

Higher Secondary Examination-2012
Model Question Paper - 2012
Sub.-Gen. English-XII

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) Answer must be complete and to the point.

Section- 'A'

Q.1 It was a memorable day the 9th of February, 1979. Hundreds of freedom fighters, who had spent the best part of their lives as prisoners in the cellular Jail, once again touched the shores of the Andaman Islands. But what a difference! they had come this time not as criminals but as veteran heroes on boards the ship Harshvardhan, invited to grace the function organised to formally declare the cellular Jail as a National Monument by the Prime Minister of India.

Along with other members I was also present at the port as the chairman of the reception committee, to formally welcome the guests of honour. It was a beautiful evening. The golden rays of the setting sun had drenched the landscape in a rich marigold colour. There was a strange expression on the faces of the aged veterans as they alighted one by one, helped by young men and girls of their families. Perhaps the memories of their straggle, sacrifices and hardship once again came alive as they viewed the landscape.

Tears rolled down, when they were greeted with cheers and showers of rose petals. Thousands of people were there to welcome them, many having come from far off places. Many were moved to tears and bent down

to touch the feet of the veterans. It was an emotionally charged scene, an expression of deep reverence and gratitude which the people of Andamans felt towards these veterans, who had undergone formal welcome to perform. I was overwhelmed with an emotion too deep to express.

As person incharge of these celebrations, I was to spend many more days in the company of these freedom fighters, and had the unique opportunity of listening to their narration giving vivid and graphic account of their experience as exited prisoners of the dreaded KALAPANI (Black waters). It was like a fairy tale which greatly aroused my curiosity.

Questions:

- (a) How did the freedom fighters come to the cellular Jail in 1979? 1
 (i) As criminals (ii) As jailers (iii) As veteran heroes.
- (b) The freedom fighters had suffered tortures at the hands of the. 1
 (i) Andamanese (ii) Indians (iii) Britishers
- (c) The freedom fighters reached the cellular jail by. 1
 (i) Aeroplane (ii) A ship (iii) On foot (iv) Road
- (d) On which island is the cellular jail situated. 1
 (i) The Lakshadweep (ii) The Andaman (iii) Sri Lanka
- (e) What was the other name given to the Andamans before independence- 1
 (i) Black waters (ii) White waters (iii) Golden water
- (f) The word similar in meaning to ‘an experienced senior person’ is. 1
 (i) Chairman (ii) Veteran (iii) Prime Minister
- (g) The word similar in meaning to ‘got off’ is. 1
 (i) Touched (ii) Rolled (iii) Alighted
- (h) The word opposite in meaning to ‘absent’ is. 1
 (i) Perhaps (ii) Present (iii) Spend
- (i) Why was 9th February a memorable day? 2

- (j) Why were the people who come to welcome them full of 'reverence and gratitude'? 2

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

How can you best improve your English depends on where you live and particularly on whether or not you live in an English speaking community. If you hear English spoken people, that is on the whole an advantage. On the other hand, it is often confusing to have the whole an advantage on the other hand it is often confusing to have the whole language poured over you at once. Ideally, a step by step course should accompany or lead up to this experience. It will also help a great deal if you can easily get the sort of English books in which you are interested.

To read a lot is essential. It is shaped not to venture outside the examination set book or the text books you have chosen for intensive study. Read as many books you find, with the idea of listing and learning as many new word as possible choose what is likely to interest you and be sure in advance that it is not too hard you should not have to be constantly looking up new words here and there, but as a general policy, try to push ahead, guessing what words mean from the context. It is extensive and not intensive reading that normally helps you to get interested in extra reading and thereby improve you English. You should enjoy the feeling which extensive reading gives of having some command of the language. As you read you will become more and more familiar with words and sentence patters you already know, understanding them better as you meet them in more and more context some of which may differ slightly from others.

Questions:

- (i) Read the above passage carefully, make notes on it and supply a title. 5
- (ii) Prepare a summary of the above passage. 3

Section – ‘B’

- Q.3 Write a classified advertisement for ‘Lost and found’ column of a local newspaper stating the loss of your books and important document while travelling in a local bus. 5

Or

You are the head boy/girl of your school. Draft a notice for house captains and vice captains to attend a meeting presided over by the principal to prepare a plan for the annual function.

