

**Special English**

**Question Paper**

**Class XII**

**Time 3 Hours**

**M.M.-100**

<b>Unit</b>	<b>Topics</b>	<b>Marks</b>
1	Text and Detailed Study	30
2	Grammar and Phonology	10
3	Fiction	15
4	Drama	15
5	Reading Unseen Passage and Poem	15
6	Writing	15
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

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- Instruction :-**
- 1. All questions are compulsory.**
  - 2. Read the instruction carefully before attempting them.**

**Q-1 (A) Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow**

1- In the very olden time there lived a semi-barbaric king, whose ideas, though somewhat polished and sharpened by the progressiveness of distant Latin neighbors, were still large, florid, and untrammelled, as became the half of him which was barbaric. He was a man of exuberant fancy, and, with all, of an authority so irresistible that, at his will, he turned his varied fancies into facts. He was greatly given to self-communing, and, when he and himself agreed upon anything, the thing was done.

2- But even here the exuberant and barbaric fancy asserted itself The arena of the king was built, not to give the people an opportunity of hearing the rhapsodies of dying gladiators, nor to enable them to view the inevitable conclusion of a conflict between religious opinions and hungry jaws, but for purposes far better adapted to widen and develop the mental energies of the people. This vast amphitheater, with its encircling galleries, its mysterious vaults, and its unseen passages, was an agent of poetic justice, in which crime was punished, or virtue rewarded, by the decrees of an impartial and incorruptible chance.

3- When a subject was accused of a crime of sufficient importance to interest the king, public notice was given that on an appointed day the fate of the accused person would be decided in the king's arena.

### Questions

- (i) How was the Arena ?
- (ii) Find out the synonyms of the following
  - (a) Fault in the eyes of law (Para 3)
  - (b) Quality (Para 2),
  - (c) Far (Para 1)

### **Q-1(B) Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow**

1- Human rights are the rights which every human being is entitled to enjoy and have them protected. Hence, human rights are of universal concern and are universal in value too. Though the right to life, liberty and security of person is equally recognized, an estimated 120 million were killed in the 20<sup>th</sup> century both in peace time and in armed conflict as a result of government intervention. The toll of economic injustice is still greater, some 14 million children die every year before they reach the age of five. Slavery has been banned the world over, but some 200 million people are held in condition amounting to slavery including 100 million children existing through labour and beggary as well as bonded labour and women forced into prostitution.

- 2- The underlying idea of human rights exists in some form in all cultures and societies. The idea existed in ancient time as well. In the ancient Greek states, people were familiar with the modern concept of freedom of speech equality before the law, and equal respect for all. Many countries have since recognized the basic human constitution. The contemporary international statement of these rights in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by December, 1948. It is a common standard of achievement for all people and all nations, to the society, keeping this declaration constantly in mind, shall strive by teaching and education to promote respect for these rights and freedoms.
- 3- The Universal Declaration of Human Rights covers two broad sets of rights. One set is known as civil and Political Rights. The other set is known as Economics, Social and Cultural rights. In other words of the declaration, these two sets of Right must be protected as the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world.

### Questions

- (i) What are the two sets of rights
- (ii) Give the antonyms of the following
- (a) Freedom (para 3)
  - (b) Broad (para 3)
  - (c) respect (para 2)

**Q-2 Answer the following questions each answer carries 2 marks 12**

- 1- Justify the title of the essay "Dream Children A Reverie"
- 2- In what way was Madame Forestier different from Madame Loisel?
- 3- Write two ways in which global warming raises sea level?
- 4- Why did Einstein think that he could never pass the exam for school diploma?
- 5- Why is it necessary for our youth to be spiritually strong?
- 6- Justify the title " On Umbrella Morals" in your own words.

**Q-3 Answer the following questions (75 words)**

- a. Describe in brief, all the four dissensions in which our youth must equip themselves?
- b. What is Einstein's theory of education?

**Q-4 (1) Do as directed**

- a. Fill in the blanks with suitable verbs from brackets.

People \_\_\_\_\_ drive carefully (may/must)

- b. Change the tenses as directed

He sang a song (Past Continuous)

c. Fill in a determiner

\_\_\_\_\_ public libraries that we have are not well equipped (some/any/much/other)

d. Fill in Articles

The sunsets in \_\_\_\_\_ west

e. Change the following sentences into Passive Voice.

I had not helped him

(2) Do as directed.

1. Who committed a mistake ? (Change into passive voice

2. Rani to Ritika, "Please lend me your dictionary."

3. He was late he could not join the party.

(Rewrite using so.... that)

4. I ..... think of moving out of this house.

(Present continuous)

5. To die for the nation in a glorious act.

(Begin the sentence with introductory 'It' )

**Q-5 Answer in about 120 to 150 words (any one)**

Q (i) Describe in short the main characteristics of each of Swami's four friends.

