

GENERAL ENGLISH

XIIth

SECTION A

A reading - 20 marks

- (i) Unseen passage with comprehension & objective type questions
- (ii) Unseen passage for note making

SECTION B

Writing - 30 + 10 marks

- (i) Short composition
- (ii) Report
- (iii) Letter
- (iv) Composition
- (v) Grammar - Objective Do as Directed

SECTION C

Text Book - 40 marks

- (i) Extract from poem - 03
 - (ii) Question from poem- 09
 - (iii) Question from prose- 08
 - (iv) Long question from prose -08
 - (v) Long question from - 08
- Suppl. Materials
- (vi) Short question from suppl. materials -04

EXAMINATION 2011

GENERAL ENGLISH

XIIth

Time: 3 Hrs.

M.M. 100

Note: Attempt all question.

1. This paper is divided into four section A, B, C and D.
Section A - 20 Marks Section B - 30 Marks
Section C - 10 Marks Section D - 40 Marks
2. Separate instruction are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.
Read these instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.
3. Do not exceed the prescribed words limit while answering the questions.

SECTION - A READING

Nationalism, of course, is a curious phenomenon which at a certain stage in a country's history gives life, growth, strength and unity but, at the same time, it has tendency, to limit one because one thinks of one's own country as something different from the rest of the world. The perspective changes and one is continuously thinking of one's own struggles and virtues and failings to the exclusion of other thoughts. The result is that the same nationalism, which is the symbol of growth for people, becomes a symbol of the cessation of that growth in the mind. Nationalism, when it becomes successful sometimes goes on spreading in an aggressive way and becomes a danger internationally. Whatever line of thought you follow, you arrive at the conclusion that some kind of balance must be found. Otherwise something that was good can turn into civil. Culture, which is essentially good, becomes not only static but aggressive and something that breeds conflict and hatred when looked at from a wrong point of view. How you are to find a balance. I do not know. Apart from political cord economic problems of the age, perhaps that is the greatest problem, today because behind it there is a tremendous conflict in the spirit of man and a tremendous search for something it cannot find.

We turn to economic theories because they have an undoubted importance. It is folly to talk of culture or even of God when human beings starve and die. Before one can talk about anything else one must provide the normal essentials of life to human beings. That is where economics comes in. Human beings today are not in the mood to tolerate this suffering and starvation and inequality when they see that the burden is not equally shared. Others profit while they only bear the burden.

Questions:

- (a) Nationalism is a symbol of - 01
- (i) pride
 - (ii) humbleness
 - (iii) growth
 - (iv) culture
- (b) Culture is essentially good but becomes - 01
- (i) dynamic
 - (ii) static
 - (iii) worse
 - (iv) rotten
- (c) We can find balance when we turn to - 01
- (i) economics
 - (ii) history
 - (iii) culture
 - (iv) geography
- (d) The word "Starve" in the passage means 01
- (i) hunger
 - (ii) poverty
 - (iii) lack of strength
 - (iv) diseases
- (e) According to Nehru nationalism is a _____ Phenomenon 01

- (i) natural
 - (ii) cultural
 - (iii) curious
 - (iv) ethical
- (f) The verb form of 'exclusion' is 'exclude'. What is the verb form of 'conclusion'? 01
- (i) include
 - (ii) conclude
 - (iii) conclusive
 - (iv) concludable
- (g) It is folly to talk of culture when - 01
- (i) human beings starve and die.
 - (ii) the burden is not equally shared
 - (iii) culture becomes aggressive
 - (iv) nationalism becomes successful.
- (h) The noun form of 'tolerate' is- 01
- (i) tolerance
 - (ii) tolerable
 - (iii) tolerably
 - (iv) toleration
- (i) When does a society become static ? 02
- (j) According to Nehru when it is folly to talk about culture or god ? 02

Q.2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

In modern world, honesty has lost its meaning. Wealth plays an important role in means life today. Value of money has gone high. Everyone wants to become rich without hard labour. He does not hesitate to adopt any means at all to become rich. But still some people appreciate honesty. All religions lay down great stress on honesty.

