

MSE(SA)-24

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Time: 2.30 Hrs.

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Max. Marks: 50

General Instructions:

The paper is divided into 4 sections

- i. SECTION A- Reading Comprehension 15 marks
- ii. SECTION B- Grammar 08 marks
- iii. SECTION C- Writing Skills 12 marks
- iv. SECTION D-Literature 15 marks

* All questions are compulsory.

Section (A) Reading Comprehension-15 Marks

Q1. Read the following stanza and answer the given questions: (1x5=5marks)

It was a winter such as when birds die
In the deep forests; and the fishes lie
Stiffened in the translucent ice, which makes Even
the mud and slime of the warm lakes
A wrinkled clod as hard as brick; and when,
Among their children, comfortable men Gather
about great fires, and yet feel cold: Alas, then,
for the homeless beggar old!

- a) Winter is described as:
 - i) Lifeless
 - ii) Wonderful
 - iii) Bright
 - iv) Cheerful
- b) What happens to the birds in winter?
 - i) They fly
 - ii) They die
 - iii) They sing
 - iv) They freeze
- c) Stiffened means
 - i) Soften
 - ii) Solidify
 - iii) Weaken
 - iv) Strengthen
- d) Opposite of hard is _____ (Soft/tight).
- e) What do comfortable men do during winter?

Q2. Read the following passage and answer the given questions: (1x5=5marks)

Milkha Singh, also known as The Flying Sikh, was an Indian track and field sprinter who was introduced to the sport while serving in the Indian Army. He is the only athlete to win gold in 400 metres at the Asian Games as well as the

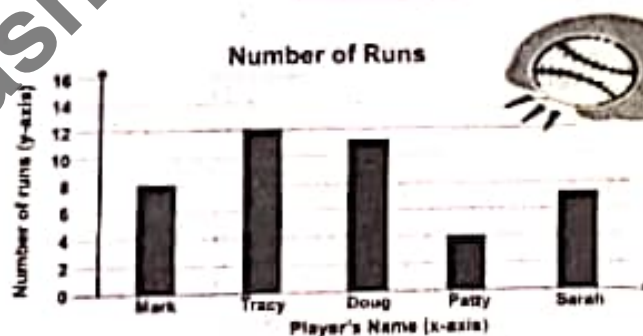
Commonwealth Games. He also won gold medals in the 1958 and 1962 Asian Games. He represented India in the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome and the 1964 Summer Olympics in Tokyo) He was awarded the Padma Shri, India's fourth-highest civilian honour, in recognition of his sporting achievements.

The race for which Singh is best remembered is his fourth-place finish in the 400 metres final at the 1960 Olympic Games. He led the race till the 200 m mark before easing off, allowing others to pass him. Singh's fourth-place time of 45.73 seconds was the Indian national record for almost 40 years.

From beginning that saw him orphaned and displaced during the partition of India, Singh became a sporting icon in the country. In 2008, journalist Rohit Bajnath described Singh as "the finest athlete India has ever produced".

He was disappointed with his debut performance at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics. "I returned to India, chastened by my poor performance in Melbourne. I had been so excited by the prospects of being part of the Indian Olympics team, but, hadn't realized how strong and professional the competition would be. My success in India had filled me with a false sense of pride and it was only when I was on the track that I saw how inconsequential my talents were when pitted against superbly fit and seasoned athletes. It was then that I understood what competition actually meant, and that if I wanted to succeed on the international arena, I must be prepared to test my mettle against the best athletes in the world."

1. What is Milka Singh known as?
2. When he was on the track during the Melbourne Olympics, Milkha Singh realized that:
 - I) He was the best
 - II) No body can defeat him
 - III) His talents were inconsequential as compared to international athletes
 - IV) He was better than international athletes
3. List any two of Milkha Singh's achievements.
4. Sprinter means an athlete who races over short distances (True/False)
5. I must be prepared to test my mettle against the best athletes in the world." Mettle in this sentence is used as _____ (Noun/Adjective)



- Q3. Using the above graph, answer the questions below. (1 x5=05 marks)
- The baseball team at the school keeps track of the number of home runs each player scored in a season.
- a. How many home runs did Sarah have in total?
 - i) 07
 - ii) 10
 - iii) 12
 - iv) 15
 - b. What was the total number of home runs scored by the player with the most

- home runs?
- c. ~~12~~ How many home runs did Doug score? ii) 15 iii) 17 iv) 10
 i) 5 ~~11~~ iii) 4 iv) 6
- d. How many home runs did Mark score? i) 6 ii) 8 iii) 4 iv) 5
- e) From the player with the fewest home runs to the player with the most home runs, list them in ascending order.