Q (ii) Mani and Swaminathan wanted to play a prank on Rajam.  
Describe how that prank turned upon them.

**Q-6 Answer the question in 30 words. (any five)**

- (a) Which two morals did Swaminathan draw from the story in the question paper?
- (b) What did the Headmaster ask the students to do during the vacation?
- (c) What mischief did the boys play while returning home? Why did they do it?
- (d) Describe in your own words the story of Rajam's Bravery as told by Swaminathan to his grandmother.
- (e) How did Swaminathan react when Mani told him about his intention?
- (f) How did Swaminathan solve the question paper?

**Q-7 Answer the following in about 120 to 150 words (any one)**

- (i) Give an account of the way the Silver Box was recovered from the residence of Jones.
- (ii) What transpires between Roper and Mr Barthwick?

**Q-8 Answer the following in 30 words. (any five)**

Each question carries 2 marks

- (a) Why does Jones, towards the end of the play say "call this Justice"?

- (b) What were the two charges made by the police against Jones?
- (c) What comment did Mr. Barthwike make regarding the case of the two little girls?
- (d) What sort of a woman was the mother of the two unfortunate girls?
- (e) Why did Mrs. Jones accuse her husband of spoiling her reputation?
- (f) What makes the unknown Lady to meet young Jack so early in the morning?

**Q-9 Read the following passage and answer the Question that follow**

We live in highly competitive age of science and technology and can no longer afford the luxury of mediocrity if we are to forge ahead. This rapidly changing nuclear age requires our youth to be intellectually for more alert and competent than their predecessors, and therefore every young man and woman today studying in schools, colleges, and universities must aim at academic ability of the highest order. In a developing nation like ours where large numbers are still unable to acquire even primary educations those undergoing higher education constitute a privileged elite.

- 1(a) find a word opposite in meaning to successors.
- (b) Find a word used for "early education"
- (c) Give antonym of "comfort"
- (d) We are living in the age of \_\_\_\_\_

2 (a) Give noun form of the word "require"?

(b) What quality of academic competence do the youth require?

(c) Find out the word from the passage that has the same meaning as the word given "able".

**Q-10 Read the Poem and answer the questions that follows.**

### Stopping by Woods On A Snow Evening

Whose woods these are I think I know.

His house is in the village though;

He will not see me stopping here

To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer

To stop without a farmhouse near

Between the woods and frozen lake

The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake

To ask if there is some mistake.

The only other sound's the sweep

Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep.

But I have promises to keep,

And miles to go before I sleep,

And miles to go before I sleep.

### Questions

1. Give Synonyms of the following from the passage

(a) Strange (b) Fault; Blunder (c) Beautiful

2. What is the central idea of the poem? state in brief.

**Q-11 (a) Write an Essay on the following in about 250 words. (any one)**

1- Corruption – A Cancer of Society

2- Discipline

3- Dowry – A Social Evil

4- Unemployment Problem in India

(b) Short Composition

Write short compositions 75 to 120 words on

"Importance of English Teaching in India"

(c) You are S. Guha, a resident of Tikrapora Raipur. Write a letter to the chief Engineer, Electricity Board of your town complaining against the frequent break downs in electricity supply.

Or

Write a letter to the editor of a news paper about the insanitary condition of the street and bad state of roads.

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**Ans I (i)** the arena was a vast amphitheatre with its encircling galleries, mysterious vaults and unseen passages. It was an agent of poetic justice, in which crime was punished or virtue rewarded.

(a) crime (b) virtue (c) distant

**Ans ii** The Universal Declaration of Human Rights are covered under two broad sets of rights. One set is known as Civil and Political Rights and the other set is known as economic, social and cultural Rights.

(a) Slavery (b) narrow (c) insult

**2 i)** "Dream Children a Reverie" is an outburst of **unfertile** desires of the essayist Charles Lamb. He longed to have a family but was denied in real life. Charles imagines of two children of his own with the daughter Alice having striking similarity with Alice the mother. He satisfies his unfulfilled desires through his dreams and hence the title is apt.

2) Madame Forestier respected her friendship with Mathilde and hesitatingly gave her necklace for Mathilde to wear at the party. When the necklace was lost, Mathilde did not inform Madame Forestier, which was not an honest act. When the necklace was returned, Madame Forestier trusted Mathilde and did not verify the contents. Forestier told Mathilde that the necklace was not real and cost only 500 francs. This shows Forestier's honesty.

3. Global warming raises the sea level in various ways. High temperature results in the melting of glaciers, and being discharged into the oceans from the ice

caps of Antarctica and Greenland and in the thermal expansion of the volume of the sea, as its water warms.

4. Einstein thought that he could never pass the exam for school diploma because he was in no way similar to the other students. He never learnt the lessons. He hated going to school. He used to go to school for the sake of his father.

