

Roll No.

Higher Secondary School Examination-2013

Sub. - Special English

Class-XII

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks-100

Instruction:

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. Read the instruction carefully and answer the questions.
3. Answers must be complete and to the point.

A. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:

- (1) As the dreaded examinations crawl to a halt, students took forward to the much awaited creative outlets. "the summer camps, to let off steam and span their holidays. A summer camp is conducted over a short period of four to five weeks involving interesting and fun-filled activities. The colour full 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 fiddle" by importing lessons in yoga, cricket, tennis and swimming.
- (2) With changing time and trends parents have become productivity oriented. They want their children to learn through productive play unlike in the past when play was just play. Today the parents want to tap the potentials 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 project can excite even young child's imagination and promote a sense of greate

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.

3. Summer camps develop a child's confidence and his ideas. They also encourage, children to do things on their own. The camps are official for hyperactive and aggressive children, as they help channel their 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.

Question:

- a. Activities in summer camps are and 1
- b. Summer camps keep the children healthy since. 1
- c. Now - a - days parents think play should be 1
- d. To achieve this aim. What aim is the writer referring to hear
..... 2
- B. Read the extract carefully and answer the following questions.

"I love you, Mother," said little John.

Then, forgetting his work, his cap went on.

And he was off to the garden swing.

And left her the water and wood to bring.

"I love you, Mother," said Rosy Nell.

"I love you better than tongue can tell,"

Then she teased and pouted full all the day,

Till her mother rejoined when she went to play.

"I love you, Mother," said little Fan,"

Today I'll help you all I can.

How glad I am that school doesn't keep.

So she rocked the babe till it fell asleep. She picked the broom,
 And swept the floor and tidied the room,
 Busy and happy all day was she.
 Helpful and happy as child could be.
 "I love you, Mother," again they said.
 Three, little children going to bed.
 How do you think that mother guessed.
 Which of them really loved her best?

Question:

- (a) Instead of helping his mother John 1
- (b) John could have helped his mother by 1
- (c) The mother rejoiced when Nell went to play because
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- (d) It was easy for Fan to help her mother because 1
2. Answer any two of the following questions in above 75 words.
12 marks
- (i) Why does the speaker not want the battle cry to be raised.
- (ii) How would you rate Mathilde - as an ambitious woman or as an honest woman? Justify your answer.
- (iii) What reasons does the author ascribe to the round shape of the foot prints?
- (iv) The speaker considers his fate better than that of others. Why and how?
3. Answer any two of the following question in above 60 words. 8 marks
- (i) What was Miss Puspha T.S. Popular with?
- (ii) Write a character- sketch of Lamb's grandmother.
- (iii) How did Netaji's way of dealing with defaulter's?
- (iv) Why is it necessary for our youth to be spiritually strong?

4. Do as directed (any five). 5 marks
- (i) Sita sang a song. (change into present tense)
- (ii) Students not bring text books into the examination room. (Insert right modal)
- (iii) "Do not spend all the money" Raju said. (change the speech)
- (iv) Sun rises in the east and sets in west.
(Write suitable articles)
- (v) I have money in the bank which is not going to be enough. (little/a little/few/a few)
5. Do as directed. 5 marks
- Fill in the blank with modals appropriate to the meaning given in the brackets.
- (i) I not come yesterday since I was busy.
(Past inability)
- (ii) You run. The train is late. (absence of necessity)
- (iii) you mind moving a little? (Polite request)
- (iv) you do in to that house at night?
(use the proper modal)
- (v) I visit Lucknow, but I am not much sure.
(May/Might/Must)
6. Answer any one of the following questions in about 150 words. 9 marks
- (a) Describe how Swaminathan passed Monday in his school.
- (b) Describe in short the main characteristics of each of Mani's four friends.
7. Answer any two of the following question about 60 words. 6 marks
- (a) Write about the four persons who were swami's friends.
- (b) Describe Mani's personality.

(c) Write about Sankar's qualities as a student.

8. Answer any one of the following questions in about 150 words.

9 marks

(a) Justify the title of the play. The silver Box.

(b) Write a character - sketch of Jones.

9. Answer any two of the following questions in about 60 words. 6 marks

(a) Write a note on the dramatic significance of the unknown lady episode.

(b) Do you feel that Mrs. Jones attempts to defend her husband during the interview with Mr. Barthwick?

