

Higher Secondary Examination 2012-13

Subject : General English

M.M. 100

Instructions :

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

Q.1 Objective type questions :

a) Fill in the blanks using correct words given in the brackets. 5

i) Shivani is _____ S.D.O. of Dhar

(a/an/the)

ii) When I was young I _____ climb the hill.

(can/could/will)

iii) I allotted the work to Rohan and Ritesh but _____ completed it.

(either/none/neither)

iv) The building was _____ down.

(falling/ fallen/flew)

v) He either mad _____ down.

(or/and/nor)

b) Match the column **A** with column **B** 5

A	B
i) Rotten eggs	evil smelling
ii) Old socks	tame, look after
iii) Herbs in the kitchen	smelly
iv) Retort	aromatic
v) Tend	reply quickly
	pleasant smell

c) Choose the correct alternative from each of the following 4 questions and write them in your answer sheet.

1. The poet of the poem 'wonderful world' is _____
 - a. William Hazlitt
 - b. William Brightly Rands
 - c. E.V. Lucas
 2. The writer E.V. Lucas and his friends, at Dabney's were talking of -
 - a. Spiritualism
 - b. the supernatural
 - c. materialism
 3. Mother-in-law gave a wonder doll to-
 - a. Maya
 - b. Leela
 - c. Laxmi
 4. Who tells joe that he is sick etc.
 - a. brain
 - b. ears
 - c. eyes
- d) Give answer in one sentence. 4
- i) What does a neuron look like?
 - ii) Who fluttered and flashed their colours on the author's land in the Sunlight?
 - iii) Who thrashed Ghasi rudely ?
 - iv) Which is the country, other than Japan, that achieved miracles after the world war it?

Section "A" Reading

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

The great advantage of early rising is the god start it gives

us in our day's work the early riser has done a large amount of hard work before the other men have got out of bed. In the early morning , the mind is fresh and there are few sounds or other distractions so the work done at that time is generally well done, In many cases the early riser also finds time to take some exercise in the fresh morning air and this exercise supplies him with a fund of energy that will last until evening. By beginning so early, he knows that he has plenty of time to do thoroughly all the work he can be expected to do and is not tempted to hurry our any part of it. All his work bring finished in good time, he has long interval of rest in the evening before the timely hour when he goes to bed. He gets to sleep several hours before mid night, at the time when sleep is most refreshing and after a sound night's rest, rises early next morning in good health and spirits for the labours of the new day.

Questions :-

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|----|--|---|
| 1. | What is the great advantage of early rising? | 1 |
| 2. | Why is the work done in the early morning generally well-done? | 2 |
| 3. | What does the early riser have before he goes to bed? | 2 |
| 4. | What does the early riser find time for ? | |
| 5. | When is sleep most refreshing? | 2 |
| 6. | Find out the words that mean similar to | 3 |
| a) | benefit, profit ____ | |
| b) | situations that take attention aside ____ | |
| c) | gap, pause ____ | |

Q.3 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given at the end -

Miser are generally characterized as men, without honour or without humanity, who live only to accumulate; and to this passion sacrifice every other happiness. They have been described as mad men who in the midst of abundance, banish every pleasure, and make from imaginary wants real necessities. But few, very few correspond to the exaggerated picture and perhaps there is not one in whom all these, circumstances are found united. Instead of this we find the sober and the industrious branded by the vain and the idle with the odious appellation; men who by frugality and labour raise themselves above their equals and contribute their share of industry to the common stock.

Whatever the vain or the ignorant may say, well were it for society had we more of this character among us. In general, these close fisted men are found at last the true benedictory of society with an avaricious men we seldom lose in our dealings, but too frequently in our commerce with prodigality.

Questions :-

- a) Make notes and give a suitable title to the passage given. 5
- b) Make a summary of the above passage. 3

SECTION -B- WRITING

- Q.4 Your school is organizing a rally against the exploitation of children working in the cracker factories. Construct a poster on the same.
- Q.5 You are Yogendra. As the president of a voluntary organization. You have visited a slums area in your city destroyed in a massive fire. Write a report on the tragic 8

situation of these homeless people to be published in a magazine. (80 words)

- Q.6 Write a letter to the collector for a ban on loud speaker 7
during examination period in the month of March and
April.

OR

Write a letter your friend, Kapil inviting him to stay with you for some days in the summer vacation.

- Q.7 Write an article on any one of the following topics in 80- 10
100 words.

- a) Television; a boon or bane
- b) Health hazards of fast food

OR

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

- a) Population problem in India
- b) Wonders of Science
- c) Any great Leader of India
- d) Importance of games and sports.

SECTION -C- GRAMMER

- Q.8 Do as directed (any 5) 5

- a) Yogesh is learning English.

