

Session -2023-2024

Purva Madhayama Entrance Examination

Subjects: English, Paper- 2nd

Time: 3 hours

Total Marks: 100

- *All questions are compulsory*
- *Read each question carefully and follow the instructions*
- *All answers must be carefully numbered so that they match with the relevant questions.*

Section – A (Reading)

- 1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: 5x2 = 10**

Have you ever heard someone sing, “Happy birthday to you . . . happy birthday to you . . .”? If so, you are hardly alone—millions of people sing that song every year, and the tune is one of the most familiar of any song in North America.

Ironically, it is not known who wrote it! The tune was written by two sisters, Patty and Mildred Hill, who were school teachers in the late 19th century. But their song had different words; instead of “happy birthday to you,” the song ran

“good morning to all.” The two sisters would sing this ditty to their students each morning as school began.

In 1924, the tune was published in a song book, which added the “happy birthday” lyrics as verse two. Today, the second verse of that song has become one of the best known tunes in the world—and nobody knows who wrote the words!

A. Why is it ironic that the author of the words to “Happy Birthday” is not known?

- a. because almost everyone knows the song
- b. because it shows how unjust life can be
- c. because of modern copyright laws
- d. because it was published in 1924

B. The underlined word *ditty*, as used in the passage, most nearly means

- a. silly
- b. shoe
- c. flower
- d. short song

C. What happened in 1924 to make “Happy Birthday” famous?

- a. Nothing significant happened.
- b. Hitler came to power in Germany.

- c. The authors of the tune passed away.
- d. The tune was published in a song book with the words as a second verse.

D. According to the passage, who wrote the tune to “Happy Birthday”?

- a. sophomores
- b. siblings
- c. companions
- d. It is not known.

E. What is the synonym of the word, ‘familiar’?

- a. extraordinary
- b. rare
- c. household
- d. dull

2. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions:

5x2 = 10

One of the main differences between North Indian and South Indian music is the increased influence of Persian music and musical instruments in the north. From the late twelfth century through the rise of British occupation, North India was under the control of a Muslim minority that was never able to extend its sphere of influence to South India. During

this time, the music of North India began to acquire and adapt to the presence of Persian language, music, and musical instruments, such as the setar, from which the sitar got its name; the kamanche and santur, which became popular in Kashmir; and the rabab (alternately known as rebab and rubab), which preceded the sarod.

New instruments were introduced, including the tabla and sitar, which soon became the most famous Indian musical instruments worldwide. Legend has it that the tabla was formed by splitting a ‘pakhavaj’ drum in half, with the larger side becoming the ‘bayan’ and the smaller side the ‘dahini’. The barrel-shaped pakhavaj drum, which was the ancestor of both the tabla and the mrdangam, has been depicted in countless paintings and prints. New genres of music were formed as well, such as *khyal* and *qawwali*, that combine elements of both Hindu and Muslim musical practice.

- A.** What differentiates the North and South Indian music according to the passage?
- B.** Which new musical instruments got introduced during this time?
- C.** What does the underlined word, ‘genres’ mean?
- D.** Provide the time period during which North India was under the Muslim?

E. Suggest a suitable title for the passage.

3. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions:

5x2 = 10

A deer told himself every day, “I am the most handsome deer in the forest. My large chest is a symbol of my power. And my beautiful horns impress other animals.”

But he did not like his legs and hooves. “My legs are narrow, and my hooves are ugly. They do not satisfy me.”

One day, the deer saw a big dog. The deer made some noise and disturbed the dog. The dog woke up and chased him. The deer felt terror. He screamed. He did not want to be a victim, so he ran into the forest. His strong legs helped him run fast. His pale brown hooves were hard, so they were not sensitive to rough rocks. However, his horns got caught in branches, slowing him down. His large chest could not fit between thick trees.

The deer estimated that he ran for an hour. He felt like he was running a marathon. In the end, the deer escaped the threat of the dog. He sat in the shade of a tree. “That was almost a disaster! I almost did not escape because of my chest and

horns. My legs and hooves saved me.” As a consequence, the deer learned to honor his fast legs and have confidence in his strong hooves.

“Pretty things only supplement important things,” he thought.

A. What is this story about?

- a. Why a chest is a symbol of power
- b. How a deer becomes a victim
- c. Why deer have confidence in their horns
- d. How a deer learned to honor useful things

B. Why did the deer scream?

- a. He felt great terror.
- b. He was sensitive.
- c. He ran a marathon.
- d. His legs were narrow

C. What can we infer by the end of the story?

- a. The deer impressed the animals with his long run.
- b. The deer was a victim of disaster.
- c. The deer’s legs and hooves satisfied him.
- d. The deer went back to disturb the dog again.

D. According to the passage, all the following are true EXCEPT

- a. the deer's hooves were pale
- b. the deer sat in the shade of a tree
- c. the deer experienced a bad consequence
- d. the rough rocks decorated the forest

E. What happened to the deer's horns when he ran away?

Section – B (Writing)

1. Write a short composition on 'My Favourite Subject'. Word limit: 100 **5 marks**
2. You are Rakesh, resident of 490, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi. Write a letter, in about 150 words, to the Editor of a national daily, drawing the attention of the concerned authorities to the deteriorating law and order situation in the city.

