

**Higher Secondary Examination 2012-13**  
**Sub. - Special English**  
**Class-XII**

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.

Q.1(a) Read the extract carefully and answer the questions given below:

The night of the ball arrived. Madam Loisel was a great success. She was prettier than any other woman present, elegant, graceful, smiling and filled with joy. All the men looked at her, asked her name, sought to be introduced. All the attaches of the Cabinet wished to waltz with her. She was remarked by the minister herself. She danced with rapture, with passion, intoxicated by pleasure, forgetting all in the triumph of her beauty, in the glory of her success, in a sort of cloud of happiness composed of all this homage and admiration, and of that sense of triumph which is so sweet to woman's heart.

She left the ball about four o'clock in the morning. Her husband had been sleeping since midnight in a little deserted anteroom with three other gentlemen whose wives were enjoying the ball.

**Question:**

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|---|---|
| (i) How did Mathilde do in the night of the ball?                           | 2 |
| (ii) Give noun form of introduced.  | 1 |
| (iii) Give a word from the passage which has the same meaning as 'tribute'. | 1 |

(iv) Find a word from the passage which means opposite to 'defeat'.

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(b) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below:

May we unite in our minds, unite in our purposes and not fight against the divine spirit within us. Let not the battle cry rise amidst many slain, nor the arrows of the war-god fall with the break of the day.

**Question:**

(i) What sort of unity does the first line refer to .....? 1

(ii) We should not fight against ..... 1

(iii) Find a word which means same as 'dead'. 1

(iv) What we should not let rise? 2

Q.2 Answer any two of the following questions. 12

(i) Justify the title of the essay, Dream Children: A Reverie.

(ii) Why does the speaker not want the battle-cry to be raised?

(iii) What features of 'Babu English' are suggested in the poem?  
Give illustrations.

(iv) Why does water carry spiritual significance in most religions?

Q.3 Answer any two of the following questions. 8

(i) How did Mathilde and Loisel repay the cost of the necklace?

(ii) Which are the two kinds of people referred to in the verse  
"Invocation"?

(iii) Explain the symbol "Horns of Plenty".

(iv) For what reasons is the casuarina tree dear to the poetess?

Q.4 Do as directed (Any five). 5

(i) Rewrite the following sentence by using it. To read your writing is difficult.

(ii) Good manners make character. (change the voice)

- (iii) Shikha does her work nicely. (change into negative sentence)
- (v) The teacher said to Rohan "Look at the map". (change the narration)
- (vi) This is very good news paper, everyone wants to read it. (Use So ..... That and rewrite the sentence)
- (vii) Use the proper determiner ..... girl in the group got the prize. (each every)
- (viii) I found the book. I lost it yesterday. (combine the sentences using Relative clause)

Q.5 Choose the correct syllable structure of the given alternatives.- 5

- (i) Look (CCV, CCC, CVC)
- (ii) Gap (CV, V, CVC)
- (iii) How many syllables are there in the word 'strange'?
- (iv) Did he ..... (maintain/mention) where he was going?
- (v) Rewrite the given word in "American English" - 'Caliber'.

Q.6 Answer any one of the following question- 9

- (i) 'Swaminathan broke into loud protestation'. What were the protestations?
- (ii) How did Rajam bring about reconciliation between his fighting friends?

Q.7 Answer any two of the following questions. 6

- (i) Who challenged Mani's authority? How was the fight ended?
- (ii) Describe Mani's personality.
- (iii) Do you approve of Rajam's behaviour with the cook? give reasons in support of your answer.

Q.8 Answer the title of the play following questions. 9

- (i) Justify the title of the play the silver Box.

- (ii) Give an account of the way the silver Box was recovered from the residence of Jones.

Q.9. Answer any two of the following questions. 6

- (i) What is the dramatic significance of the Conversation between Mrs. Jones and her husband?
- (ii) What transpires between Roper and Mr. Barthwick?
- (iii) Write a note on the dramatic significance of the unknown lady episode.

