

Model Question Paper
Special English
Class – XII

Time : 3 Hrs

M.M. 100

Instructions:

- All questions are compulsory.
- Read the instructions given with questions carefully before attempting them.
- There are two parts of section A and B in these questions set.
- Marks each are indicated against it.

SECTION A

Q.1 (A) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow-

How soon hath, time, the suitable thief of youth,
Stolen on his using any my three and twentieth year,
My hasting days fly on with full career,
But my late spring no bud or blossom sheweth,
Perhaps my subllance might deceive the truth,
That I to manhood am arrive so near,
And inward ripness doth much less appear,
That some more timely happy spirit indueth.

Questions: -

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| i. What has Time stolen from the poet? | 2 |
| ii. Find out the words from the extract which have the same meaning as the words given below – | |
| a. something not noticeable or obvious. | 1 |
| b. appearance | 1 |
| c. a person's feeling or state of mind | 1 |

(B) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions-

Skvorstove flew into a rage and gave the beggar a merciless scolding. The ragged fellow's insolvent lying aroused his disgust and aversion, was on offence against what he Skvorstove loved and prized in himself kind and feeling heart, sympathy for the unhappy. By his lying he inflicted by tremendous assault upon compassion the individual had as it were defiled the charaity which he liked to the beggar at first defended himself, protested with oaths then he sank into silence and hung, his head overcame with shame.

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| i. What is the meaning of rage? | 1 |
| ii. What did Skvorstove like to give the poor? | 1 |

- iii. Who overcame with shame 1
- iv. What kind of man was Skvorstove? 2

- Q.2 Answer any two of the following questions. 12
- i. Describe how and why did the author return the umbrella belonging to some politician.
 - ii. Discuss 'The Last Ride Together' as a dramatic monologue.
 - iii. Justify the title of the essay "Dream Children A Reverie"
 - iv. How can N.C.C. and other similar organization help in making our youth physically strong?

- Q.3 Answer any two of the following questions. 8
- i. Justify the title of the poem "After apple picking"
 - ii. What does the author mean by patriotism?
 - iii. What things did Mathilde resent in her life?
 - iv. What was Miss Pushapa T.S. popular with?

- Q.4 Do as directed (any 5) 5
- i. Combine the pair of sentences by using the conjunctions given
 - a. The tea is very hot
 - b. We can't drink it (So.....that)
 - ii. He says "He spoke the truth" (Change the narration)
 - iii. What are you doing here_____ this hour? (on/at/in) (Choose appropriate preposition)
 - iv. I know him (Change the voice)
 - v. Let us go to _____ market (a, an, the) (Fill in the blank with article)
 - vi. Are there_____ letter for me (Some/any) (Use the proper determiner)

- Q.5 Do as directed (any 5). 5
- i. How many syllables are there in the word 'Principal'
 - (a) one (b) two (c) three
 - ii. Choose the correct syllable structure of the word book from the given alternatives
 - (a) CCV (b) CVC (c) CCC
 - iii. Pick out the word that sound's odd
 - (a) now (b) hope (c) how (d) crow
 - iv. Have you seen him? (Give the American English variant)
 - v. How many syllables are there in the word 'Study'
 - (a) one (b) two (c) three
 - vi. The syllable division of "Recognition"
 - (a) Re-cog-ni-tion (b) Reco-ni-tion (c) Re-cogni-tion

SECTION B

- Q.6 Answer any one of the following question. 9
- Describe how Swaminathan passed Monday in his school.
 - What were the reasons of animosity between mani and Rajam?
- Q.7 Answer any two of the following. 6
- Describe Mani's personality.
 - What prank did Mani and Swaminathan play on Rajam? .
 - What change did Swaminathan observe in the father's behavior towards him before the examination?
 - What provoked Swaminathan to slap the Pea? What followed thereafter?
- Q.8 Answer any one of the following questions. 9
- Justify the title of the play "The silver Box"
 - Write a critical appreciation of the play "The Silver Box"
 - Do you feel that Mrs. Jones attempts to defend her husband during the interview with Mr. Barthwick.
 - Describe the meaning between the Unknown lady and Mr. Barthwick inn your own words. What is the outcome of this meeting?
- Q.9 Answer any two of the following questions. 6
- What is the dramatic significance of the conversation between Mrs. Johns and her husband?
 - Give an account of the way the Silver Box was recovered from residence of Johnes.

