

## MODEL QUESTION PAPER

### SPECIAL ENGLISH

#### XIIth

**Time: 3 Hrs.**

**M.M. 100**

**Instructions:**

1. All questions are compulsory
2. Read the instructions given with questions carefully.
3. Marks of each question are indicated against it.

Q.1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions:

The pressure of rapid population growth, especially in the Third World, represents the biggest major strategic threat to the global water system. In many parts of the world, groundwater is being extracted from aquifers at rates that far exceed the ability of nature to refill, or recharge, them. Yet because these underground reservoirs are out of sight, they remain out of mind until they begin to dry up or until the ground above them begins to sink or 'subside' California's Sacramento River delta, which supplies the canal system known as the California Aqueduct with half its water, is sinking about three inches each year, perhaps because it is getting less sediment. As a result this area- which already had to be protected by a network of levees from being flooded by the ocean- is becoming much more vulnerable to the consequences of the kind of earthquake common in the adjacent earthquake zone.

Questions -

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- (i) Describe the effects of population growth on the global water system.
- (ii) Find out the words from extract which have the same meanings-
  - a) A layer of rock or soil that can absorb and hot water.
  - b) Artificial embankments alongside a river.
  - c) Weak and easily hurt.

(b) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions:

But not because of its magnificence  
Dear is the Casuarina to my soul;  
Beneath it we have played; though years may roll  
O sweet companions, loved with love intense.  
For your sakes, shall the tree be ever dear.  
Blent with you images, it shall arise  
In memory, till the hot tears blind mine eyes !  
What is that dirge- like murmur that I hear  
Like the sea breaking on a shingle- beach ?  
It is the tree's lament, an eerie speech  
That haply to the unknown land may reach.

Questions -

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- i) Who exhales a dirge - like murmur and for what reason ?
- ii) Find out the words from extract which have the same meanings -
  - a) Pass away with time
  - b) Deep affection
  - c) Awe- inspiring mourning song

Q.2 Answer any two of the following questions :

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- a) Do you think it was unfortunate for Mathilde to have married Loisel, Why ?
- b) Justify the statement that "Dream Children" is a lyric in prose.
- c) Discuss 'The last ride together' as a dramatic monologue.
- d) What does the author say about "Umbrella Conscience" ? Mention some of its chief characteristics.

Q.3 Answer any two of the following questions :

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- a) How can autumn be seen as a harvester ?
- b) Give a brief character sketch of Einstein.
- c) How according to Dr. Karan Singh can the youth repay their debt to society.
- d) Give the central idea of the poem "My Father Travels."

Q.4 Do as Directed (any five)

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- (i) Pick the odd one out  
cloth, north, south, breathe
- (ii) Choose the correct syllable structure of the words from the given alternatives  
know - (cv, v, cvc)
- (iii) How many syllables are there in the word.  
Expert  
(a) one (b) two (c) three
- (iv) Rewrite the given word in American English  
"Theatre"
- (v) Choose correct phonetic transcription of the word "girl"  
(/ 93:1/ , /girl/, /93il/)
- (vi) Fill in the blank with the suitable word:  
Mother Teresa won many international\_\_\_\_\_ (awards/rewards)

Q.5 Do as Directed (any five)

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- (i) The students did their homework in time (change into interrogative)
- (ii) Multi National Companies are providing employment to lakhs of people every year. (change the voice)
- (iii) He works hard to pass in the examination  
(Rewrite the sentence using 'so that')
- (iv) As soon as he had seated himself he was called for his breakfast.  
(use no sooner.....than and rewrite)
- (v) "Read the questions twice," said the teacher, "and don't write in the margin."  
(Change the narration)
- (vi) She is riding a bicycle. The paddle of the bicycle is broken.  
(Combine the above pair of sentences using a relative clause)

- Q.6 Answer any one of the following questions: 09
- (i) Describe in short the main characteristics of Swami's four friends ?
  - (ii) Describe in your own words the activities that took place in Swaminathan's house on the night when his new brother arrived.
- Q.7 Answer any two of the following questions: 06
- (i) Why did Swaminathan lie about the length of the answer of the last question about the moral of the story ?
  - (ii) What change did Swaminathan observe in his father's behaviour towards him before the examination ?
  - (iii) Why did Swaminathan go to the infant standards ? What did he find children doing their ?
- Q.8 Answer any one of the following questions: 09
- (i) Justify the title of the play the silver box.
  - (ii) What short comings of the British Judicial System emerge out of the play ?
- Q.9 Answer any two of the following questions: 06
- (i) Describe the meeting between the unknown lady and Mr. Barthwick. What is the outcome of this meeting ?
  - (ii) What is the dramatic significance of the conversation between Mrs. Jones and her husband ?
  - (iii) Give an account of the way the silver box was recovered from the residence of Jones.