Q.10 Read the given passage answer the questions given below:

As the dreaded examinations crawl to a halt, students look forward to the much awaited "Creative Outlets", the summer camp, to let off steam and spend their holidays. A summer camp is conducted over a short period of four to five weeks involving interesting and fun-filled activities. The colourful spectrum of summer camps provides a wide variety of activities which include artistic skills, such as painting origami, art, music, craft and also spoken English cookery and computer courses. Not only this, the summer camps keep the Child "fit as a fiddle" by importing lessons in yoga, cricket, tennis and swimming, with changing times and trends parents have become productivity oriented. They want their children to leash through productive play unlike in the past when play was just play. Today the parents want to tap the potential of their children to the fullest. To achieve this aim, the summer camps afford an ideal opening for children to develop their hobbies and talents. The importance of creative play is often underestimated whereas the fact is that art and craft projects can excite even a young child's imagination and promote a sense of great achievement. The little things that children make and

take home give them a sense of achievement and pride when they show them to their parents.

Summer camps develops a child's confidence and his ideas. They also encourage children to do things on their own. The camps are beneficial for hyper active and aggressive children as they help channel energies fruitfully by drawing out the best in them they also promote mutual understanding not only among teachers and children but also bring about interaction between the taught. This provides a good experience for a better future a future of confidence.

**Questions:**

- (i) (a) Find a word opposite in meaning to 'backward'. 1  
 (b) Find a word used in sense 'multiple'. 1  
 (c) Summer camps develop a child's..... 1  
 (d) Give synonym of 'yielding'. 1
- (ii) Answer the following questions:
- (a) What lessons do the summer camps impart? 2  
 (b) What do the parents want to top today? 2  
 (c) What sort of future do the summer camps provide? 2

Q.11 Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions given below-

Great, wide, beautiful, wonderful grass upon your Brest, world, you are beautifully drest.

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

**Question:**

- (i) What is the attire of the earth? 2
- (ii) Give the antonyms of the given words from the passage.
- (a) Ugly. 1

- (b) Harrow. 1
- (iii) Find out the word from the passage for the following meaning -  
"Surrounded" 1
- Q.12 Write an essay on any one of the following topics. 10
- (i) Corruption - A cancer of society.
- (ii) The Burning problem of India.
- (iii) Importance of games and sports.
- (iv) Pollution A threat to our life.

Q.13 You are Rohit Sharma, a student of class XII as you are appearing for the Board examination, you are worried on the declaration of power cut from 6 am to 9 pm everyday in your area.

Write a letter to the collector to interfere and order the MPSEB authorities to postpone the scheduled of power cuts until examinations are over. 5

**Or**

You are Vijay Sachdev you happened to see the following news in all local newspaper and were prompted to write on article describing the rising trends in drawing deaths and lack of concern on the part of authorities near picnic spots.

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- Q.1(a) (i) Mathilde did fairly well and was a great success at the ball.  
(ii) Introduction.  
(iii) Homage.  
(iv) Triumph.
- (b) (i) The unity of mind and purpose.  
(ii) The divine spirit within us.  
(iii) Slain.  
(iv) We should not let rise the battle cry amidst the many slain.

Instructions:

- (i) The candidate shall get one mark for each correct answer.  
(i) A, (iii) One mark for correct content.

One mark for correct structure.

- Q.2(i) The title of the essay 'Dream Children'. A Reverie is very appropriate in the context of its theme. The writer tries to unfold his unfulfilled desire. For this he creates the images of true children who act in a real manner. He tells them all his memories of life. He utterly desired to have a family and children which was never fulfilled. Though the children he reveals and satisfies the realities of his life
- (ii) The poet here intends to establish peace in the world. He wishes for the unity among people by having concord among ourselves and also with the aliens. He denigrates battles because battles are the root causes for all ruins, People are victimised. Battles never resolve any problem but add many more leaving a lot of unanswered questions

and cries without end. We have already suffered a lot. Any more cry will finish us completely. Hence we should make effort to resolve our differences by peaceful ways.

