

High School Examination
Sub. - Special English
Class-X

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks-100

Instruction:

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

Section- 'A' (Reading)

Q.1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the question given at the end. Some people think that the aim of education is merely to give knowledge. These people want student to read books and do nothing else. Others believe that knowledge alone is not enough only that which enables a man to earn his own living can be called education. Such people think that bread is more important than anything else. Still others think that education should aim solely at making good citizens and patriots. All these people see only one of the several purposes of education. As a matter of fact, education should aim at all those three things together. knowledge, make them self reliant and make them able to serve others. Education should not produce citizens who while they love their own freedom take away the freedom of others. It should produce men who love their own country, but who do not want to harm other countries.

Questions:

1. What do some people think to be the aim of education? 2
2. What do others think about it and why? 2
3. What do still others think? 1

4. What are the three aims of education? 2
5. Give a suitable title to the passage. 1

Q.2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given at the end:

Alexander the great, attacked King Porus. The latter was a man of self respect. He could sacrifice his life, but was not ready to bow. He knew that Alexander was very powerful. The Hindu King of Taxila was also helping Alexander against Porus who did not make treaty with Alexander at the cost of his full freedom. He fought bravely, but luck did not favour him and he was defeated. He was taken before Alexander the great, Alexander asked him. "Porus, you are not a king now, you are my prisoner. How should I treat you?" Porus promptly replied, "As a king treats a king". This reply impressed Alexander the Great So much that he ordered his soldiers to set him free. He gave him kingdom and full freedom and made friends with him.

Questions:

1. What type of man King Porus? 1
2. What was helping Alexander against Porus? 2
3. What did Alexander ask Porus impressed Alexander the great? 2
4. What was Porus reply to Alexander? 2
5. Which of Porus impressed Alexander the great? 2

Q.3 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it:

Like other popular love legends it is the little known love story of a poor Goan boy and a Portugese princess who preferred death to separation.

Paula was a beautiful princess, the niece of a Portugese governor. The family lived in a 'Palace' Gaspar was an ebony hued, handsome boy

whose father was a carpenter working in the palace grounds. Gaspar frequently visited the workshop the workshop.

Paula was on her way to the beach and Gaspar followed her, sitting on the sand. Gaspar discovered a beautiful conch shell. He blew into it gently and Paula come out of the water towards him. They did not speak, Words were unnecessary. Gaspar spoke Konkani and Paula spoke Portuguese. Love flowered silent yet strong.

For two years their romance went unnoticed. Someone told the Governor's wife. Paula's movements were now restricted.

But when ever the conch shell blew, Paula managed to go for a swim and picked up or left a letter for her beloved. Then suddenly one day a letter was brought to the Governor. He decided to send Paula back to Portugal.

The night before her departure, a conch shell blew Paula was restless. The sound of the conch rent the air again and yet again only at midnight. She could slip. Carrying with her a bale of silk. At the river Mandovi, Gaspar pointed to the two shores. "They never meet," he said. "Neither can we. You are a princess, I am a pauper, you are portuguese, i am Goan. But love know's no boundaries. And finally when the time came to part, paula and Gaspar preferred death to separation. The lovers tied themselves together with the silken bole and jumped into the swollen Mandovi. So if you happen to visit Goa, take a trip to Dona Paula and Gaspar Dias, the love and death spots of the two lovers.

Questions:

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| 1. | Who were Gasper and Paula? | 2 |
| 2. | Name the languages Gaspar and Paula spoke | 2 |
| 3. | What was the occupation of Gaspar's father? | 2 |

4. What course of action did the Governor take to break their relationship? 2
5. Find the words in the passage which convey similar meaning as the following;
- (i) Love affair 1
- (ii) Flooded 1
6. Form new words by using 'Un' prefix
- (i) Notice 1
- (ii) Necessary 1
7. Select two appropriate expressions from the above passage which may share that Gaspar and Paula Loved each other very deeply. 2

Section 'B' (WRITING)

- Q.4 You are editor of your school magazine. A blood donation camp has been organised in your school on Republic Day. Write a report for the magazine. 5

Or

Trees are vital for our survival write a verbal composition on it.

- Q.5 You are Rahul, Sports Secretary of Shivaji School, Chhatarpur notice board about the Annual Sports meet to be held in the coming week. 5

Or

You are Nitish, attend an N.C.C. camp. Write a post card to your father on your experience in the camp.

- Q.6 On the basis of points given below prepare a write up on the given topic. 10

Farewell to the English Teacher,

- (i) The teacher and his services,
- (ii) His personality,
- (iii) function decision,
- (iv) The meeting,
- (v) Honour of the teacher,
- (vi) Speeches delivered,
- (vii) Teacher's Speech.

