

**EXAMINATION 2011
GENERAL ENGLISH
XIIth**

Time: 3 Hrs.

M.M. 100

Instructions:

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. Marks allotted to each question.
3. Handwriting should be legible.

SECTION - A

Q.1 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :

Corruption today is worldwide phenomenon. In our own country some people in high position have been charged for it.

A corrupt person is termed immoral, dishonest and unscrupulous in his dealings. His disregard for honesty, righteousness and truth results in his alienating from society. He is treated with contempt. But as erosion of values leads to decadence, remedies for the social malaise remain elusive and so no amount of contempt can eradicate corruption which is a symptom of decadence.

The corruption in India has an ancient live age. The author of "Arthashastra" Chanakya made some remarks on government officials of his time which are relevant even today - "just as it is impossible not to taste honey or the poison that finds itself at the tip of the tongue, so is impossible for a government servant not to eat up at least a bit of the kings revenue".

Today, when India is free officials representing all government departments are very close to the most corrupt businessman who are too unscrupulous to let any opportunity of making money go away. This collusion broadens the base of the vicious circle and corruption spreads like wild fire to engulf the entire society. The political and social guardians depend too much on the richer communities and they look indulgently on while these communities hold the entire society and the government to ransom.

Corruption starts at the top and percolates down to the whole society. Such corruption cannot be confined to the towns alone. it is as wide spread in the villages where the dishonest officials and the traders carry the germs of the disease.

Questions:

- (a) A corrupt person is termed as - 01
- (i) immoral
 - (ii) dishonest
 - (iii) both (i) & (ii)
 - (iv) None of these.
- (b) A corrupt person is treated with 01
- (i) respect
 - (ii) contempt
 - (iii) regard
 - (iv) hate
- (c) Corruption is a symptom of 01
- (i) decadence
 - (ii) reservation
 - (iii) malaise
 - (iv) eradication
- (d) The author of "Arthashastra" is 01
- (i) Varah Mihir
 - (ii) Vishnu Sharma
 - (iii) Chanakya
 - (iv) Chandra Gupta

- (e) Verb form of broad given in the passage is 01
- (i) broaden
 - (ii) spread
 - (iii) engulf
 - (iv) depend
- (f) A word from the passage that means isolation 01
- (i) alientation
 - (ii) erosion
 - (iii) elusive
 - (iv) live age
- (g) Officials of government departments are very close to _____ 01
- (i) opportunist
 - (ii) businessman
 - (iii) politicians
 - (iv) public
- (h) Corruption starts from 01
- (i) right to left
 - (ii) top to down
 - (iii) down to top
 - (iv) left to right
- (i) How is a corrupt person termed ? 02
- (j) Who carry the germs of corruption to villages 02

SHORT NOTE

Q.2 Madhya Pradesh represents great river basin and the watershed of a number of rivers. Catchments of many rivers of India lie in Madhya Pradesh. The Narmada, originating from Amarkantak and Tapi originating from Multai are the rivers and their basins that divide the state in two with the northern part draining largely into the Ganges and the southern part into the Godavari and Mahanadi systems. The Vindhyas form the southern boundary of the Ganges basin with the western part of the Ganges basin draining into the Yamuna and the eastern part directly into the Ganges flow from south to north. The land drained by these rivers is agriculturally rich with the natural vegetation largely consisting of grass and dry deciduous forest types. The mighty Narmada charts a westerly course from these very hills. The Narmada flows through Aravali.

The Narmada system carry enormous volume of water and provide drainage for almost a quarter of the land area of Madhya Pradesh.

Questions:

Read the above passage carefully and

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| A. | Make notes and supply title | 05 |
| B. | Prepare a summary of the passage | 03 |

SECTION - B

Q.3 Your father has been transferred to another city. You want to sell certain household goods. Design suitable advertisement to be published in local newspapers. 05

Or

You are the secretary red cross of your school. Design a suitable and attractive poster prompting the citizens to volunteer themselves for "Blood Donation" at the camp organized in your school. Create a slogan of blood donation.

Q.4 Using the following input produce a small write up in 100-150 words on corruption -

A fast growing malady

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- (1) a little bit always existed
- (2) increased during licence
- (3) permit raj
- (4) now growing very fast
- (5) officials and politicians making easy money
- (6) have assets beyond their known source of income
- (7) easy to take action against them

Or

Using the following input produce a small write up in 100-150 words on potable water - A burning problem.