5. According to the author it is necessary for our youth to be spiritually strong because it leads to fearlessness . and dynamism, even at the crucial hours and helps to overcome all sorts of difficulties. By spiritually the author does not mean religious customs or beliefs but the thread of unity which runs through all religions.

6. A G Gardner thinks that some people pick up other's things. without hesitation and if they are caught they defend themselves. Though they do it deliberately still they don't feel shy . They did do return the umbrella even if they recognize the owner. The entire story is based on umbrella. So the title is fully justified.

Ans 3

(a) Dr. Karan Singh wants the youth to be physically, mentally and intellectually fit to take up their responsibility towards the nation Physical fitness is essential to meet the demands of defending the integrity of the nation. In today's world of compecetion our youth must be intellectually capable to face more developed countries. The youth must be patriotic and promote national integrity

**Ans (b)** Education is not confined to mere information gathering. According to Einstein information gathering has its certain limitations. In Einstein's view the

learning of days, dates and figures are meaningless only the basic ideas are important. Without the basic ideas education is dead formalities and information gathering .

**Ans. 4 (1)**

(a) people must drive carefully .

(b) He was singing a song.

(c) Some public libraries that we have are not well equipped.

(d) The sun sets in the west

(e) He had not been helped by me.

(2) 1. By whom was the mistake committed.

2. Rani requested Ritika to lend her (Rani) her (Ritika's) Dictionary.

3. He was so late that he could not join the part.

4. I am thinking of moving out of this house.

5. It is a glorious act to die for the nation.

**Ans5 (i)** Swami had four close friends. The first was Somu. He was the monitor of the class. He was known to be chummy even with the teachers, no teacher even asked him a question in the class. The second was Mani-the mighty good for nothing. He towered over all in the class and never bothered about home work. He seldom brought books but always carried a Tamil novel under his arms and wore his cap at an angle. The third was Shankar, the most brilliant boy of the class. He could solve any problem given to him and always scored above ninety percent. His face was radiant with intelligence.

The fourth was Samuel, Known as the pea on account of his size. He had no outstanding virtue of muscle or intellect . he was apprehensive , weak and nervous about things . He was bad at arithmetic.

OR

(ii) Mani and Swaminathan than wanted to play a prank on Rajam. They reached Rajam's house and jumped over the boundary wall a servant ran towards them and asked the reason for climbing. They told that they had come to meet Rajam , when Rajan opened the door , they pretended to be a blind kitten and a blind puppy and crawled in to the room . As their eyes were closed, they could not see that Somu, Shankar and pea were there. They touched and fondled their feet unknowingly. In this way the prank had turned upon themselves.

Ans6 (a) Swaminathan drew out two morals from the story in the question paper.

One was we must never accept a gold bangle when it is offered by a tiger and the other was " love of gold bangle costs one's life . The second seemed to be more logical to him and so he wrote it in the answer book.

- (b) The headmaster announced the closure of the school for the vacation and also hoped that the boys would not waste their time but read story books and keep glancing through the books prescribed for their next classes.
- (c) The boys were in jubilant mood after the announcement of the vacation by the headmaster. They broke ink bottles and poured over one another's head and clothes All the stationery items were spoiled. Mani was the leader of this jubilant team of boys .
- (d) Swaminathan narrated the story of Rajam's bravery to his grandmother. He told that once when Rajam's father was camping in the forest along with

rajam' two tigers suddenly came upon them. One knocked down rajans father from behind while the other chased Rajam who took shelter behind a bush and shot the tiger dead with his gun.

- (c) when Swaminathan came to know about Mani's intentions he was taken aback and warned Mani by informing him that Rajan's father was the superintendent of police. Mani was so angry that he did not bother about it and was determined to put the vile upstart down.
- (f) Out of a set of six question given in the question Papers, Swaminathan solved five, the first was to his satisfaction, the second was doubtful, the third was satisfactory the fourth he knew was clearly wrong while the sixth was the best of them all. It took him only a minute to answer it

Ans 7 (i) Mrs. Jones thinks of returning the stolen purse to her employer. So when Jones is out she shakes out his coat. The silver box falls down the coat pocketed. She looks hard at it. But Jones snatches it with a promise that he could throw it into the river along with the purse. When Barthwick finds the case missing he asks Snow, a detective find it snow out of doubt comes to Jones have just in time when Jones is trying to take the box from his wife. Snow detects the letters and he is sure that it was the same case stolen from Barthnks house. In this way Snow helps in the recovery of the silver box from the residence of Jones

OR

- (iii) Mr. Barthwick tells Roper, or advocate about the silver box which was stolen not by the charwoman but her loafer husband. Jones confesses that Jack let him walk in to the houses. Jones then took ans rhe purse the silver

box. The news might appear in the newspapers the next day and Jones was likely to make full use of the purse against his family. Jack confesses so many things and his mother tells him to forget the truth of his involvement in the affair.