(c) What does Jones want to do with the money he has got? What does he want to do in his future life?

10. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

10 marks

Guddu and Raju were casual labourers. They were engaged by Mr. Gupta to white wash his house. They left the house at 6.00 P.M. They left the ladder leaning against the wall outside the house, Mr. and Mrs. Gupta locked the house at 9.00 P.M. Mr. Kapoor was a tenant of Mr. Gupta's. He was also on duty at that time. At about half past ten Bhola happened to pass the house. He was a burglar. He saw the ladder. He broke the window pane and entered the house. In Mr. Gupta's bedroom Bhola opened the almirah in the room with a screwdriver and put all the cash and jewellery in his bag. He heard someone opening the lock. It was Mr. Kapoor. He returned from his duty when he heard some noise upstairs, he climbed up the stairs. But before he reached Mr. Gupta's bedroom, Bhola climbed down the ladder and made his escape, Mr. Kapoor reported the theft to the police on phone.

(i) Who were Guddu and Raju?

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- (ii) Who was Bhola? 1
- (iii) Who was Mr. Kapoor? 1
- (iv) What did Bhola steal? 1
- (v) How did Bhola reach the first floor? 2
- (vi) Who was Mr. Sharma? 2
- (vii) Who was Mr. Gupta? 1
- (viii) Who reported the theft to the police? 1

11 Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow:

How sleep the brave who sink to rest.
 By all their country's wishes blest.
 When spring, with dewy fingers cold,
 Returns to deck their hallow'd mould.
 She there shall dress a sweeter sod,
 Than Fancy's feet have ever trod.
 By fairy hands their knell is rung.
 By forms unseen their dirge is sung.
 There honour comes a pilgrim grey,
 To bless the turf that wraps their clay.
 And freedom shall awhile repair,
 To dwell, a weeping hermit, there.

- (i) What is meant by the word "hallow" d mould? 1
- (ii) In what sense does the poet use the phrase "Fancy's fact in the poem? (choose the right option) 1
 - (a) Thinking deeply (b) Imagination (c) Fresh ideas
 - (d) Fancy thoughts an Ideas.
- (iii) What type of poem is this? (choose the right option) 1
 - (a) A nature poem (b) A patriotic poem
 - (c) A romantic poem (d) A descriptive poem.

(iv) Who shall come to give as a mourning saint? 2

12. Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 250 words.

10 marks

(i) A visit to a Historical place.

(ii) Corruption in India.

(iii) Problem of unemployment in India.

(iv) Wonders of Science.

13. You are Ritesh, a student of class XII, residing in sector A, Tilak colony Bhopal. You read the following clipping in a newspaper. You are worried as you commute to school by bus. Write a letter to the Chairman, state transport corporation (STC) to reconsider the decision in the interest of the passengers and students.

'STEEP INCREASE IN BUS FARES'

July 2008. The Transport authorities have decided to increase the bus fare by 40% of the existing one, it is reliably learnt. This is going to affect thousand of commuting passengers and students as well.

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Or

Sukhvinder studies in class XII in Ideal. School. He has lost his blazer at the playground on the annual sports day. He puts up a notice on the school notice board.

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Model Answer

Answers:

(1) Passage (A)

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| (a) Fun - filled and Interesting. | 1 |
| (b) They impart lessons in yoga, cricket, tennis and swimming. | 1 |
| (c) Productivity oriented. | 1 |
| (d) The aim is the parent's desire to tap the potential of their children to the fullest. | 2 |

Instructions: a, b, c - 1 mark for correct answer and 'd' 2 mark for correct content and structure

Passage (B)

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| (a) Went off to the garden swing. | 1 |
| (b) Bringing to her the water and the wood. | 1 |
| (c) She was irritating her mother by teasing and pouting at her. | 2 |
| (d) She did not have to go to school that day. | 1 |

Instructions: a, b, c - 1 mark for correct answer and 'd' 2 mark for correct content and structure

(2) Answer for the 75 words questions.

Ans.(i) 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 cause for all ruins. People are victimised. Battles never resolve any problem but add many more leaving a lot of unanswered questions and cries with out end. We have already suffered a lot. Any more cry finish us completely. Hence we should make effort to resolve our differences by peaceful ways.