Q.10 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions:

The various five year plans have, from time to time, laid emphasis on the restructuring of public health schemes and catering to the nutritional needs of the people. The approach paper to the 12th five year plan (2012 to 2017) is also estimated to focus on the recast of existing public health schemes for achieving better results.

The working group constituted for the plan comprises officials from the Health Ministry representatives of business chambers and Planning Commission Members. At a recent meeting of the working group, it was unanimously agreed that there was a huge dearth of doctors in the public health sector, and the doctors trained through expensive private education route would never willingly go in for primary health care needs. Therefore, a massive expansion of medical education was essential to improve primary health care and to make it affordable for the masses.

Stress was also laid on addressing the nutritional needs of the people. Mr. Binayak Sen and Ms. Syeda Hameed, two prime members of the working group, said the fact that nutrition was an integral part of health and it needed to be addressed urgently . Mr. Sen has spent a large part of his life treating malaria among tribal in Chattisgarh. According to him, the body mass index of an average tribal individual was below 18.5. This proved that the food grain distribution per family was not adequate and it needed to be supplemented with pulses and oil for a complete diet.

Questions -

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- i) On what, emphasis has been laid in five year plans ?
- ii) Why was a massive expansion of medical education essential ?
- iii) What was the integral part of health ?
- iv) What were the findings of Mr. Sen ?
- v) Find out the words in the passage which have the following meanings:
  - a) To organize a company or system in a new way.
  - b) Supply which is not large enough
  - c) Not expensive
  - d) Give the noun form of the word - Unanimously

Q.11 Read the poem carefully and answer the questions given after -

Tell me not in mournful numbers,  
'Life is but an empty' dream  
For the soul is dead that slumbers,  
And the things are not what they seem.  
Not enjoyment and not sorrow.  
Is our destined end or was,  
But to act, that each tomorrow  
Finds us farther than today.  
Trust no future, how'er pleasant  
Let the dead past bury its dead  
Act, Act, in the living present,  
Heart within and God O'erhead.

Questions -

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- i) According to the poet, what is the real end of life ?
- ii) Find out the words in the extract which have the following meanings-
  - a) Great sadness
  - b) Sleep
  - c) Decided by fate

Q.12 Write an essay on any one of the following

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- i) Science - A Boon or a Curse
- ii) Population Explosion
- iii) Choice Profession
- iv) Your Hobby
- v) An interesting match which you witnessed.

Q.13 You are Shruti/Shravan of Model School, Bhopal. You read the following advertisement in the newspaper about 'help the aged'. Write a letter saying that you along with your group of NSS Students would like to help the aged. Ask the programmes and the kind of services you and your schoolmater can provide.

**HELP THE AGED**

**GCF**

**Geriatrics Care Foundation**

(An organization caring for the elderly)

- \* Spend time with them
- \* Read books to them
- \* Take them to parks

If you want to help, write to :

GCF  
D-1, Gulmohar Colony,  
Indore (M.P.)

or

You are Mahendra Saindhav, residing at 16, Nayapura, Narsinghpur. Write a letter to the editor of free press, Indore about the frequent break downs of electricity in your city.

**MODEL ANSWER**  
**SPECIAL ENGLISH**  
**CLASS XIITH**

Ans.1 (a)

(i) The pressure of rapid population growth, represents the biggest threat to the global water system. In many parts groundwater is being extracted beyond the limit. Hence water resources are sinking.

(ii)(a) Aquifers

(b) Levees

(c) Vulnerable

1) For each correct answer the student will get one mark  $5 \times 1 = 5$

Ans. (b)

(i) The Casuarina tree exhales a dirge like murmur. The tree laments because the poetess brother and sister used to play under the tree when they were young but they are no more in this world.