- Q.4 You are Mahesh Sharma/Sunidhi Chouhan. You have witnessed an accident. Write a report for a news paper about the accident using the following details: 8

Where, when and how did the accident happen?

People, vehicle involved, loss of life and property.

The scene of the accident, details of casualties details, injured, hospitalized.

Or

Write a paragraph on “Importance of trees”.

- Q.5 You are Aakash/Veena of 30-A, Vijay Nagar, Indore. Write a letter to the Mayor of the Municipal Corporation complaining against the nuisance of story days and cattle in your locality. 7

Or

Your friend wants your advice about the way to study to get good marks.

Write him/her letter in about 120 words.

- Q.6 Write an essay on any one topic: 10
- (i) Importance of Games and sports.
 - (ii) Science in day to day life.
 - (iii) Problem of unemployment.
 - (iv) Corruption in every day life.

Or

Using the following input produce a small write up in 100-150 words on potable water – A Burning problem-

- (i) 97 percent sea water.
- (ii) Problem for village and small towns.
- (iii) Ponds and rivers contaminated – recharging depends on rain water.
- (iv) Reckless use of underground water – level going down.
- (v) Need to build ponds, small dams as well as rain water harvesting.

Section – ‘C’

Q.7 Fill up the blanks by selecting the most appropriate option. 5

- (i) How Milk do you buy daily? (many/much/any).
- (ii) cotton of Egypt is exported to many countries (a/an, the)
- (iii) My friend died cholera (of, from, with).
- (iv) I opened the door Looked out (and/but/nor).
- (v) You may get malaria you are bitten by a mosquito (if/unless).

Q.8 Do as directed : Any five. 5

- (i) The poor/ought to/help/we/the needy/and (Rearrange to form a meaningful sentence).
- (ii) They do not work hard (Change into past perfect tense).
- (iii) The book was written in 1973 (from question with when).
- (iv) It is true The earth goes round the sun (combine the sentence using noun clause).
- (v) Somebody cleans the room every day (change the voice).
- (vi) (i) The boy is my friend.
- (ii) He is sitting in the last row (Combine the sentence using relative clause)

- (iii) (vii) Work hard you will fail in the examination (Combine the sentence using conjunction).

Section – ‘D’

Q.9(A) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below:

Ah, you are so great, and I am so small,
I bramble to thing of you, world, at all,
And yet, when I said my prayers to day.
You are more than the earth.
Though you are such a dot.

Questions:

- (a) Who is ‘you’ in the last line? 3
 (i) World (ii) Earth (iii) Man
 (b) The poet to think of world.
 (i) Becomes happy (ii) Trembles (iii) Becomes sad
 (c) What does the whisper in the poet’s ears say?

Or

After unnumbered step of a hill – stair.
I saw upon earth’s head brilliant with sun.
The immobile goddess in her house of stone.
In a loneliness of meditating air.

Questions:

- (a) When did the poet reach the temple?
 (i) Night (ii) day
 (b) How many steps did the poet ascend?
 (i) One thousand (ii) One hundred (iii) Unnumbered
 (c) Write the name of the poem.
 (B) Answer any three of the following questions:

- (i) What is the overall mood of the poem “Teach me to listen Lord”? 9
- (ii) What are the two meanings of cricket?
- (iii) What is selfishness according to the poet?
- (iv) What is the forest’s complaints about its life?

Q.10 Answer any four of the following questions: 8

- (i) Why did the neighbourhood children not become friendly with mini?
- (ii) What reflects our tree belief?
- (iii) What was swami Arvasu doing under the banyan tree?
- (iv) What happens if we prejudge people and future events according to the lesson (A father’s letter)?
- (v) In which area will India become a global leader?
- (vi) How does the brain react in emergency situations?

Q.11 Do you think that the author was blind by birth? Justify your answer from the hints given in the story. “The Eyes are not here”. 8

Or

Describe the modern day achievements of Indians?

Q.12 Justify the title ‘Life’. 8

Or

How can one attain mastery in the art of meditation?

