

Model Question Paper

General English

Class XII

Time: 3 Hrs

Max Marks - 100

Instructions:-

- 1. All questions are compulsory.**
- 2. Read the instruction carefully and Answer them.**
- 3. Marks of each question are indicated against it.**

Q-1 Read the following passage carefully and answers the questions given below it:-

Punctuality is a necessary habit in all public affairs of a civilized society without it nothing could ever be brought to a conclusion. Everything would be in a state of chaos. Only in a sparsely populated rural community it is possible to disregard it. In ordinary living there can be some tolerance of unpunctuality. The intellectual who is working on some difficult problem has everything co-ordinated and organized for the matter in hand. He is therefore, forgiven, if late for the dinner party. It is hard for energetic quick minded people to, waste time so they are often tempted to finish a job before setting out to keep an appointment. If no accidents occur on the way, like punctured tyres, diversion of traffic and sudden descent of fog, they will be on time. They are often more industrious useful citizens than those who are never late. The over punctual can as much be a trial to others as the unpunctual . The guest who arrives half an hour too soon is the greatest nuisance. Some friends of my family had this irritating habit. The only thing to do was to ask them to come half an hour later than the other guest. Then they arrived just when we wanted them.

If you are catching a train it is always better to be comfortably early, than even a fraction of a minute too late. Although being early may mean wasting of time, this will be less than if you miss the train and have to wait an hour or so for the next one, and you avoid the frustration of arriving at the very moment when the train is drawing out of the station and being unable to get on it.

1- Question :-

- i) is a necessary habit in all public affairs.
 - a. Carelessness
 - b. Punctuality
- ii) What is hard for quick minded people ?
 - a. To save time
 - b. to waste time
- iii) What type of guests are the greatest nuisance ?
 - a. Those who arrive before the fixed time.
 - b. Those who arrive after the fixed time.
- iv) It is always better to reach at the station before the time because
 - a. The chance of missing the train is not much.
 - b. The chance of missing the train is much.
- v) What is passage about
 - a. It is about the importance of punctuality.
 - b. It is about wasting of time.
- vi) Supply a word from the passage which is opposite of punctuality.
- vii) Supply a word from the passage which is similar in meaning to disappointment.
- viii) Supply a word from the passage which is the noun form of punctual.
- ix) Why is punctuality is a necessary habit in all public affairs ?
- x) Whom does the author call to be more industries useful citizen ?

Q-2 People look upon poverty as a great evil and it seems to be unaccepted belief that if people only had plenty of money, they would be happy and get more out of life as a rule, there is more genuine satisfaction and more is obtained from life in the humble cottages of the poor men than the places of the rich. I always pity the sons and daughter of rich men, who are attended by servants and have governesses at a late age at the same time, I am glad to think that they do not know what they have missed.

It is because I know how sweet and happy and pure the home of honest poverty is, how free from perplexing cares and from social envies and jealousies how loving and united its members are in the common interest of supporting the family that I sympathize with the rich man's boy and congratulate the poor man's son. It is For the reasons that from the ranks of the poor so many strong, eminent, self reliant men have always sprung and always must spring. If you read the list of the immortals who were not born to die, you will find that most of them have been poor.

Question :-

- a) On the basis of your reading the passage make notes, using heading and sub-heading. Also use recognizable abbreviations, wherever necessary (minimum 4). Supply a suitable title to it.
- b) Write a summary of the above passage based on your notes in about 80 words.

Section B

Q.3 You are Gurdeep Kour, the cultural secretary of your school. Draft a notice giving information about the selection of two participants from your school to take part in the inter-school debate competition.

Or

You want to sell your washing machine. Design a suitable advertisement to be published in local news papers.

Q.4 Last month you went to the Bhopal bus stand to receive your uncle. Using the following inputs, describe in about 150 words, what did you see three :

1. Booking offices
2. Queues
3. Insufficient facilities
4. Passengers squatting on floor
5. Various stalls and vendors
6. Uncontrolled crowd
7. Different situation of buses

Or

Last Sunday you went to the hospital to see a relative who was admitted there. Using the following inputs, describe in about 100 words.