Ans.(ii) Mathilde was a pretty and extra ordinarily charming lady with high hopes, she was over ambitious. By ill luck she had to compromise with her poverty. Once when she got a chance she wished to quench her thirst of ambitions. In the story, 'The Necklace', Mathilde borrowed a necklace from her rich friend Madame Forestier to show herself in the party unfortunately, she lost it. She had to spend 36,000 francs to replace it. She was forced to undergo various difficulties to pay the debt of 18,000 francs. She had to shift to a cheaper one room house and remove her servant. Mathilde and her husband had to lower their standard of living for full ten years. She looked older than her age. But in the in the end she found from her friend that the cost of the Necklace was only 500 francs because its diamonds were not original. In this way her over ambitious nature and her love for ornaments was responsible for her difficult life. At least for ten years they took to repay the debt.

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Instructions: ans. 2 (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) 4 mark for correct content and 2 mark for correct structure and spelling

Ans.(iii) There is a discrepancy between the tracks seen by Hunt and the author himself and those of the two previous climbers. There were circular while those seen by the author and Hunt resembled those made by large boots. The author in order to confirm used his senses and said that those were not necessarily of a brute beast, but an erect being who might have come down from his tree even earlier than they did. He thinks that even bears, bees, ants, are not without constructive ability so we can without doubt attribute those tracks to the snow.

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Ans.(iv) In this poem a love is made to reflect on human life. He realise that all in this world hard to achieve their objective. But all of them do not

succeed. All effort and struggle result in failure, man can never achieve his ambitions. Despite life long work man can achieve very little. Actual achievement small in comparison with much that remains undone. Aspirations of man are never realized. In the same way, in this poem the lover aspires for his beloved's love but fails. But he thinks himself to be a little better in the sense that he gets a chance to enjoy his last ride together with his beloved. He experiences a heavenly bliss in her company other are denied, even such momentary bliss-

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(3) Answer for the 60 words question.

Ans.(i) Miss Pushpa is popular with men and woman. As she is always smiling and full of spirit. Everyone likes her. She never says 'he' to anyone for anything. Her good spirit makes her popular.

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Ans.(ii) Lamb's grand mother was a pleasing personality. She was highly religious. She was beloved and respected by everybody. She was fond of children and always enjoyed to be with them during holidays. She was tall, upright and graceful. She was a good dancer. She was so popular among the commoner that her funeral was attended by a concourse of all the poor and some of the gentry of the neighbourhood for miles away.

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Ans.(iii) Netaji was an ideal leader. He took care of all his subordinates. He never punished anyone. Instead he advised them to feel their weakness and improve them. His men were so much impressed with him that they were ready to do anything for him under his command. His appreciation made them feel proud.

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Ans.(iv) The author feels that for our youth it is necessary to equip themselves with spiritual dimension which is the main faculty that distinguishes human beings from the myriad other forms of life on

this planets. Spiritualism leads to fearlessness and dynamism even at the crucial hours and can overcome all difficulties. By Spiritualism the author doesn't mean merely denominational religion, but the thread of unity which runs through all religious and from which they all ultimately derive power and sustenance. 4

Instructions: ans. 3 (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) 2 mark for correct content and 2 mark for correct structure and spelling

Grammar

- (4) Do as directed. Answer
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| (i) Sing a Song. | 1 |
| (ii) Will. | 1 |
| (iii) Raju advised his friend not to spend all the money. | 1 |
| (iv) The, The. | 1 |
| (v) Little. | 1 |
- (5) Do as directed.
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| (i) Had. | 1 |
| (ii) Must. | 1 |
| (iii) Would. | 1 |
| (iv) Dare. | 1 |
| (v) Might. | 1 |

Instruction 1 mark for each correct answer

- (6) Answer for the 150 words question.
- (i) The first chapter of the novel is in the nature of an exposition or introduction. We are introduced to Swaminathan or Swami the child-hero of the novel to his school, The Albert Mission School to his teachers and to his friends the action takes place in the town named Malgudi, situated on the banks of the river Saraju. The river has a

bridge over it and it is visible with the trains passing over it, from the windows of the school.