Q.10 Read the poem carefully and answer the questions below:-

Like a high born maiden
In a palace tower
Soothing her love loaden
Soul in secret hours
With music sweet as love,
which overflows her bower
like a glow- warm golden
In a dell of dew
Scattering beholden
It arial hue

- Who does the poet compare with the bird with in the first given stanza?
2
- What is composed within second stanza? 1
- Synonym of invisible is_____ 1
- Antonym of secret is_____ 1

Q.11 Carefully read the unseen passage and answer the questions given :-10

1. Our house is filled with photos. They cover the walls of my kitchen, dining room and den. I see our family's entire history, J starting with my wedding, continuing through the births of both J sons, buying a home, family gatherings and vacations. When my sons were little, they loved to pose. They waved, danced, climbed trees, batted balls, hung upside down from the jungle gym and did anything for a picture. But when they reached adolescence, picture-taking changed into something they barely tolerated. Their bodies were growing at haphazard speeds. Reluctantly they stood with us on with their grandparents at birthday celebrations and smiled weakly, at the camera for as short a time as possible.

2. I am the chronicler of our photographs. I select those to be framed and arrange the others in albums. The process is addictive, and as the shelves that hold our albums become fuller and fuller, I wonder what Will become of them. Will anyone look at these photographs in future years? If my sons look at them, what will they think of us and of themselves? One bright afternoon, I took some photographs of my father with my husband as they fished on a lake near our vacation house. As my sons and I sat on the shore and watched them row away, I picked the camera up and photographed the beautiful lake surrounded by green trees. The two men I loved gradually grew smaller until all I could see were my father's red shirt, and the tan and blue caps on their heads.

- 3 My father died a week later, and suddenly those photos became priceless to me. I wept when I pasted them in our album. I wept again afterwards when I saw my younger son looking at them. It was a few days before he went away to college He had taken all our albums down from the bookshelves in the den and spread them out on the carpet If had been a very long time since I had seen him doing this. Once he stopped posing for pictures, he seemed to lose interest in looking at them. But now he was on the verge of leaving home. This was his special time to look ahead and look back. I stood for a moment in the hall by the den, and then tiptoed away. I didn't take a photo of my son that afternoon, but I will remember how he looked for as long as I live. Some pictures, I learned, don't have to be taken with a camera.

Questions

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| (I) | (a) Find the word opposite in meaning to impossible. | 1 |
| | (b) Find a word used in sense of slowly but steadily. | 1 |
| | (c) Their bodies were growing atspeed. | 1 |
| | (d) Give synonym of infancy. | 1 |

(II) Answer the following questions:

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| (a) What was the house wall covered with? | 2 |
| (b) What does the narrator do? | 2 |
| (c) Photo of the narrator's father became priceless? | 2 |

Q.12 Write an essay on any one 10

- a) Importance of games and sports
- b) The Book I like most
- c) Importance of news paper
- d) Any burning problem
- e) Dowry its evil impact on society.

Q.13 You are Rohan Kumar living at Railways Colony Bhopal, write a letter to the superintendent of police about the nuisance of loud speaker. 5

Or

Your are Anjali Soni living at Gunesh Nagar Narsinghpur pull, write a letter to the health officer of your zone informing him about the bad sanitary condition of the street on which you reside.

- (ii) The last ride together is a dramatic monologue and it shows Browning 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 her wait, for so long finally rejected her. The lover then prayed to her to grant his request of his first that she should remember his love for her, and secondly that she should come with him to a last ride together to his great joy the lady consented.

The poem is a dramatic monologue the lover is pouring out his emotions, actually in front of none. He seems to be talking to himself in loneliness. He analyzed 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 to go on a last ride with him. The sheer imagination of proximity fills him with thrill and a sense of fulfillment.

- (iii) The title of the essay "Dream Children" A Reverie is an appropriate title in the context of its theme. The writer tries to travel his unfulfilled desires. For this he creates the images of two kids who act in a real manner. He tells them all the memories of his life. He was extremely desirous to have a family and children but this wish was never fulfilled. The essay appears to be autobiographical. He shows similarity between Alice the mother and Alice the daughters. Through the imaginary children he satisfied his desires of being a father and husband.