- (1) 97 percent sea water
- (2) problem for villages and small towns
- (3) ponds and river contaminated recharging depends on rain water
- (4) rock less use of underground water- level going down
- (5) need to build ponds, small dams as well as rain water harvesting.

Q.5 Write a speech on importance of English in every day life.

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Or

Write an article on importance of rain water harvesting based on given verbal input.

- (a) need of life
- (b) decrease in rainfall
- (c) poor drainage system
- (d) harvesting this water
- (e) increase in water level

Q.6 Write an essay in about 250 words on any one of the following topics 10

- (1) Pollution problem
- (2) Corruption in every day life.
- (3) My ambition of life
- (4) Wonders of Science
- (5) Population problem

SECTION - C

Q.7 Fill in the blanks with suitable words given in the bracket and rewrite the sentence (any five) each carries 1 mark. 05

- (i) Ujjain is declared as _____ holy city. (a, an, the)
- (ii) _____ the class rooms of this school are wel furnished. (each, every, all)
- (iii) He _____ climb on the tree (may, should, can)
- (iv) _____ he works hard, he cannot get through the exam (if, unless, because)
- (v) Mother said, "come inside Mini it is _____ windy to sit outside (very, so, too)
- (vi) 5 people _____ saved by rescue team (had, was, have been)

Q.8 Do as directed (any five) and rewrite. Each carries 01 mark.

- (i) Mr. Verma teaches us English.
(change into past indefinite)
- (ii) Guna is not as big as Gwalior.
(use comperative degree of adjective & without changing the meaning)
- (iii) Mini fed the duck some mashed rice with ink filler
(change the voice)
- (iv) (a) The teachers are in favour of this trip.
(b) The principal is in favour of this trip.
(Combine the sentences with both _____ and)
- (v) Open the door.
(change the voice)
- (vi) sent/will/be/a letter/ to you.
(rearrange the words in proper order)

SECTION - D

Q.9 (A) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below

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This life is sweetest, in this wood
I hear no children cry for food,
I see no woman, white with care,
No man, with muscles wasting here.

Question :

- (i) Find out a word from the passage which means same as 'shout'.
- (ii) Why does the poet say, "This life is sweetest."
- (iii) Given the name of the poet who wrote this poem.

Or

"I wish I were you, "
said the forest
to the roaring river,
"always trembling,
Always sight seeing.

Question:

- (i) Find out a word from the lines which has same meaning as the word 'noisy'.
- (ii) "I wish I were like you, " Who say this to whom ?
- (iii) Write the name of the poet of this poem.

Q.9 B. Answer any three of the following questions in about 30-35 words.

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- (i) Who are the people far from us ?
- (ii) What makes the poet think that man is god's greatest creation ?
- (iii) How does the secret spirit operate in human blood ?
- (iv) How is copper used in a kitchen ?

- Q.10 Answer any four of the following questions 08
- (i) What happens if we prejudge people and future events ?
 - (ii) Why should we leave our comfort zones and how ?
 - (iii) What will happen when the brain does not get the oxygen and blood it requires ?
 - (iv) Why did Mohan name his ass "Truck Saab" ?
 - (v) In which area will India become a global leader ?
 - (vi) Describe the country inspector.
- Q.11 Who do you think the story is about Mini or the duck 08
- Or
- "Noble thoughts are always appealing" is this true in the care of Birju ? How discuss ?
- Q.12 Write a speech on the importance of English everyday life. 08
- Or
- Write the control idea of the poem "Beauty"
- Q.13 Answer any two of the following questions 04
- (i) What makes "A team" a whole ?
 - (ii) What did John wooden always focus on ?
 - (iii) What is the simplest form of meditation ?
 - (iv) What according to the poet, is the nature of life ?

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Ans. 1 Passage

- (a) (iii) both (i) and (ii)
- (b) (ii) contempt
- (c) (i) decadence
- (d) (iii) Chanakya
- (e) (i) broaden
- (f) (i) alientation
- (g) (ii) businessman
- (h) (ii) top to down
- (i) A corrupt person is termed immoral dishonest and unscrupulous.
- (j) Officials and traders carry the germs of corruption to villages.

Ans.2 A. Madhya Pradesh and its rivers

- 1.1 The rivers of Madhya Pradesh Narmada, Tapti, Ganges, Godavari, Mahanadi
- 1.2 The Narmada originating Amarkantak, Tapti from Multai.
- 1.3 Rivers basins divide the state in northern and southern part.
- 1.4 The Northern part Ganges - Southern Godavari and Mahanadi
- 1.5 The Ganges flow from south to north.
- 1.6 Thus the land gets fertile- Forests, natural vegetation.
- 1.7 Narmada provides drainage to a large part of M.P.