Swami is a student of the first form (section-A) It is Monday morning and swami hates Mondays, for it means activity, discipline and work, after the holiday he has enjoyed on, Sunday and Saturday. As swami sits on the table in his 'room' which is merely a table in the dressing room of his father he finds that he has a lot of home work to do and only two hours for doing it. He feels bored and tired and is in no mood for work. 9

Then comes the history period and the teacher is Dr. Pillai. His method of teaching is interesting, but it does not conform to any known principles of education. It is followed by the scripture period and the teacher Ebenezer is a fanatic Christian. He constantly criticises and abuses Hindu Gods who, for him, are merely so many pieces of stone. When Swami puts a question, his ear is severely pulled and pinched Swami complains to his father, who writes a long letter to the Headmaster asking him to take action against the teacher otherwise Hindu boys will be withdrawn from the school and the matter referred to higher authorities. But nothing comes out of it, except the reprimand to swami from the Headmaster who is there to take care of the boys. He tells swami, you must come to me if you want any help, before you go to your father, Swaminathan furtively glances at Ebenezer who writhed in his chair.

I am sorry "said the headmaster," you should have been so foolish as to go to your father about this simple matter. I shall look into it. Take this letter of your father. Thus things remain where they were.

Ans.(ii) Swami is not a good student but his life at school is not entirely unhappy for he has four good friends. We get detailed pen portraits of these friends. One of them is Somu, the monitor of the class. He was set about his business whatever it was, with absolute confidence and calmness. He was known to be chummy even with the teacher. Because he believed that only the headmaster could reprimand him.

Then comes Mani the Mighty good for - nothing. He is a sort of bully and said that his strength lies in the two clubs he has at home, and with which he can easily break the neck of those who offend him but his longest friendship was with Swaminathan.

The third friends is Shankar the most brilliant boy of the class, and could answer any question put to him and all the other fell that he was flattering the teachers and by doing menial work for them.

The fourth friend is Samel called the Pea because of his small size. There is nothing uncommon about him for he is neither a good student nor physical remark able. 9

Instruction 5 marks for correct content
2 marks for correct structure
2 marks for correct spelling

(7) Answer for the 60 words question.

Ans.(i) Swami is a boys ten years old. He is a student of Albert Mission School. First form (A) He is quite happy at school despite the tyranny of the teachers and also despite the fact that he is not a good student, He was happy because of his four friends Mani, Shankar and Samel later on he gets another friend that is Rajam. 3

Ans.(ii) Mani is one of the closest friends of Swami. He known as, "the mighty good for nothing." He towers head and shoulders above the other boys of the class and his friends and admired by all. He can

easily break the neck of those with it who offered him. Swami 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. 3

Ans.(iii) Shakar is another bosom friend of Swami. He is a brilliant boy of the class his percent is above ninety and can answer any question put to him. But some of the boys felt that he got such high marks by flattering the teachers and by doing mental work for them. But Swami had no doubts about his ability and considers him to be a marvel. He could speak to the teachers in English in the open class. He know the name of all rivers mountains and countries of the world. He could repeat history in his sleep grammar was child's play to him his face was radiant with intelligence. 3

Instruction 2 marks for correct content
1 mark for structure & spelling

(8) Answer for the 150 Questions.

Ans.(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 control thing in the plot. The entire story revolves round it Jones an out of work poor man is tempted one night to take first point his accusing finger at this charwoman. Mrs. Jones she discovers it by chance at her house. She insists on returning it to its owner. There is a scuffle. Jones want to throw it into the river. At this crucial moment a detective me snow enters the room and recovers the stolen box. He draws. Mrs. Jones on charge of theft and arrested her. Thus we see the cigarette box dominates the events from cover to cover. All conflict and suffering arise from it the word "silver" give 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. 9

Ans.(ii) Mrs. Jones is slim with dark eyes and oval face. Her voice is soft smooth and even. She is gentle and modest. She doesn't have the aggressive nature of her husband. Her lamb like docility annoys her husband. She accepts her lot without complaint or murmur. Her self effacement gives a peculiar grace to her personality.

Mrs. Jones was born under an unlucky star she is a victim of malicious fate as well as society. She first suffers the tyranny of her husband who beat her cruelly in a state of drunkenness he also threatens to cut her throat. But she bears it calmly like a faithful wife. She tries to spot this good points. She cannot take a firm decision to leave him. She tries to explain his violence and cruelty to his heavy drinking and unemployment. She says, of course, I know he has a very hard life and he is fond of the children and its very hard for him to see them going without food she affirms that Jones is kind and generous when he is sober. She tries her best to save her man from the grip of law.

