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**Higher Secondary Examination**

**Sub. - General English**

**Class-XII**

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks-100

**Instruction:**

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. Answer must be complete and to the point.
3. Marks of each question are indicated. against it.

**Section - 'A'**

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

The defence mechanism of human body is a gift of nature provided to human being, the power of our body to fight against various diseases producing agent is known as defensive mechanism. This defensive mechanism depends upon factors which can be categorized mainly into two types - common factors and special factors.

Amongst common factor the most important is the health of human being. We all know if we are having a good health our body automatically remains protected against the diseases. For keeping good health one should have nutritious balanced diet. A balanced diet is that which contains carbohydrates, fats proteins, vitamins in proportionate amount.

The skin of our body saves us against many micro-organism producing diseases provided that it is in fact in case there are cuts abrasions on it. Micro is the millionth part of on unit. The micro-organism penetrate the body through these cuts and abrasion and can

cause diseases. Therefore a cut or abrasion should never be left open. In case there is no bandage etc. available, it may be covered by a clean cloth.

Some bacteria are residing inside the body. They are our friends and are useful for us. They don't cause any disease and by their presence they donot allow diseasecausing organisms to settle on these places. For example the micro-organisms present in human saliva secrete a chemical which donot allow diphtheria causing bacteria to grow inside the oral cavity & similarly the bacteria residing in female genital tract makes the media acidic which donot allow the diseases causing organism to grow and multiply.

### **Questions**

- Q.1(a) The defence mechanism of human body is- 1
- (i) A gift of God                      (ii) A gift of Lord  
(iii) A gift of Nature                (iv) A gift of heaven.
- (b) A balanced diet is that contains- 1
- (i) Carbohydrates                      (ii) Fats  
(iii) Proteins                              (iv) All these in proportionate amount.
- (c) Some bacteria residing on and inside are our- 1
- (i) Friends                                (ii) Enemies  
(iii) Relatives                            (iv) None of these.
- (d) 'Micro' is- 1
- (i) A hundredth part of a unit.  
(ii) Thousandth part of a unit.  
(iii) A millionth part of a unit.  
(iv) A billionth part of a unit.
- (e) Abrasion as used in the passage means- 1
- (i) Wearing away by friction etc.                      (ii) A cut

- (iii) A wound (iv) A disease.
- (f) The verb form of 'defense' is- 1  
 (i) Defensive (ii) defend  
 (ii) Defect (iv) descent.
- (g) The antonyms of presence is- 1  
 (i) Absence (ii) Abscance  
 (iii) Abscanca (iv) Absense
- (h) Give the antonyms of 'oral' 1  
 (i) Handy (ii) Pertaining to fact.  
 (ii) Written (iv) By figure.
- (i) What is a balanced diet? 2
- (j) What should be done to save our skin which has cuts and abrasions. 2
- Q.2 How does television affect our lives? It can be very helpful to people who care fully choose the shows that they watch. Television can add to our knowledge of the outside world. There are high quality programmes that help us to under-stand many fields of study. Science, medicine, the arts and so on more over television benefits the very old people who can't often leave the house as well as patients in hospitals. It also offers non-native speakers, the advantage of daily informal language practice. They can increase their vocabulary. But there are several serious disadvantages of television. Of course it provides us with a pleasant way to relax and spend our free time but in some countries people watch the boob-tube for an average of six hours or more a day. Many children stare at a television screen more hours each day than they do any thing else, including studying and sleeping. It is clear that the tube has a powerful influence on their lives and that its influence is often negative.

### **Question**

- (i) Read the above passage carefully, make notes on it and supply a title.

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- (ii) Prepare a summary of the above passage in about 1/3 of its length. 3

**Section - 'B'**

- Q.3 You are the social secretary of your school. The School is organising a science exhibition from 15th to 21st December 2012. It will be open to all from 9.00 AM to 1.00 PM and 4.00 PM to 8.00 PM Design a poster to be put up for publicity.