An honest man is always brave. He is not afraid of anybody. He is truthful and is liked by everybody. On the other hand, liar, greedy and cunning people earn more money but they are not like by people.

Honesty should be maintained everywhere at home in school among friends and even in the playground. An honest person always obeys the law so he is free from serious trouble.

Honesty also gives rise to spiritual strength. So one takes up any challenge with confidence. On the other hand a dishonest person can never be sure of anything. He is always busy in plotting. So he never gets peace. An honest man is rewarded with success. He is always appreciated. He gets love and respect from others.

Questions:

- (a) Read the above passage carefully and make notes on it. 05
- (b) Supply a suitable title and write a summary of the passage 05

SECTION 'B'

- Q.3 Design and draft a poster to highlight the importance of trees in our life, appealing the people to plant more and more trees. 05

or

You want to let out a portion of your house. Draft an advertisement giving necessary details to be published in the classified columns of a local daily.

- Q.4 Last month you went to the Indore bus stand to receive a guest. Using the following inputs, describe in about 100 words, what you saw there : 08

- (1) booking offices
- (2) not enough benches
- (3) passengers squatting on floor
- (4) various stalls and vendors
- (5) buses leaving and arriving

or

An election was held and you went to cast your vote. Using the following inputs, describe in about 100 words, What you saw at the booth, as an observer:

- (1) queue of voters
- (2) polling officers, presiding officer and polling agents
- (3) indelible ink
- (4) electronic voting machine

Q.5 Write a letter to the post master complaining against the postman of your area. You are Mayank Agarwal. 07

or

Write an application to your principal for change of subjects.

Q.6 Using the following input produce a small write up in 100-150 words on corruption -
A fast growing melody. 10

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

or

Write an essay on any one topic (200 words)

- (a) Importance of games & sports
- (b) Science in daily life
- (c) The population problem
- (d) Importance of Newspaper

or

Prepare a write up on the visual given below:

You have moved to a new house. It is a three bedroom flat on the fourth floor of the C block of Krishna Apartments.

SECTION - 'C' (GRAMMER)

Q.7 Fill in the blanks with suitable words given in the brackets and rewrite the sentence:05

- (i) I am used to _____ at night.
(a) work (b) worked (c) working
- (ii) His friend died _____ cholera
(a) to (b) from (c) of
- (iii) She will come _____ she is invited.
(a) unless (b) since (c) if
- (iv) No sooner did the thief see the police _____ he ran away.
(a) because (b) than (c) that (d) as
- (v) I want a pencil. Have you _____ ?
(a) some (b) any (c) much

Q.8 Do as Directed : (Any Five)

05

- (i) I had a book (change into negative)
- (ii) You know him (change into passive voice)
- (iii) (i) Some people are rich
(ii) They are not happy.
(Combine the sentence using "but")
- (iv) The room is too dirty to sit.
(Rewrite the sentence using "so.....that" in place of "too.....to")
- (v) You will not hurt him if it is not necessary.
(Rewrite the sentence using "unless")
- (vi) is/a/house/she/wife.
(Rearrange the words to make meaningful sentence)
- (vii) (a) It is true.
(b) He is not feeling well.
(Rewrite using "that")

SECTION - D (TEXTUAL COMPREHENSION)

Q.9 Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below:

Teach me to listen, Lord

To those nearest me

My family, my friends, my co-workers

Help me to aware that

No matter what words I hear

To message is

Accept the person I am, listen to me.

Questions:

(i) Find out the word from the lines given above which : 3x1= 3

(a) has a meaning similar to the word 'attentive'.

or

(b) is opposite of the word 'farthest'.

(ii) What does the poet mean by :

'No matter what words I hear the message is.

(iii) Write the name of the poem from which these lines have been taken

or

Ah, you are so great and I am so small.