- (iii) 'Bobu English' is the term used for the language which an educated Indian speaks or writes. It is the type of English which doesn't follow the strict rule of the original English. It gives stress on the aspersion of meaning. It is mixed English called Indianised version of English now known as GIE (General Indian English). It uses the Indian terminology also.

In the poem we see there is no set pattern. It is written in written in free verse without any rhymn and rhythim. It is in a formal talk manner. Still it conveys its meaning very clearly.

- (iv) Water plays a significant role in our life our body contains 71 percent of the whole human body. In most of the religions it has a spritual significance for it is considered to be a divine purifier. No worship or offerings to go in Hindu religion is performed without purification with water. In Christian baptism too, it is great.

Instructions:

- (i) 4 marks for correct content.
- (ii) 1 mark for correct structure.
- (iii) 1 mark for correct spellings.
- (iv) 1 mark for correct spellings.

Q.3(i) The arrangement of the money for the necklace proved to be a ruin of the rest of their life. They had to compromise for the whole life thereafter. They dismissed their servants, changed their lodgings and rented a garage under the roof. Mathilde did all the household work herself washed the dishes, soiled linen. The shirts and the dishcloths. She carried water. She dressed like a common woman, went to fruiter,



the grocer, the butcher and everywhere and bargained for every sou. Loisel himself worked in the evenings making up tradesman's account and late at night often copied manuscript for five sou a page. It took ten years for them to compensate the loss.

- (ii) The verse is an invocation made to the wordily people. The two types of people are referred to here. The one are the people who surround us and whom we know well. We live among them. They are our own people. The other are the people who are strangers who do not belong to us. We don't know them. It means they belong to different culture and land. They are foreign to us.

In short the first type refers to our countrymen while the other refers to foreign people.

- (iii) The poet while referring to the 'Horn of Plenty' indicates a mythological symbol. The horn of a goat represented as overflowing with flowers, fruit and corn. Thus it symbolises plenty and prosperity. The poet while using this symbol makes a wish that his daughter should be granted with beauty but she should not follow the path of some beautiful ladies like Helen or Venus or Maud Gonne who out of their foolish thought or pride spoiled their beauty and doomed too their misfortune for then even the Horn of Plenty proved to be bad.
- (iv) The Casuarina tree is dear to the poetess for many reasons. The first is its magnificence. It is tall and grand the look at. It is dazzling like a python. Its generosity is unique. It gives something to all the shade, cool breeze, and repose. One feels related here.

The other reason is that the Poetess has spent all her childhood under its shade. She has played there with her brother and sister who are no more alive. So the tree is an integral part of her life for having memories of her life.

Instructions:

Ans. to Q.3, (i), (ii), (iii) (iv)

3 marks for correct content

1 mark for correct structure.

- Q.4 (i) It is difficult to read your writing.  
 (ii) Characteris made by good manners.  
 (iii) Shikha does not do her work nicely  
 (iv) The teacher asked Rohan to look at the map  
 (v) This is so good news paper that everyone wants to read it.  
 (vi) Each girl in the group got the prize.  
 (vi) I found the book that I lost yesterday.
- Q.5 (i) CVD  
 (ii) V  
 (iii) Three  
 (iv) Mention  
 (v) Caliber

Instructions:

Answer 4, 5

1 mark each for correct answer.

- Q.6(i) One day, as Swami sat between Mani and Rajan on one of the bock benches of the class, swami acted as the card of communication between the two. First of all, Mani Prasad on some papers to Rajam with insulting words, but Rajam did not reply. He crumpled the letters and throw down. This irritated Mani, and the teacher must have observed that Swami was inattentive. So some question was put to him, and when he could not answer it he was asked to stand on the bench for the rest of the period.

