

High School Examination 2012-13**Class - X****Subject - General English**

Time: 3 hrs

M.M. 100

Instruction:

- (i) All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) Read the instructions carefully and answer the questions:
- (iii) Marks of each question are indicated against it.
- (iv) Internal choice are given as per the blue print.

Section- 'A' (Reading)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it:

An ideal student is fully conscious of this duties and aware of his responsibilities. He paves the way for the younger generations to tread on. Students are the leaders of tomorrow. A nation can prosper and reach the zenith of glory, if it has a disciplined army of students.

An ideal student is intelligent and simple according to Gandhiji, he should have the quality of 'simple living and high thinking'. An ideal student should live in accordance with the strict rules of conduct and discipline. A student without the sense of discipline is like a ship without a rudder. It sails adrift and never comes safe to harbour. According to Swami Vivekanand, "what our country now wants are men and women with muscles of iron, nerves of steel; who can accomplish their purpose in any fashion though it means going down to the bottom of the ocean and meeting death face to face".

Questions:

- (i) A student without discipline is compared to a:
 - (a) Ship.

- (b) Rudderless ship.
- (c) A ship with a rudder. 1
- (ii) Who are the leaders of tomorrow?
- (a) Gandhiji.
- (b) Vivekanandji.
- (c) Students. 1
- (iii) Who is an ideal student? 1
- (iv) According to Gandhiji, what qualities should an ideal student have? 1
- (v) What does Swami Vivekanand say about men and women? 1
2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given at the end of the passage:

Trees are of importance not only to man but also to birds and animals. The branches give shelter to numerous wild animals. We value trees for their usefulness and beauty. They give us wood for fuel, building house, making furniture etc. Besides this they refresh our eyes and our mind. In ancient times, the Rishis had their Ashramas amidst forests. They and their pupils lived in these Ashramas. Birds and animals lived there too. Thus the pupils got a chance to live amidst nature and learn to love its beauty. Today we do not have this close relation with nature.

Questions:

- (i) Where did Rishis have their Ashramas? 1
- (ii) How are trees useful to birds and animals? 1
- (iii) Why do we value trees? 1
- (iv) Give one word for 'A large of' from the passage. 1
- (v) The adjective form of 'beauty' is: 1
- (a) Beautiful.
- (b) Beautifully.
- (c) Beautify.

3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given at the end of the passage:

One day a wonderful plate made of gold fell from heaven into the court of a temple. These words were inscribed on the plate. "A gift from heaven to him who loves mankind the best". The priests invited people to the temple and told them about the gift from the heaven. All claimed that. They loved mankind the best. Then each one got up and one by one narrated his own kinds deeds but as soon as he touched the plates it turned into lead. The richest man in the city got up and spoke about his big charity. But as soon as he touched the plate it learn to lead. A poor farmer was also present there. He did not know about the gift. He sat in a corner quietly. People called him. He bowed to the priests and touched the plate. It shone more brightly. The priest awarded the plate to the poor farmer.

Questions:

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|---|---|
| (i) From where did the plate of gold fall? | 1 |
| (ii) Who was awarded the plate? | 1 |
| (iii) What happened when the richest man touched the plate? | 1 |
| (iv) The noun from of the verb invited is- | 1 |
| (v) The word 'inscribed' means - | 1 |
| (vi) To write. | |
| (vii) To paint. | |

Section - 'B' (Writing)

4. Read the following passage carefully and do as instructed in (a) and (b) below the passage:

Neem was always a miracle tree. But new findings are attributing even more miraculous properties cropping up with amazing frequency. The humble neem could very well emerge as the solution to locust attacks and exploding

population graph as well as providing cheap herbal medicines over the counter. Whether a herbal medicine gives tough fight to pharmaceuticals or as an environmentally safe natural pesticide need has evoked worldwide interest. So much so that, as on April, 1995, there were 53 patents on neem related product field worldwide. India holds just three. The sudden interest in neem and neem related issues in India can be attributed to a controversial patent granted to W.R. Grace a U.S. company in 1992 for a process it developed which preserves azodirathy in, the primary active chemical produced by neem.

Questions:

- (a) Make notes on the above passage and provide a title also. 3
- (b) Prepare the summary of the above passage in about 1/3 of its total length. 3
5. Write an article on 'Importance of Games' with the help the verbal inputs given below. 8

Verbal Inputs:

- (i) Games - necessary part of life.
- (ii) Useful - body, mind.
- (iii) Games - teach - sportsmanship, discipline, courage.
- (iv) Important part of education.

Or

Write an essay in 200 words on any one of the following topics:

- (a) My Hobby.
- (b) Any great leader.
- (c) Wonder of Science.
- (d) Population problem.
- (e) Diwali.
6. You are Vivek Singh of class X in Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Ujjain (M.P.).

