

Ramakrishna Vivekananda Mission Vidyabhawan (Higher Secondary)  
Pre- Test Examination - 2020

Subject: English

Full Marks: 40

**PART – A [ Marks: 30]**

**1. Answer any one of the following questions (each in about 100 words):** **6x1=6**

- a) What is an auto-biography? What autobiographical elements do you find in the essay 'Strong Roots'? [2+4]  
b) "Do you not see," replied the hermit. ----- What did the hermit say to the Tsar about the most important time?

**2. Answer any one of the following questions (each in about 100 words):** **6x1=6**

- a) What is the role of Nature in Arthur Rimbaud's poem 'Asleep in the Valley'?  
b) Discuss Keats' use of imagery in the poem 'The Poetry of Earth.'

**3. Answer any one of the following questions (in about 100 words):** **6x1=6**

- a) Discuss the reason why the marriage proposal is important to all the characters in the play 'The Proposal'.  
b) "Forgive us. Ivan Vassilevitch, we were all a little heated."--- Name the speaker. When did the speaker say this?  
Why did the speaker say this? **(1+2+3)**

**4.**

**A. Do as directed:** **1x3=3**

- (i) Why be afraid of difficulties, sufferings and problems? (Make Assertive)  
(ii) When you pray, you transcend your body. (Give the noun form of the underlined word)  
(iii) Why don't you say this to the people who come to you for help and advice? (Split)

**5. Read the passage and answer the questions:**

Khardah, Aug. 17: Over 20 pairs of suburban trains on Eastern Railway's Sealdah main division were cancelled on Monday after around 150 women blocked Khardah station to protest against men being allowed to board the Matribhumi Ladies Special train. Seven persons were arrested, police said.

The Matribhumi Ladies Special was originally introduced to help women travel during peak office hours. But according to Railway officials, the train could manage to run only at 30 percent of its capacity, and that too, during peak hours. Following this, Railways had decided to convert four coaches of the train to general compartments.

On Monday, women passengers protesting against the decision launched an agitation from 9 am. An Eastern Railway press release said: "About 150 women passengers obstructed train movement at Khardah station protesting the opening of a few coaches of Matribhumi Ladies Special trains for male passengers. They detained 31602 Dn Ranaghat-Sealdah Matribhumi local at Khardah station from 9.02 am."

The blockade was removed after senior Railway officials assured them of reviewing the decision, it added. This, however, did not end the matter as around 10 am, the male passengers sat on the tracks "demanding their share of coaches in Matribhumi Ladies Special". This led to both groups of men and women indulging in verbal altercation. Soon, the station turned into a war zone with both groups exchanging brickbat.

When the GRP and local police reached the spot, the protesters allegedly started pelting stones at them in which several persons were injured, including at least six GRP and police personnel. The police had to resort to teargas shelling and lathicharge to disperse the protesters. More police personnel were called in. The men continued their demonstration, which was finally removed at 12.40 pm, Eastern Railway CPRO R N Mahapatra said. The Police Commissioner of Barrackpore Police Commissionerate, who rushed to the station, said: "Contingents of RAF and combat force have been posted in the area as a precautionary measure. Seven arrests have been made. The injured police personnel have been hospitalised."

Stating that the inclusion of three general compartments to Matribhumi Ladies Special was done on "experimental basis", Mahapatra said the matter will be reviewed. "This is not for the first time that we have done this (adding general coaches to Matribhumi). Earlier also, it was done after it was found that there was only 30 percent occupancy in most Matribhumi locals even in peak hours," Mahapatra said.

The release said: "A section of lady passengers had approached the Railway administration for permitting male passengers in a few coaches of the train for the convenience of their accompanying male relatives to board the same train." The protests led to 20 pairs of local and several other trains getting stranded at different stations for hours. Following this, special passenger trains were run between Sealdah and Sodepur to clear stranded passengers.

**A. Write T for True and F for False statements.**

**1x2=2**

- i) The protests led to 20 pairs of local and several other trains getting stranded at Khardah station for hours.  
(ii) According to Railway officials, the Matribhumi Ladies Special train could always manage to run 30 percent of its capacity.

**B. Answer the following questions:**

**1x2=2**

- i) Why was the Matribhumi Ladies Special originally introduced?  
ii) What did the Police Commissioner of Barrackpore Police Commissionerate say?

**6. As a trader, write a letter to the branch manager of a bank requesting to extend overdraft. 5**

**PART – B [ Marks: 10]**

**1. Complete each of the following sentences, choosing the correct option from the alternatives provided: 1x2=2**

- (a) The Tsar had deprived the wounded man of his :  
(i) education (ii) family (iii) property (iv) knowledge  
(b) After the namaz, Kalam's father used to go to the :  
(i) street beggars (ii) orchard (iii) Shiva temple (iv) coconut grove

**2. Answer any two of the following questions in complete sentences:**

**1x2=2**

- (a) What was one of the most vivid memories of Kalam's early childhood?  
(b) What happened when the Tsar was about to return home?  
(c) "I was becoming quite daring, but it was a safe remark." --- Why was it a safe remark?  
(d) What made the girl in the story 'The Eyes Have It' tired?

**3. Complete each of the following sentences, choosing the correct option from the alternatives provided: 1x2=2**

- (a) The killing of a tree is described as-  
(i) a deliberate act (ii) an innocent act (iii) a playful act (iv) a joyous act  
(b) "Asleep in the Valley" is a poem about :  
(i) Love (ii) Nature (iii) War (iv) Social inequity

**4. Answer any two of the following questions in complete sentences:**

**1x2=2**

- (a) How is a tree actually killed?  
(b) What does Keats want to assert in his poem 'The Poetry of Earth'?  
(c) What's the dead soldier's pillow made of?  
(d) What is the theme of the poem "Asleep in the Valley"?

**5. Complete each of the following sentences, choosing the correct option from the alternatives provided: 1x2=2**

- (a) According to Chubukov Guess is old and he is short in :  
(i) height (ii) the muzzle (iii) the size (iv) the supply  
(b) Negligee is a loose-fitting :  
(i) frock (ii) uniform (iii) gown (iv) skirt