1. Registration counter
2. People in front of Doctor's room
3. Surgical ward
4. Nurses attending
5. Medical ward

6. Patients lying on their beds.

Q-5 (a) Write an application to the secretary, Board of Secondary Education, M.P. Bhopal to issue you a duplicate copy of your mark sheet.

Q-6 Write a letter congratulating your friend on his success in examination.

Q.7 Write an essay on any one of the following topics.

1. Science : A boon or Bane
2. The Utility of sports and games
3. Problem of pollution
4. Power of press in democracy.

Q.8 Fill in the blanks with the correct words and rewrite the sentences :

a. He is not honorable man.

- (i) a (ii) an (iii) the

b. Did you go where last night ?

- (i) Some (ii) any (iii) no

c. I opened the door looked out.

- (i) and (ii) but (iii) or

d. She usually Hindi.

- (i) speaks (ii) spoke (iii) speak

e. spring arrives, the flowers bloom.

- (i) as soon as (ii) No sooner than (iii) as

Q.9 Do as directed.

i. He likes mangoes. (Change into passive voice)

ii. The boy is my cousin

The boy is wearing a blue shirt (Combine the sentences into a complex sentence using a relative clause)

iii) a/apple/an/day/the/keeps/away/doctor.

Rearrange the words to form a meaningful sentence.

iv) He does his work (change into Interrogative)

v) She can't afford it.

She buys a scooter.

(Combine the sentences using non-finite clause)

SECTION-C

Q-10 (A) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below:-

Teach me to listen, Lord,

To myself.

Help me to be less afraid,

To trust the voice inside-

In the deepest part of me.

Question:-

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|--|---|
| (i) Whom does the poet wish to listen? | 1 |
| (ii) Whom does the poet want to trust? | 1 |
| (iii) Name the poem ? | 1 |

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

Questions:-

- (i) Who do not cry for food in the wood? 1
- (ii) Find a word used for 'jungle' in the extract? 1
- (iii) Name the poet of the poem? 1

Q-11 Answer any two of the following questions. 4

- (i) What does the poet compare the human body with?
- (ii) What is the attire of the earth?
- (iii) How does the river praise the forest?
- (iv) What are the two meanings of cricket?

Q12 Answer any seven of the following Questions. 14

- i) What disability did Mini have?
- ii) What is the best way to disharm hostility?
- iii) When do we experience inner peace?
- iv) What was swami Arvasu doing under the banyan tree?
- v) What does the brain do when carbon dioxide level rises in the blood?
- vi) Why did Mohan name his as Truck Sa'ab?
- vii) In which area will India become a global leader?
- viii) What was peculiar about the face on the wall?
- ix) What made the author feel secure and why?

Q13 Answer any one of the following questions:- 4

- (i) How were the bats saved?
- (ii) Justify the tittle "The Fun they had"

(iii) Describe the modern day achievements of Indians.

Q14 Answer any four of the following questions:-

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- (i) Which is the world's highest waterfall and where is it?
- (ii) What is the simplest form of meditation?
- (iii) On what does the improvement of your English depend?
- (iv) What was Jamshedji told in Manchester?
- (v) What accounts for beauty in your self?

Q15 Answer any one of the following Questions:-

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- (i) The title of the poem is "A psalm of life". Psalm means a devotional or inspiring song. Do you agree with the title?
- (ii) What do you understand by the statement 'Make each day your masterpiece? Explain this sentence according to John Wooden's story.
- (iii) Beauty is the essence of the world describe it.

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SECTION-A

A-1

- (i)(b) Punctuality (1)
- (ii)(b) To waste time (1)
- (iii)(b) Those who arrive before the fixed time. (1)
- (iv)(a) The chance of missing the train is much. (1)
- (v)(a) It is about the importance of punctuality. (1)
- (vi) Unpunctuality (1)
- (vii) Frustration (1)
- (viii) Punctuality (1)
- (ix) Punctuality is a necessary habit in all public affairs as without it nothing could ever be brought to conclusion and everything would be in a state of chaos. (2)
- (x) Those who keep an appointment are more industrious citizens. (2)

A-2 Answers NOTES

Title: Poverty : a Blessing, not a curse (5)

