

Pre-Board - I (2019-20)

Class-XII

Time: 3.15 Hours

Sub. – English (Compulsory)

M.M % 80

SECTION - A **(READING)**

1-9 Read the following passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

Every man that is born in this world has a desire to live well. The life has various aims for various people. To some, life is an empty dream without a motive. They eat and drink and continue to exist for the sake of living. They have no ideal, no mission for which to struggle and fight. Their ideal is to eat well, to make merry and enjoy the material things of life. Their activities aim at amassing wealth by hook or by crook and using that wealth for the sake of luxury and comfort and pleasures.

Life is, however, not so easy at present. Even to make money for the sake of comforts and luxuries you have to work hard and perform social duties before the society can allow one to earn a lot of money and amass wealth. Modern States work under certain principles of social behavior and do not allow people to go about making money without caring to perform certain duties which are useful to society. A businessman or an industrialist must pay his labourers well so that the labourer does his duty honestly and diligently and enable the entrepreneur to make profits from the goods produced. The only easy way of making money is cheating or stealing which have consequences of their own. Law has prescribed imprisonment for the robbers, thieves and the cheats.

Life is complicated in these times. It needs be well planned if you want to achieve something worthwhile. Whether your mission or ideal is materialistic or spiritual you should have a clear plan. To make life worth living you must work hard towards the object of your mission. A life without mission is a life lost. A life without planning is a life wasted. Discipline, mission and hard work are important virtues of a successful man. If you are a patriot and desire to be a politician to earn name and fame in the service of society, you must plan exactly what you want. If you want to serve the people and to represent their cause in elected assemblies, you must win over the support of the voters by giving them honest account of services. You must fight for their interest, show great achievements before you can enjoy the popularity of the masses. It is not simply slogan mongering that matters in politics now-a-days. A successful public man has to be an able administrator who can resolve practical issues with the authorities and win practical benefits for the people.

- 1) What is the desire of every man in this world? (1)
- 2) What is the ideal of the majority of people? (1)
- 3) What is the easy way to earn money? (1)
- 4) What is needed to achieve something worthwhile? (1)

- 5) Write the important virtues of a successful man? (1)
- 6) How can a man reach up to assemblies? (1)
Choose from the passage the words that mean:
- 7) Useful enough. (1)
- 8) Purpose of doing something. (1)
- 9) Phrase expressing a political or advertising message. (1)

10-11 Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

The Indian youth has a couple of plants to make their country and its culture famous worldwide and that is only because they are absolutely proud of who they are and what this country has given them. The youth travels, represents the country, and has the potential to reach and perform at global level. Hence, the youth can actually promote the Indian culture globally. The youth interacts with the rest of the world on various platforms and thus can show the world what Indian culture actually means.

The Indian culture is one thing that has made every Indian proud and the only generation which can help us in saving it from getting extinct is the youth. The youth is the carrier of the culture and is capable of passing it on to the generations to come. Also, the youth can make the Indian Culture richer by valuing it and following it.

As youth is the carrier of the culture and the only link which will connect the older and the younger generation. Thus, it is in the hands of the youth to pass on the Indian culture to the generations to come and keep it alive forever. The youth will have to give the younger generations the belief they have in their culture and the passion with which they wish to take it forward. The younger generation should understand that our culture is valuable to each one of us.

We all love our culture from our head, heart and soul, but still we feel that it is losing its essence over the time. The reason for this could be anything - difference in thoughts, non - acceptance of certain values, change in perception and change in lifestyle. But all these reasons are as volatile as they can be. Indian culture is one culture which embraces everybody and the sole reason for that is because it respects every person, every religion and every thought.

- 10) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it using headings and subheadings. (4)
- 11) Write a summary of the passage and suggest a suitable title. (2)

SECTION - B
(WRITING)

- 12) You have done a course of Data Entry Operators with excellent grades. You worked with a Chartered Accountant for 16 months. You want to take up a part time job of a Data Entry Operator. Draft an advertisement to be placed in the 'Situation Wanted' column of your local newspaper. (4)

OR

Write a formal reply to the Principal Government Senior Secondary School, Raja Park, Jaipur declining the invitation to inaugurate a seminar on Value-Based Education to be held on the Teachers' Day. (4)

- 13) As a reporter of 'Rajasthan Patrika' Jaipur write a report in about 100 words on assembly elections held in your city. You are Kamal/Kamala. (7)

OR

You are Manish, reporter of Rajasthan Patrika. Write a report in about 100 words on a bank robbery that took place in your city. (7)

- 14) Wanted a lady Receptionist cum Telephone Operator. Smart female graduate with an attractive personality of not more than 25 years with good command over English and Hindi may only apply. Experienced will be preferred. Write to the M.D., Ajeet Nursing Home, Kota with detailed resume and a passport size photograph latest by next Tuesday. (7)

OR

As Ravi/Ravina of Vikas Nagar, Churu write a complaint letter to the CMO of Dist. Churu about the dissatisfactory condition and working of the city Hospital. (7)

- 15) Write a speech in about 100 words on the given picture. (7)



OR

Write an article on 'Safety of Women in India' in about 100 words. (7)

SECTION - C
(TEXTUAL QUESTIONS)

- 16-17 Read the extract given below and answer the questions: -

Last scene of all,
That ends this strange eventful history,
Is second childishness and mere oblivion,
Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything.

- 16) Why is this stage called 'the last scene'? Why does an old man become dependent on others? (1+1=2)
- 17) Which stage of human life is called 'second childishness'? Why does the poet call it second childishness? (1+1=2)

OR

The sixth age shifts
Into the lean and slippered pantaloons
With spectacles on nose and pouch on side.
His youthful hose, well saved, a world too wide
For his shrunk shank; and his big manly voice,
Turning again toward childish treble pipes
And whistles in his sound.

- 16) Why has the old man's youthful hose become a world too wide for him now?(2)
- 17) What has happened to the voice of the old man? (2)

- 18) Answer any three of the following questions in 30-40 words:

(a) What does the expression 'sun-ward way' in the poem mean? (2)

(A Boy's Song)

(b) The poet compares human life with two objects of Nature. What are those? (2)

(The Noble Nature)

(c) What message does the poet want to convey through this poem? (2)

(The Snare)

(d) How do the life's thoroughfares appear? (The Hope) (2)

- 19-22 Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each:

(19) What are the successive steps in the process of soil erosion?(Water) (2)

(20) Why does the narrator term the bargaining as straight forward matter between dealer and customer? (Third Thoughts) (2)

(21) What is the importance of pure atmosphere? (Purity Is Power) (2)

(22) What is the reaction of our body in the 'fight or flight system'? (How Yoga Heals) (2)

- 23) Answer the following question in about 125 words :

Describe the two types of worlds mentioned by Anees Jung?

(Lost Spring) (7)

OR

What does the end of A Room 10*8' suggest to you?

(A Room 10*8') (7)

- 24) Answer the following question in 125 words:

Trace the various phases of the author's relationship with his grandfather?

(The portrait of a Lady) (7)

OR

What difficulties did Najab face while crossing the border?

(Love Across the Salt Desert)(7)

- 25-28 Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each:

(25) Why was tiger hunting banned in Pratibandpuram?(The Tiger King) (2)

(26) What is the meaning of the word 'Svayamvara'? (Svayamvara) (2)

(27) Why did Gafur leave his village at the dead of night? (Drought) (2)

(28) Why did Sherlock Holmes have great respect for Irene Adler? (Trouble in Bohemia) (2)