I tremble to think of you, world, at all;

And yet, when I said my prayers to day,

A whisper inside me seemed to say,

"You are more than the earth, though

You are such a dot,

You can love and think and the earth cannot."

Questions:

(i) Name the poem and tell what it is about ?

(ii) (a) Give a synonym of tremble.

(b) Which word in the lines given above mean 'a very small thing'.

Q.10 Answer any (3) of the following : 3x3=9

- 1) What is the difference between a selfish and a helpless man ?
- 2) What did the poet see when he reached the temple ?
- 3) Which action of the wind are described the poem "wonderful world".
- 4) When does the poet wish to listen to the voice of God ?

Q.11 Answer any (4) of the following : 4x2=8

- 1) What was so peculiar about the face on the wall ?
- 2) On what condition did the sage make Birju his disciple ?
- 3) Who was Swami Arvasu ?
- 4) How does the brain react in emergency situation ?
- 5) What was Ghasi's complaint to the panchayat ?

Q.12 Answer the following questions any one 8x1=8

- 1) Justify the title "The fun they had"

or

Describe the modern day achievements of India.

Q.13 Answer the following questions any one 8x1=8

- 1) Summarise poem "We are the future"

or

Where is Chitrakoot situated ? How can one reach Chitrakoot ? Mention al the three ways ?

Q.14 Answer the following questions any (two) 2x2=4

- 1) Which is the world's highest waterfall and where is it ?
- 2) What accounts for beauty in yourself ?
- 3) Why is the Gita beyond the mere intellect ?

MODEL ANSWER
GENERAL ENGLISH
XIIth

- Ans:1 (a) (iii) growth
(b) (ii) static
(c) (i) economics
(d) (i) hunger
(e) (iii) curious
(f) (ii) conclude
(g) (i) human beings starve and die.
(h) (iv) toleration
(i) The society become static when nationalism goes on spreading in an aggressive way and becomes a danger economically.
(j) It is folly to talk about culture or god when human beings starve and die. Before one can talk about anything else one must provide the normal essentials of life to human beings.

- Ans.2(a)
(i) Desire to be rich has made people dishonest.
(ii) Honesty is appreciated
(iii) Honest man is brave and liked by everybody.
(iv) Honesty should be maintained everywhere
(v) Honesty gives spiritual strength and confidence.
(vi) Honest man is always successful in the end.
(b) Title

Honesty peace of mind. Honesty has lost its meaning nowadays everyone wants to be rich by any means. All religious stress on honesty. An honest man is brave and popular while a dishonest man is disliked. Honesty should be observed everywhere. Honesty gives spiritual strength and confidence. Dishonest people do not enjoy peace of mind. An honest man is bound to succeed in the end.

SECTION 'B'

Ans.3

G
R
O
W

M
O
R
E
E
S

T
R
E
E
S

TREES ARE BEST FRIENDS

They give us

wood

Food and fruits

shade

medicines

Rubber and gum

Oxygen

Rainfall

Prevent soil erosion

Prevent flood

Can you imagine our life

without trees

certainly no

Grow More Trees

Keep our planet green

or

TO LET

A portion of a newly constructed house, 2 bedrooms, 1 hall, kitchen in modern style, airy and spacious rooms, 24 hours water and electricity supply, porch, open terrace, situated in a posh colony, bank/govt. employees preferred rent Rs. 3000/- p.m. +

E
A
C
H

O
N
E

P
L
A
N
T

F
I
V
E

electricity charges extra contact A.B. Das, 52, Akriti Gardens, Nehru Nagar, Bhopal 9425456887.