Or

Write a short composition on Importance of obedience and discipline in a student's life'.

Q.7 Deforestation is unbalancing the ecosystem. Write your views. 10

Or

With the help of the given points build up a composition on 'A night at Railway Platform.'

- (i) School closed,
- (ii) Diwali holidays,
- (iii) Village,
- (iv) Station
- (v) Train,
- (vi) Ten k.m.
- (vii) No other conveyance
- (viii) No hotel dharmshala
- (ix) Solitary tea stall,
- (x) Difficulty.

Section 'C' (Grammar)

Q.8 Fill in the blanks using the correct words given in the brackets; 10

- (i) you send me Rs. ten thousand (Can/Could/Might)
- (ii) The Jury..... divided in there opinion. (was / were / will)
- (iii) Many a man not know his good deeds (did / does)
- (iv) Never lean the wall (against / with / of)
- (v) All glitters is not gold (this / that)
- (vi) was there to help him (Everybody / Nobody)
- (vii) You must return these books latest.....Monday. (from/till/by)
- (viii) She is an M.L.A.2008 (from/since/for)
- (ix) Mother has not purchased apples. (some / few / any)
- (x) The servant didn't make tea. (Many / much)

Q.9 Do as directed (any five) 5

- (1) The boy was very deaf. He could not hear my voice.
(so that)
- (2) This is the method. You can solve your problem like this.
(Combine using relative clause)
- (3) Meena too has not gone to the fair.
(Rewrite the sentences using Neither.....nor)
- (4) You will be late if you do not hurry.
(rewrite the sentence using unless replacing if)
- (5) A cure for T.B. has been discovered.
(change the voice)
- (6) "Stand up, girls", said the teacher.
(change the narration)
- (7) To move out of a running bus is dangerous.
(rewrite the sentence using 'Ground')

Section 'D' (TEXT BOOK)

Q.10 A Read the following extract and answer the questions given below:

"If you can dream - and not make dreams you master;
If you can think - and not make thoughts your aim,
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat these two imposters just the same;

Questions:

- (a) Whom is the poet addressing in the above lines? 1
(i) People (ii) Himself (iii) His son
- (b) Name of the poet is: 1
(i) William wordsworth (ii) Rudyardkipling (iii) Robert frost
- (c) How does the poet want you to treat 'triumph and disaster'? 2

Q.10 B Read the following extract and answer the questions given below:

"Thrice welcome, darling of the spring! Even yet thou art to me
No bird, but an invisible thing, A voice, a mystery;

Questions:

- (a) Who is referred to as the 'darling of the spring'? 1
(i) Rain (ii) Cuckoo (iii) Sunshine
- (b) Name the poem from which these lines have been taken. 1
(i) Mending Wall (ii) Gitarjali (iii) To the Cuckoo
- (c) Why does the poet call the 'darling of the spring' as a mystery? 2

Q.11 Summaries the story of the 'two gentleman of verona' as narrated by the nurse. 5

Or

'A Friend in need is a friend indeed; How did sue prove that she was a friend indeed?

- Q.12 'He is little better than a beggar', said the Mayor, looking at the statue. Why did he say so ? 4

Or

How does the author compare the growth of culture with the growth of a tree?

- Q.13 'The gift of eye-sight is valued more and better by a blind person than by one who has it' Justify this statement by Hellen Keller's expression. 8

Or

'There is nothing more valuable than wisdom in this world; Justify this statement from the message emerging story of "The Bet".

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(ii) Other think that only education enables a man to earn his living can be called education. Such people think that bread is more important than anything else.

(iii) Still others believe that education should aim solely at making good citizens and patriots.

(iv) As a matter of fact education should aim at all these three things. \if should give man knowledge, make them self reliant and make them able to serve others.

(v) A suitable title to the passage may be 'Aim of education'.

Q.2 (1) King Porus was a man of self respect. the could sacrifice his life, but was not ready to how.

(2) The Hindu king of Taxila was helping Alexander against Porus.

(3) When king Porus was taken before Alexander as a prisoner, Alexander Asked him how he should treat him.

(4) Porus replied that he should treat him "as a king treats a king".

(5) The brave reply of self-respect impressed. Alexander the Great.

Q.3 (1) Gaspar was poor Goan boy. Paula was a beautiful princess, the niece of a Portugese Governor.

(2) Gaspar spoke konkani. Paula spoke Portugese.

(3) Gaspar's father was a carpenter who worked in palace grounds.

- (4) The Governor decided to send Paula back to Portugal to keep her away from Gaspar.
- (5) (i) Romance (ii) Swollen
- (6) (i) Unnoticed (ii) unnecessary
- (7) (i) Love flowered silent yet strong
(ii) Paula and Gaspar preferred death to separation.

