

Maheshwari Public School, Ajmer

C-T - II; Session: 2018-19

Class: IX; Subject: English

Time: 40minutes

M.M. 20

Q.1. Read the passage given below.

Dreams have always held a Universal fascination. Some primitive societies believe that the soul leaves the body and visits the scene of the dream. Generally, however, dreams are accepted to be illusions, having much in common with day-dreams-- the fantasies of our life when we are awake.

Although most dreams apparently happen spontaneously, dream activity may be provoked by external influences. 'Suffocation'-dreams are connected with the breathing difficulties of a heavy cold, for instance, internal disorders such as indigestion can cause vivid dreams, and dreams of racing fire-engines may be caused by the ringing of an alarm bell.

Experiments have been carried out to investigate the connection between deliberately inflicted pain and dreaming. For example, a sleeper pricked with a pin perhaps dreams of fighting a battle and receiving a severe sword wound. Although the dream is stimulated by the physical discomfort, the actual events of the dream depend on the associations of the discomfort in the mind of the sleeper.

Answer the following briefly:

1×5=5

1. What are dreams?
2. What can cause vivid dreams?
3. On which thing does the actual event of the dream depend
4. Find the word from the passage antonym to 'relaxation'.
5. Find the word from the passage which means 'a false idea'.

Q.2. In India we face a common scene of a large family living in unhealthy conditions. Write an article on how the increase in population leads into reduction in the availability of health services and deteriorating sanitary conditions, in not more than 150 words.

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OR

Record your experience in your diary of the day when your result of class VIII was to be declared:

Hints: Very excited..... did not sleep the previous nightprayer to Goddess Saraswatireach the school before time..... sheets containing results displayed on the Notice Boardwaited impatiently..... students throngedheart beat wildlyparents became very happy or sad....

Q.3. Choose the best option given in the bracket to complete the following passage. 1/2×2=1

So (a).....(a, an,the)wizards said, "Oh, very well. (b)(go,went, gone, going) to the end of the lane and turn around three times and look down the magic well and there you will find three pennies"

Q.4. Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences.

1×2=2

(a) sit / the Sun/ dangerous to/ becoming/ it's/ very/ in

(b) which protects/ the Sun's/ us/ from/ the ozone layer,/ deteriorating/ is progressively/ dangerous ultraviolet rays,

Q.5. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow.

1×3=3

“I didn't want to grow up, change or have to handle life if it was going to be this way. I just wanted to curl up and die”.

(a) Who is the speaker here?

(b) What is the mood of the speaker? Is the speaker optimistic or pessimistic here?

(c) Which word in the above lines mean the same as 'twist'?

Q.6. Answer the following in about 30 to 40 words.

2×2=4

1. Bring out the difference between a house and a home?

2. Who was Prashant and how was he trapped in the cyclone? How long did the super cyclone last?