

**MP BOARD QUESTION PAPER 2014
SPECIAL ENGLISH (M.P.) : Class X**

Time : 3 Hours

M.M. : 100

- Instructions :
1. Read the questions carefully and answer them.
 2. Read the instructions given with question carefully before attempting them.
 3. All questions are compulsory.

Q.1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it : Getting a good night's sleep can help you cope with stress more effectively. Insomniacs have higher concentration of stress hormones than others. Experts believe that sleep, especially deep sleep, enables our nervous system to function well. Without it we lose our ability to concentrate, remember to analyse. Some experts speculate that during deep sleep, cells manufacture more proteins, which are essential for cell growth and repair of damage from things like stress and ultraviolet rays.

Section-A

Scientists believe that activity in the area of the brain that controls emotions and social interactions lessens during sleep and that sleep may help people be emotion-ally and socially adept when awake. Sleep may also help our brain to store a newly learned activity in its memory bank. In a study in Canada, students deprived of sleep after learning a complex logic game showed a 30 percent learning deficit when tested a week later compared with students not deprived of sleep.

So whatever works to help you sleep well, whether it's regular exercise earlier in the day, weekly massages, yoga, meditation or a lavender-scented bath, make time for it today. Questions :

(i) We can cope with stress more effectively when we : 1

- (a) have a good night's sleep (b) don't have a good sleep
(c) have a good day's sleep (d) get up early in the morning.

(ii) During deep sleep cells produce : 1

- (a) more energy (b) more protein
(c) more carbohydrate (d) ultraviolet rays.

(iii) Where is the memory bank situated : 1

- (a) in the chest (b) in hormones
(c) in the brain (d) in cells.

(iv) 'Insomniac' means : 1

- (a) a person who finds it difficult to sleep
- (b) a person who takes a sound sleep
- (c) a person who never sleeps
- (d) a person who doesn't sleep in day time.

(v) What does the study conducted in Canada show ? 2

(vi) What ways have been suggested in the passage to promote good sleep ? 2 Q. 2. Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions given below it : The rain had fallen, the poet arose,

He passed by the town and out of the street;

A light wind blew from the gates of the sun,

And waves of shadow went over the wheat;

And he sat him down in a lonely place

And chanted a melody loud and sweet

That made the wild swan pause in her cloud;

And the lark drop down at his feet.

The swallow stop as he hunted the fly,

The snake slipt under a spray,

The wild hawk stood with the swan on his beak,

And stared with his foot on the prey,

And the nightingale thought, "I have sung many songs",

But never a one so gay,

For he sings of what the world will be

When the year have died away.

Questions :

(i) The phrase 'gates of the sun' means :

- (a) behind the hills (b) the east direction
- (c) the street in the town (d) the gates of the town.

(ii) Say whether the statement is true or false : 1

The wild hawk was staring at its prey.

(iii) What made the wild swan pause in her cloud :

- (a) a sweet melody (b) loud wind
(c) waves of shadow (d) the swallow.

(iv) How did the snake react to the poet's song : 1

- (a) the snake danced with it
(b) the snake gave the tree a spray
(c) the snake slipt under a small branch
(d) the snake slipt under flower.

(v) What did the poet do when rain fallen ? 2

(vi) What did the nightingale think about the poet's song ? 2

Q. 3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it : There was once a bundle of matches, who were all extremely proud of their high descent, for the tall fir tree, from which each of them was a splinter, had been a tree of great antiquity and distinguished by his height from all the other trees of the forest. The matches were now lying on the mantle piece between a tinder-box and an old iron saucepan, and to these two they often talked about their youth. "Ah, when we were upon the green branches", said they, when we really lived upon green branches-that was a happy time ! Every morning and evening we had diamond tea : that is dew; the whole day long we has sunshine, at least whenever the sun shone, and all the little birds used to tell stories to us. It might easily be seen, too, that we were rich for the other trees were clothed with leaves only during the summer, whereas our family could afford to wear green clothes in both summer and winter. But at last came the woodcutters : then was the great revolution, and our family was dispersed. The father trunk obtained a situation as main-mast to a magnificent ship, which could sail round the world if it chose, the bough, were carried off to a various places, and our work was henceforth to kindle light for low, common people. Now you will understand how it comes to pass that persons of such high descent as we should be living in a kitchen.

