



SESSION: 2015 – 2016
ENGLISH

Class: VI

Maximum Marks: 90

General Instructions:

- This question paper contains 14 questions and 4 printed pages.
- All the questions are compulsory.
- Marks for each question are indicated against it.

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

Kathakali, a dance form, native to Kerala in South India literally means ‘story play’. It is a classical dance drama, colourful and dramatic in content and character. This art form is three hundred years old. Most of its elements and choreography have been influenced by a 9th century art form of Kerala called *Koodiyattam*, recently recognized by the UNESCO as a heritage art form.

Surprisingly for a dance drama form, the *Kathakali* dancers do not speak a word. A group of narrators recites the story in the form of a song, and the dancers interpret the narrative live with hand gestures called mudras combined with facial expressions and eye movements.

There are at least seven hundred mudras combined in twenty four different ways. The best dancers can move the eyeballs in 17 ways. There are eight ways to move the eyebrows and eight for the eyelids. It is surprising how they manage it. Till recently *Kathakali* was danced only by men. Men also enacted a female role with elegance and charm.

The dancers take up four to five hours before the play to paint their lips, eyebrows and eyelashes. All characters having their prescribed make-up.

The colours used suggest the temperament and mood of the characters—green for good, red for valour and ferocity, black for evil and primitiveness, yellow for wonder and white for purity. The dancer’s eyes are elongated with black Kajal. Whereas previously they were performed on open platforms, they are now enacted in the auditoriums. Undoubtedly, this Indian ballet has its own charm.

I On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the following questions.

- a. What is the literal meaning of *Kathakali*? 1
- b. What are the preparations done by the *Kathakali* dancers before the play? 1

II Choose the correct answer from the given options.

- a. The best dancers can move the eyeballs in _____ 1
 - i. 15 ways
 - ii. 17 ways
 - iii. 24 ways
 - iv. 8 ways
- b. Different moods of the characters are suggested by _____ 1
 - i. colours
 - ii. props
 - iii. dance steps
 - iv. rotating eyeballs



- a) Find a word from the passage which means the same as 'conduct'.(para3) 1
 b) Find a word from the passage which means the opposite of 'doubtedly'.(para 5) 1

2. Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow.

I look up from Earth and try to see
The planets looking back at me.
I gaze at bright and distant stars
And search for mercury,Venus,Mars.

I squint at the Milky Way way up high
And look for Jupiter in the sky.
Where are Saturn,Uranus,Neptune?
They're far away, high like the moon.

A telescope would be the best
For spotting Pluto and the rest.
But even with my naked eye
I look for planets in the sky.

I On the basis of your reading of the poem answer the following questions.

- a) What did the poet look up to see? 1
 b) What would be the way to spot planets up in the sky? 1

II Choose the correct answer from the given options.

- a) Like the moon they are far away and high like _____ 1
 i Planets ii Pluto
 iii . Saturn, Uranus,Neptune iv Telescope

- b) 'But even with my naked eyes' means _____ 1
 i it is easy to see far object through telescope ii it is easy to see distant stars
 iiiwe can spot them easily iv it easy to look without spectacles

- III a)Find a word from the poem which means the same as'far'.**(stanza 1) 1
 b)Find a word from the poem which means the opposite of 'worst'. (stanza 3) 1

3. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

It is now universally tried and tested that meditation is the best way to get relief from tensions and acquire a holistic health. In the west, people paid more attention to materialistic acquirements but in the East, they gave more importance to the spiritual and physical aspects of life.

The art of meditation was well- known to our ancestors. In the past, it was a common ritual to meditate and pray, maybe for 10-15 minutes after taking bath and before starting daily routine chores. The dictionary meaning of meditation is " quietening your mind". In recent times, meditation as a way to joy and peace has acquired great popularity in the West, but it is fading from the east.The fast life, the race after money, and the effect of Western culture are the basic reasons behind it. But spiritual leaders with their transcendental meditation, have attracted a large number of Americans.



Most of the religions advocate meditation as a part of daily prayers. Meditation is also considered as a stress relieving exercise. It is a simple mental inactivity where you cut off the mind from external noises, sounds and other stimuli. In most of the meditation exercises, some words are given to recite again and again. When you sit alone and try to focus your mind, it is difficult. Your mind seems to wander.

In your day-to-day life, your mind is thinking about several insignificant things at the same time. They make you restless. With regular meditation, these unnecessary thoughts would settle down. It will help you to concentrate on a particular problem, maintain balance, feel relaxed and control your negative emotions.

I On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the following questions.

- a) Which is the best way to get relief from tensions? 1
- b) What is the dictionary meaning of meditation? 1
- c) How can we settle down unnecessary thoughts? 1
- d) What is it difficult to do meditation? 1

II Choose the correct answer from the given options:

- a) Through meditation we can achieve _____ . 1
 - i) Bodily development
 - ii) Mental peace and joy
- b) Meditation is also considered as a _____ . 1
 - i) stress relieving exercise
 - ii) stimuli
 - iii) balance diet
 - iv) money
 - v) mental inactivity
 - vi) prayer

III

- a) Find a word from the passage which means the same as 'value'. (para 1) 1
- b) Find a word from the passage which means the opposite of 'irregular'. (para 4) 1

Section B (WRITING)

- 4. You have lost your wrist watch in the school premises. Write a notice for the same, giving all the necessary details, in about 50 words. 7
- 5. Write a letter to your friend, explaining what you propose to do in your holidays in about 90-100 words. 10
- 6. Write
a paragraph on 'The Importance of Education' in about 60-70 words. 8

Section C (GRAMMAR)

- 7. **Fill in the blanks with suitable articles:-** 2
 - a) Always speak _____ truth.
 - b) Here is _____ umbrella.
 - c) I am in _____ hurry.
 - d) He is _____ honest boy.
- 8. **Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions:-** 6
 - a) She lives _____ Goa.
 - b) Pour some more tea _____ my cup.
 - c) Light comes _____ the sun.
 - d) She died _____ cholera.
 - e) Milk was sold _____ the milkman.



9. Fill in the blanks with correct form of verbs given in the brackets:-

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- a) Riya ___ her homework every day.(do)
- b) They _____ a letter now.(write)
- c) She _____chinese very well.(speak)
- d) He _____for a walk everyday.(go)
- e) She ___ to help me yesterday.(try)
- f) Ramesh _____ book right now.(read)

10. Rearrange the following words and phrases into meaningful sentences:

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- a) much/she/run/can/faster.
- b) interesting/story/is/this.
- c) hindi/translate/this/into/passage.
- d) cheque/he/money/paid/the/by.
- e) to/familiar/me/her/face/is.
- f) job/is/she/fit/this/for.

Section D (LITERATURE)

11. Answer the following questions in about 25-30 words each:-

3x2

- a) Why did Gandhi ji get late from home to school?
- b) What did Tom receive as a gift from his aunt and why?
- c) What was decided by Gauradevi to protect their natural heritage?

12. Answer the following questions in about 35-40 words each:

4x3

- a) What did Rakesh and his grandfather do in their garden with cherry tree?
- b) What does the poet mean when he says, ' We plant the shade, from the hot sun free'?
- c) Why was the master thankful to Black Beauty?
- d) What was the work given to Tom and why he didn't want to do it?

13. Make sentences with the following words:

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- a) fancying
- b) gales

SUPPLEMENTARY READER

14. Answer the following questions in about 20-25 words each:

- a) Whom did Alice follow and where did she reach? 2
- b) What was so special about the white rabbit and why? 2
- c) Where did Alice find the caterpillar and what was he doing? 1