Roper advises Jack not to say any thing at all in the court. He should say that he slept on the sofa, infact he needn't attend the court at all. Jack felt relieved. Barthwick wants Roper to see to it that the purse theft case in not referred to and before leaving roper promises to tackle the case well.

Ans 8(a) Jones towards the end of the play says”, call this justice ? because he argues his points to defend his wife and son. He asks the cour not to punish the innocents.

(b) The two charges made by the police against Jones were stealing of the silver box and assaulting on the police.

(c) Mrs. Barthwick's comment regarding the case of the two little girls was most distressing, the more see it the more important this question of the people seems to become.

(d) The mother of the two unfortunate girls was an improper woman to not to have anything to do with them.

(e) Mrs. Jones accused her husband of spoiling her reputation because her husband had slolen the silver box and the silk purse from her employer

(f)The unknown lady meets young Jack so early in the morning because her purse had been stolen and she had seen Jack stealing it

Ans 9 (a) predecessors

(b) primary education

(c) Discomfits

(d) competition

9 2(a) Requirement

(b) The youth are required to be intellectually a more alert and competent than their predecessors, hence the youth must aim for academic ability of the highest order.

(c) ability

Ans 10

(a) queer

(b) Mistake

(c) Lovely

2. In this poem, the poet has compared life to a Journey. It is winter season and the poet stops while passing the woods in order to admire its beauty. The woods are dark, deep and filled with snow. The nearby lake is also frozen. The shaking of the horses' horns causes the bells to shake, which brings the poet back to reality. Reminding him that he has no time to waste as he has a lot of duties to perform and responsibilities to be fulfilled before the end of his life.

Ans 11(a) Essays

### **Corruption- A Cancer of society**

IT is very difficult to define corruption. Often it is used in the sense of giving or taking bribes but what do we mean when, we say 'Don't corrupt the young mind' ?

### **2 Discipline**

Discipline is a part of people's character which makes them stick to their ideals, their chosen path of work. It signifies the power of one's self to stay on a particular task without straying anywhere. It also portrays a very uncommon character in the context of today's world, namely self-denial. Self-control is of utmost importance. Basically discipline is the power to do hard work with concentration of the lawman's mind \_ \_ \_ \_

### **3 Dowry - A social Evil**

Dowry has been prevalent not only in India, but in many parts of the world, since time unknown. It is one of the biggest social evils of our society. In fact it is an insult to the institution of marriage. Parents give everything to their daughter to buy happiness for her and the groom's parents hunger for more which is unreasonable as a result they put unreasonable demands on the girl's parents. Sometimes they abruptly stop the marriage if the dowry is found insufficient. The parents of the girls have to incur heavy debts in order to meet the demands of the greedy in-laws. It is for this reason the birth of a girl is not welcomed in Indian families.

## **The Unemployment problem in India**

Since the dawn of independence India has been facing various problems like poverty, illiteracy, communalism etc. One of the most serious problem is the problem of unemployment. It has been increasing year by year.

Government of India has been trying to solve the above problem through the five year plans but the population in India is also increasing at an alarming rate. This increase renders all attempts ineffectual. The provisions of new job opportunities fail to keep pace with the increasing number of youths.

Q12 short Composition.

## **Importance of English teaching in India**

Free India wants to grow into a power in all spheres. The economic social and political life of the people is to be changed. To fulfill this, people must have up-to date knowledge of the different branches of science. Without expert technicians mechanics and engineers much progress is not possible. English is the storehouse of scientific knowledge. Hence, its study is of great importance for a developing country In India.

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The chief engineer

M.P. Electricity board

A Jabalpur (M.P.)

Subject: Application for complaint against frequent breakdown of electricity supply.

Sir ,

I would like to draw your kind attention towards the frequent breakdown of electricity in our locality. The electricity goes off five or six times during the space of twenty four hours. This causes great inconvenience to the residents of the locality, especially young children who are busy with their studies at night. I believe that there is some sort of wiring problem which causes the breakdown. I request you to kindly issue directions to your staff for the necessary repairs

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

S.Guha

Or

70, Alwar marg

Rajdhani Niwas

Bhopal

Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> 2013

The Health officer

Bhopal,

Subject: Complaint against the unhygienic condition of this locality.

Sir,

I would like to draw your attention to wards the unhygienic condition of my locality in which we residents are forced to live. It would be good enough on your part to come and survey the area and peep into our grievances and take some remedial step. The area where I reside in the most unhealthy street of the area, here a large number of cattle are tied making it a breeding place of mosquitoes and flies.

The resident of some of the blocks too have very unhygienic habit. They throw the household rubbish all about the street, knowing well that no sweeper ever visit this area. 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 grievances.

Hoping for the best.

Yours Faithfully

Anil Gupta

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