2.B. SUMMARY

Madhya Pradesh represents great rivers of India. narmada orginating from Amarkantak and Tapti originating from Multai. The basin of the rivers divide the state in two with northern part Ganges and Southern part Godavari and Mahanadi. The Ganges flow from south to north. The land drained by these rivers is agriculturally rich with great forest. The Narmada flows through aravali and it provides water for a quater of the land area of Madhya Pradesh.

Note: Correct format -	02	Heading	-	01	
Content	-	02	Summary	-	03

Note: For each correct answer 1 x 8 = 08
For correct content 2 x 2 = 04

SETCION - B

NOTICE

DONATE BLOOD, SAVE LIFE

16 DEC. 2011

The Red Cross Unit of the school is holding a Blood Donation Camp on 10th Jan. On the occasion of Silver Jubilee celebrations of the school. The honourable education minister of Delhi will inaugurate the camp. All of you are requested to participate in this noble cause.

Ruchi Gupta
(Secretary)

Note: Correct format = 03

Correct content = 02

Ans.4 Corruption a fast growing melody

Corruption has existed an ailment since time immemorial. But the growing materialism during the last century escalated human greed and the attitude 'me and my family' on top of this, the socialist model adopted after independence resulting in the licence-permit raj gave impetus to its growth from a peon or a constable to the highest bureaucrat or super cap, everyone tries to make big bucks.

The silver lining is that some cases against a few of them are being investigated by the C.B.I. for possession assets beyond their known source of income, but in a democratic setup, particularly in an age of coalitions, it seems impossible that law will be allowed to take its own course.

Heading - 2

Relevant content = 04

Sentence structure = 02

Ans.5

IMPORTANCE OF ENGLISH

English thus got a permanent position in India. It was also felt that in a country where there are many languages, cultures and religions English would be used as a link language. In the present scenario English has become the most influential language. In the field of education, science, technology, engineering, law, medicine, commerce, industry and the diplomatic services English continues to enjoy commanding position.

English is also an international link language. This is the only language which is used to establish communication all over the world. It has become the only widely accepted means of communications in the world. Interaction among the people living in different parts of the world promote enrichment of culture. Thus English has occupied the most significant place in India. Once Nehru said that we should keep open our windows to see the world. English is that window which shows us the world. It is the second widely spoken language. Hence, we can not ignore it if we wish to achieve grand success in life.

Heading - 1

Relevant content = 04

Sentence structure = 02

Ans.6 Marks are distributed as follows ;

- (a) Introduction
- (b) Content with correct vocals
- (c) Clarity and correctness
- (d) Conclusion

WONDERS OF SCIENCE

1- Introduction

The modern age is the age of science. The effect of science can be seen in all aspects of life. There are many wonderful things invented by science. Infact it has brought about a complete change in the whole world. We can say that science has changed this world into fairy land.

Science in itself neither good nor bad. If it is used for constructive purposes, it is good, if it is used for destructive purposes it is bad.

2- Science as a blessing

Many are the gifts of science, which have made life happy and comfortable. It has given us electricity the wonder of wonders, cheap and quick transport and countless time and labour saving devices. It has helped progress in medicine and surgery. It has helped the farmer grow more food.

3- Means of transportation and communication :

Further science has made our travels more comfortable now. We have won distance by the use of trains, buses, cars and planes. In fact, the far off countries have come closer due to quick services of aeroplane.

Science has brought revolutionary changes in the field of communication also. Telephone, telegraph and wireless have made the world quite small. Radio and television are the valuable gifts of science.

4- Medical Gift

Science has helped us to fight many fatal diseases like T.B. and cancer. It has lessened the sufferings and miseries of mankind surgery and X-rays are great boons. Science has given eyes to the blind, legs to the lame and ears to the deaf. Diseases like plague, cholera, small pox and malaria have been controlled by the help of science.

5- Agriculture & Entertainment

Better with the help of fertilizers, medicines and better irrigation facilities we can take bumper crops. Science has given us Cinema, T.V., Radio and many other things. Computer is a great wonder of science.

6- Conclusion

The truth about science is that like fire, science is a good servant but a bad master. We should be careful to put science to good uses only. We should always remember that science exists for man, man does not exist for science.