Write an application to your Principal requesting him to issue you books from book bank. 6

Or

You are Richa Sharma living at 52, Shivaji Nagar, Bhopal. Write a letter to your friend congratulating her on passing the Higher Secondary School Examination in the first division.

Section 'C' (Grammar & Translation)

- 7(A) Fill in the blanks using the correct form of verb: 2
- (i) I a tiger Yesterday (see, saw).
- (ii) The sun in the east (rises, rised).
- (B) Rearrange the words to form meaningful sentences: 2
- (i) Name/what/your/is?
- (ii) Wanted/at the/village/they/to stay.
- (C) Fill in the blanks choosing the correct words: 6
- (i) She is thinking of a car. (buying, bought/buy)
- (ii) Listen to I say. (how/what)
- (iii) Work hard you will fail. (or, but, so)
- (iv) He promised the money. (to return/returns)
- (v) You should avoid mistakes. (making, to make)
- (vi) They live Mumbai. (at/in/to)
8. Do as directed (any five): 5
- (i) I saw a train.
The train was burning. (Combine the sentences in to a simple sentence)
- (ii) He plays hockey. (change into past indefinite tense).
- (iii) Mr. Roy lives in Delhi. (change into negative)
- (iv) Mrs. Sharma lives in Pachmashi. (make a question beginning with 'where')

(v) If you work hard. You will succeed. (Rewrite using 'unless' in place of if)

9. Translate the following sentences in to English. (any five) 5

1. भोपाल मध्यप्रदेश की राजधानी है।
2. वह कल इंदौर गया।
3. वर्षा हो रही थी।
4. आज मंगलवार है।
5. मैं घर जा रहा हूँ।
6. पृथ्वी सूर्य के चारों ओर चक्कर लगाती है।
7. तुम्हारा क्या नाम है।

Section - 'D' (Text Book)

10. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions below it.

That night, I was sleeping in the passage room, when I woke up in the morning, I found my elder brother's blanket on me added to mine. Early at dawn he had left for the fields without the blanket on his shoulders. If he had been asked why, he would have surely said in his usual manner that he did not feel the cold. Now I have a comfortable income. Yet it had never occurred to me to think of buying any warm clothes for my elder brother. He is still satisfied and happy with that old tattered blanket that he had covered me with once. The same blanket was there before me.

Questions:

- (a) Which season is being mentioned here? 1
- (i) Rainy.
 - (ii) Winter.
 - (iii) Summer.
- (b) Where did the elder brother go at dawn? 1

- (i) To his office.
- (ii) To his school.
- (iii) To his fields.
- (c) Find an opposite word in meaning to 'sad'. 1
 - (i) Happy.
 - (ii) old.
 - (iii) Still.
- (d) Why could they not buy many blankets? 2

11. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:

I met Swami Shivananda - a man who looked like Buddha, wearing a snow white dhoti and wooden slippers. He had an olive complexion and black piercing eyes, I was struck by his irresistible, almost childlike smile and gracious manner. I introduced myself to the Swamiji. My muslim name aroused no reaction in him. Before I could speak any further, he inquired about the source of my sorrow. He offered no explanation of how he knew that I was sad and I did not ask.

Questions:

- (a) The meaning of the word 'complexion' is: 1
 - (i) Difficult.
 - (ii) Colour of a person's face.
 - (iii) Graceful.
- (b) From which lesson the extract has been taken? 1
 - (i) One step Ahead.
 - (ii) Anger.
 - (iii) Torch Bearers.
- (c) Give the name of the writer of the lesson: 1
 - (i) A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.
 - (ii) Pt. Nehru.

(iii) Wordsworth.

(d) Who did the author meet? Describe his appearance. 2

12. Who was Bhama Shah? Describe his qualities. 6

Or

Describe the qualities of Maharana Pratap.

13. How should we take our failure? 4

Or

How did Babuli pay his tribute to his elder brother?

14. Read the extract (stanza) carefully and answer the questions:

In your hearts the birds and sunshine,

In your thought the brooklets flow,

But in mind is the wind of Autumn,

And the first fall of the snow.

Questions:

(a) In the heart of children there is 1

(i) The moon and stars.

(ii) The birds and sunshine.

(b) In the thought of poet are: 1

(i) Brooklets.

(ii) The wind of autumn.

(c) Name the poem. 1

15. What does the poet say that the children are better than all the ballads? 3

Or

Why should we pray for?

16. Answer the following questions. (any two) 4

(i) How can anger be conquered?

(ii) Compare peace with anger.

(iii) What do you mean by "In my house" in the poem.

17. Explain, "Prevention is better than cure". 7

Or

How is a cow useful for us?