Q.13 Answer any two of the following questions:

- (i) What is the Angel canyon? What is the churun river? 4
- (ii) Why must we take risks?
- (iii) Why is the Gita beyond the mere intellect?
- (iv) Where is chitrakoot situated?

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Section – ‘A’

1. It was a memorable day my curiosity.
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|----|---|---|
| a. | (iii) As veteran heroes. | 1 |
| b. | (ii) A ship. | 1 |
| c. | (ii) The Andaman. | 1 |
| d. | (iii) Britishers. | 1 |
| e. | (i) Black waters. | 1 |
| f. | (ii) Veterans. | 1 |
| g. | (iii) Alighted. | 1 |
| h. | (ii) Present. | 1 |
| i. | It was a memorable day because hundreds of freedom fighters once again touched the shores. Of Andaman Islands as veteran heroes. 2 | |
| j. | The people who came to welcome them were full of reverence and gratitude because India won its freedom due to the sacrifice struggle and hardships of these people, | |
- Inst: 1 mark for each correct answer.
1 Mark for correct spellings and correct sentence formation.
- 2.A (a) Title How to improve English. 5
- (b) Notes-
- (i) Living in Eng. Speaking community.
 - 1.1 Important.
 - 1.2 Free mixing helps.
 - 1.3 Helps in Eng. Leaving.

- (ii) Ways to pick up Eng. Step.
 - 2.1 To learn step by step.
 - 2.2 Read interesting Eng. Books.
- (iii) Extensive reading is essential.
 - 3.1 Reading a books besides text.
 - 3.2 Reading of Eng. Books for pleasure.
- (iv) What to do-
 - 4.1 Do not choose difficult books.
 - 4.2 Do not contently be looking up new words.

Marks distribution-

- 1. Suitable title - 1 mark
 - 2. Content - 3 marks
 - 3. Accuracy - 1 marks
3. Summary

The improvement of our Eng. Depends on whether we live or not in an Eng. Speaking community. It helps to hear the language daily A step by step course and interesting Eng. Books will help us to improve our Eng. Extensive reading A interesting books without having to look up every word in the dictionary helps, for mostly we can guess the meaning from the content.

- 1. Content - 2 marks.
- 2. Accuracy - 1 mark.

Section 'B'

3. Advertisement.

LOST
<p>A bag containing books and other documents lost on 30th Aug 12 about 10.30 A.M.</p> <p>in Dhar - Indore MPRTC bus</p> <p>who so ever finds it -</p> <p>Pl. contact - 9826000001</p> <p>Mohan Sharma</p> <p>reward awaits you</p>

Proper format - 1 mark

Correct Content - 3 marks

Word limit - 1 mark

Or

NOTICE

NAME OF THE INSTITUTION
<p>30 Aug. 2012,</p> <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto; padding: 5px;">NOTICE</div> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Meeting for Annual Function</u></p> <p>This is to inform all the house captains and vice - captains that our school is going to organise annual function this year. Hence you are requested to assemble in the principal's chamber to discuss the plan regarding it. Your suggestions and ideas will be welcomed.</p> <p>Time : 3.00 P.M.</p> <p>Date: 3 Sep. 2012</p> <p>Venue: Principals chamber</p> <p>Head Boy Sign./girl</p>

Marks distribution -

Proper format : 1 mark

Correct content: 4 marks

4. An accident witnessed.

Dewas 5 Aug. 2012, by Salil Sharma.

A fatal accident took place on Mumbai, Agra highway at 11.00 P.M. It was a serious and sudden collision between a bus and a Maruti Van. The Maruti Van was coming at a high speed from Indore while the bus with about 25 passengers which was coming from Gwalior, took a sudden turn and collided with the on coming Maruti Van. The passengers of the Van were seriously injured and many others were bruised. The victims were taken to the hospital. The police came and registered a case. The Van was body damaged. One should be very eareful while driving as rash and careless driving may lead to loss of life and property.

Marks distribution -

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|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. Content | - 5 marks | } 8 marks |
| 2. Accuracy | - 2 marks | |
| 3. Format | - 1 marks | |

Or

Paragraph on imp. of trees.