Ans.4

A scene at a busy bus stand

When I reached the bus stand I saw a number of booking offices with queues on a couple of them. As there were not enough benches some passengers had to squat on the floor. There were a number of stalls some selling newspapers, magazines and books some selling fruits or tea and snacks. A couple of vendors were moving about with plastic toys and other things. On the other side of the platform there were a lot of buses, some were empty, some half full and a couple about to leave. On the farther side a bus arrived and I rushed to receive my guest but It wasn't the one by which he was arriving. Finally his bus arrived.

or

A scene at an election booth

Infront of the polling booth, there was a long queue of people waiting for their turn to go in. Inside the booth there were a couple of polling officers and a presiding officer on one side and some polling agents on the other. A polling officer was checking the voter's name, marking it and demanding proof of identification. The other polling officer was putting an indelible ink mark on the voter's index finger of the left hand. Then the presiding officer asked him to go into the voting box where he had readied the electronic voting machine for him to vote. The voter went is pressed the button of his choice and left the booth.

Ans.5 Letter and application:

Salutation - 01 mark

Body - 04 mark

Subscription - 01 mark

No mark should be given if suitable body of the letter is not written. Appropriate weightage should be given to format and expression.

To,

The Post Master
General Post Office
Bhopal (M.P.)

Sir,

I have to bring to your kind notice that new postman of our locality unnecessarily delays in delivering letter. Many times he hands over the letter to other person. This causes a great difficulty. In the last month my brother could not attend an interview due to the late delivery of the interview call.

Hence you are requested to take necessary action and instruct him to discharge his duties properly.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully

Mayank Agrawal
G-2/259, Gulmohar Colony,
Bhopal (M.P.)

Ans.6 Corruption - A fast growing melody.

Corruption has existed as 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 socialistic model adopted after independence resulting in the licence permit raj gave impetus to its growth. Now it is so rampant that one encounters it at every step. Go to get a ration card or ask for a berth in a sleeper coach, you can't get it unless you greese somebody's palm.

From a peon or a constable to the highest bureaucrat or super cop, everyone tries to make big backs. And the current politicians - bureaucrat nexus had made it all pervading.

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

or

ESSAY

INTRODUCTION - 02 MARK
BODY - 06 MARK
CONCLUSION - 02 MARK

Appropriate weightage should be given to unity, coherence, relevance and proportion.

or

Salutation - 01 mark
Body - 04 mark
Subscription - 01 mark

No mark should be given if suitable body of the letter is not written. Appropriate weightage should be given to format and expression.

Importance of games & sports

Introduction:

Games and sports are an important part of education. They help in the development of student's personality by equipping him with physical and mental strength. Mere studies will not lead to proper development of a personality. For a

sound mind possession of a sound body is essential. Games are as necessary for education as book for studies.

Role of sports in student's life :

The syllabus of school should be so planned that and studies can be balanced to provide for development of the personality of the student. More studies are not enough, similarly mere sports have no value. The two should be blended in a suitable way so that the student can have the best of both. They should develop not only the mind but also the body. Without the mind the body is nothing, just as without the body the mind has no value. Both are important for the development of good personality.

Sports and youth :

Sports and games help a lot in training our youth through healthy competition they learn their capabilities. Moreover, they too release their youthful energy in a healthy manner. At present, it is realised everywhere that games and sports have an important role in shaping our personality.

Conclusion :

Our students must realise the importance of games and sports and take part in them. The time is over for a bookworm as he can't be anywhere in the run fast ran competition everywhere. What the country needs now is an active mind in a healthy body. Without games nobody can achieve this necessity of time.

or

OUR NEW HOUSE

It is a three bedroom flat on the fourth floor of the C block of Krishna Apartments. As you come out of the lift, it is to your right. The number is 404. The entrance facing east, opens is 11'x11' drawing room which leads to 12'x14' dining room. As you enter the dining room, you have a 6'.6"x10 kitchen on your right. And on your left you have three bedrooms in a row. The one towards the south is 10'x13'

with an attached toilet. The middle is 10'x11' and the one towards the north is 10'x12' in size. Adjoining the drawing room, there is another toilet opening towards the bedroom. Between the kitchen and the bedroom towards the north there is a 9'x' 4'6" balcony.