18. Answer the following questions. (any two) 4
- (i) Why did Tcherwaikoff die?
 - (ii) How did Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru pay tribute to Shaheed - E- Azam?
 - (iii) What lesson do you learn from the story of "The power of Determination"?
19. Answer the following questions. (any two) 4
- (i) Everyone of us must be grateful to God, we should thank him and pray to him write a few sentences about the importance of prayer.
 - (ii) Write a short paragraph about a person who is very regular in his habits.
 - (iii) Write some common good habits and manners which one should follow at home.

Model Answer
General English
Class-X

Time: 3 hours

M.M. : 108

Instruction:

Section - 'A' (Reading)

1. An ideal student face to face.
 - (i) (b) Rudderless ship. 1
 - (ii) (c) Students. 1
 - (iii) An ideal student is one who is simple and intelligent. 1
 - (iv) According to Gandhiji, he should have the quality of "simple living and high thinking". 1
 - (v) Swami Vivekanand says that our country wants men and women who have muscles of iron, nerves of steel, and can accomplish their purpose in any fashion. 1
2.
 - (i) The Rishis had their Ashramas in the mid of forests. 1
 - (ii) The branches of the trees give shelter to birds and animals. 1
 - (iii) We value trees for their usefulness and beauty. 1
 - (iv) Numerous. 1
 - (v) Beautiful. 1
3.
 - (i) The plate of gold fell from heaven. 1
 - (ii) The poor farmer was awarded the plate by the priest. 1
 - (iii) When the richest man touched the plate it turned to lead. 1
 - (iv) Invitation. 1
 - (v) (a) To write. 1

Instruction: The candidate shall get one mark for each correct answer.

Section - 'B' (Writing)

4. (a) Title - Neem.
Notes -
- (i) A miracle tree.
- (a) Amazing frequency.
(b) Solution to locust attacks.
(c) Herbal medicine.
(d) Natural pesticide.
- (ii) Neem related product - there are 53 world wide patents on neem.
- (a) India holds just three.
(b) Sudden interest in neem is India.
(c) Attributed to a controversial patent to W.R. Grace.
(d) Process Preserve - azdivathyin produced by neem.

Instructions: (a)

- (i) Suitable title - 1 mark.
(ii) Content - 2 marks.
(iii) 1 mark for proper abbreviations.
- (b) 2 marks for correct content.
1 mark for word limit.
- (b) Neem was always a miracle tree. The humble neem could very well emerge as the solution to locust attacks and exploding population graph on April 1995 there were 53 patents on related product field world wide of there. India holds just three. A controversial patent granted to W.R. Grace in 1992 developed a process preserving azdivathyin, the primary active chemical produced by neem.
5. Write - up.
"Importance of Games"
Games are the necessary part of life. They give us pleasure. They are useful

for our body and mind. They make our mind and body stout and muscular. They inculcate in us a spirit of sportsmanship, discipline, courage and important part of education. They provide us a good training for playing the game of life in a sportsmans way. Each game is played under certain rules which are to be obeyed by all the players. Some games teach us obedience and discipline. They also teach us the importance of co-operative efforts. Above all they leach us how to command and how to obey.

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| 1. For content | - 5 | } 8 marks |
| 2. Proper format | - 1 | |
| 3. Accuracy | - 2 | |

Or

For an essay division of marks may be as follows:

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| 1. Presentation or Introduction. | 2 |
| 2. Main body - content. | 3 |
| 3. Accuracy. | 1 |
| 4. Conclusion. | 2 |

6. To, 6

The Principal

Govt. Hr. Sec. School

Ujjain (M.P.)

Subject - To issue books from book bank.

Sir,

I am a student of class X A of your School. I have passed IX class in first division this year. My father is a poor farmer. He is unable to purchase new books for mea as his income is limited. It were be a great help if you.

Kindly supply to me books from book bank of the school. I assure you that I will return them after the examination.

Thanking you

Yours obediently

Vivek Singh

X A

Date - 10/09/12

Salutation - 1 mark.

Subject - 1 mark.

Body of the letter - marks.

Subscription - 1 marks.

Or

Division of marks as follows.

Salutation and address - 2 marks.

Body - 3 marks.

Subscription - 1 marks.

Ans 6 Instruction:

- (i) Introduction - 2 marks
- (ii) Main Body - 4 marks
- (iii) Accuracy - 2 marks
- (iv) Conclusion - 2 marks

Section - 'C'

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| 7(A) | (i) | Saw. | 2 |
| | (ii) | Rises. | |
| (B) | (i) | What is your name? | 2 |
| | (ii) | They wanted to stay at the village. | |
| (C) | (i) | Buying. | 5 |
| | (ii) | What | |
| | (iii) | To return. | |
| | (iv) | Making. | |
| | (v) | In. | |