We are rapidly losing our green belt with the growing of cities the forests are stinking every day. We are endangering the existence of our very planet. Trees are a gift of nature to humanity at aye. They are the homes of birds, animals and tribals. They provide us fuel, timber, fruits and herbs. They are green bungs of the world as they breath out oxygen for our survival. They bring rain, check floods and preserve soil. For the development of a nation, trees have a great importance. The whole civilization will collapse if there are no trees. They are the life and blood of

man. Save trees and grow more trees.

Marks distribution.

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|----|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. | Content | - 6 marks | } 8 marks |
| 2. | Accuracy | - 2 marks | |

5. 30-A, Vijay Nagar
Indore, M.P.
30 Aug. 2012

The Mayor

The Municipal Corp.

Indore, M.P.

Subject: A complaint against the nuisance caused by stray animals.

Sir,

I wish to draw attention to the nuisance often caused by the stray dogs and cattle in our locality. These animals have taken over all the lanes and roads. At times it becomes difficult for the residents to move out safely. We have all become captives in our own homes.

More over, they spread filth wherever they move. Accidents happen due to them. The dogs run behind the vehicles. They cause damage to property also. They have become a dangerous threat to the people of the locality.

Therefore, I request you, on behalf of the residents of my locality, Vijay Nagar, to take immediate action in this regard.

We shall all be grateful to you.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully

Aakash/Verma

Or

74, Nehru Nagar

Bhopal, M.P.

30, Aug. 2012

Dear Anand/Anadita,

I received your letter yesterday and got all the news. You have asked me to advice you how to prepare and get good marks. I think there are certain basic things which should be followed first of all, frame a time table which you must follow. Give maximum time to academic studies devote equal time to all the subjects. Instead of mugging, you should first try to understand and then memorise, Revise as much as you can.

Most important, do not forget to amuse yourself frequently! But do not waste your time.

Pay my regards to your parents. Bye.

Yours Sincerely

Mohina/Mohan

Marks distribution -

Add & date	- 1 marks	} 7 marks
Salutation	- 1 mark	
Body of the letter	- 4 marks	
Subscription	- 1 mark	

No marks should be given if only salutation & subscription is given and nothing is written in the body part.

6. The problem of unemployment since independence, one problem which we have been unable to eradicate even marginally is unemployment of course

we are facing many problems - population problem poverty, communalism, illiteracy, corruption etc the most burning problem is the problem of unemployment. All other problems are closely related with it. If we solve this problem, the other problems will solve by itself.

Courses -

Population - The explosion of population is the fore most cause of unemployment.

Edu. System - Education system is another cause as it produces clerks and does not provide any tug for jobs.

Aggression society - It is back ward modern technologies are still for from the backward areas.

Illiteracy - Due to illiteracy people are not able to avail the opportunities provided as they are not aware of them.

Attitude of youth - Youth wants white collared fits only. They don't want to soil their hands.

Industrialisation - Rabid industrialisation has destroyed small scale and cottage industries of yore.

Lack of Entrepreneurship - Our youth does not want to take responsibilities they from it.

Lack of Capital - If the youth tries to set up his own industry, many ties, he lacks capital. The govt. and banks provide loan but they want no many securities, - there is so much paper work, so much of red - tapism that they lose their zeal.

Remedies -

The Govt. The NGOS, the private bodies and even the people should work together to control population on an emergency level, because it threatens the peace and prosperity of our counting.

Education system needs massive reform. It should be job oriented. Vocation

tug should be included in the curriculum.

We should adopt new, innovative cultivation methods and technologies like step forming mixed forming growing cash crops etc.

We should promote literacy programmes in the backward rural areas also. Our aim should be to literate each and every Indian.

Dignity of labour should be ingrained only in life so the youth does not shy from blue collared jobs.

Small scale industries and cottage industries should be encouraged with modern know how and designs.

We should encourage our youth to adopt innovative self employment with full confidence.

Bank loan etc should be made more easy Govt. policies should be more enterpriser friendly.

The future is not so bleak only we have all got to work at every level with deter nation instead of depending on the government do all.