1- Poverty: not an evil

1.1 belief-plenty money: happiness

- 1.2 humble cottages satfn
- 1.3 Son of the rich-pity
- 1.4 loss not known
- 2- Home of honest poverty
 - 2.1 Sweet, happy, pure
 - 2.2 Free from perp, envies
 - 2.3 mem united
 - 2.4 symp with rich man's boy
- 3- Great men form pov
 - 3.1 Strong emip, self relt, men
 - 3.2 imtl. men

Summary:- People think that happiness lies in richness but it is not true. There is more happiness and satisfaction in humble cottage. The sons of rich are pitiable. They do not know their loss. The house of honest poverty is sweet, happy and pure. It is free from perplexities and envies The members of the family remain united. Rich man's son it to be sympathized, strong, eminent and self reliant great men have mostly come from poor houses. They are immortals.

SECTION-B

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(5)

2nd Aug, 2013

NOTICE

You will be glad to know that two participate from our school have been selected to take part in the inter-school debate competition. The students Vikram Thakur and Manish Patel are requested to reach St. Marry School , Indore at 10a.m. on 7th August, 2013.

Gurdeep Kaur

Cultural Secretary

Or

Advertisement

Answer

For Sale
Washing Machine
Model Tc 1129,
2008 model white colour
Excellent condition,
Fully automatic,
Under warranty
Owner going abroad,
Contact
C.L. Verma
Mobile Number-9893329230

4 Answer

A Scene at a Busy Bus Stand

(6)

When I reached the bus stand to receive my uncle. I saw a number of buses and booking offices with queues on a couple of them. As there were not enough chairs and benches some passengers had to squat on the floor. There was no drinking water. The condition of toilet was very bad. There were a number of stalls. 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. On the farther side a bus arrival and I rushed to receive my quest but it wasn't the one by which he was arriving. Finally his bus arrived.

OR

Last Sunday I went to the hospital to see a relative who was suffering from chicken guniya. As I entered the building. I saw some people waiting to be registered, while others standing in queues, in front of doctors rooms. I went past the block and took the stairs leading to the first floor. There I saw the surgical ward with patients lying on their beds with nurses attending to some of them. Then came the medical ward and I saw my relative lying on a bed. He gave me a faint smile and said that he was getting better but will have to stay there for some more time I stayed with him for about half an hour and then took my leave promising to visit again.

5 Answer: Application

16, ITI road, Bhind (M.P.)

Date : 12-09-13

The Secretary
Board of Secondary Education,
Bhopa (M.P.)

Subject:- Issue of duplicate copy of marksheet of High School Examination 2013, on the ground that the original mark-sheet is lost.

Sir,

Most respectfully, I beg to submit that I have lost my original copy of mark-sheet of High School Examination 2013 My Roll no was 52347535 and I had passed the examination in the first division as a regular candidate from Indore. My centre was Govt. Boys H.S.S. , Indore

Unfortunately I have lost my mark-sheet during the transfer of my father. So, I request you to kindly issue the duplicate copy of my mark-sheet.

I have attached the following documents required for the issue of duplicate mark-sheet:-

1. A bank draft of Rs. 100/- for fee.
2. An application for the loss of mark-sheet.

Kindly issue the duplicate copy of my mark-sheet at as early date on the following address:-

Your obediently
Bharti Chouhan

6 Answer : LETTER

(6)

36/6, Ravishankar Nagar,
Board Colony,
Bhopal (M.P.)
08-08-13

Dear Abhijeet,

First of all please accept my hearty congratulation on your well deserved success at the board examination. It is a credit to your school, your parents and to your friends. Your parents and teachers must be proud of your creditable success. Please convey my respect and congratulations to your parents.

What are your future plans? I am anxiously awaiting your invitation for sweets.

With best wishes to you and your family.

Yours sincerely

Aniket

To,
Abhijeet Singh
C/o B.R. Singh
Civil Lines, Indore (M.P.)

7 Answer: ESSAY

(7)

(a) Presentation/Out Lines/ Introduction – 2marks

(b) Subject matters or content - 3 marks

(c) Conclusion - 2 marks

8 Answer

(5)

Grammar

(a) (ii) An

(b) (ii) Any

(c) (i) And

(d) (i) Speaks

(e) (i) As Soon As

9 Answer Do as Dircted

(5)

(i) Mangoes are liked by him

(ii) The boy who is wearing a blue shirt is my cousin

(iii) An apple a day keeps the doctor away.