Introduction	-	02
Subject matter/content	-	05
Conclusion	-	02
Sentence Structure	-	01

SECTION - C

Q.7 Fill in the blanks

- (i) a
- (ii) all
- (iii) can
- (iv) unless
- (v) too
- (vi) have been

Note: For each correct answer one mark $1 \times 5 = 5$

Q.8 Do as directed (any five)

- (i) Taught us English by Mr. Verma
- (ii) Gwalior is bigger than Guna.
- (iii) The duck was fed some mashed rice with ink filler.
- (iv) Both the teachers and the principal are in favour of this trip.
- (v) Let the door be opened.
- (vi) A letter will be sent to you.

Note: For each correct answer one mark $1 \times 5 = 5$

SECTION - D

Q.9 (A) (i) Cry.

- (ii) The poet says so because he sees no children crying for food, no woman white with care and no man wasting his muscles.
- (iii) W.H. Davies

Or

- (i) Roaring
- (ii) The forest says this to the river.
- (iii) Jalaluddin Rumi

Note: For each correct answer one mark $1 \times 3 = 3$

Q.9 B. Answer

- (i) Hopeless, forgotten, unhappy and oppressed people are far from us.
- (ii) Man can love and think but the earth cannot. This thought makes the poet think that man is god's greatest creation.
- (iii) The secret spirit writes a page and summary of the infinite in the human body.
- (iv) A copper is used in a kitchen as boiler or vessel or utensil for boiling or cooking vegetables etc.

Note: For relevant content $3 \times 3 = 09$

- 10
- (i) If we prejudge people and future events, we cannot remain impartial and we will make enemies of half the world.
 - (ii) We should leave our comfort zones to reach any significant goal. We can leave them by effort and commitment.
 - (iii) When the brain does not get the oxygen and blood it requires, a man will faint. If the supply is cut off for a few minutes, the result may be paralysis or death.
 - (iv) Mohan named his ass "Truck Saab" because he could take a truck load of clothes and run like a motor car.
 - (v) India will become a global leader in the services sector. It will provide excellent services within the country and outside.
 - (vi) The country inspector was a round little man with a red face. He had a whole box of tools with dials and wires.

Note: For relevant content $2 \times 4 = 08$

Ans: 11 The story is primarily about Mini. She is a twelve year old child and physically disabled. A comparison is drawn between Mini and the Duck. Just as the girl is disabled, the duck is also lame. Just as the girl is alone so is the duck in a strange place Just as the girl has no friends, the duck has also lost her friends. Just as the girl wants company the duck also wants company. The comparison has been drawn to highlight the mental condition of the girl mini. So the story is about both mini and the duck. Both are disabled and needed our love, care and sympathy.

Or

Noble thoughts are always appealing. This is true in the case of Birju as he was a petty thief. Once a monk named Arvasu was sitting under a banyan tree. He was giving a discourse on the Gita and its relevance to the common man. Birju came there. He was in search of picking a pocket or two in the crowd. In the meanwhile Swami's words went to his ears and he was completely absorbed in those words. His discourse had a great impact on him. He decided to repent and change his life. When the discourse was over Birju went to Swami Arvasu and requested to accept him as his disciple. First Swami denied then he became ready to make him his disciple on the conditions that he would be thrown out on any misconduct. Thus the noble thought of a sage changed a thief into a sage.

Note; For Relevant content = 06
For Sentence structure = 02

Q.12 Importance of English

English is not only an international language but even in our own country. It enjoys an important place. It is serving as the second language. If we go to the far east or to the south, we can't work without English. English has become a window through which we can see the outside world. It has become a status symbol and an effective instrument of expression and personality development. There is no other language in the world which has such a rich vocabulary as English. It is being used in every field of study. Science, Technology, Medicines and other daily useful arts. It also gives us the key to modern scientific knowledge and learning. Therefore every Indian student must study it.

Central idea of the poem "Beauty"

Beauty is the essence of the world. If we are beautiful inside, we can see beauty everywhere and every time. During day, beauty can be seen in trees, birds and corn fields. During night, it can be heard in the wind sighing, the rain falling or a singer chanting. Beauty is in our good deeds and happy thoughts that repeat themselves in our dreams, work and rest. This world is the manifestation of our inner feelings and thoughts. In short if we are beautiful inside, everything outside will look beautiful to us.

Note: For relevant content = 06, For sentence structure = 02

Ans.13 Answer

- (i) Unity and Co-operation makes "A team" a whole.
- (ii) John wooden always focused on today.
- (iii) The simplest form of meditation is focusing on breathing.
- (iv) The life is real and earnest and the grave is not its goal.

Note: For relevant content $2 \times 2 = 04$