- (ii) Rajam was the a tactful boy. He belonged to a high society. He was a brilliant student. He always wanted to be cordial and friendly with everyone. So when Swami and Mani wanted to play prank on him and later were expensed he was not annoyed. He know what they had done out of jealousy and enmity among themselves. So he tried to give an elaborate and effective lecture to time explaining what friendship was and how emeriti can spot their life. He did not min their dirty trick. Instead he praised their performance as the kitten and puppy. Then he preached them on the value of friendship and said that those who harbour enmity are subjected in hell. They are tortured, later they all realise their faults. Then Rajam offered them gifts. There was reconciliation among them.

Instructions:

Ans. no. 6 (i), (ii), (iii)

5 marks for correct content.

2 marks for correct structure.

2 marks for correct spelling.

- Q.7(i) The fighting was so violet and deadly, that the three youngsters thought that the two would murder each other. In great panic they rushed to the headmaster and told him that two murders were being committed in the school field. The headmaster come to the spot, and easily parted the two boys and thus put an end to the fight. Swami was much surprised at this, for he had thought that the strength possessed by anyone else.
- (ii) Mani is one of the closest friends of Swami. He is known as "the mighty good for nothing", He towers head and shoulders above the other boys of the class and his friend and admired by all. He is a sort of bully, and says that his strength lies in the two clubs he has at

- home. He can easily break the neck of those with it who offered him. Swamination was proud of his friendship. While others crouched in awe, he could address him as 'Mani' with gusto and pat him in the back familiarly.
- (iii) At Rajam's house coffee with some snacks was bought for them by the cook. Rajam tried to snub him in order to impress his friends with the power and authority he had. But the cook was more than a match for him. First he tried to argue with Rajam and then walked off with the snacks telling him to come to the kitchen if he wanted the eatables. He had to go to the kitchen and bring in the snacks and the coffee himself in order to hide his humiliation, he told his friends that he kicked the cook for his impertinence, and at the time he was lying unconscious in the kitchen.

Instructions:

Ans. 7 (i), (ii), (iii), (iv)

2 marks for correct content

1 mark for correct structure.

Q.8(i) Galsworthy's original title for the silver Box was first given the title the Cigarette Box. Both essentially mean the same thing an expensive cigarette case. It is the central thing in the plot. The entire story revolves round it. Jones an out-of-work poor man is tempted one night to take it away from wealthy Jock's house. Mr. Barthwick first points his accusing it by chance at her house. She insists on returning it to its owner. There is a scuffle. Jones wants to throw it into the river. At this crucial moment a selective Mr. Snow enters the room and recovers the stolen box. He draws Mrs. Jones on charge of theft to the police station. Jones attacks the policeman on duty. He too is arrested. Both are produced in the court. The dishonest magistrate, the constable and

the advocate Roper shield Jack. Jones is convicted though not on charge of stealing the box but of assaulting a public servant on duty thus we see the cigarette box dominates the events from cover to cover. All conflict and suffering arise from it. The word 'silver' gives to the title the colour of a class struggle between the rich and the poor. Silver is the symbol of riches. Hence the title the silver Box is more appropriate and effective than the Cigarette Box.

- (ii) When Mrs. Jones detects the stolen purse she thinks to return it to her employer. So when Jones is out she shakes out his coat. The silver box falls down from the coat pocket. She looks hard at it. But Jones snatches it from her hands with a promise that he would throw it away into the river along with the purse. On the other hand when Barthwick find the box missing he asks snow, a detective to search it. Snow out of doubt comes to Jones house just at the time when Jones trying to take the box from his wife who takes it to go to return it to Barthwick snow detects the letter J.B. carried on it and is sure it was the stolen one from Barthwicks house.

Instructions:

Ans. 8 (i), (ii), (iii)

5 marks for correct content

2 marks for correct structure.

2 marks for correct spelling.

- Q.9(i) Mr. and Mrs. Barthwick discuss the conduct of servants in a holistic tone. She complains that servants have started taking too much liberty she cities the example of the maid servant of lady Holyrood. The maid used to call her lover to meet hher in her employer's house. When lady Holyrood told her to go, she demanded one month's salary. The

discussion reveals the attitude of all master's toward their menial servants.