Section (B) Grammar- 8Marks

Q4. Complete the passage by filling the blanks with appropriate words. (2½ Marks)

(Should thick her the enjoyed)
 Anu went to _____ park with _____ mother and father. She ran on the grass while her mother _____ watching her. She spread out a _____ blanket on the lawn and gave chocolates to Anu. Mother advised her that she _____ throw the wrappers of chocolates in the dustbin.

Q5. Convert the following passages from Direct to Indirect Speech. (2½ Marks)

"But Mohan" said one of them, "you have forgotten one thing that belongs to a mill." "What is that?" asked Mohan.

"Why, where is the miller?" said his friend.

"That is true - I must look for one," said Mohan.

Q6. Read the following passage and edit it in terms of tenses, Punctuation and the appropriate spelling. (03 marks)

In my last summer vacation, I went to a historical place. All the members of my family go along with me. We didn't face any difficulty their because, we had already visited that place.

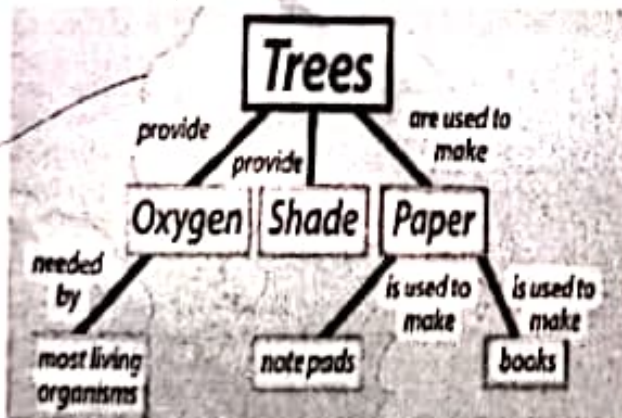
Section (C) Writing Skills -12 Marks

Q7. Read the following mind map and develop a dialogue between two friends in a park.

OR

Develop a short story of your own with the help of below given visual cue.

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Q8. You are Tina, sister of Meena. You received a call from the tuition that there would be no classes that day. Meena is sleeping right now, but you need to go to market urgently. Write a message in not more than 50 words. (02 marks)

OR

Your friend wastes a lot of time on the internet visiting gaming sites that are resulting in his poor performance in academics. Write an e-mail in not more than 50 words advising him not to do so.

Q9. Your school is organizing an 'Educational Tour' during the next summer vacation. You are interested in joining the tour. Write a letter to your father requesting him to allow you to join it and send you Rs. 1,000/- for the purpose. (03 marks)

OR

You are Shina/Ali. Usually, your locality is in complete darkness due to poor lighting in the streets. There may be cases of theft. Write a letter to the Chairman, Municipal Board of your town complaining about poor lighting in your locality.

Q10. Government Model high School, Jammu recently organised a science symposium on the topic: 'Effect of pollution on quality of life'. You are Aman/Anita, editor of the school magazine. Write a report on the event for your school magazine. (80 - 120 words) (04 marks)

OR

You are Sandhya/Sumit an active member of the Animal Lovers Club which works for the welfare of animals by preventing cruelty to them. Recently you visited Animal Care Home. You were pleasantly surprised to see the good treatment given to the animals. Write a report in 80 - 120 words on your visit.

Section (D) Literature-15 marks

Q11. Answer the following questions (Any three). (03x2=6 marks)

- I. How does polythene affect animals? (Polythene: A disaster)
- II. Why was Brutus called 'the noblest Roman of them all'? (Julius Caesar)
- III. How does our tongue do good or bad to others? (For God's sake, hold thy tongue)
- IV. In whose reign did Polo come to Ladakh and how? (Polo the king of games)
- V. Why is water the most precious natural resource? (Global warming)

Q12. Answer the following questions (Any two) (02x2=4marks)

- I. What should be our attitude towards the poor? (Prayer for Strength)
- II. The poet uses different similes for the bangles. What are these? (The bangle Sellers)
- III. Explain the phrase- 'wasp in the voice' (Meeting poets)
- IV. Can the Journey of Brook be compared to human life? How? (Brook)

Q13. Answer the following questions (Any One). (01x5=5marks)

- I. There are many instances of humour in the story Achilles. Pick out any two of them.
- II. Sketch the character of Sohrab from the story Rustom and Sohrab.
- III. What happens when the whole pack of cards and all the animals fall upon Alice?

(A Strange Trial)