- Q.2 (iv) Ans. Physical fitness is one of the most first and foremost requirement for one to prove oneself victorious. Building a great democracy and defending it is a great task. It requires a young generation that is physically strong, with muscles of iron and nerves of steel. One can achieve and improve these qualities only by undertaking physical training and developing physical fitness to the maximum. N.C.C. and other such organizations are working in this field. Physical fitness and qualities of discipline and teammanship are essential particularly for those who are planning a job in defence forces. N.C.C. like organization train one in all these directions and make a young man competent enough to face all sorts of challenges in life.

Instructions :

- For relevant content =5
- For sentence structure = 1

2x6=12

- Q.3 (i) After Apple – picking is a suitable title for this poem. In this poem the poet gives his feelings for the overstrained civilization and way of modern life. Through the work of apple – picking he explains his ideas. Apple symbolises a fruit of high worth from every point of view. The poet has a bumper harvest of apple and while picking it up gets overtired. Every situation reflects the poet's view and all through apple.
- (ii) Patriotism is one of the important dimensions that a youth must acquire. By patriotism the outer means the deeper patriotism which transcends all pettiness and exclusivity which creates in our youth a deep urge for national unity and progress. The author feels that our nation and galvanize the whole process of our economic development.
- (iii) Mathilde was an extraordinary beautiful lady. The poverty of her heavenly beauty. But unfortunately she had to live in a poor house with miseries scattered all over. The shoddy chairs, ugly curtains, petty crockery and above all the wealthiest social status were among those things that she resented in her life.
- (iv) Miss Pushpa is popular with men and women. As she is always smiling and full of spirit everyone likes her. She never says 'no' to anyone for anything her good spirit makes her popular.

Q.4

- i. The tea is so hot that we can't drink it.
- ii. He says that he spoke the truth.
- iii. at
- iv. He is known to me
- v. The
- vi. Any

Q.5

- i. c
- ii. b
- iii. b
- iv. Did you see him?
- v. b
- vi. a

Instructions :

- For each correct answer 5x1=5

SECTION – B

Q.6 (i) Swami is a student of the first. It is Monday morning and Swami hates Mondays. For it means activity discipline and work after the holiday he has enjoyed on Saturday and Sunday. As Swami sits on the table in his room he finds that he has a lot of home work to do and only two hours for doing it. He feels bored and tired and is in no mood to work.

He reaches the class in time and we are introduced to the fire-eyed Vedangyan, the class teacher and also arithmetic teacher. Swami does not like him and writes him that his face was that his eyes were too near one saw from the bench and that he was very very bad looking. All the sums of Swami are wrong they are crossed out, the remark very bad in given and he is very severely pinched over his left ear and told to go back to his seat.

Then comes the history period and the teacher is Mr. Pillai. His method of teaching is interesting but it does not conform to any known principle of education. It is followed by the scripture period and the teacher Ebenezer is a frantic Christian. He constantly criticizes and abuses Hindu Gods who for him nearly so many pieces of stones. When Swami puts a question his ear is severely pulled and pinched. Swami complains to his father who writes a long letter to the Headmaster asking him to take action against the teacher otherwise Hindu boys will be withdrawn from the school and the matter will be referred to higher authorities but nothing comes out of it. Except the reprimand to Swami from the Headmaster who is there to take care of the boys. He tells Swami you must come to me if you want any help, before you go to your father Swaminathan furtively glances at Ebenezer who has writhed in his chair.

I am sorry, said the headmaster “that you should have been so foolish as to go to your” father about the simple matter I shall look into it. Take their letter of your father. The things remain where they were.

(ii) Rajan was a new student to the class of Swaminathan. He was a son of the superintendent of police. He had been transformed from an English school of Madras. He was well dressed and well mannered. He wore shoes and socks and tie. He comes in a car. He was well built and knew all tactics. On his first day of school he walked up to the last bench and sat beside Mani and felt comfortable till Mani gave him a jab in the ribs which he returned. He had impressed the whole class on the very first day. He could speak English fluently. No other student in the class was able to compete with him in any way. By that

time Mani was the boss as there was no one to challenge his strength. Rajam became a rival of Mani. In his manner to Mani was not accustomed. If Mani jabbed Rajam jabbed, if Mani clouted if Mani kicked the he kicked If Mani was overlord of the class, Rajam seemed nothing less more than that Rajam was a brilliant student which Mani was not. So Rajam was now the new center of power which was not acceptable to Mani. There were the Rejmain of animosity between them.

