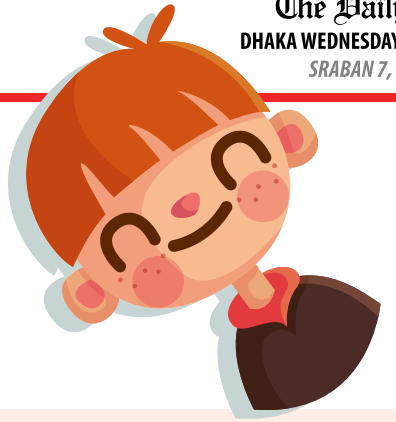




HSC SPECIAL MODEL TEST 2020

SUBJECT: ENGLISH FIRST PAPER

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PART- I: READING

1. Summarize the following text. 10

The term 'diaspora' is used to refer to people who have left their homelands and settled in other parts of the world, either because they were forced to do so or because they wanted to leave on their own. The word is increasingly used for such people as a collective group and/or a community. The world has seen many diasporas but scholars have been studying the phenomenon

with great interest only in recent decades.

Among the great diasporas of history is that of the Jewish people, who were forced to leave their lands in ancient times. The movement of Aryans from Central Europe to the Indian subcontinent thousands of years ago is also a noteworthy diaspora, although the causes of this diaspora are unclear. In twentieth-century

history, the Palestinian diaspora has attracted a lot of attention and been a cause of concern for world leaders because of the plight of Palestinians. There have been massive diasporas in Africa, too, over the centuries, either because of war or because of the ravages of nature. But the chief reason why the phenomenon of the diaspora is attracting so much attention now is globalization.

2. Read the following text and fill in the blanks with suitable words from the box. There are more words than necessary. You may change the form of the words if necessary. 0.5×10=5

silicon	efficiently	revolutionize	incredible	used	world
take	forerun	possibility	set	plate	invent

A microchip is a (a) _____ of electronic circuits on one small (b) _____ of semiconductor material, normally (c) _____. Microchips are (d) _____ in all electronic equipment today and have (e) _____ the world of electronics. The (f) _____ to the microchip was (g) _____ back in 1959, but it did not really start to (h) _____ off until the 1980s. Since then, (i) _____ advances in microchips have made it (j) _____ for cheap and effective use.

3. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word in each gap. 1×10=10

I answered that I would meet my friend by (a) _____ at Foyot's on Thursday at half-past twelve. She was not so young as I (b) _____ and in appearance imposing rather than (c) _____. She was, in fact, a woman of forty and she gave me the (d) _____ of having more teeth, white and large and (e) _____ than were necessary for any practical (f) _____. She was talkative, but since she seemed (g) _____ to talk about me I was prepared to be an (h) _____ listener. I was startled when the bill of fare was (i) _____, for the prices were a great deal higher than I had (j) _____.

4. Rearrange the following sentences to make a coherent order. 1×10=10

- But first, he wanted to know how much they loved him.
- Lear was shocked and said, "Nothing will come of nothing."
- At first, Lear asked his eldest daughter, "How much do you love me?"
- Goneril declared, "Sir, I love you more than I can say."
- Lear was pleased and gave her a third of his kingdom.
- Being satisfied, Lear called for the map of his kingdom and drew his finger round one-third of it.
- When asked his second daughter Regan said, "My love for you shall never change."
- He made up his mind to step down the throne and divide his kingdom.
- When asked his youngest and most loved daughter Cordelia said, "Nothing."
- Long ago, there was a mighty old king of England named Lear who had three daughters Goneril, Regan and Cordelia.



PART- I I: WRITING

5. Answer the following questions to write a paragraph on 'Food Adulteration'. 10

- What is food adulteration?
- What are the health risks related to adulterated food?
- Do you think the people of our country are aware of these?
- What are the reasons behind food adulteration?
- How can we ensure food safety for our people?