Instructions:

Q. carrying 1 mark.

The candidate shall get one mark for each correct answer.

Q. carrying 2 marks.

1 mark for correct content.

1 mark for correct structure.

Section 'B' (Writing)

Q.4 Blood Donation - Holiest Deed

On the eve of Republic day celebrations our school, Govt. Nutan H.S. School, Indore has organised a Blood Donation Camp for the local Rotary Club. Response was great. About 100 boys and girls participated in the noble and humanitarian cause. Our worthy young principal inaugurated the camp and donated blood. Each donor was presented an appreciation certificate and light refreshment by the Rotary Club. The Club also gave a card to each donor enabling him/her to get blood free of cost in emergency and compelling need. This noble gesture was highly acclaimed the camp was a grand success.

Instructions:

Ans. 4, 3 marks for correct content.

2 marks for correct structure and spelling.

Or

Trees are Vital for Our Survival;

Grow more trees

Our ancestors worshipped trees. They were not fools but far more wiser than we people, Trees play a vital role in the survival of society. Trees multiple use cannot be denied. Trees make our earth beautiful. They keep our environment free from pollution. They give us maximum. Oxygen. Tree-falling has led to soil erosion and flood is the result. Cutting of trees make us devoid of food. They generate fresh and cool air for us. Trees give us medicines, drinks and rubber. Their branches are homes for the birds and shade for human beings. Thus trees maintain ecological balance. They cause rainfall & give new life to the parched earth. even in burning summer air filtering through the leaves gets cool and man gets refreshed. We must grow more trees for our very survival. Let us start worshipping the Trees.

Instructions:

Ans. 4, Or

2 marks for correct format.

2 marks for correct content.

1 mark for word limit.

Ans. 5 SHIVAJI SCHOOL CHHATARPUR

NOTICE

Annual Sport Meet

10th Dec. 2012,

All the students are hereby informed that the school annual sports meet will be held on 15th & 16th December. Willing students in races, jumps and throws should give their names to the undersigned within

two days of this notice so that proper arrangements may be made, there are attractive prizes for all events, the best that will be given the school blazer.

Rahul
Sports Secretary

Or

Jabalpur 25th March, 2013

Respected Father,

I am fine here. How are you? Father, our school is organising an NCC camp from 2nd May to 12th May. All the cadets will have to be present there compulsorily. I have also made all the preparations to accompany my group. About 200 students along with 10 teachers are going to Bhopal to attend the ten days camp.

Convey my due regards to respected mother	To,
and love to Seema, Please contact me on	Shri Suresh Jain
Ph. No. 9412215278	32, Mani Bagh,
	Rewa (M.P.)

Instructions:

- 1 mark for correct format.
- 3 marks for body.
- 1 mark for correct spelling.

Q.6 Faro wall to the English Teacher our English teacher Mr. R.S. Negi retired last month. He served for a long period. His distinguished services were for more than forty years. He was a perfect gentleman with an imposing personality. The school decided to hold a farewell function in his honour. It was held on 20th of October in the afternoon in the school assembly hall. All the students and teachers cheered joyfully when the principal escorted hi to the stage. He was garlanded by the principal, members of the staff and secretaries of the students union. The principal spoke at length highlighting his glorious services. He wished him a long, healthy and painful life. Other speakers too showered praises on such a great sincere teacher. He was given several gifts. Mr. Negi Made his speech blessed the students and wished for their bright future. In the end tea and refreshment were served.

Instructions:

2 marks for address and date.

1 mark for salutation.

1 mark for subscription.

4 marks for correct content.

2 marks for correct spellings and structure.

Or

Obedience and discipline are very important for a student. Life without discipline is like an engine without brake. An obedient and disciplined student obeys the rules and regulations of the Institution, respects his orders and superiors. Discipline teacher gentlemanly behaviour in society and weak submission to any punishment that may be inflicted due to indiscipline. It is the duty of every student to observe them, if they want to build their character and prosper in life.

Q.7 Deforestation is unbalancing for ecosystem can be explained on the basis of following points.

- (i) Profitable business for business tycoon.
- (ii) Growing multi-storey building for enchasing purposes.
- (iii) Giving priority in deforestation & affecting ecological balancing.
- (iv) Human kingdom, plant kingdom animal kingdom suffering.
- (v) Necessity of forests.
- (vi) Awareness of Mass to protect forests.