Instructions :

- For relevant content = 7
- For sentence structure = 2 = 9

- Q.7 (i) Mani is one of the closest friends of swami. He is known as “The mighty good for nothing” He towers head and shoulders above the other boys of the class, and is friend and admired by all. He is a sort of bully and says that his strength lies in the two clubs he say that his strength lies in the two clubs he had at home. He can easily break the neck of those with it who offended him. Swaminathan was proud of his friendship. While others crouched in awe he could address him as “Mani” gusetto and put him in the back familiarity.
- (ii) Mani and Swami knocked at the door of Rajam is room and is soon as he opened the doors, they pretended to be a blind kitten and a blind puppy. As they had closed their eyes, they did not see that somu, shankar and pea were there indeed they touched and fondled their feet and when they did open thier eyes they saw that they had touched the feet of somu, shankar and pea.
- (iii) It was the monk of April and just two weeks before the annual exams. Swami’s father quite naturally now wanted that his son should devote more time to his studies and often rebuked him when he saw the boy wasting his time. Swami thought he was changing and growing more fussy and difficult every day however his classmates and his friends would become his seniors and would no longer like to mix up with him.
- (iv) One day when Swami enlamed the class, a giggle went along the benches Somebody had written 'Tail' on the blackboard in huge letters. Swami suspected that the Pea and Shankar had done it. So he slapped them on the face, pandemonium broke out in the class, with Shankar, Pea and Swami rolling over and over and tearing each others hair, faces and clothes. The fight stopped for a moment when the

teacher entered. But a moment later they left the class, to fight it out in the fields adjoining the school.

Instructions :

- For relevant content = $2 \times 3 = 6$

Q.8 (i) Galsworthy's original title for the silver box was the 'Cigarette box'. Both essentially mean the same thing- an expensive cigarette case. It is the central thing in plot. The entire story revolves around 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 fingers at his charwoman Mrs. Jones,. She discovers, it by chance at her house. She insists on returning it to its owner. There is a scuffle. Mrs. Jones wants to throw it into the river. At this crucial moment a detective Mr. Snow enters the room and recovers the stolen box Both Mr. Jones and Mrs. Jones are arrested and produced in the court the dishonest magistrate the constable and the advocate Roper shield Jack. Jones is convicted though not on charge of stealing the box but of assaulting a public servant on duty.

Thus we see the cigarette box dominates the events from cover to cover. All conflict and suffering arise from it. The word "silver" gives to the title the colour of a class struggle between the rich and the poor. Silver is the symbol of riches. Hence the title the silver box is more appropriate and effective than the cigarette box.

(ii) The Silver box Galsworthy's first dramatic work is a three act play. The playwright calls it a social comedy but it is comic only in the satirical portraits of characters, in the society and the law courts. Here is a boys liberal M.P. Johns Barthwick who loves fine phrases and speaks as if he were addressing his voters. But he turns cool the moment his own interests are threatened then there is his foolish and selfcentered wife who would side with her good for nothing son at all cost. She regards Jones as a dangerous fellow. Their son Jack is thoroughly spoilt. He is a debauch a thief and a liar. For the likes of Barthwicks life is a comedy because they are real criminals. For poor Mrs. Jones and her children, the play is a social tragedy. In spite of her complete innocence they become victim of a horrible miscarriage of justice. She suffers beating by her own husband. She is arrested for crime committed by him . Her children go hungry. Her employer accuses her of stealing silver box. Towards the end. She is left alone and without a job only to starve. Strongly enough, the drammatist calls his play a comedy because we are left at the end smiling ironically at unfairness of the world.

The central theme of the play is the operation of law as it affects rich and the poor. There are two simply contrasted groups in the play. One consists of a bogus liberal M.P., his foolish wife and his spoilt son. He has got wealth and position and outward respectability. They guard their reputation zealously even by using unfair means. They can easily buy detectives, constables and magistrates. The scales of justice are tilted in their favour.

The Silver box is a penetrating study of life in Edwardian England. It is as true and relevant today as it was centuries ago. The law remains the handmaid of the rich and the ruling class. The poor somehow manage to survive.

Instructions :

- For relevant content = 7
- For sentence structure = 2 =9

Q.9 Mr. and Mrs. Barthwick discuss the conduct of servants, in a holistic note. She complains that servants have started taking too much liberty. She cites the example of the maid servant of lady. Holy road the maid used to call her lover to meet her in her employers house. Lady Holy Road told her to go, she demanded one month's salary. The discussion reveals the attitude of all master's towards their menial servants.