(Change into Present Perfect Continuous Tense.)

- b) The patient (die) before the doctor arrived.

(Use the correct form of the verb)

- c) Ruchi made a nice presentation.

(Change into Passive Voice)

- d) I saw a mad man. He was laughing loudly.

(Combine the sentence using a relative clause)

- e) She lost her watch. She was traveling from Jaipur to Varanasi.

(Combine the sentences using an adverbial clause)

- f) Unless you work hard You can not pass.

(Rewrite using "If" in place of "Unless")

SECTION-D- LITRATURE

- Q.9 Read the extract carefully and answer the questions given 3
(A) at the end.

Teach me to listen, lord,
To those far from me
The whisper of the hopeless
The plea of the forgotten
The cry of the anguished.

Questions :

- i) Who says teach me to listen lord?
ii) Who are the people for from us?
iii) The meaning of 'plea' is -
a) request b) pleasant c) plenty

OR

The wonderful air is over me,
And the wonderful wind is shaking the tree,
It walks on the water, and whirls the mills,
And talks to itself on the tops of the hills.

Questions :-

- i) Which two things have been described wonderful in these lines?
ii) What activities does the wind do ?
iii) Find out the word that means similar to 'moves'

- (B) Answer the three of the following questions :-

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- i) What makes the poet think that man is God's greatest creation?
- ii) What kind of things does the poet find in the woods?
- iii) How can one reach the temple?
- iv) Why does the forest cross the river?

Q.10 Answer the six of the following questions in one to two 12 sentences each.

- i) What was Mini doing in the balcony?
- ii) When do we experience inner peace?
- iii) Who was Swami Arvasu?
- iv) What does the brain consist of?
- v) Who is the best judge of self-worth?
- vi) What was Ghasi's complaint to the panchayat?
- vii) What similarities did the hawks share with the crows?

Q.11 Answer any one of the following questions. 6

Write the central idea of the poem 'Beauty' in your own words.

OR

Describe the title of the poem 'A Psalm of Life'.



ANSWER - SHEET

- Q.1 a) i an
ii could
iii neither
iv fallen
v or
- b) i smelling
ii evil-smelling
iii aromatic
iv reply quickly
v tame, look after
- c) i b- William Brightly Rander
ii b- the supernatural
iii c- Laxmi
iv a- brain
- d) i a neuron looks like a spider.
ii The butterflies fluttered _____ sunlight.
iii Kanchhedi _____ rudely
iv Germany is the _____ war II .
v

SECTION-A- READING

- Q.2) 1. The great advantage of early rising is the good start it gives us in our day's work.
2. In the early morning, the mind is fresh and there are few sounds or other distractions, so the work done at that time is generally well done.

3. The early riser has long interval or rest in the evening before he goes to bed.
4. The early riser finds time to take some exercise in the fresh morning air and to do his work thoroughly.
5. Sleep in most refreshing before midnight.
6. a) advantage
b) distractions
c) interval

Q.3) a. Title : Even Misers Do us Good
(or related like Misers)

Notes-

1. Misers
 - 1.1 Const. dishonble & inhuman
 - 1.2 live for wealth
 - 1.3 they don't des. this cond.
2. Serious and dilgnt ple
 - 2.1 benefit both them and sacty
 - 2.2 called miserly
3. Good for society
 - 3.1 Misers; good for society
 - 3.2 do not cheat

b. **Summary** : Misers are generally considered dishonorable and inhuman living only for wealth. Very few miser indeed deserve this condemnation. Often serious and diligent people who benefit both themselves and society are called miserly by the vain and idle. In fact, it would be good for society to have more misers. Besides, misers do not cheat others or spend thrifts are apt to do.

SECTION -B- WRITING

DON'T BURN THEIR FUTURE IN SMOKE

SAY 'NO' TO
CRACKERS

SAY 'NO' TO
CHILD LABOUR

COME - JOIN HANDS

Participate in large numbers in the rally organized against exploitation of children.

Date : 8th August 2012
Time : 10 a.m. to 12 a.m.
Venue : M.G. School

CELEBRATE DIWALI WITHOUT CRACKERS THIS YEAR

Issued by
Secretary
M.G. School ...

- Q.5 Fire In A Slum Area
Indore, 15 March, 2012
(Yogendra)

(The massive fire in Rajivnagar a slum area in the city, to be a complete disaster.) The area is inhabited mostly by the weaker sections. (There are many junk-shops, godowns of used plastic goods news papers and clothes & went door to door to look after the relief work. The area presented a picture of living hell). Most of the huts were burnt. Thousands of people were rendered shelter less in the wintry nights. (Voluntary organizations did a commendable job Blankets,

medicines and food were distributed to the affected people.) But the situation of the homeless and helpless people is still too tragic for words. (Only prompt and adequate relief measures undertaken by the concerted authorities can ease the situation.)