10 marks

OR

You are Ngawang. Write a letter to your friend asking him about his trip to Manali and also inviting him for your birthday party.

3. Write an essay in about 200 words on any one of the following topics: **10 marks**
 - a) Generation Gap

b) Unity in Diversity

c) Social Media

Section – C (Vocabulary and Grammar)

1. Choose an option, which can be substituted for a given word/sentence/phrase out of given options: **5 marks**

A. Seldon travels by foot. She is a

a) traveller

b) stickler

c) disciplinarian

d) pedestrian

B. This is a practice of having several wives.

a) polygamy

b) anchorage

c) monogamy

d) bigamy

C. The act of murder of a human being.

a) matricide

b) patricide

c) homicide

d) suicide

D. She doesn't know how to read and write. Her friends call her..

- a) Illiterate
- b) invulnerable
- c) blindfolded
- d) headstrong

E. Words written on the tomb of a person

- a) manuscript
- b) inscription
- c) Epitaph
- d) engrave

2. Select the nearest correct meaning or synonym of the word given below: **5 marks**

A. Renounce

- a.** accept
- b.** nullify
- c.** abdicate
- d.** announce

B. Placate

- a.** appeal
- b.** abolish
- c.** testify
- d.** soothe

C. Retard

- a.** brake
- b.** slow

- c. crazy
- d. clumsy

D. Dictatorial

- a. practical
- b. arbitrary
- c. unimpeachable
- d. sanity

E. Armada

- a. fleet
- b. arroyo
- c. paltry
- d. cannon

3. Select the opposite meaning or antonym of the word given below: **5 marks**

A. WORTHY

- a) unimportant
- b) valuable
- c) undeserving
- d) ugly

B. ELEVATION

- a) depression
- b) deflation
- c) depreciation
- d) recession

C. ANIMATED

- a) Penetrating
- b) Modern
- c) Dull
- d) Similarity

D. PROLIFIC

- a) Controversial
- b) Barren
- c) Wise
- d) Unfocussed

E. The dictator QUELLED the uprising.

- a) fostered
- b) defended
- c) supported
- d) fomented

4. Complete the following sentences by filling in 'a' or 'an' or 'the' as may be suitable:- **5 marks**

- A.** Copper is ____ useful metal.
- B.** He is not ____ honourable man.
- C.** ____ reindeer is a native of Norway.
- D.** Honest men speak ____ truth.
- E.** Do you see ____ blue sky?

5. Fill in blanks in the passage given below with the appropriate form of the verb given in brackets. **5 marks**

A. Rashmi a melodious song. (sing)

- B.** The servantmilk in the evening. (bring)
- C.** My watch does notgood time. (keep)
- D.** Fire and water do notagree (agree)
- E.** Two and twofour. (make)
- 6.** Rearrange the jumbled words given below and make meaningful sentences: **5 marks**
- A.** peacock/a/beautiful/is/a/bird
- B.** neck/feathers/covered/is/lovely/its/with
- C.** green/blue/its/and/body/is
- D.** glory/its/tail/long/is/its
- E.** it/national/our/is/bird.
- 7.** Read the instructions below and answer each question on the correction of spelling: **5 marks**
- A.** Which is the correct spelling of the word meaning “to state again”:
- a) Ritereit
 - b) Reiterate
 - c) Reterate
 - d) Reeterate
- B.** Which is the correct spelling of the word meaning “a feeling of great joy”:
- a) Euphoria
 - b) Eufhoria
 - c) Euphorea
 - d) Eufhorea

C. Which is the correct spelling of the word meaning “to make someone angry”:

- a) Agrevate
- b) Aggravate
- c) Aggrivate
- d) Aggrevate

D. Which is the correct spelling of the word meaning “an ability to do something well”:

- a) Talant
- b) Tallent
- c) Tallet
- d) Talent

E. Which is the correct spelling of the word meaning “to speak or write at length”:

- a) Ramble
- b) Rambel
- c) Ramblel
- d) Rambell

8. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions: **5 marks**

A. This shop doesn't have the toys I was looking ____.

(up/for)

B. The teacher divided the sweets ____ all the children.

(between/among)

C. Bruce did not fare well _____ his examination.
(in/at)

D. The dog is grateful _____ its owner. (to/for)

E. My brother's anniversary is _____ 5th November.
(on/in)

9. Choose the correctly punctuated sentence from the following: **5 marks**

A.

- a) My pens are blue and red, yellow, green.
- b) My pens are blue, red, yellow, green.
- c) My pens are blue, red, yellow and green.

B.

- a) The cake had cherries, currants, and icing.
- b) The cake had cherries, currants and icing.
- c) The cake had cherries and currants, icing.

C.

- a) The weather was dull and misty and, wet and cloudy.
- b) The weather was dull, misty and wet and cloudy.
- c) The weather was dull, misty, wet and cloudy.

D.

- a) I bought pens, pencils, and, books.

- b) I bought pens, pencils and books.
- c) I bought pens and pencils and, books.

E.

- a) He was tall, dark and handsome.
- b) He was tall and dark and handsome.
- c) He was tall, dark, and, handsome.