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**Or**

Mr. and Mrs. Dave's daughter Shashi is getting married to Dr. and Mrs. Shastri's son Sumit on 10th March 2013. They send a formal invitation to relatives and friends for a reception followed by a dinner to be held at their residence at 7.00 PM. Write the invitation.

- Q.4 A science exhibition was organised in your school in which students of other schools also participated. The mayor distributed the certificate. He desired to make it a yearly event. Using the following inputs produced a report in about 100 words.

- (i) Time of event.
- (ii) Nature of participant.
- (iii) Item on show.
- (iv) Reaction of visitors.
- (v) Reaction of Mayor
- (vi) Thanks by Principal.

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**Or**

During the last vacation you went to your uncle's place with your parents. You got reservations done in advance. Using the following inputs describe the process in about 100 words.

- (i) Reservation counters      (ii) Queues.
- (iii) Filling the forms
- (iv) What happened at the reservation counters.

Q.5 You are Raj Bali Pandey, proprietor. Sagar Agro-Chemicals Katra Bazar, Sagar. You find the prices of Kent R.O. systems quite competitive and the discount offered by the the M/s Akabar & Akbar Ali & Sons Marhatal Jabalpur quite reasonable. Write a letter to them placing an order. 7

**Or**

You are Kape Patel, a student of Model H.S. School Satna. Your father has been transferred to Rewa. Write an application to your principal to issue your transfer certificate.

Q.6 Using the following input produce a small write-up in 100-150 words.  
On Illegal Immigration -  
A Real Threat (1) 2 Crores of illegal immigrants (2) Social problems (3) Attiring, demographic complexion, (4) Problem acute in some states and towns, (5) burden on economic resources and employment potential (6) security problem. 10

**Or**

Write an essay on any one of the following topics. (250-300).

1. The Environmental pollution.
2. Science Advantage and disadvantage.
3. Importance of games and sports.
4. My Ambition in life.

Q.7 Fill in the banks with appropriate words given in the brackets. 5

- (i) I found ..... one rupee note (a, an, the).
- (ii) He died ..... Malaria (from/of/to)

- (iii) Victory has many fathers ..... defeat is an orphan  
(and/but/yet).
- (iv) The sky is over cast with clouds it ..... ran  
(may/can/could).
- (v) Would you give me ..... money? (some/any).

Q.8 Do as directed (any five).

- (i) Your work will satisfy me. (change the voice).
- (ii) Mukesh shut the door (change into interrogative).
- (iii) The doctor was too busy to go out.  
(Rewrite into complex sentence using so ..... that).
- (iv) a) I know the place.  
b) Tulsidas was born there.  
(Combine the sentences into adjective clause).
- (v) As soon as Mohan saw a lion, he began to cry (Rewrite the sentences using no sooner ..... than).
- (vi) He was glad to know of my success.  
(Convert the sentence into complex sentence with noun clause).

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

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.

**Question**

- (a) Find out the word from the lines given above which means people having severe mental pain.
- (b) The poet wants to listen to those who.....
- (c) What does the poet request God?

**Or**

Can I admire the statue great, when living men starve at its feet? can I  
admire the park's green tree, A roof for homeless misery?

**Question**

(a) Name the poet.

(i) Shri Aurbindo (ii) W.H. Davies.

(iii) William Rands (iv) Anonymous.

(b) Give the meaning of the word 'starve'.

(i) Die of hunger (ii) Labour hard

(iii) Work comfortably (iv) Live unhappily.

(c) Give noun form of "admire".

Q.9 Answer any three of the following questions. 3x3

(i) Why does the poet regard earth as a friend?

(ii) What is the forest's complaint about its life.

(iii) What is meant by dear far from cheap.

(iv) How does the secret spirit operate in human body?