Marks distribution -

1.	Presentation or Introduction	- 2	} 10 marks
2.	Main body	- 4	
3.	Accuracy	- 2	
4.	Conclusion	- 2	

Or

Write up on potable water.

1.	Content	- 5	} 10 marks
2.	Fluency	- 2	
3.	Accuracy	- 3	

Section - 'C'

7. (i) Much. 5
 (ii) The.
 (iii) Of.
 (iv) And.
 (v) If.
 - For each correct ans. the student will get 1 mark.

8. (i) We ought to help the poor and the needy.
 (ii) They had not worked hard.
 (iii) When was the book written?
 (iv) It is true that the earth goes round the sun.
 (v) The room is cleaned every day.
 (vi) The boy who is sitting in the last row is my friend.
 (vi) Work hard otherwise you will fail in the examination.
 For each correct sentence the student will get 1 mark.

- 9A. (a) (iii) Earth.
 (b) (ii) Tremble.
 (c) The whisper said that he is more than the earth.

Or

- (a) (ii) Day.
 (b) (iii) Unnumbered.
 (c) The name of the poem is "The hill top temple".
- 9B. (i) The overall mood of the poem is that of love, care and devotion to humanity and to God.
 (ii) The two meanings of the word cricket are on is a game and the other is the name of an connect.
 (iii) According to the poet selfishness is running away from the human suffering and invading.

- (iv) The forest complains about its inability to move. It has to stay at one place, grow old and die.

Marks division-

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| 1. | Relevant content | - marks | } 3 marks |
| 2. | Accuracy | - 1 marks | |

- 10 (i) The neighbourhood children not become friendly with Mini because they were busy with their own school and games.
- (ii) Our behavior reflects our true belief.
- (iii) Swami Arvasu was giving a discourses on the Gita and its relevance, under the banyan tree.
- (iv) We make enemies of half and world and suffer uncalled for hardships if we prejudge people and future events.
- (v) India will become a global leader is service sector, providing excellent services within the country and outside.
- (vi) The brain shifts attention to the emergent situation and acts accordingly.
- 11 No, I do not think that the author was blind by birth. The words from the story justifying this are as I was totally blind at that time, indicate that he was blind at that particular time further, he recalls the sights of mussooric where the hills are covered with wild dahlias and the run is delicious. He also remembers that most of the tourists leave by October so the roads quiet and deserted. He also remembers the electric poles flying part the windows of running trains.

Or

Modern day achievements of Indians-

1. We have launched our own missiles.
2. Our IT companies and auto component manufactures are among the best in the world.

3. Agricultural production is soaring.
4. Our pharmaceutical industries are capturing world markets and all set to invent new drugs.
5. Indian professionals are being recognised for their achievements in all parts of the world.

Marks distribution -

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|----|---------------------|-----------|---|---------|
| 1. | For correct content | - 6 marks | } | 8 marks |
| 2. | Accuracy | - 2 marks | | |

12. 'A Psalm of life'.

The title 'A Psalm of life' is justified because the poem praises life. It inspires us to celebrate life. Usually, people become positions due to small little things. Many religious persons also exhort people to give tip comforts of life. They say that this word is an illusion. But the poet says that life real, life is earnest so one must not sit idle. One should act in the living present because the past is dead and the future is unknown. So one should work hand with faith in God and self and move on in life.

Or

One can attain mastery in the art of meditation which can be done at any time, any place. But the best is to settle down in a cool place that has dim light and is relatively quiet. You must focus on your breathing. Also your breath, as it comes in and goes out, meaning inhalation and exhalation. Don't obstruct thoughts let them go off In this way we can attain mastery in the art of meditation.

Marks distribution-

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|----|---------------------|-----------|---|---------|
| 1. | For correct content | - 6 marks | } | 8 marks |
| 2. | Accuracy | - 2 marks | | |

13. (i) The Angel canyon is a large pool at the cliffs foot. The churun river is a tributary of the caron river.
- (ii) We must take risks because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing.
- (iii) The city is beyond intellect because it is essentially addressed to the heart and capable of being understood by heart alone.
- (iv) Chitrakoot is situated in the northern spurs of the Vindhyas.