(ii) When Mrs. Johnes detects the stolen purse she thinks to return it to her employers so when Johnes is out she shakes out his coat. The silver box falls down from the coat pocket. She looks hard at it. But Johnes snatches it from her hands with a promise that he would throw it away into the river along with the purse on the other hand when Barthwick finds the box missing he asks. Snow a detective to search it. Snow out of doubt comes to Jones was house just at the time when Johns trying to take the box from his wife who takes it to return it to Barthwick. Snow detects the letters J.B. curved on it and is sure it was the stolen one from Barthwicks house.

(iii) Mr. Barthwicks interrogates Mrs. Johns about the theft of the silver box. This reveals several vital facts about her miserable life. She has got three school going children and she cannot support them. Her husband is still Jobless as well as troublesome. He extracts money from her for drinking. He is a groom by profession. She had an affair with him before their marriage eight years ago. Her eldest son was born before marriage yet she attempts to defend her husband.

- (iv) A labour party candidate has won the by-election to the parliament. This gives a rude shock to Mrs. Barthwick. She blames the liberals for encouraging the common people. She opposes the talk about reform or change in social policy. She thinks that only upper classes are patriotic while the socialists' are selfish. The political discussion reveals the attitude of Mr. & Mrs. Barthwick who represent the upper classes.

Instructions :

- For relevant content = $3 \times 2 = 6$

- Q.10 (i) The bird is compared with maiden whose soul is laden with love.
(ii) Music, sweet as love is composed within second stanza.
(iii) Unbeholden
(iv) Obvious

Instructions :

- For relevant content = 2
- For each correct vocab answer = $1 \times 3 = 3$

- Q.11 (i) (a) Possible
(b) gradually
(c) haphazard
(d) adolescence
- (ii) (a) The house wall was covered with photos.
(b) The narrator selects the photos to arranging in albums.
(c) Because his father died a week later.

Instructions :

- For each correct vocab $1 \times 4 = 4$
- For correct answer $3 \times 2 = 6$

Q.12 Importance of games and 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. More 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 books for students.

Role of sports in student's life:- The syllabus of school should be so planned that games and studies can be balanced 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 a healthy 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. All present it is realized everywhere that games and sports have an important rate in shaping our personality.

Conclusion:- Our students must realize the importance of games and sport and take part in them. The time is over for bookworm as he can't be everywhere, what the country needs new is an active mind in a healthy body. Without games nobody can achieve this necessity of time.

Instructions :

- For correct subject matter= 08
- For sentence structure = 02

Q.13 Rohan Kumar
 H.No. 40
 Railway Colony
 Bhopal

To,
 The Superintendent of Police
 Bhopal (M.P.)

Sub : Nuisance of loudspeakers.

Dear Sir,

I beg to bring to your kind notice the annoyance and inconvenience caused to several people , mainly students in this locality by the unrestricted way in which loudspeakers are allowed to be used both during night and day by some people.

For instance only yesterday we had to tolerate loud speakers all the twenty four hours of the day in our locality. Although my house is one kilometer away from the place where the loudspeakers was being actually played yet I could not sleep whole night. I really wonder how people residing nearby were able to put up with the noise. And how students could have been able to study.

I therefore suggest. There should be a restriction of hours as well as volume at which the loudspeakers can be played so that should not become a source of irritation to others.

Hope my suggestions would come to you.

Thanking you
Yours faithfully
Rohan Kumar

(ii) Ganesh nagar
Narsingpur (M.P.)

To,
The Health Officer
Narsinghpur (M.P.)

Sir,

I would like to draw your kind attention towards the unhygienic conditions of my locality in which we residents are faced to live. It would be good enough on your part to come and survey the area and peep into our grievance and take some remedial step.

The area where I reside is the unhealthiest street of the area, here a large number of cattles are tied as a result it is not only difficult to pass but also a breeding place of mosquitoes and flies. The resident of some of the blacks too have very unhygienic habit, they throw the household rubbish all about the street, knowing well that no sweeper ever visits this year. If the authorities do not take any immediate step some terrible epidemic will likely attack this colony. I therefore appeal to you to take immediate measure and remove our grievance.

Hoping for best
Yours faithfully
Anjali Soni

Instructions :

- For correct format = 02
- For body of the letter = 03