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

1. What disability did Mini have?

2. Why should we leave our comfort zone?

3. How did the woman in the hut react - when she saw Birju?

4. How did the narrator justify the killing of rats in the lesson  
"The Rightful Inheritors of the Earth".

5. How did the Sarpanch say he considered an ass more reliable  
than a man?

6. Make a list of civic duties suggested by Dr. Kalam.

Q.11 Justify the title "The Fun They Had"? 8

**Or**

Describe incident at the intellectual's house that made the author appreciate the place of religion in Indian life?

Q.12 Write the central idea of the poem 'BEAUTY'. 8

**Or**

The title of the poem is "A Psalm of Life". Psalm means devotional or inspiring song. Do you agree with the title?

Q.13 Answer any two of the following question. 4

1. What did Wooden want his trainees to realise when they went to sleep?
2. What do you understand by "What goes round comes around"?
3. What do you understand by a "spiritual guru"?
4. How are spoken and written language two different things?



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**Model Answer**

**Section 'A'**

1. The defence mechanism .....  
 ..... grow and multiply.
- (a) (iii) A gift of nature.  
 (b) (iv) All these in proportionate amount.  
 (c) (i) Friends.  
 (d) (iii) A millionth part of a unit.  
 (e) (i) Wearing away by friction etc.  
 (f) (ii) Defend.  
 (g) (i) Absence.  
 (h) (iii) Written.

On each correct ans. the candidate will get 01 marks.

- (f) A balanced diet is that which contains carbohydrate, fat, proteins, and vitamins in proportionate amount.  
 (i) A cut or abrasion should never be left, open, in case there is no bandage etc it may be covered by a clean cloth.

On each correct ans. the candidate will get 01 marks.

- 2A. (a) Title - Effects of television.  
 (b) Notes:  
 (i) Advantages of T.V.  
 (a) It creases knowledge.  
 (b) Enables us to understand field of science, medicine and arts.  
 (c) Help the old and the patients in hospitals.

- (d) Non-native get language practice.
- (e) Good way to relax sp. free time.
- (ii) Disadvantages.
  - (a) Makes people.
  - (b) Children watch too much.
  - (c) Influence Negative.
- B. Television affects our lives in several ways. We should choose the shows carefully. Television increase our knowledge. It helps us to understand many fields of study. It entertains old people and patients. There are some disadvantage too. Some people devote a long time to it. Students leave their studies as it distracts their Allenton.
  - (a) (1) Suitable title - 1 marks.
  - (2) Contents - 3 marks
  - (3) Accuracy - 1 marks
  - Total - 5 marks
  - (b) (1) Content - 2 marks
  - (2) Accuracy - 1 marks

**Section - 'B'**

3.

VISIT ENJOY ENCOURAGE

SCIENCE EXHIBITION

Organised by students

of

Govt. Higher Secondary School

Ratan Colony

From

15th to 21th December 2012

Time - 9.00 AM to 1.00 PM

4.00 PM to 8.00 PM

All are cordially Invited

**Or**

Mr. And Mrs. R. Dave

Request the pleasure of your company

At

A reception followed by a dinner

On the occasion of

The marriage of their daughter

Shashi

With

Sumit

Son of Dr. and Mrs. Shastri

On 10 March 2013 at their residence

108, Gaulam Nagar

Indore-462004

- |    |          |           |
|----|----------|-----------|
| 1. | Content  | - 4 marks |
| 2. | Accuracy | - 1 marks |
|    | Total    | - 5 Marks |

On each correct ans. the candidate will get 05 marks

4. A report on the science exhibition.

A science exhibition was organised in our school, for the first time from 27 to 29 January. Students from other local school also participated. The enthusiasm of the participants was beyond expectation. they prepared excellent charts models and projects. Lots of students and parents visited the exhibition and appreciated the initiative. A panel of judges decided winners in the various categories.

On the last day, the mayor gave away the certificates. He was all praise for the maiden efforts and high lighted its educative value. He also desired it to be made a yearly event. The principal thanked the mayor the participants, the visitors and the guest.

**Or**

Getting a Railway Reservation Done.