Mrs. Jones lost every thing her job reputation and also got thrown out from he house. That caused a scandal and cost Jones his job on the whole Mrs. Jones appeals powerfully to our sense of sympathy and pity. 9

Instruction 5 marks for correct content
2 marks for correct structure
2 marks for correct spelling

(9) Answer for the 60 words question.

Ans.(i) The visit of the unknown lady server 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's visit is an important link in the plot construction. 3

Ans.(ii) Mr. Barthwick interrogates Mrs. Jones about the theft of the silver box. This reveals several vital facts about her miserable life. She has got three school going children and she cannot support them her husband is still jobless as well as troublesome. He extracts money from her for drinking. He is a groom by profession. She had an affair with him before their marriage eight years ago. Her eldest son born before marriage. 3

Ans.(iii) Jones has stolen a silk purse. It has seven pounds in it. He calls it a loss property with no name on it. As Mrs. Jones is an honest Lady. She doesn't look happy at it. But Jones has no sense of guilt. He says that he will go to Canada to change his luck. He would live a happy life with another lady. He would like with freedom. 3

Instructions 2 marks for correct content

1 mark for correct structure & spelling

(10) Answer for the Passage (C)

- (i) Guddu and Raju were casual labourers. 1
- (ii) Bhola was a burglar. 1
- (iii) Me, Kapoor was a tenant of Mr. Gupta's . 1
- (iv) Bhola took the cash and jewellery from Mr. Gupta's almirah. 1
- (v) Bhola reached the first floor by the help of the ladder which was leaning against the wall of Mr. Gupta's house. 2
- (vi) Mr. Sharma was a friend of Mr. Gupta. 2
- (vii) Mr. Gupta is the person who was having his house white wash and Mr. Gupta house got robbed. 1
- (viii) Mr. Kapoor Reported theft to the police. 1

- (11) Answer for the Poem passage.
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| (i) Sacred. | 1 |
| (ii) Fancy thoughts and Ideas. | 1 |
| (iii) A patriotic poem. | 1 |
| (iv) The Hermit shall come and give the mourning saint. | 2 |

Instructions 1 mark for content 1 mark for structure

- (12a) Essay A visit to Historical Place.

I had a great desire to see the Taj Mahal the most graceful and matchless tomb at Agra, so I made use of the kind invitation sent to me by my dear friend in summer I had heard a lot about the beautiful Taj Mahal. However the Mughal Emperor, Shah Jahan had at great cost to built the famous tomb for his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal.

- (12b) Essay Corruption In India.

Corruption is a deep rooted menace that has eaten into the vitals of our society. There is hardly any sphere of social, economic political and religious activity that is free from corruption.

- (12c) Essay Problem of Unemployment In India.

Unemployment has emerged as a major national issue during character as what is learnt by experience. Game inculcate in the players the habits of team work discipline is being guided by a captain obedience to the rules of the games.

- (12d) Essay Wonder of Science.

Science is a tremendous concept. It has worked wonders for us. It has gifted a number of wonderful objects.

There are reasons of consider science to be blessing.

Instructions- Introduction- 2 marks

Body -4 marks

Conclusion -2 marks

Construction & Spelling - 2 marks

Letter or Notice.

Ritesh

Atilak Colony

Bhopal

To

The Chairman

Of the State Transport Corporation

Bhopal

Date

Sub.: Reconsider decision in the interest of Passengers and students.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to inform you that the bus fares have gone up by 40% of the existing one that is very difficult for the poor people because it is the only transport the we poor people use and if you have made a difference of 40% then we the people of your country will suffer and if we will suffer the your bus company will suffer because we would not be able to use your service. I would be really grateful if you could take care of the poor.

Thanking you,

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Yours.

Instructions: 2 marks for add, date & salutation
2 marks for body
1 mark for subscription.

NOTICE

Lost

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Date 12 December 2010.

Lost

A blazer has been lost in the school playground during the annual sports meet. The inside of the blazer bears embroidered initial S.S. Anyone who finds it should deposit it with the school captain. One who find will be suitable rewarded.

Thanking you,

Sakhvinder Singh

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Instructions: 1 mark for proper formatting
3 marks for heading, body
1 mark for word limit.