

SECTION – A (READING)

Q1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions below :

Holi is played with various hues of red, yellow, blue, green, magenta, purple, orange..... But do you know that most of the Holi colours sold these days contain many harmful chemicals? In fact most are dyes meant for industrial uses like dyeing textiles and are not meant to be applied on humans. These colours include heavy metals, acids, alkalis, powdered glass..... The black paste has lead oxide, green contain copper sulphate, red is mercury sulphite etc. All these are toxic and can result in anything from skin allergies to cancer, eye irritation to blindness..... and much more.

Even the base in which these chemicals are mixed is highly toxic. Several powder or dry colours use a base of asbestos talc, chalk powder or silica. Asbestos is a known human carcinogen which gets built up in the body tissue, even micro quantities can result in cancer. Silica may dry as well as chafe the skin. The shine in the colours is due to addition of powdered glass or mica. Many water colours have an alkaline base capable of causing severe injuries. If it enters the eyes, it can pose a great danger to the vision. Colours in the form of pastes have toxic compounds mixed in a base of engine oil or other inferior quality oil, capable of causing skin allergy, temporary blindness.....

Read the following questions and answer the questions by choosing the most appropriate options given :

1. Various colours used in the holi celebration are dangerous for humans as they contain
 - (a) many harmful chemicals
 - (b) Dangerous dyes
 - (c) industrial colours
 - (d) dyeing matter
2. The diseases that these colours spread are _____
 - (a) Cancer
 - (b) Cancer and blindness
 - (c) cancer, skin allergies, blindness etc.
 - (d) skin allergies, blindness
3. Asbestos is a known human carcinogen that causes _____
 - (a) Blindness
 - (b) TB
 - (c) skin allergies
 - (d) cancer
4. What makes these colour shine is _____
 - (a) Glass
 - (b) Powdered glass and mica
 - (c) glass or mica
 - (d) asbestos
5. The word "toxic" means
 - (a) Chemical
 - (b) Poison
 - (c) dangerous
 - (d) poisonous
6. Holi is a festival of colours.....
 - (a) True
 - (b) False

On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions as briefly as possible.

- (a) What diseases are caused due to colours?
- (b) Which chemicals are mixed with colours to bring out its shininess?
- (c) What are the disadvantages of water colour?

Q2. Read the following poem carefully :

A plump little girl and a thin little bird

Were out in the meadows together.

“How cold that poor little bird must be

Without any clothes like me” , said she,

“Although it is sunny weather!”

“A nice little girl is that” , piped he,

“But, oh how cold she must be ! For, see,

She hasn’t a single feather!”

So each shivered to think of the other poor thing,

Although it was sunny weather.

Dodge, Mary Mapes

On the basis of the reading of the poem, answer the following questions :

1. What is the poem about?
2. Who spoke these words, “But, oh how cold she must be! For, see!”
3. Give the rhyming word from stanza 1.

Based on your reading of the passage answer the following questions by choosing the correct option :

1. “She hasn’t a single feather” means the girl _____
 - (a) Doesn’t have a feather on her dress
 - (b) Did not bring a single feather
 - (c) Doesn’t have a proper covering to protect herself
 - (d) None of the above

2. In the poem the word “poor” means _____
(a) Impoversished (c) not rich
(b) Indifferent (d) unfortunate
3. What time of the year is it?
(a) Summer (b) winter (c) rainy (d) autumn
4. Find words from the poem which mean the opposite of the following :
(a) Poor
(b) Cold

SECTION : B (WRITING)

PORTION

- 1 Poster
 - 2 Letter to the Editor
 - 3 E mail Writing
 - 4 Diary Entry
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1. Your school is going to celebrate a tree plantation week. Prepare a poster highlighting the importance of trees in our life.
 2. You have lost your bicycle from the school parking area. Design a poster giving details about its colour, model size, brand etc. The person who finds it will receive a reward of SR 25/- contact the supervisor of your section.
 3. Write a letter to the Editor of a Hindustan Times, describing how children are easily carried away by misleading advertisements and how they are impressed by super heroes whether Superman or batman.
 4. Write a letter of complaint to the Editor of “The Times of India”, New Delhi about the frequent breakdowns of electricity in your town.
 5. You are Nilesh/Nila representing your school at CBSE National Level Basketball Tournament. Write an e-mail to your friend in about 120 words describing your experiences.
 6. There was a misunderstanding between your parents and you on the dress that you had to wear for a party. Write an e-mail to your friend in about 120 words giving him/her your views on modern ways of dressing and the conventional thinking of your parents.
 7. You are Rita/Ritesh, in your city, everyday there is power failure for long hours in the evening because of which work suffers. Write an e-mail about 120 words, to the Manager, State Electricity Board, making a complaint and requesting for an early solution to the problem.
 8. While you were on your way back to home from school you saw an extremely old woman at some distance who wanted to cross the busy road. No one was taking care of her. You hurriedly came to her and hold her hand to cross the road. The old woman blessed you a lot. Now write a diary entry in 50 words expressing your feelings.
 9. Imagine you are Malasha from the lesson “Little Girls Are Wiser”. Write a diary about the incident which took place on Easter Sunday.

SECTION : C (GRAMMAR) (20 MARKS)

PORTION

1. The Sentence
2. Pronoun
3. Article
4. Subject Verb Agreement

1 The Sentence

State to which type each of the following sentences belong:

1. How old are you?
2. Please write it down.
3. If only I were in Goa!
4. How cute the baby looks.
5. She can run fast.
6. You are in the team.
7. How are you?
8. She was waiting for the school bus.
9. Are you coming tomorrow to the school?
10. Go and call your mother.

Make Changes in the given sentences as instructed in the brackets:

1. Ah! How beautiful she looks! (Declarative)
2. It is a beautiful evening. (Exclamatory)
3. He is really very intelligent. (Exclamatory)
4. You are in the team. (Interrogative)
5. The security opened the gate. (Interrogative)
6. She writes very well. (Exclamatory)
7. Stop the car immediately. (Declarative)
8. Please give me your book. (Imperative)
9. How beautiful she is! (Declarative)
10. You should bring your notebook tomorrow. (Imperative)

2 PRONOUN

Fill in the blanks with suitable pronoun:

The large hall was full of young girls. (1) _____ were listening to the girl in yellow (2) _____ was playing the guitar and a tall dark girl singing a song. (3) _____ had tears in her eyes as she sang and it was evident that the song that she sang was the outcome of (4) _____ suffering that she had experienced. The group was visibly moved. (5) _____ too could feel the sadness of (6) _____ song. A number of (7) _____ also had tears in (8) _____ eyes. (9) _____ girls were even dabbing their eyes with hankies. At (10) _____ of the windows stood alone a boy (11) _____ was hidden by the creeper growing near it and so none of the girls saw (12) _____.

Fill in the blanks with Relative Pronoun :

1. The postman _____ has dark hair is always early.
2. The story _____ I wrote was published.
3. I applied for a job _____ was advertised last month.
4. The car _____ I bought last month is stolen
5. The boy _____ has brown eyes is my cousin.
6. We can contact Mr Arora _____ address I have.
7. I mean _____ I say.
8. The old man _____ I helped one day is now no more.
9. The people _____ live in our neighbourhood are very helpful.
10. This is the book _____ I wanted for so long.