SECTION - 'C' (GRAMMER)

- Ans.7 (i) working
(ii) of
(iii) if
(iv) than
(v) any

Ans.8 Do as Directed : (Any Five)

05

- (i) I did not have a book
(ii) He is known to you.
(iii) Some people are rich but they are not happy.
(iv) The room is so dirty that I cannot sit.
(v) You will not hurt him unless it is necessary.
(vi) She is a house wife.
(vii) It is true that he is not feeling well.

Ans.9(i)(a) aware

- (b) nearest
(ii) I will get the message irrespective of the words through it is conveyed.
(iii) Anonymous

or

- A. (i) The title of the poem is 'wonderful world'. This poem describes very beautifully the world and a man's position in it.
(ii) (a) shiver
(b) dot

Ans.10 Answer

- 1) A selfish man does not help the poor people or others despite of having all the means. A helpless man is that person who heartily desires to help but unfortunately does not have sufficient means to do so.
- 2) When he reached the temple he saw that temple which looked like the head of the earth is brilliant with the sun. He also saw the immobile goddess in her house of stone.
- 3) In the poem "wonderful world" three actions of the wind are described. It shakes the tree, whirls the mills and talks to itself on the tops of the hills.
- 4) The poet wish to listen to the voice of God almost all the time like when he is busy or he is in boredom, when he is in certainty or doubt, or in noise or silence.

Ans.11 Answer

- 1) The peculiar thing about the face on the wall was that while the patches on the walls grew larger and changed their contours, the face never did so.
- 2) The sage make Birju his disciple on condition that he would be careful and if he ever misbehaved, he would be thrown away.
- 3) Swami Arvasu was a monk who roamed the villages along the river Ganga with his small group of followers.
- 4) In emergency situation the brain shifts attention to the emergent situation and acts accordingly.
- 5) Ghasi's complaint to the panchayat was that his ass was stolen by Kanchhedi.

Ans.12 Answer

- 1) The title "The fun they had" is appropriate. The children of the future are fought separately and individually at home by a mechanical teacher. they find on old book

from which they learn that how the schools of past were different. All the children go to a common school laughing and enjoying. They were taught by a human teacher. they must be enjoying their life at school having lot of fun that is missing form their school life which in true sense is not a school life.

or

In modern days Indian have many achievements to their credit. we have launched our own missiles. Our IT companies and auto component manufacturers are among the best in the world. Our agricultural production are growing. Our pharmaceutical industries are capturing world markets and are set to invent new drugs. Indian professionals are being recognized for their achievements in all parts of the world. We have launched our own satellites which contribute in communication, in increasing awareness in the explosive growth in television. It shows the realities of the indian people to the outside world.

Ans.13 Answer

The poem "We are the future" is a pledge of the Indians to build the nation strong and prosperous. As citizens of nation we are the future of it. We posses the necessary potential for it. Forgetting our differences. We should remain united. We should work as a team. We should try to attain the goal and accept the challenge of narrow domestic walls of caste, colour, creed, religion, language or regionalism. Some people are negative thinkers. But we firmly believe that future is ours and it is bright. We will climb the height we will make our nations future bright. We are proud of our nation and we will leave no stones unturned for the welfare. Upliftment and progress of our country. Undoubtedly our country will progress by leaps and bounds.

or

Chitrakoot is situated in the north of M.P. in Vindhya Pradesh. We can reach Chitrakoot by three ways

(i) By road

- (ii) By air
- (iii) By train

(i) By Road

At first we will have to go to Satna and there we shall reach Chitrakoot by road. There are many buses for Chitrakoot at Satna.

(ii) By Air

The nearest airport is at Khujaraho later we can take taxi and other vehicle for reaching Chitrakoot.

(iii) By Train

First we shall reach Manikpur railway station and there we shall change train for Chitrakoot Dham.

Ans.14 Answer

- 1) The world's highest waterfall is angel falls. It is situated in eastern Venezuela in South America.
- 2) Good deeds and happy thoughts accounts for beauty in ourselves. It is said that 'A thing of beauty is a joy for ever.'
- 3) Gita is beyond the mere intellect because it is essentially addressed to the heart and capable of being understood by the heart.