

- 'I wondered if I would be able to prevent her from discovering that I was blind'. Who wanted to prevent the girl from discovering his blindness and why? 1+5
- Who was Pakshi Laxmana Sastri? What was one of Kalam's earliest memories regarding him? How did Kalam's father explain the relevance of prayer to him? [1+1+4]  
6
- Comment on the title of the story 'Thank you maam'. 6
- What were the three questions of the Tsar? How did he finally get the answers of the questions? 3+3

2) Answer any two of the following questions each in about 100 words:  $6 \times 2 = 12$

- "Not so much pain will do it" What is meant by 'so much pain'? What is referred to as it? How is it finally done? 1+1+4
- "Ah nature keep him warm" Who is referred to here as him? Why does the poet ask nature to keep him warm? How is the 'pity of war' revealed through this ironical imploration? 1+1+4
- "Nor shall death brag thou wand'rest in his shade," – Who is referred to as 'thou'. How does this give him life? 1+5
- What picture of the two seasons does Keats draw in the poetry of Earth. How are the two seasons related? 4+2

3) Answer any one of the following questions in about 100 words:  $6 \times 1 = 6$

- Sketch the character of Chubukov in the play 'The Proposal'.
- "You ought to stay in the kitchen by the Stove and wrestle with the potato peelings and not go foxhunting".  
Who spoke the given lines about whom? Why does the speaker say so? 2+4
- Do you find the play funny? Support your answer with illustrations from the text.

4) Do as directed:  $1 \times 6 = 6$

A)

- As soon as she left the train, she would forget our brief encounter (use No sooner .....than)
- She left the door open. (Make it negative)
- I answered quite confidently. (use confidently as noun)
- The hermit lived in a wood which he never quitted. (Split into two simple sentences)
- Prayer made possible a communion of the spirit between people. (change the voice)
- The stranger said to the Tsar, "You do not know me, but I know you". (change the narration)

B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles and / or prepositions:

“Not (i) that face, I would not take you nowhere” said (ii) woman. Here I am trying (iii) get home (iv) cook me (v) bite (vi) eat and you snatch my pocket book!”

C) Correct the error in the following sentence by replacing the underlined word with the right one from the options given below:  $1 \times 1 = 1$

I am that enemy of yours who swore to revenge on you (avenge himself / revenge himself / revengeful)

5) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

In India, the use of robots in surgeries is still at an early stage, but it has already been hailed as the future of surgical procedures.

In a robotic surgery, robotic arms and instruments are inserted into the human body through a 5 – 10 mm hole. The surgeon takes his position in front of a computer and gives instructions. These instructions are transmitted to the robotic arms, which actually carry out the surgical steps on the body. So, in a way, the surgery is a joint operation by the surgeon and the robot.

Robotic surgery has several advantages over normal mechanical surgery. The range of movement robotic arms can manage is not possible to achieve with human wrists and fingers. Since the surgeon is all the time getting a three dimensional view of the inside of the body, he is able to operate on areas which are not easy to access in open surgery. He also feels less stressed up and gets less fatigued. The hole through which the instruments are inserted being very small, the healing process is really fast. The body gets fewer and smaller scars. There are fewer infections and the number of people being readmitted to the hospital is much smaller. To top it all, robotic surgery proves to be much cheaper.

India offers reliable robotic surgery which is 60 to 80 per cent cheaper as compared to prevailing rates in the US. So India is gradually becoming a preferred destination on the medical tourism map. The number of international patients visiting India for robotic surgery is slowly but steadily on the rise. However, the number of Indian surgeons who have made their mark in robotic surgery is not very large because our educational institutions lack facilities to impart the specialized knowledge or the specialized practical training required for it.

a) State whether the following sentences are True or False:  $1 \times 4 = 4$

- i. A robotic surgery is carried out by a computer.
- ii. Medical tourism in India is increasing because cost of surgery is cheaper
- iii. Surgeons with help of robots can operate on areas which are not easily accessible in open surgery.
- iv. A patient takes time to heal when he undergoes robotic surgery.

b) Answer each of the following questions in about 30 words:  $2 \times 3 = 6$

- i. Give any two advantages of robotic surgery over normal surgery.
- ii. Why is the healing process much faster in a robotic surgery?

Why have the Indian surgeons failed to make a mark in robotic surgery?

- a. Two persons including a teenager died being struck by lightning. Write a report on the incident in about 150 words.  $2+8=10$
- b. Write a letter M.K. Electronics, Kolkata, requesting for repair or replacement of the LED TV which you had bought from them only a month ago as it has developed certain defects (word limit – 150 words)  $2+8=10$
- c. Write a precis of the following passage. Add a suitable title  $2+8=10$

It is important to keep a level head at all times. However, there are two occasions when keeping a level head is absolutely necessary – when we achieve a big success and when we make a bad failure. An exceptional success usually inflates our ego and makes us boastful; a miserable failure fills us with dejection and makes life meaningless. Both these experiences are common in student life. A brilliant performance in one examination turns one's head while a dismal result in another makes one feel as if this were the end of the world. Both these reactions are equally flawed. Superiority complex is as deplorable as inferiority complex.

To be successful in life, one should be in total control of oneself, one should remain unmoved both by the ups and downs of life. For, he who gets broken by a stroke of bad luck is equally likely to get broken by a run of good luck too. No progress is possible in either case.

How can one keep a level head? If our value system is correct, we will not get easily strayed in life. If a businessman gives greater importance to health, character, a happy family and friendship than to money, he will not lose his head if he suddenly turns rich or if there is a slump in business and his income suddenly goes down. Similarly, if a student's focus is on acquiring knowledge, or on personality development, one performance, whether exceptionally good or bad, will not destroy his or her balance.

We should also remember that nothing is permanent in this world. Neither good fortune will keep smiling at us nor bad luck keep hounding us all the time. Both prosperity and adversity are bound to pass, to be swallowed by a shadowy past. Why then rejoice in one and grieve at the other?