- (ii) Roper the advocate, is shown in Barthwick tells him about the silver box which was stolen not by the charwoman but her loafer husband. Jones also says that Jack let him walk into the house. Jones then took away both the things the silver box and the purse. The next day, Jones is likely to make full use of the purse against his family. Jack confesses so many things one by one. His mother tells him to forget the truth that he led Jones into the house, offered him whiskey and left the key in the lock of the door.

Roper advises Jack not to say anything at all in the court. He should simply say that he slept on the sofa. In fact he needn't attend the court at all. Jack feels great relief. Barthwick wants that Roper should see to it that the purse theft case is not referred to at all. Roper promises to manage the whole case. He takes.

- (iii) The visit of the unknown lady serves a useful dramatic purpose. It throws light on Jack's character. She reveals that Jack is a drunkard and a debauch. He associates with prostitutes. He is also a thief. In other words he is as guilty as Jones. Thus The lady visit is an important link in plot construction.

Instructions:

Ans. 9 (i), (ii), (iii)

2 marks for correct content

1 mark for correct spelling.

- Q.10 (i) (a) Forward  
 (b) Variety  
 (c) Confidence  
 (d) Productive

- (ii) (a) Summer camps impart lessons in yoga, cricket, tennis and swimming.
- (b) Today parents went to top the child's potential to the fullest.
- (c) Summer camps provide a future of confidence.

Instructions:

Ans. 10 (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi)

1 mark for correct answer.

1 marks for correct content.

1 mark for correct structure.

- Q.11 (i) Grass is the attire of the earth.
- (ii) (a) Beautiful (b) Wide
- (iii) Round

Instructions:

1 mark for each correct answer.

Q.12 All four essays can be written on the following points:-

- (i) Corruption - A cancer of society.
- Introduction
  - Cause of corruption or responsible of corruption.
  - Spreading of corruption.
  - How to root out corruption.
  - Conclusion with eradication of.
  - Corruption.
- (ii) The Burning Problem of India.
- The problem of India.
  - Problem of unemployment.
  - System of education should be educated.
  - The Patherh of growth.

- The Remedy.
  - Conclusion Behifialk for our nation.  
Threat.
- (iii) Importance of games and sports.
- Introduction means of games & sports.
  - The decline.
  - The Resurgence of Nation.
  - Empowering of Nation.
- (iv) Pollution: A threat to our life.
- Introduction's the cause.
  - The nature's cycle or advantage of nature.
  - Disturbing the cycle.
  - Disadvantage of nature.
  - Rising - pollution.
  - Result of pollution.
  - How to control the pollution.
  - How to save humanis life.

Instructions:

Proper format 1 mark.

Proper content 1 mark.

word limit 1 mark.

Add & lute - 1 mark.

Salutation - 1mark.

Body - 2 marks

Subscription - mark.

Q.13 The collector.

Indore

20th Feb. 2013



Sub.: Power cut in our locality.

Sir,

I would like to draw your attention to the announcement of MPSEB regarding daily power cut between 6 am to 9 pm every day.

Please note that these are a number of students appearing at the Board Exam. As it is the peak hour of the study the power cut schedule would cause great problem to us. Please interfere in this matter and divert the schedule for few months till the exams are over or shift the time.

Thanking you

Yours Sincerely

Rohit Sharma

**Or**

Drowning Death lack of concern of authorities.

By: Vijay Sachdev

During the last few months a number of drowning cases have been reported in the canal. As the canal has developed some ditches and uneven floor it should be mended. But the authorities are blind to this fact. They fail to provide security to the children who go there for swimming. All cries of the people fail to convince them. If this situation continues more deaths shall be caused.

Instructions:

Presentation - 2 marks.

Main body - 4 marks.

Accuracy - 2 marks.

Conclusion - 2 marks.