For example:

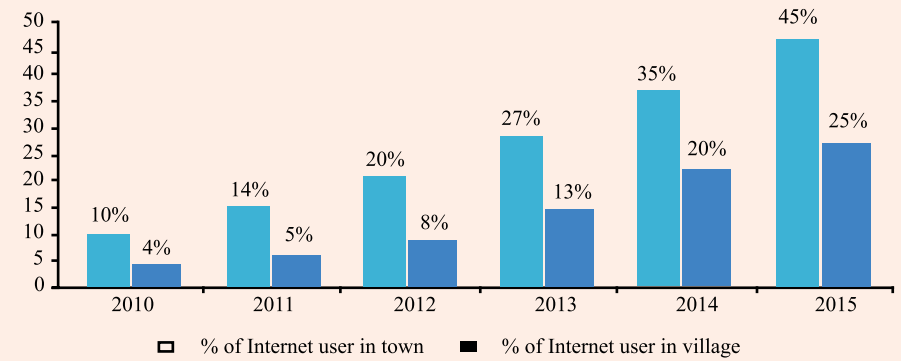
Food adulteration means mixing materials with food products, to increase the quantity of food, preserve food over a long period of time, which eventually degrades the quality of the food. Food adulteration has become a very common practice in our country and we are consuming these foods almost everyday, which have numerous harmful effects on our health. Colouring dyes, calcium carbide, urea, burnt engine oil and even some permitted preservatives are used

in an excessive amount that affects multiple organs of the human body. Mostly it causes cancer like colon, peptic ulcer diseases, chronic liver diseases including cirrhosis and liver failure, electrolyte imbalance and eventually kidney failure, heart diseases, blood disorders and bone marrow abnormality are also detected. Chance of malignancy increases and neurological impairment or brain functions are also often compromised. Skin problems are

frequently seen including allergic manifestation. We know it is a punishable offence and it creates health hazards and can kill a human being, even then people forget everything just for business interest. The government should take serious action with tougher law against these businessmen for their ill practice. We all should make the general people aware of the serious health impact of taking adulterated food. Such sincere community resistance can alter the scenario.



6. The graph below shows 'The number of Internet users in town and village from 2010 to 2015.' Describe the graph in 150 words. You should highlight and summarize the information given in the graph.



For example:

2010 - Internet users in towns are always more, because of the availability of technologies in the market. However, the internet users in villages are not at all low compared to the availability. 10 per cent in towns and 4 per cent in villages.

2011 - Internet use in towns have increased by 4 per cent in the towns and increased by 1 per cent in villages. As the technologies are more available and the networks are also innovated every year the usage seems to be gradually

increasing too.

2012 - Internet users in town is 20 per cent and 8 per cent in villages. People are becoming more aware of the benefits of using the internet, in both the town and villages and becoming more dependent on the use as well.

2013 - Internet users in town is 27 per cent and 13 per cent in villages. Every year it is increasing, everybody is gradually becoming a part of a global village. And the users in the village are not anywhere less in number as they

caught up with the users in towns of 2010.

2014 - Internet use in town is 35 per cent and in villages 20 per cent. This is the year when the percentage of the users in the village had the highest increase. The users in town are gradually increasing every year.

2015 - Internet use in town is 45 per cent and 25 per cent in villages. We can see a technological revolution here. Internet access and users are increasing and it seems like it will keep on increasing every year.

ANSWERS

Answer to the question number 1:

The term 'diaspora' refers to the movement of people who have left their land voluntarily or under compulsion and settled in other parts of the world. The diaspora of the Jewish people was among the great ones in history. The movement of the ancient Aryans from Europe to Indian subcontinent is also a remarkable one. In the twentieth century, the Palestinian diaspora caused huge concerns. Due to war or ravages of nature, there have been large-scale African diasporas too. But, it is now a burning question following globalization.

Answer to the question number 2:

- set
- silicon
- used
- revolutionized
- forerunner
- invented
- take
- incredible
- advances
- possible.

Answer to the question number 3:

- correspondence
- expected
- attractive
- impression
- even
- purpose
- inclined
- attentive
- brought
- anticipated.

Answer to the question number 4:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
x	viii	i	iii	iv	vi	vii	v	ix	ii

Long ago, there was a mighty old king of England named Lear who had three daughters - Goneril, Regan and Cordelia. He made up his mind to step down the throne and divide his kingdom. But first, he wanted to know how much they loved him. At first, Lear asked his eldest daughter, "How much do you love me?" Goneril declared, "Sir, I love you more than I can say." Being satisfied, Lear called for the map of his kingdom and drew his finger round one-third of it. When asked his second daughter Regan said, "My love for you shall never change." Lear was pleased and gave her a third of his kingdom. When asked his youngest and most loved daughter Cordelia said, "Nothing." Lear was shocked and said, "Nothing will come of nothing."