(iv) Does he do his work?

(v) She can't afford to buy a scooter.

SECTION-C

10 (A)

(6)

- (i) To himself
- (ii) The poet wants to trust his inner voice.
- (iii) Teach me to listen, Lord

(B)

- (i) Children do not cry for food in the wood.
- (ii) Wood.
- (iii) W. H. Davies.

11 (B) Any Two

(4)

- (i) The poet compares the human body with a masked epitome of God.
- (ii) The attire of the earth is the water of the oceans and the greenery on it.
- (iii) The river praises the forest as it enjoys the solitude moon light nights and the beautiful spring.
- (iv) The two meanings of cricket are
 - (a) A game played with bat and ball
 - (b) a flying insect

12 Any Seven

(14)

- (i) Mini was a spastic and had no control over her hands and legs since birth. She could not walk.
- (ii) The best way to disharm hostility is that we should not think ill of others and should avoid faults of others.
- (iii) When our daily activities reflect our governing values, we experience inner peace.

or

When we obey natural laws, we experience inner peace.

- (iv) Swami Arvasu was giving a discourse on the Gita and its relevance to the common man under the banyan tree.
- (v) When Carbon dioxide level rises in the blood, the brain steps up the breathing rate.
- (vi) Mohan named his as truck Sa'ab because he could take a track load of cloths and run like a motor car.
- (vii) India will become a global leader in the services sector. It will provide excellent service within the country and out side.
- (viii) The peculiar thing about the face on the wall was that the other patches grew larger and changed their outlines but this never did.
- (ix) The author felt secure when he became the owner of a two acre plot because It had coconut palms and a house in it.

13 Any One

(4)

- (i) The author prayed for the life of the bats and a miracle happened. The residents of the islet, armed with lethal weapons opposed the act of killing the bats. They believed that the bats were the souls of their ancestors.
- (ii) The future students will feel the modern school system funny and interesting. With separate buildings and human teachers. All students will come laughing and shouting, sitting together in the school room, going home together and helping one another with their home work, So the title ' The Fun They Had' it quite apt.
- (iii) The modern achievements of Indians are in the sectors of missiles, I.T., Agricultural production, Pharmaceutical, Industries, professionals and technology. Now we are the best in the world.

14 Any Four

(8)

- (i) The Angle falls is the world's highest waterfall. It is situated in Eastern Venezuela in South America.
- (ii) The simplest form of meditation is focusing on breathing.
- (iii) The improvement of our English depends on whether we live or not in an English speaking community.
- (iv) Jamshedji was told in Manchester that Nagpur's weather was not suitable for cotton industries as it was too dry.
- (v) Good deeds and happy thoughts that repeat in our dream in our work and in our rest account for beauty in ourselves.

- (i) The title of the poem 'A of Life' is quite apt. It is in reality, a devotional and inspiring song. In this poem, not only the philosophy of life has been dealt with but the poet also teaches how we should act in life. Life is not an empty dream it is real and earnest. This world is like a battle field and we should fight bravely with the struggles of life. So we must forget the past and the future and act in the present without caring for the result. The poem is really an inspiration to one and all.
- (ii) The statement means a man should do his best on each day. We want to live in future because we think that happiness lies in future. So we live in future. The past is where the problem began, So we live in the past. But every good thing that has ever happened, happened now, right now, we are 'born' when we wake up and we will 'die' when we go to sleep.

Wooden always focused on today. Wooden covered the major portion of his coaching philosophy by the inspiration from his father's sentence 'Make each day your master piece'.

- (iii) Beauty is the essence of the world. If we are beautiful inside. We can see beauty everywhere and every time. During day, beauty can be seen in trees, bird and corn fields. During night, beauty can be heard in the wind sighing, the rain falling or a singer chanting. Good deeds and happy thoughts account for beauty in oneself. According to the poet, one should perform good deeds and possess happy thoughts in dreams, work and even during rest. Croche says, "Handsome it that hand some does. 'The world is the manifestation of our inner feeling and thoughts. If we are beautiful inside, everything outside will look beautiful to us.