

HISSAN CENTRAL EXAMINATION – 2079 (2022)

Grade : XII

F.M. : 75

Time : 3 hrs

ENGLISH (0041 D)

Candidates are required to give answers in their own words as far as practicable. The figure in the margin indicates full marks.

Attempt **ALL** the questions:

1. Read the following text and complete the tasks that follow. **15**

Pilgrimage - a symbolic contemplation, meditation and acceptance

We often make all things around us the way we want them. Even during our pilgrimages, we have begun to look for whatever makes our heart happy, gives comfort to our body and peace to the mind. It is as if external solutions will fulfil our needs, and we do not want to make any special efforts even in our spiritual search. Our mind is resourceful works to find shortcuts in simple and easy ways.

Even pilgrimages have been converted into tourism opportunities. Instead, we must, awaken our conscience and souls and understand the truth. Let us not tamper with either our own nature or that of the Supreme.

All our cleverness is rendered ineffective when nature does a dance of destruction. Its fury can and will wash away all imperfections. Indian culture, based on Vedic treatises; assists in human evolution, but we are now using our entire energy in distorting these traditions according to our convenience instead of making efforts to make ourselves worthy of them.

The irony is that humans are not even aware of the complacent attitude they have allowed themselves to sink to. Nature is mother and her fierce blows will sooner or later come and force us to understand this truth. Earlier, pilgrimages to places of spiritual significance were rituals that were undertaken when people became free from their worldly duties. Even now some seekers take up this pious religious journey as a path to peace and knowledge. Anyone travelling with this attitude feels and travels with only a few essential items that his body can carry. Pilgrims traditionally travelled light, on foot, eating light, dried chickpeas and fruits, or whatever was available. Pilgrims of olden days did not feel the need to stay in special AC bedrooms, or travel by luxury cars or indulge themselves with delicious food and savories.

Pilgrims traditionally moved ahead, creating a feeling of belonging towards all, conveying a message of brotherhood among all they came across whether in small caves, ashrams or local settlements. They received the blessings and congregations of yogis and mahatmas in return while conducting the dharma of their pilgrimage. A pilgrimage is like penance or sadhana to stay near nature and to experience a feeling of oneness with it, to keep the body healthy and fulfilled with the amount of food, while seeking freedom from attachments and yet remaining happy while staying away from relatives and associates.

This is how a pilgrimage should be rather than making it like a picnic by taking a large group along and living in comfort, packing in entertainment, and tampering with environment. What is worse is giving a boost to the ego of having had a special darshan. Now alms are distributed, charity done while they brag about their spiritual experiences!

We must embark on our spiritual journey by first understanding the grace and significance of a pilgrimage and following it up with the prescribed rules and rituals this is what translates into the ultimate and beautiful medium of spiritual evolution. There is no justification for tampering with nature.

A pilgrimage is symbolic of contemplation and meditation and acceptance and is a metaphor for the constant growth or movement and love for nature that we should hold in our hearts.

A. On the basis of your understanding of the above passage answer the questions that follow with the help of the given options: [5 ×1= 5]

- a. How can a pilgrim keep his body healthy?
 - i. By travelling light
 - ii. By eating a small amount of food
 - iii. By keeping free from attachments
 - iv. Both (i) and (ii)
- b. Our cleverness is rendered ineffective when
 - i. nature becomes destructive
 - ii. when its furious feature washes away all imperfections
 - iii. both (i) and (ii)
 - iv. none of the above

- c. How can we embark our spiritual journey?
- understanding the grace and significance of a pilgrimage
 - following it up with the rules and rituals
 - all of these
 - none of the above
- d. How do we satisfy our ego?
- By having a special darshan
 - By distributing alms
 - By treating it like a picnic
 - Both (i) and (ii)
- e. What is a pilgrimage?
- A metaphor for a spiritual growth
 - A symbol of meditation and contemplation
 - Both (i) and (ii)
 - None of the above

B. Answer the following as briefly as possible: [5 × 1 = 5]

- What change has taken place in our attitude towards pilgrimages?
- What happens when pilgrimages are turned into picnics?
- Why are we complacent in our spiritual efforts?
- How does nature respond when we try to be clever with it?
- In olden days with what attitude did people go on a pilgrimage?

C. Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following: [5 × 1 = 5]

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| (i) made/turned | (ii) unity | (v) commence |
| (ii) very satisfied | (iv) interfering | |

2. Write short answers to the following questions. [5 × 2 =10]

- Why is the narrator in nostalgia? (My Old Home)
- How does the tourist describe his initial impression of the Kathmandu valley? (The Half-closed Eyes of the Buddha and the Slowly Sinking Sun)

- What does the speaker mean when she says she was playing a game of hide and seek with her being? (I Was My Own Route)
- Describe the claim of the Chinese nationalists about the human history. (Humility)
- When is Human Rights Day observed? (Human Rights and the Age of Inequality)

3. Write long answers to the following questions. [2×5=10]

‘The Bull’ reveals the Nepali society of the late eighteenth- century. Mention the social features of that time as portrayed in the act.

- Discuss “Every Morning When I Wake” as a prayer to God.

4. Write a reply to the following email that you have received. 8

To: exaltationars@gmail.com

Cc:

Bcc:

Subject: Intra-College Quiz Competition

Good greetings to everyone!

We hereby notify you all that an **Intra-College Quiz Competition** is going to be conducted in our college on Jan 25 from 11:00 am in Club Auditorium.

Anyone interested for the participation must inform the Union Secretary, Miss Veronica Smith not later than Jan. 18 and provide their complete details.

For any queries, feel free to contact me.

Thanks

Sam Joseph

Class Representative

5. Write a paragraph on “Shopping as the Favourite Pastime”. 7
6. Some people think that only the government is accountable for the transformation of society, while others think that an individual can have a lot of influence. Write an essay based on your opinions. (10)
7. Follow the instructions of the parentheses and do likewise: [1×10= 10]
- a. You’d better quit your job, ? (Add a suitable Tag.)
- b. I invited all Jenny. (Insert the correct Preposition.)
- c. DO you have any idea? Has the train left? (Combine both to frame an indirect question.)
- d. “No, I haven’t seen Raj’s cellphone.” (Transform it into **Indirect Speech** using: She denied)
- e. He has hidden something in his mind, so he doesn’t look fresh. (Transform the given situation into the best type of an ‘**If Clause**’.)
- f. I was not laughing at anybody. (Transform the given statement into **Passive Voice**.)
- g. You..... think it’s funny but I think it’s pathetic. (Insert the correct **modal verb** in between **might/ should/ could**.)
- h. Neither the tracksuit nor the pajamas me perfectly. (Choose the correct option: **fit/fits**.)
- i. I had an uncle in Germany. I had borrowed a big sum of money from him. (Connect them using a suitable Relative Pronoun.)
- j. My sister have short hair when she was young. (Insert the best option: **would/used to**.)

8. Do as instructed: [1×5= 5]
- a. The quicker you adapt yourself to your situations, the happier you will be. What does the word **adapt** refer to?
- i. to transfer things in a beautiful manner
- ii. to change something to make it more suitable
- iii. to worsen something intentionally
- b. Form antonym of the word **probable** using a suitable **prefix**.
- c. Circle the letter if is silent in the word ‘align’.
- d. My daddy was always **protective** in his nature. (Name the part of speech of the boldfaced.)
- e. Which transcription among the following is used for the word ‘frame’?
- i. /eɪ/ ii. aɪ iii. ɪə iv. ʊə

THE END