

General English
Class – XII

Time : 3 Hrs

M.M. 100

Instructions-

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. Read the instructions carefully and answer the questions.
3. Marks of each questions are indicated against it.
4. Answer must be complete and to the point.
5. The question paper is divided into 4 sections as-
Section A reading 20 Marks
Section B writing 30 Marks
Section C Grammar 10 Marks
Section D Text Book 40 Marks

SECTION A

Q.1 Read the following passage carefully and answers the questions given below- 12

Character is one of the greatest powers in the world. In its noblest embodiment, it exemplifies human nature in its highest form, for it exhibits man at his best, men of genuine excellence in every station of life, men of industry, of integrity, of high principle, of sterling honesty of purpose command the spontaneous homage of mankind. It is natural to believe in such men, to have confidence in them ,and to imitate them. All that is good in the world is upheld by them and without their presence in it, the world not be worth living in. Although genius always commands admiration, character secures respect.

The former is more the product, of brain power, the latter of heart power, and in the long run it is heart that rules in life. Men of genius stand to society. In the relation of its intellect, as men of character of its conscience, and while the former are admired the latter are followed.

Great men are always exceptional. Men and greatness itself is best cooperative. Indeed the range of most men in life is so limited that very few have the opportunity of being great. But each man can act his part honestly and honourably and to the best of his ability. He can strive, make the best of life. He can be true, just honest and faithful even in small things. In a word, he can do his duty in the sphere in which providence has placed him.

Answer the following questions-

- a) Each man should act his part. 1
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| (i) badly | (ii) alone |
| (iii) simply | (iv) honestly |

- b) What is one of the greatest powers? 1
 (i) industry (ii) principle
 (iii) character (iv) opportunity
- c) Who are exceptional men? 1
 (i) bad man (ii) great man
 (iii) good man (iv) clever man
- d) Which thing exemplifies human nature in its highest form? 1
 (i) singing (ii) work
 (iii) character (iv) greatness
- e) The word in the passage similar in meaning to 'diligence'. 1
 (i) performance (ii) work
 (iii) industry (iv) great
- f) Who deserves respect and love? 1
 (i) clever person (ii) poor person
 (iii) genius person (iv) bad person
- g) Supply one word for one who does work very intelligently the passage. 1
 (i) faithful (ii) co-operative
 (iii) honest (iv) genius
- h) The antonym of the word "mean" from the passage. 1
 (i) honest (ii) best
 (iii) great (iv) homage

- i. What are the qualities of great men? 2
 ii. Give a suitable title to the passage. 2

(2) Read the passage carefully and make notes on it.

Trees give shade for the benefit of others and while they themselves stand in the sun and endure scorching heat. They produce the fruit by which others profit. The character of good men is like that of trees. What is the use of this perishable body if no use is made of it for the benefit of mankind? Sandalwood, the more it is rubbed the more scent does it yields.

Sugarcane, the more it is peeled and cut into pieces, the more juice does it produces. The men who are noble at heart do not lose their qualities even in losing their lives. What matters is whether men praise them or not. What difference does it make whether they die at this moment or whether their lives are prolonged? Happen what may those who tread in the right path will not set foot in any other path. Life itself is unprofitable to a man who

lives for the mere sake of living one's life to live the life of dogs and crows. Those who lay down their lives for sake of others will assuredly do well forever in a world of bliss.

- i. Make notes on the given passage. 8
- ii. Summarize the passage.

SECTION B

- Q.3 Write a classified advertisement for "Lost and Found" column of a local newspaper stating the loss of your books and important document while travelling in a local bus. 5

OR

You are the editor of your school magazine. Write out a notice for your school notice board, inviting contribution for the school magazine for the current year.

- Q.4 Write a paragraph using the inputs given describing what you observed when you went to cast your vote. 8
- (i) Queue of voters (ii) Polling officers, agents etc
(iii) Indelible ink, electronic voting machine

OR

With the help of the words given below write a report for a newspaper about the accident which you witnessed.