There were long queues at the Counters. I took a form and filled it giving the date of Journey, the name and number of the train, number of berths required and journey form and to the railway stations. Along with this, I had to give the names, age and sex of the persons travelling. Then I took my place in a queue when my turn came, I handed the form in and the man searched on his computer. After a couple of minutes he told me that the berths were available. On getting my consents he worked again on his computer, tore the ticket and gave it to me when I paid him the money.

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

5.

20 Dec. 2012

M/s Akbar Ali & Sons

Marhatal

Jabalpur

Purchase of kent R.O. system.

Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for your letter of 10 November 2012 enclosing a catalogue of the four models of kent R.O. systems

along with their prices. We find them quite competitive and your term of business quite reasonable.

Hence we are pleased to place an order as under.

Kent Grand	20
Kent Excellent	20
Kent Elite I	15
Kent Elite II	10

We expect a good market for them and hope to place further and larger order in the near future.

Your Faithfully  
For Sagar Agro - Chemicals  
Raj Bali Pandey  
Proprietor

**Or**

To,  
The Principal,  
Model Hr. Sec. School  
Satna  
Subject - An application for transfer - certificate.

Respected Sir,

With due respect I wish to say that I am a student of class XIIth (Maths) of your school. I have been a good student of your school. I have stood first in my class last year.

My father who is a teacher has been transferred to Rewa, So I cannot continue my studies in your school.

Therefore, I request you to please issue my transfer certificate.

Thanking you sir.

Your Obediently

Kapil Patel

Class XIIth (Maths)

Division of marks may be as fallow.

Address and Date	2
Salutation	1/2
Body of the letter	4
Closing	1/2

6.

Illegal Immigration - A Real  
Threat

There are over 2 crore illegal immigrants in our country. These illegal immigrants are from our neighboring countries especially from Bangladesh. They are not only transforming the geography, but the sociology, the economy, indeed even the politics of our country. It has affected the states of north east, Assam, West Bengal and parts of Bihar. Not only this it has affected our metros and bigger cities - Kolkata, Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad and Bangalore.

This immigration was initially driven by economic forces but has now added new facets. They have significantly altered the demographic complexion in the border districts of West Bengal and Assam. Their abilities to obtain ration cards and also to enroll themselves as voters not only gives them a back-door entry to Indian citizenship but also provides them with a political clout that facilitates more Bangladeshi immigrants in our country. This is becoming an

additional burden on our economic resources as well as our employment potential. More recently some of them have been active in smuggling, counterfeit currency as well as in terrorist activities.

Note -Marking scheme.

1.	Content	5
2.	Fluency	2
3.	Accuracy	<u>3</u>
	Total	10

**Or**

1. The Environmental pollution.
  - (i) Introduction.
  - (ii) Limited Supply.
  - (iii) The Damage started.
  - (iv) In India.
  - (v) Causes.
  - (vi) Remedies.
  - (vii) Conclusion.
2. Science - its advantage and disadvantage.
  - (i) Introduction.
  - (ii) Scientific Inventions.
  - (iii) Means of Communications.
  - (iv) Medicine and Surgery.
  - (v) Atomic Energy.
  - (vi) Computers
  - (vii) Disadvantage of Science.
  - (viii) How to minimise the Disadvantage.
3. Importance of Games and Sports.

- (i) Introduction.
  - (ii) The Decline.
  - (iii) The Resurgence.
  - (iv) Conclusion.
5. My Ambitions in life.
- (i) Introduction.
  - (ii) Ambition - A great driving force.
  - (iii) The need of choosing the right profession.
  - (iv) Tips for getting selected in the desired profession.
  - (v) The objective of choosing the right profession.
  - (vi) Conclusion - Summering up wealth reverent quote.

For an essay division of marks may be follows.

1. Presentation of Introduction.	2
2. Main body - content.	4
3. Accuracy.	2
4. Conclusion.	<u>2</u>
Total -	10

7. Fill in the blank with correct words and rewrite the sentence-

- (a) A
- (b) Of
- (c) But
- (d) May
- (e) Some

Note- For each correct answer the candidate will get 01 marks.