Or

Our school closed for the Diwali holidays and I wanted to go to my village. I reached the station. The train was late. I had to wait for about two hours. At last the train came. Because the train was late by more then two hours it reached our station when the last bus for my village had already left. My village is about ten km. from the station. I could not go on foot. Unfortunately no other conveyance was available. There was neither a hotel nor a dharmshala. I had to spend the night on the platform. As I felt hungry I went to the solitary tea-stall where could get some biscuits and a cup of tea. As the train were coming and going I could not sleep. I passed the time with a great difficulty. I left for my village by the morning bus.

Instructions:

Ans. 6 & Ans. 7, 10 marks.

2 marks for proper introduction.

5 marks for correct content of the body.

2 correct conclusion.

1 mark for correct structure and spelling.

Section 'C'

(Grammar)

- Q.8 (i) Could
 (ii) Were
 (iii) Does
 (iv) Against
 (v) That
 (vi) Nobody
 (vii) By
 (viii) Since
 (ix) Any
 (x) Much
- Q.9 (i) The boy was so deaf that he could not hear my voice.
 (ii) This is the method how you can solve your problem.
 (iii) Neither Beena nor Meena have gone to the fair.
 (iv) You will be late unless you hurry.
 (v) Someone has discovered a cure for T.B.
 (vi) The teacher ordered the girls to stand up.
 (vii) Moving out of a running bus is dangerous.

Instructions:

Ans. 9 and 10,

1 mark each for correct answer.

- Q.10 (A) (a) (iii) his son.
 (b) (ii) Rudyard Kipling.
 (c) The poet wants 'you' to treat Triumph and Disaster equally. He wants 'you' to neither become very happy on Triumph nor be too sad on meeting with a Disaster.

- (B) (a) (ii) Cuckoo
 (b) To the Cuckoo
 (c) The poet calls the darling of the spring as a mystery
 because he has never seen it and has only heard its voice.

Instructions:

Ans. 10a and 10 b for 1 mark Q.

1 mark for correct answer.

For 2 marks Q.

1 mark for correct content.

1 mark for correct spelling.

Q.11 Nicolas, Jacopo and their sister belonged to a cultured family. Was took their father's life. Their sister was suffering from tuberculosis of the spine. They got her admitted to a hospital 30 kilometers away. They worked day and night. They earned quite little. They spent least money over food and clothing. They saved money for their sister's treatment they wired bicycles and went every Sunday to see and look after their sister in the hospital.

Or

Sue was Johnsy's friend. Johnsy suffered from Pneumonia. Sue felt worried she called a doctor. He told sue that medicines cannot cure Johnsy. She had lost the will to live. Her problem was less physical and more psychological. She tried her best to convince Johnsy that her death was not related to the falling of loaves. Last of all she told about Johnsy's fancies to an old painter. The old painter painted a leaf on the wall. Johnsy saw that the last leaf did not fall in spite of heavy rain and wind she regained her will to live and got well. In this way, sue proved to be a good friend to Johnsy.

Instructions:

Ans. 11, 3 marks for correct content.

2 marks for correct spelling & structure.

Q.12 The Mayor looked at the statue. the leader heart of the Happy Prince had broken into two. Its golden leaves was stripped off. His eye had gone. His sword was looking ugly. It was neither beautiful nor useful. It was so shabby that the Mayor said 'He is little better than a beggar'.

Or

According to Nehru the individual human beings or race or nation must have a certain depth and certain roots some where. They have worth because of their roots in the past. It comprises of experience and wisdom. An individual or a group is useless without them. However, one cannot live in roots alone. The root need the sun and the free air. Then alone can the roots give us sustenance. No branching out or flowering (blossom) is possible without their combination. Only a stout root can sustain leaves flowers and branches. In the some manner, post experience and wisdom sustain culture.

Instructions:

2 marks for correct content.

2 marks for correct spelling & structure.

Q.13 A blind man can readily exchange his treasures with eyes. Eyes are the uppermost part of the face. A deaf and dumb person may walk around without stumbling. He can record whatever he has seen on paper. He can enjoy the stark beauty of nature. Seeing is believing and a blind man is no Judge of colours. Nature manifests it self in various colour. Some men with sight have no sense of observation. A blind man values the gift of eye sight more and better than a man with eyes.

Or

Both the Banker and lawyer were victims of ego, greed and selfishness. They were not sighted. They were ignorant of the happenings in future. The lawyer lost his youth and health and the banker became a bankrupt due to his taste for investment in stock exchanges. The lawyer's dream for leading a heavenly life after winning the bet was sheerly his lack of wisdom. The banker's desire to kill the lawyer was also based on his ignorance. It justifies the fact that There is nothing more valuable than wisdom in this world. Wisdom is another word for forethought.

Instructions:

5 marks for correct content.

2 marks for correct structure.

1 mark for correct spelling.