(ii) (a) Roll

(b) Love intense

(c) Eerie speech

Ans. 2

a) No it was not unfortunate for mathilde to have married Loisel, was a simple man. He was caring and loving. He was cool enough to compromise with all sorts of adverse situations. He was sympathetic to his wife and understood her sentiments well. When mathilde lost the necklace he made all efforts to find it. Later he also overstrained himself to bear the tragic turn of life. Mathilde invited her ruin not because of her husband but because of her ambitions to become rich. It was her high feeling and show off nature that made her borrow a jewellery that caused all the trouble.



b) "Dream Children : A Reverie" is an outburst of a flow of imagination of Charles Lamb was called the prince of English essayists. He wrote his essay when he was nearing fifty. As his life was not at all happy and comfortable he towards the end of his life has expressed his dreams which couldn't be fulfilled. He has suffered a lot in his life. He himself was lame. His elder brother whom he loved much, died in great pain. He missed him much because he usually carried him on his back. In his youth lamb had a disappointing love affair. He was a bachelor He was living in letter concliness. Though he wanted a family and children but they were denied to him in his actual life. In this essay he is dreaming of having two children on his both sided behaving like his real children. Although the story has created a moving life situation which has all the elements of a lyric. Thesis a flow which makes one completely engrossed with the story.

c) 'The last ride together' is a dramatic monologue and it show drowning at his best in the handling of this poetic form. It has also been called a dramatic lyric because it is not an expression of his own personal emotions, but that of an imagined character. It is spoken by a lover who loved his lady over a long period of time and who after making him wait for so long. Finally rejected him, and turned to another person. The lover then prayed to her to accept two requests of his. First that she should remember his love for her and secondly that she should come with him for a last ride together. To his great joy the lady consented.

The entire poem is a dramatic monologue. The lover is expressing his emotions actually in front of none. He seems to be talking to himself in loneliness. He analyzes his own courting and persuasion of his beloved and its ultimate result. But instead of getting disheartened over his miserable failure he finds a consolation in the consent of his lady love for going on a last ride with him. The sheer imagination of proximity fills him with thrill and sense of fulfillment.

- d) The essay "Umbrella Morals" is a satire on the modern culture where people have lost their moral conscience. They do not care for others trouble they do wrong knowingly they play hid and seek with their own conscience. The author give many instances he says that such type of people take other umbrellas made of silk and leave their own cotton umbrellas in exchange. They are not to be found out by others. Quite impeccable people who ordinarily seem unspotted from the world are afflicted with umbrella morals. These people would never put their hands in another pocket, or forge a check or rob a till not even if they had the chance.

Ans.3

- a) The poet has personified Autumn in different forms when the poet has presented him as a harvester he is shown sitting carelessly in the field. His hair is lifted by the winnowing wind sometimes he is in sound sleep on a half reaped furrow. He is drowned with the fume of poppies while his look spares the Swath with its twined flowers.
- b) Einstein was a peculiar child right from the beginning of his career. His views were different from others. He hated school education his view. It was not a proper place for learning. It hamper a child's natural growth. He had no interest in learning historical facts. When his history teacher asked him a historical date he smartly replied that he did not remember it. He loved music and science based books, but had no interest in his prescribed syllabus But he was never disrespectful to any teacher after all he was a genius.
- c) In this lesson, the author says that the young generation is the future of the nation and is responsible for the all round development of it, The youths can render their services in many ways to repay their debt to the nation. They can keep our country safe from external attacks, can spread knowledge among the illiterate, can eradicate, corruption, pettiness, nepotism from land . They can spread the message of unity, peace and harmony. They have to work hard for the maintenance and strengthening of freedom.

- d) "My Father Travels" is a touching poem by 'Dilip Chitre', highlighting the ironies of modern civilization. It captures the predicament of an aged man in a dehumanized urban world. He feels depressed at the crumbling traditional value system and human relationships. The younger generation is lacking in sincerity and regard for old generation. They imitate the fast changing world pattern where there is no place for the old and aged, for them they are out dated. These are the negative aspects of modernization.

- Ans.4 (i) breathe  
(ii) cv  
(iii) two  
(iv) Theatre  
(v) / 93:1/  
(vi) awards

- Ans.5 (i) Did the students do their homework in time ?  
(ii) Lakhs of people are being provided employment by Multi National Companies  
(iii) He works hard so that he may pass in the examination  
(iv) No sooner had he seated himself than he was called for his breakfast.  
(v) The teacher asked to read the questions twice and forbade to write in the margin  
(vi) The paddle of the bicycle on which she is riding, is broken.

Ans.6

- (i) Swami honored only four person with his confidence. He admired them most in his class.  
1) The first was Somu, the monitor, who carried himself with such an easy air. He set about his business, whatever it was with absolute confidence and calmness. He was known to be chummy even with the teachers. No teacher ever put to him a question in the class.