8. Do as directed.

- a. I shall be satisfied with your work.
- b. Did Mukesh shut the door?
- c. The doctor was so busy that he could not go out.



- d. I know the place where Tulsidas was born.
- e. No sooner did Mohan see a lion than he began to cry.
- f. He was glad to know that I had succeeded.

Note- For each correct answer the candidate will get 01 marks.

9A. Extract:

- (a) Anguished.
- (b) Far from us.
- (c) He requests us to listen to the cry of those who are suffering.

**Or**

- (a) (ii) W.H. Davies.
- (b) (i) Die of hunger.
- (c) Admiration.

Note - For each correct answer the student will get 01 marks.

B. Answer any three.

- (a) The poet regards earth as a friend because it provides us food and water to live on as well as permits cities and gardens to grow on it.
- (b) The forest complains about its inability to move. It has to stay at one place, grow old and die.
- (c) 'Far from cheap' means not cheap, that is expensive.
- (d) The human body serves as the play field for the secret sp. spirit.

Note- (a) For each answer the marking scheme is as below:

- |                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| (i) Relevent Content -  | 2 marks |
| (ii) Accuracy -         | 1 marks |
| (iii) Total mark-       | 3 marks |
| (b) Total marks will be |         |

3x3 =9

10. Answer any four.

- (a) Mini was a spastic and had no control over her hands and legs from birth.
- (b) We should leave our comfort zones if we want to reach any significant goal in our life. We can leave them by efforts and commitment.
- (c) She was surprised to see a person in saffron clothes she went to him and touched his feet.
- (d) Rats caused the loss of nine hundred coconuts every months, the sole means of his family's livelihood. In this way the narrator justified the killing of rats.
- (e) He said this because a man can tell a lie but an ass cannot.
- (f) The civic duties as suggested by Dr. Kalam as follows:-
  - (i) Cleaning up a local park.
  - (ii) Planting trees.
  - (iii) Helping poor children.
  - (iv) Keeping the school campus clean.

Note- For each correct content and accuracy, the student will get 2 marks.

Total marks -  $4 \times 2 = 8$

Q.11 Answer any one of the following.

The future students will feel the modern school system as funny and interesting. Separate building and human teachers. All students come laughing and shouting, sitting together in the school room, going home together and helping one another with their home work. So the title, "The Fun They Had" is quite apt.

**Or**

Religion is ever - present in Indian life her hostess 'husband's eldest brother come barefoot in her living room gracefully. He nelt

and bowed his head in prayer for about fifteen minutes in perfect silence. This incident made the author appreciate the place of religion in Indian life.

Note- Marking scheme-

- |    |                       |                |
|----|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1. | For correct content - | 6 marks        |
| 2. | For accuracy -        | <u>2 marks</u> |
|    | Total marks -         | 8 marks        |

12. Answer any one of following.

Beauty

Central idea -

Beauty is the essence of the world. If we are beautiful inside, we can see beauty every where and every time. 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. Croche says, Handsome is that hand some does'. The world is the manifestation of our inner feeling and thought. If we are beautiful inside, everything outside will look beautiful to us,

**Or**

The title of the poem 'A Psalm of Life' 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. Grave 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 caring for the result. The poem is really an inspiration to one and all.

Note- Marking scheme.

- |    |                       |                |
|----|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1. | For correct content - | 6 marks        |
| 2. | For Accuracy -        | <u>2 marks</u> |
|    | Total -               | 8 marks        |

13. Answer any two question.

- (a) Wooden wanted his trainees to realise, 'Today, I was at my best' when they went to sleep.
- (b) It means as you sow so shall you reap. The wheel rotates, so what goes around comes around.
- (c) A spiritual guru is a person who is above materialism and practices and preaches the things connected with human spirit.
- (d) Spoken and written language are two different thing as spoken language makes us ready men while written language makes exact men.

Not- Marking scheme.

For each correct answer with accuracy the candidate will get 2 marks.