Model Question
Class X : English : Term II (Board Final) ; 2021-22
Time : 1h 30 m                                                                              Marks 40

Section A : Reading

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

In recent years, a new system of farming, called Organic Farming, is fast becoming popular. In conventional farming, the excessive use of fertilizers affects the salinity of the soil and causes water and soil pollution. Organic farming makes maximum use of organic manure and recycled farm wastes, such as livestock excreta and bio agents. The use of synthetic pesticides and fertilizers is minimal or non-existent.

Organic farmers use bio-agents to the soil. Bio-agents are organisms such as blue-green algae that release organic matter in to the soil by their activities. Organic matter improves the composition of the soil and its water-holding capacity. As a result, the plants grow not only healthier, but also their produce such as grains, lentils, fruits and vegetables make healthier food for consumption. Crop rotation is the practice of growing different types of crops in the same area in different seasons. It increases the fertility of the soil as dissimilar plants takes in different nutrients from the soil and often return nutrients to the soil which have been depleted by previous crops.

Because of its use of organic fertilizers and healthy cropping techniques, organic farming maintains the fertility of the soil. Organic produce is safe because it does not contain any harmful pesticide residue. Organic farming in environment-friendly as it does not cause air, water or soil pollution.

I. Complete the following statements by choosing the correct option : 1 x 10 = 10

1. Organic farming makes maximum use of organic----------
   (i) Pesticide (ii) Manure (iii) Chemicals (iv) Pollution

2. Organic matter improves the ------------ of the soil
   (i) Fertility (ii) Quality (iii) Composition (iv) Produce

3. Intercropping involves ---------
   (i) Three or more crops (ii) Four or more crops
   (ii) One or more crops (iv) Two or more crops
4. In multiple cropping, farming is done ----------
   (i) In separate pieces of land  (ii) in same piece of land
   (ii) In plain land  (iv) in low piece of land
5. Inter-cropping involves----------
   (i) Three or more crops  (ii) four or more crops
   (ii) One or more crops  (iv) two or more crops
6. In multiple cropping, farming is done in ----------
   (i) Separate pieces of land (ii) same piece of land
   (ii) Plain land (iv) in low piece of land
7. In crop rotation, different types of crops are grown in -------
   (i) particular season  (ii) any one season
   (iii) different seasons  (iv) all seasons
8. Organic farming helps to -------------------waste produced in a farm:
   (i) Rehabilitate  (ii) Recycle  (c) Reform  (d) Remit
9. Organic produce is safe to eat because it does not----------------
   (i) have any organism  (ii) contain any pesticide residue
   (ii) have pests  (iv) contain bio-agents
10. An example of bio-agent is-------------------
    (i) Fertilizer  (ii) organic matter
    (ii) Blue-green algae (iv) fruit / vegetable

Section B – Writing & Grammar
II. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct option :-
11. My dog ----------------furiously at the stranger
    (i) Barking  (ii) barks  (iii) was barking  (iv) were barking
12. None of the children----------------basket ball.
    (i) Have  (ii) Play  (iii) Plays  (iv) does
13. He was walking ----------------the park
    (i) On  (ii) along  (iii) in  (iv) over
14. It ----------------raining for last two hours.
    (i) Is  (ii) was  (iii) had been  (iv) has been
15. My mother ----------------from the market
    (i) Is not returned  (ii) was not returned
    (ii) Has not returned  (iv) has not return
Section C : Literature

III. Answer each of the following Questions in a word/sentence: 1x15 = 15
16. Why do Anne want to maintain a Diary?
17. Why was the entire class “Quaking in its boots”?
18. Why was Mr. Keesing annoyed with Anne?
19. When did Kisa Goutami’s request to Buddha?
20. What does the sermon preached by Buddha at Benares reflect?
21. Why did the Baker in Goa come everyday?
22. Why did the children run to meet the Baker?
23. Where is Coorg?
24. What are the trees doing?
25. How does the fog come to the city?
26. Why were the two boys surprised?
27. Why did Griffin set the landlord’s house on fire?
28. What was ‘the Error of destiny’?
29. Why was Bholi’s father worried about her?
30. How did the teacher behave with Bholi?

IV. Answer the following Questions in not more than 20 words each: 2 x 5 = 10
31. Why did Anne think she could confide more in her diary than in people?
32. Why is the period from September to March called the ‘Season of Joy’ in Coorg?
33. Why do the roots work all night in “The Trees”? 
34. Why does Mrs. Hall find the scientist eccentric?
35. What kind of a person was Matilda’s husband?

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