



Purnima International School

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PA 3 ASSESSMENT 2021-22

General Instructions:

- 1 This paper is divided into 4 parts: A, B, C, D All sections are compulsory.
- 2 Separate instruction is given with each section and question
- 3 Do not exceed the prescribed word limit

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

[10 Marks]

One of the great values of punctuality is that it gives discipline to life. We have to get up in time.

We have to do things at the appointed time. All these entail certain amount of sacrifice. It dispels laziness and removes our 'take-it-easy attitude'. A disciplined person always gets recognition and social acceptance. He is wanted and appreciated. Therefore, punctuality can make us socially acceptable people.

2. Another significant merit of punctuality is that it provides ample time to do our work correctly and properly. Doing things hurriedly or haphazardly can have disastrous consequences. When we do things in time there is every chance that they end up as fine works.

3. The virtue of punctuality is said to be the key to success. Look at the great world leaders who have achieved fame and success. Punctuality was their hallmark. They kept their promises. Punctuality is a virtue that is appreciated by all. Washington once took his secretary to task for being late. The secretary laid the blame upon his watch. Washington reported: "Then, Sir either you must get a new watch or I must get a new secretary." People like them are ideals whom we should follow in earnest.

4. When individuals are not punctual they cause a lot of inconvenience to others. People have to wait for them and waste their valuable time. Want of punctuality reveals want of culture and is discourteous to the person we fail. Unpunctuality invites trouble and worry. History is full of cases which show that lack of punctuality has caused defeat, loss of kingdom and golden opportunities. It is said that Napoleon lost the battle of Waterloo in 1815 because one of his generals came late. Many people lose good opportunities of job or promotion when they reach late for appointment.

5. All of us are not born with the virtue of punctuality. We have to cultivate it painstakingly. Only constant vigil and practice can implant this virtue. It calls for great deal of sacrifice. It calls for courage to root out laziness and the 'take-it easy attitude'. It demands a disciplined life. That is why very few individuals have the virtue of punctuality. But, know it for certain that it is the surest way to success.

2.1 Read the given questions and write the answer in about 30-40 words:

(a) What is the writer's concern in this passage?

(b) What would be the consequences of not maintaining punctuality in your work?

(c) Give some examples to show that lack of punctuality has caused trouble and worry.

(d) How did the great world leaders achieve fame and success in their life?

1.2 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following:

(a) A disciplined person always gets:

- (i) recognition
- (ii) social acceptance
- (iii) work done correctly and properly
- (iv) all of the above

b) If you are not disciplined, you will:

- (i) Work hurriedly or haphazardly
- (ii) You will be punctual
- (iii) be appreciated by people
- (iv) none of the above

(c) We are not born with the virtue of punctuality.

(d) Give one word for 'to keep a strict watch'. (para 5)

(e) Give the antonym of failure:

(f) Give the synonym of readiness:

WRITING

[10 Marks]

2. You paid a visit to an 'Old Home' with other N.S.S. Volunteers. Using the hints given below together with your own ideas, make a diary entry of what you saw and experienced there.

Hints: • Old home • Mostly senior citizens above 60 • Peaceful surroundings • Spacious • Cleanrooms and baths • Regular Medical check-ups • a good library • Means of recreation • A home away from home.

[5 Marks]

3 Mohan wrote just a few lines but couldn't develop the story he wanted to write. Taking help from the input given below and the introductory lines written by Mohan, complete the story.

[5 Marks]

The celebrated archer Guru Dronacharya taught the royal princes the finer points of archery. One day he wanted to test...

Outline: Selected a tree in forest..... placed a wooden bird on a bare branch..... were to hit the bird in the eye..... Yudhisthir stepped forward "Can you see me?" asked Dronacharya. 'Yes' replied Yudhisthir..... asked him to put down the bow... each prince

replied the same..... asked to retire from the competition..... finally came Arjuna
“Arjuna, do you see me?” asked Dronacharya. “I see only my target,” said Arjuna Arjuna hit the bird’s eye.

GRAMMAR

4. Fill in the blanks with suitable words given in brackets :

[5 Marks]

- a. The quality of apples_____ was not good (were ,was)
- b. Gold and silver _____ precious metals. (are, is)
- c. Our happiness ____ our sorrow is largely due to our own actions. (either, or)
- d. Neither of the two men was very strong. (was, were)
- e. The Arabian Nights is still a great favourite. (is, are)

5. Fill in the blanks with suitable words given in brackets:

[5 Marks]

- a. You must obey your parents. (must, can)
- b. She must consult a doctor at once. (ought, must)
- c. He had to go early to catch the train. (have, had)
- d. First you _____to mix the water and the sugar. (have ,had)
- e. You will have to work very hard to stand first. (have, has)

LITERATURE

[20 Marks]

6. “They began in a light hearted spirit, evidently intending to show me how to do it . I made no comment; I only waited. With the exception of George, Harris is the worst packer in this world; and I looked at the piles of plates and cups and cattle , and bottles ,and jars, and pies, and stoves and cakes , and tomatoes ,etc., and felt that the thing would soon become exciting.”

[4 Marks]

- a) Who does ‘they refer to in the first line?
- b) What did they want to show the narrator?
- c) Who were the worst packer according to the writer?
- d) What does the word ‘pie’ mean?

7. Read the given extract and answer the question that follows:

[4 Marks]

**“Let us remember, whenever we are told
To hate our brothers, it is ourselves
That we shall dispossess, betray, condemn.
Remember, we who take arms against each other.**

- (i) Who have been called ‘our brothers’?
- (ii) Who instigate the commoners to hate their brothers.?
- (iii) Who is the poet?

(iv) What does condemn mean?

8. Answer any three of the following questions in 30-40 words:

[6 Marks]

- a. How did Prashant manage the food for the village people?
- b. How does the earth unite us?
- c. Why does Sue rush down to meet Mr. Behrman?
- d. What did Harris and George do when Jerome asked them to leave the matter of packing entirely to him?
- e. Who was Montmorency?

9. Answer any two of the following questions in 100-120 words

[6 Marks]

- a. Write a brief character sketch of Santosh Yadav.
- b. How can you say that we are all the same? Discuss on the basis of the poem 'No Men Are Foreign'.
- c. What saved the life of Johnsy – Sue's care, Behrman's sacrifice or change in her own attitude? Give reasons for your answer.