- (i) In the evening (ii) car and bus
(iii) On the road (iv) The scene of the accident involved (v) The scene of the accident (vi) Hospitalized (vii) Suggestions to the government and the people.

- Q.5 Write a letter to the collector of your district about the lack of facilities about malfunctioning the government hospital of your area. 7

Or

Write an application to your principal for issuing a transfer certificate.

- Q.6 Write an essay on any one of the following topic. 10
- a) Any great leader of India.
 - b) Science__ a blessing or curse.
 - c) The problem of corruption.
 - d) The importance of press.
 - e) Population problem in India.

SECTION C

- Q.7 Fill in the blanks with suitable article/words given in bracket.
- a) My father left _____ school last year (a, an, the) 1
 - b) Swimming is _____ great fun. (a, an, the) 1
 - c) Ram is _____ NCC cadet. (a, an, the) 1
 - d) You _____ not worry so much (would, should) 1
 - e) Mohan gave me _____ money (any, some) 1
- Q.8 Do as directed- 5
- a) Ram closed the door
Dogs may not enter (Combine the sentence using so-that)
 - b) Indore is not as big as Mumbai (Rewrite the sentence using comparative degree).
 - c) He is not honest. He is not hard working (Use neither.....nor)
 - d) You can write in ink.
You can write in pencil. (Use either...or)
 - e) Sita gets up at at 6:30 _____ morning (each, every)
- Q.9 Read the extracts carefully and answer these questions. 3
- “Teach me to listen, Lord”
To those nearest me
My family, my friends, my co-workers
Help me to aware I hear,
The message is,
Accept the person I am, listen to me.

Questions:-

Find out the word from the above lines this which has –

- a) Meaning similar to the work attentive.
- b) Word opposite of the ward farthest.
- c) What message do those who are our nearest give us?

Q.10 Write the short answers of the given questions below (any three) 9

- (1) How can one reach the temple?
- (2) What is the kingdom of water?
- (3) Why does the poet regard earth a friend?
- (4) How is a copper used in a kitchen?
- (5) How could listening to one's inner voice be helpful?

Q.11 Answer any four of the following questions- 8

- (1) What disability did Mini have?
- (2) What are comfort zones?
- (3) Who was the Swami Arvasu?
- (4) Why did the poisoning not stop tender coconuts to fall?
- (5) What was so peculiar about the face on the wall?
- (6) What reflects our true belief?

Q.12 Answer any one of the questions in about 100-150 words. 8

“Truth is not only stranger than fiction, but also more interesting”
react to this statement.

Or

“If the end is noble then the means are not important” Explain on the
basis of the story “Ends & Means”

Q.13 “What goes” around comes around? 8

Or

Summarize the poem “We are the Future” in about 80-100 words.

Q.14 Answer any two of the following questions? 4

- (1) Name the world's highest waterfall?
- (2) What are the benefits of meditation?
- (3) What is the Angel Canyon? What is the “Churum River”
- (4) What makes a team a whole?

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SECTION –A

Unseen passage-1

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| (a) | (iv) Honestly | (b) (iii) Character |
| (c) | (ii) Great Man | (d) (iii) Character |
| (e) | (iii) Industry | |
| (f) | (iii) Genius person | (g) (iv) Genius |
| (h) | (iii) Great | |

Instructions: -

1. On attempting all the objective questions correct please you would get one mark each- (1+1+1+1+1+1+1+1= 8)
2. On attempting short answer question correctly you would get 2 marks (2x1=2)

(i) Ans :-Great men are always exceptional. Men and greatness itself is co-operative.

Title: Character: The greatest power.

Q.2 Notes:- Heading- Qualities of good men and trees.

- (i). Trees- Endure scorching heat.
 - a) Give Shelter
 - b) Produce fruit
 - c) Sandalwood – rubbed yields scent
 - d) Sugarcane- Peeled and crushed – gives sweet juice.
- (ii). Character of good men – same as tree.
 - a) Good men suffer themselves- benefit the mankind
 - b) Noble men lose lives, not qualities.
 - c) To live for self- An animal life.
 - d) Living for others- A bliss.