8. (i) I saw a burning train. 5
 (ii) He played hockey.
 (iii) Mr. Ray does not live in Delhi.
 (iv) Where does Mrs. Sharma live?
 (v) He is so weak that he can not walk.
 (vi) Unless you work hard you will not succeed.
9. (i) Bhopal is the capital of Madhya Pradesh. 5
 (ii) He went to Indore yesterday.
 (iii) It was raining.
 (iv) Today is Tuesday.
 (v) I am going to home.
 (vi) The earth moves round the sun.
 (vi) What is your name?
 (vii) **Ans. 7, 8 & 9 Instructions** - 1 mark each for each correct answer

Section - 'D'

10. (a) (ii) Winter. 1
 (b) (iii) To his fields. 1
 (c) (i) Happy. 1
 (d) Because they did not have comfortable income. 2
11. (a) (ii) Colour of a person's face. 1
 (b) (i) One step ahead. 1
 (c) (i) A.P.J. Abul Kalam. 1
 (d) The author met Swami Shivanand who looked like a Buddha, wearing a snow white dhoti and wooden slippers. 2
12. Bhama Shah was the chief advisor and chief minister of Rana Pratap Bhama Shah loved his motherland Mewar. When Rana Pratap lost in war against Mughals he offered all his wealth and his life in the service of Mewar. He

was a great patriot and he had great affection for Rana Pratap and Mewar. 6

Or

Maharana Pratap was a great warrior king of Mewar. He loved his mother land very much. He devoted his entire life to save the honour of Mewar. Even after being defeated by Akbar, he did not submit to his supremacy. He preferred to face the hardship of exile than to be a subordinate ruler.

13. We should not be nervous or dishearted due to our failures instead, we must have faith in God. One failure may lead us to a greater path of success. So we must take it easily as failure is the stepping stone of every success. 4

Or

Bahuli paid his tribute to his elder brother by giving away his share of land to him.

Instruction:

Ans. 10 & 11(i) a, b, c - one mark each for correct answer and (d) 1 mark for correct content and 1 mark for correct construction

Q. 12 - 4 marks for correct content and 2 marks for correct construction

Q.13 - 3 marks for correct content and 1 mark for correct structure.

14. (a) (ii) Birds and sunshine. 1
 (b) (ii) Wind of autumn. 1
 (c) Children. 1

Instruction: one mark for each correct answer.

15. The poet says that children are all the ballads because they themselves are living poems while all the other poems and ballads are lifeless. 3

Or

We should pray to god for removing the darkness of ignorance from our life and filling it with the light of knowledge should pray for transforming our

evil into good.

Instruction: 2 mark for correct content and 1 mark for correct structure

16. (i) Anger can be conquered by quelling angry thought and keeping a cool head. 4
- (ii) Peace soothes our mind and body. It is a sweet fragrance which enables a person to be wise, gentle and a conquerer whereas anger destroys our peace of mind. It makes a person rude, arrogant and foolish.
- (iii) In my house means in the heart of the poet.

Instructions:

4 marks for correct content.

2 marks for correct structure.

1 mark for correct spelling.

17. If we are caught by a disease we have to see the doctor and spend a lot of money or medicines etc. we must find out the causes of disease and try to prevent them. To avoid the illness, we should observe the elementary rules of good health. We should keep illness away from us. 7

Instruction: 1 and half mark for correct content and 1/2 mark for correct spelling

Or

Cow is useful for us because she gives cream with all her might to eat with apple tart. She is very friendly to us.

18. (i) Tehervakoff tried to apologize to General again and again. He was horrified by the General's anger. He could not tolerate the tension and died due to it. 4
- (ii) Mahatma Gandhi said, "It has increased our power for winning freedom for which Bhagat Singh and his comrades died". In his tribute Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru said, "their magnificent coverage and

sacrifice has been an inspiration to the youth of India".

- (iii) The story teaches us that we can change our destiny by resolute determination. We can overcome our challenges in our life through persistence.

Instruction: 5 mark for correct content and 2 mark for correct structure

19. (i) We must be grateful to God and thank him for various gifts. Prayer gives us confidence. It makes our life better, feel peace and contentment. By prayer we are recharged to do our work. 4
- (ii) Anil Singh is very regular in his habits. He has a regular daily routine. He gets up exactly at 5 P.M. He gets fresh and goes for a morning walk. He buys a news paper and goes to a cafe. He comes back home at 9.00 A.M. After bath he takes breakfast at 9.30 A.M. and gets ready. He goes to school at 10.00 A.M. He comes back at 4.00 P.M. He does his home work at 7.00 P.M. He takes dinner at 9.00 P.M. He goes to bed at 10.00 P.M.
- (iii) (i) One should take right type of food, in right quantity and at right time.
- (ii) One should get up early in the morning.
- (iii) After taking bath one should say prayers daily.
- (iv) One should obey one's parents.
- (v) One should observe punctuality of time.
- (vi) One should do the homework timely.
- (vii) All the members of the family must help one another.

Instruction: for answer no. 19

One and half mark correct content and half mark for correct structure