- 2) The second was Mani, the mighty good for nothing. He towered above all the other boys of the class. He seldom brought any book to the class. No teacher ever tried to prod him. Mani bullied all strangers that came in his way. Wearing his cap at an angle, with a Tamil novel under his arm, he had been coming to the school ever since the old school peon could remember. In most of classes he stayed longer than his friends did.
- 3) The third was Shankar, the most brilliant boy of the class. He solved any problem that was given to him in five minutes and always managed to border on ninety percent. He could speak to the teachers in English in the open class. He knew all the rivers, mountains and countries in the world. He could repeat history in his sleep. Grammar was a child's play to him. His face was radiant with intelligence. Swaminathan looked on him as a marvel.
- 4) The fourth friend was Samuel, known as 'the pea' on account of his size. There was nothing outstanding about him. He was just ordinary, no outstanding virtue of muscle or intellect. He was as bad in arithmetic as Swaminathan was. He was as apprehensive, weak and nervous about things as Swaminathan was. The bond between them was laughter. They were able to see together the same absurdities and incongruities in things hot water and medicine, preparation for ushering a new person into the world- were too bewildering for Swaminathan's comprehension.

Ans.7 (i) When the friends of Swami came out of the examination room they began discussing how they answered the question. At the last question of moral one of them had written a full page, Rajam had written only three quarter of a page while Shankar had written a little more than half. As Swami only a line, he felt disclosing it, would be befooling himself. Therefore he said that he also wrote about half a page.

(ii) At school everybody seemed 'to be overwhelmed by the thought of the examination' His friends hardly exchanged even a few words with him. Somu has become brisk.

Swami mother gave birth to a baby boy. One day his Granny said to him that he was going to have a baby brother. That night he was allowed to sleep on Granny's bed. The lights kept burning all night. Whenever he opened his eyes he was conscious of busy feet scurrying along the passage. Late at night when he woke up he saw a lady doctor in the hall. She behaved as if the house belonged to her. She entered mother's room, a mingled noise was coming out of that room. Then she came out and commanded Swami's father to do something. He went away returned with a small bottle in his hand he hovered about uncertainly. The hushed voices hurry seriousness agitation, and business like. No one had seen smile on Shankar's face. Rajam came to the school on time, not uttering a dozen words to anybody. Mani looked worried.

- (iii) As the geography teacher was on leave, the boys of first "A" were in leisure. Swami missed his friends and felt lonely. He wandered along the corridor of the infant standards. He saw the infants dabbling in wet clay and trying to shape models for Swami it was ridiculous things to do at school.

Ans. 8(i) The Silver box was given the title 'The cigarette box by Galworthy both essentially mean the same thing an expensive cigarette case. It is the central thing in the plot. The entire story revolves round it Jones, an out of work poor man is tempted one night to take it away from wealthy Jack's house. Mr. Barthwick first points his accusing finger at this char woman Mrs. Jones. She discovered it by chance at her house, she insists on returning it to its owner. There is a fight Jones wants to throw it into the river. At this crucial moment a detective Mr. Snow enters the room the stolen box he draws Mrs. Jones on charge of thief to the police station. Jones attack the policeman on duty. He too is arrested both are produced in the court. The dishonest, magistrate the constable and lawyer Roper Shield Jack Jones is convicted assaulting A public servant on duty but not on the charge of stealing.

Hence the cigarette box events all conflicts & suffering arise from it. The word silver gives to the title the colour of a class struggle between the rich and poor. It is the symbol of rich.

- (ii) Jones Galsworthy, the noble prize winner in his drama 'The Silver Box' took up specific social grievances such as the double standard of justice as applied to the upper and lower classes. He believed that since the prevailing social structure was maintained through laws, these laws should be operative for all, rich and poor alike.

"The Silver Box' may be regarded as a problem play, a social tragedy. The victims are poor Jones, his wife, Mrs. Jones and children. The other side wealthy liberal, Mr. Barthwick himself is law. Galsworthy indicts the established institution of law courts which is held in highest esteem for its fairness. The ground reality is that the scales of justice are tilted in favour of men of position and wealth. Jack Barthwick and Jones are equally wicked. Both are equally guilty of misconduct, moral degradation and stealing. But law treats them differently. Jack is shielded by his father. His offence of stealing is ignored and magistrate acquits him. But poor Jones who pleads his case himself, is silenced and sent to prison. In the end Jones expressed his anger "Call this Justice" What about me, 'E got drunk ! 'E took the purse - 'e took the purse but it's my money got 'im off- JUSTICE !"

- Ans.9(i) Unknown lady came to meet Mr. Jack Barthwick but he was having a severe headache and she had to tell to John Barthwick why she wanted to meet Jack. She explained him how in liquor, he snatched her reticule containing all her money.

The visit of the unknown lady serves a useful dramatic purpose. It throws lights on Jack's real character. She reveals that Jack is a drunkard and associated with prostitutes. Lady's visit helped the dramatist to construct the plot.