Summary- Trees give benefit to others while they themselves stand in the sun. The character of good men is like of that of mankind and not for themselves. The noble men don't lose their qualities even on losing their life. To live for the mere sake of one's life is to live the life if animals. These, who live for others, dwell in the world of bliss.

Instructions:-

- For correct format = 02 **Heading = 1**
- for correct content = 02 **Summary = 3**

SECTION – B

Q.3 Advertisement “Lost & Found”

LOST

A black colour bag containing books and important documents on 20 September 2011 in the bus No. MP06-F-5037 Enroute from Bhopal to Ujjain. Attractive reward waiting for you. Please contact: Vinod Singh , Arera Colony. H.No. 101 Bhopal Mob: 885723461

Or

Or

6th Oct 2011 International Public School, Bhopal

NOTICE

Poems, views, stories, articles, thoughts, jokes and riddles on various topics of education or any other topic from students are invited for the publication in the school magazine. These should be brief and interesting. These should reach before by 18th Oct

Priya Sen
School Magazine Editor

Instructions:-

- For correct format = 03
- for correct content = 02

Ans. 4

An Election Scene

I went to vote for the first time. It was a great experience. I was excited very much and reach the camp to see it. The capms of different candidates were erected around the polling booth. Voters were coming. They all were standing in a queue and were casting their votes one by one. The polling officers and polling agents were sitting on their respective seats inside the polling booth. First they were confirming the name , then they were seeing the voter card and after that they were making with the electronic voting

machine, voters were on electronic voting machine, voters were asked to press a button in front of the symbol of their candidate.

Or

Road Accident

Neha Chaturvedi

Indore October 2011, yesterday, in the evening a car was running at a normal speed near chowk bazaar cahuraha. All of a sudden a child came in front of the car. The driver tried to stop the car without giving any signal. A bus full of passengers was coming behind the car. The bus driver failed to stop the bus, the result was that it hit the car very badly. The bus passengers were injured. The bus driver did not receive serious injury, he took off all the serious injured people to the hospital very soon. To avoid these types of accidents roads should be broadened and one-way traffic system should be made. People and government should make joint efforts to solve problems.

Instructions:-

- **For relevant content = 04**
- **For sentence sentence= 02**

Ans.5

Letter

207, Ramesh Nagar
Sagar (M.P.)
Nov 28, 2011

To,

The Collector
District Sagar (M.P.)
Dear Sir,

Sub : Malfunctioning of the Govt. Hospital Sagar,
Sir,

I beg to draw your kind attention to the lack of facilities and malfunctioning of the government hospital of your area. There are only two types of fresh water taps which are insufficient. Most of the patients have to drink water from stored in tanks for days together. The toilets also remain unclean most of the time. I shall be greatly obliged if you could look into the matters.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully

Himanshu Thakur

OR

To,

The Principal
International Public School
Bhopal

Sub
Sir,

An application for school leaving certificate.

Most humbly I beg to state that my father has been transferred from Bhopal to Dewas. So I am unable to continue my studies here. Kindly grant me school leaving certificate and oblige.

Thanking you,
Date : 15 Oct 2011

Yours obediently
Rakesh Verma

Instructions:-

1. One mark for salutation, one mark for subscription, three marks for main body.

Q.6 Ans

Essay – Science is a blessing

- I. **Introduction-** The advent of science is a great blessing to mankind. It serves us in all walks of life like a faithful servant. If science in itself is for constructive purpose, it is good otherwise it is bad.
- II. **A good servant-** 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 device. It has helped progress in medicine, in surgery. It has helped the farmer grow more food. It has brought in the age of plenty and prosperity.
- III. **Disease controlled-** Science has shown every care and concern for our health. It has curable us of much incurable disease. It has cured epidemics like cholera, small pox and chicken pox.
- IV. **A Bad master** – Science has become a bad master in irresponsible hands science may cause suffering and destruction. It may help colonized and imperialism. It may keep backward nations in slavery. It may cause mass destruction through nuclear weapons or rockets. I may cause

mass poisoning and germ war fare. Then science will no more be a good servant but bad masters.