(We can write it according to word limit)

Q.6

To

The Collector

Sidhi District

Sidhi (M.P.)

Sub. - Ban on Loudspeaker

Sir,

I request to state that various examinations take place in the months of March and April. Students are busy with their studies. But some people use loudspeakers on high pitch. It disturbs us. It is a sin to disturb students but these people do not try to understand it.

So, on behalf of all students request your honour to kindly, put a ban on the free use of loudspeakers. We shall be obliged to you if you consider our demand.

Thanking You

Your's Truly

Navin Kumar

Class-XI

Date : 16/06/12

OR

- | | | |
|----|----------------|---|
| 1. | Salutation/Add | 1 |
| 2. | Body | 5 |
| 3. | Subscription | 1 |

Sona Sharma
B-19 M.G. Road Dhar
20-10-12

Dear Kapil

I am happy here and hope the same with you. I am sure that you have done your exams well. My exams are also over.

I invite you to come to Dhar and spend the vacations here. It is a small place. and you will like the life here.

Hope that you will come. Please do reply.

**Your's Sincerely
Sona**

Q.7 a) Television

Synopsis

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Importance of TV
- 3) Disadvantage of TV
- 4) TV like a boon or bane
- 5) Hazards of TV watching, for kids
- 6) Conclusion

b) Health

Synopsis

- 1) Introduction
- 2) The food habit of the people
- 3) View of food experts
- 4) Conclusion

Note : Above both the articles will be written in the form of article like paragraph rise with including above hints without points. Matter/content will be related to the points.)

OR

Essay Writing -

a) Population problem.....

Synopsis

- 1) Introduction
- 2) Cause of population problem
- 3) Effect of population problem
- 4) Step taken by the Govt.
- 5) Our own duty to control the P.P.
- 6) Conclusion

b) Wonders of Science

Synopsis

- 1) Introduction
- 2) Use in different field
- 3) Our life with the science
- 4) Advantages/Disadvantage
- 5) Conclusion

c) A great leader

Synopsis

- 1) Introduction
- 2) Birth and his life/about education
- 3) His work
- 4) Significant work
- 5) Conclusion

d) Importance of games

Synopsis

- 1) Introduction
- 2) Importance of games and sports
- 3) Advantages/Disadvantage
- 4) Conclusion

Note: Essay should be written up to the point, correct sentence formation, necessary points and quotation sentence shouldn't be repeat again and again.

SECTION - C- GRAMMER

Q.8 Do as

- a) Yogesh has been learning English since January.
- b) The patient had died before the doctor arrived.
- c) nice presentation was made by Ruchi.
- d) I saw a man who was laughing loudly.
- e) She lost her watch when she was traveling from Jaipur to Varanasi.
- f) If you do not work hard you can not pass.

SECTION-D- LITERATURE

Q.9 A)

- i) The poet Lord.
- ii) The people for from us are the hopeless, the forgotten and the anguished.
- iii) a) request

OR

- i) Air and wind
 - ii) The wind shakes the trees, walks on the water, whirls the mills and talks to itself
 - iii) 'whirls'
- B)
- i) Man can love and think but the earth can not this thought makes the part think that man is God's greatest Creation.
 - ii) The poet finds the sure test and happiest life in the woods. The people don't starve there and they are carefree.

- iii) One can reach the temple by climbing up numberless steps.
- iv) The forest envies the river because it always keeps traveling and sight-seeming while the forest is a captive and can not move.

Q.10 i) Mini was sitting in her wheelchair and watching the children playing in the park out side.

- ii) When our daily activities reflect our governing values, we experience inner peace.
- iii) Swami Arwase was a monk.
- iv) The brain consists of neurons and glair cells. It is a one half kilo mushroom of grey and white thick and sticky tissue.
- v) A man himself is the best judge of self worth, self esteem must come from within.
- vi) His complaint to the panchayat was that his lost ass was with Kanchhedi. When he went to take it, Kanchhedi thrashed him.
- vii) Both swooped down on chicks. Both had the some intention and they kept watch and waited for their prey.

Q.11 Beauty is the essence of the world. If we are beautiful inside, we can see beauty everywhere and everytime. During day, beauty can be seen in trees, birds and corn fields. During night, beauty can be heard in the wind sighing, the rain falling or a singer chanting. Beauty is in our good deeds and happy thoughts that repeat themselves in our dreams, work and rest. If we are beautiful inside, everything outside will look beautiful to us.

OR

"A Psalm of Life"

The title of the poem 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 preaches how we should act in life. Life is not an empty dream; it is real and earnest. Death is not its goal. 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 living present without carrying on for the result. The poem is really an inspiration to one and all.