- (iii) When Mrs. Jones detects the stolen purse, she thinks to return it. When she shakes out Jones, coat, the silver box falls down from the coat pocket. She is shocked to see it . She wants to take it back and tell them all about it. But Jones snatches it from her hands with a promise that he would throw it away into the river along with the purse. Meanwhile a detective, snow appointed by Mr. Barthwick enters Jones house. Snot detects the letters J.B. carried on it and he is sure that it is Barthwick's.

Ans.10 (i) Emphasis has been laid on the restructuring of public health schemes and catering to the nutritional needs of the people in five year plans.

(ii) A massive expansion of medical education was essential to improve primary health care and to make it affordable for the masses.

(iii) The integral part of health was nutrition and it needed to be addressed urgently.

(iv) According to Mr. Sen, the body mass index of an average tribal individual was below 18.5. This shows that the food grain distribution was not adequate and it should be supplemented with pulses and oil.

(v) (a) Restructuring

(b) Dearth

(c) Affordable

(d) Unanimity

Ans.11 The real end of life is neither enjoyment nor sorrow but to act in living present.

(a) Mournful

(b) Slumbers

(c) Destined

Ans.12 THE CHOICE A PROFESSION

Outlines:

1. INTRODUCTION.
2. FIRST RULE FOR CHOOSING A GOOD PROFESSION
3. SECOND GOLDEN PRINCIPAL
4. THIRD IMPORTANT CONDITION OF CHOICE
5. WHAT PROFESSION DO I LIKE
- 6 CONCLUSION

How good is man's life

The mere living how fit to employ.

All the heart and the soul.

And the senses for everyone enjoy.

1. INTROCUCTION

Some says, "Stars make our fate". But to speak truth, it is our own thinking which makes or mars our destiny. Our success often depends on how we choose a profession. A good profession can make our life a pleasant sport. On the other hand a bad one may turn our life into a long disease. So it we want happiness we must think how to choose a profession.

2. FIRST RULE FOR CHOOSING A GOOD PROFESSION

The best profession is that where we can serve best. It is mistake to choose a profession which can pay more without having capacity for it. If we have no ability we cannot serve well, if we do not serve well, our services may be terminated. So those who only aim at gold, become rolling stones. But those who aim at service permanently make rise and become happy.



### 3. SECOND GOLDEN PRINCIPAL

Another important thing which we should keep in mind is that we should not choose a profession against our taste. A man cannot serve with his whole heart, if he does not like his work. Working without interest soon makes us inefficient and lazy. Our laziness is danger to our progress. So parents and religious should not crush the taste and ambition of our young men.

### 4. THIRD IMPORTANT CONDITION OF CHOICE

We should also not forget, 'Honesty is the best policy ?' Dishonest professions are thorn to social life. Good men prefer death to making gambling or black marketing their profession. Money is never greater than man. We should never give God's throne to gold.

### 5. WHAT PROFESSION DO I LIKE

I like the honest profession of teaching. My ability and taste are fit for it. It gives me much pain that educational institutions are but degree making factories. So it is the dream of my life to make students not mere bookworms but true nation builders and servants of humanity.

### 6 CONCLUSION

Man is maker of his destiny. It depends on him to choose either luxury and be kicked or served and be elevated. Rightly says Lord Rama, "Luxury is sweet at first but poison in the end while service which is bitter at first is a road to salvation and all blessings."

Ans.13

Shruti/Shravan  
Model School,  
Bhopal.

25/11/11

The Managing Director  
GCF  
D-1, Gulmohar Colony,  
Indore (M.P.)

Sir,

We are a group of class XII students who are also members of NSS. We have come across your advertisement about 'Help the Aged'.

We would like to offer our services for the care of the elderly.

Please send us detailed information about the programmes that you conduct. As we are not earning members of the society, we can only offer help in terms of man power. Please chart out some activities for us.

Yours sincerely

Shruti/Shravan

or

16, Nayapura,  
Narsinghpur

25th Nov. 2011

The Editor  
Free Press  
Indore (M.P.)

Dear Sir,

I would like to draw your kind attention to irregular supply of electricity to this city. In fact, it has gone from bad to worse.

Now, it seems those were better days, for at least one knew when there was a cut. Now it is the sweet will of the Board. It may decide to punish the inhabitants at the dead of the night while they are sleeping under a fan.

Without electricity in the morning, there is no supply of tap water too. Life has become really very horrible.

The examinations are at hand. The poor students have no light to study at night.

I request the authorities through your esteemed paper to look into the matter and improve the situation.

Yours

MAHENDRA SAINDHAV