- V. **Conclusion-** But every silver cloud has a silver lining in it, science too has caused great havoc. It has made us idle. 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 remember that science exist for man, man does not exists for man.

Instructions:-

- **For introduction = 02**
- **For subject/matter content = 05**
- **Conclusion = 02**
- **Sentence structure = 01**

SECTION – C

Ans 7

- 1) The
- 2) A
- 3) An
- 4) Should
- 5) Some

Instructions:-

- **For each correct answer one mark 1x5=5**

Ans 8

- 1) Anita closed the door so that dogs might not enter.
- 2) Mumbai is bigger than Indore.
- 3) He is neither honest nor hard working.
- 4) You can write either in ink or in pencil.
- 5) Sita gets up at 6:30 every morning.

Instructions:-

- **For each correct answer one mark 1x3=3**

Ans 9

- 1) Aware
- 2) Nearest
- 3) They give the message bothering what are their words. They want us to be a good listener.

Instructions:-

- **For each correct answer one mark 1x3=3**

Ans (b) 1 Short- Answers

- I. If one is pure in heart dares to climb the highest of unnumbered steps one can reach the temple.
- II. The domain of the sea is the kingdom of water.
- III. The poet regards the earth as a friend because it is beautiful and wonderful.
- IV. Copper is used as a cooking boiler in kitchen.
- V. Conscience of our inner voice prevents us to do any sinful act. It distinguishes wishes between right & wrong wishes.

Instructions:-

- **For relevant content 3x3=9**

Ans (c) Short Answer from prose-

- Ans1 Mini was a spastic child who had no control over her hands and legs since birth. She could neither walk nor button up her shirt.
- Ans 2 Comfort Zones are those situations in our personality which are difficult to give up. They are physical, mutual, emotional, social or physiological comfort Zones.
- Ans 3 Swami Arvasu was a monk who roamed the villages along the river Gangas with his small group of followers.
- Ans 4 The tender coconuts continued to fall dues to bats. After dusk, huge bats came in swarms and dug to tender coconut.
- Ans 5 There was a curious turn on the nose, and the start of the forehead was unique. It was, infact, fell of individuality. The face of a man a man in a thousand.
- Ans 6 our true belief reflects our behaviors, In other words our behaviors reflects what we really believe.

Instructions:-

- **For relevant content 2x4=8**

Ans 8 Long Answer from prose – 100-150 words.

Ans (i) c Fiction means types of literature describing imaginary events and people. Fiction is an imagination of human mind. Truth is something which exists in reality. Something exists in reality is always more interesting in comparison to the things which exist in imagination. Thus it is said that truth is not only stranger than fiction, but also more interesting.

OR

According to Bramhadatta Birju, though he was a thief was nobler than the sage because his kind act surpassed all the virtuous deeds of Swami Arvasu Birju had done noblest act though the means were improper. So Bramhadatta preferred Birju to take him in his Pushpak Viman.

Instructions:-

- For relevant content =06
- For sentence structure = 02

Ans (ii) d Once the Author helped a woman by fixing a tyre of her car after a few hours there was a problem in his own car. A truck driver helped him a lot. He brought supper for the children and did not take money. When the author thanked him, he told that he had seen the author helping helpless women and he also helped him.

OR

According to the poet “We are the future of this nation” No single person I, he or she but we together to build this country. We have the power to face every challenge, We young men and women come together to build the nation from different cities. We stand by the nation as a creed and we are proud to be Indians.

Ans

1. The world's highest waterfall is Angel falls
2. The benefits of meditation are better health, focus and concentration.
3. “Angel Canyon” is a large pool and “Human River” is tributary of the Caroni River.

Instructions:-

- For relevant content 2x2=4