Questions :

(i) Who is the speaker here :

- (a) the father trunk (b) the tall fir tree
(c) a bundle of matches.(d) the forest.

(ii) In the passage 'splinter' means :

- (a) a small piece of wood (b) a small piece of metal
- (c) a small thin, sharp piece of wood (d) a small, then, sharp piece of metal.
- (iii) Every morning and evening, the bundle of matches used to have 1
- (iv) The bundle of matchsticks was proud of their high descent because : 1
- (a) they came from a small fir tree
- (b) they came from a tall fir tree
- (c) they came from a common tree
- (d) they came from a tree in the city.
- (v) Why did they think themselves rich ? 2
- (vi) Where were they lying ? 2
- (vii) What happened in their happy time ? 2
- (viii) What happened to the trunk of the tree ? 2
- (ix) What was the bundle of matches proud of and why ? 2

Q. 4. Write a paragraph of about 120-150 words on how we can make our surrounding green, pollution free and environment friendly. 5

Section-B

Or Write a short biography of Jawaharlal Nehru under the following headings :

- His parentage and education
- His contribution to India's freedom struggle
- Jawaharlal Nehru as a prime Minister.

Q. 5 You are Anupama, Secretary of the Environment Club of Government Higher Secondary School, Balaghat. Write a notice in about 120-150 words announcing the launching of a Tree Plantation Drive in your school. 5

Or You have managed to get tickets of a famous play (drama) in Bharat Bhawan that you and your friend wanted to see. Write a message to your friend to meet you at a fixed time and place. Do ask your friend to inform his/her parents.

Q. 6 You are Pramod Sharma residing at 80, Saket Nagar, Jabalpur. Your younger brother lives in a hostel. Write a letter to advice to your brother to set a goal in life and try to achieve it. 6

Or, Write a letter to the District Health Officer drawing his attention to the insanitary conditions prevailing in your locality.

Q. 7 You are Rohit Saini. Traffic Jams and road accidents are common in your city as people don't follow the traffic rules. Write an article of about 200 words for your school magazines on "Safe Driving". Take the help of the following points : 7

- Follow the lane • You save petrol
 - Continuous flow of traffic • Save money
 - Cut down the risk of accident
 - Save yourself from heated arguments • You reach your destination faster.
- Or, Given below is information about Rabindra Nath Tagore. Use this information

to develop a paragraph/speech :

- 1861 - Born in Calcutta
- 1901 Founded a school at Shantiniketan near Bolpur
- 1910 Gitanjali, his best known collection of poem
- 1913 Awarded the Nobel Prize for this (literature)
- 1919 Surrendered the title in protest against the Jalianwala Bagh

Massacre

- 1921 Inaugurated the Viswa Bharti University
- 1941 - Died in Calcutta.

Q. 8. Write an essay of 200-250 words in any one of the following topics : 7

- (i) My Hobby
- (ii) Cinema : It's Merits and Demerits
- (iii) An Interesting Match I Witnessed
- (iv) Value of Travelling
- (v) Mahatma Gandhi : A Lover of Humanity.

Section-C I

Q. 9. Fill in the blanks using the correct words given in the brackets (any ten) : 10

- (i) How he ask such a question ? (must/dare/need)
- (ii) He is the man who his son's welfare. (seek/seeks)
- (iii) The girl danced (beautiful/beautifully)
- (iv) The picture was being by the artists. (painting/painted)
- (v) You should take care your health. (of/for/from)
- (vi) We all went with (them/themselves)
- (vii) He is university student. (a/an)
- (viii)They have been working two hours.(since/for)
- (ix) There isn't rice left in the bowl. (much/many)
- (x) The boy standing there is my friend. (which/who)
- (xi) One of the students absent yesterday. (were/was)

Ans. (i) dare, (ii) seeks, (iii) beautifully, (iv) painted, (v) of, (vi) them, (vii) a, (viii) for, (ix) much, (x) who, (xi) was.

Q. 10. Do as directed (any five) : 5

- (i) I will do this work. (Change into Passive)
- (ii) Ranu said to him, "I have done my work." (Change into indirect narration)
- (iii) You can't win if you don't run fast. (Pick out the adverb clause)
- (iv) Using a dictionary is a good habit. (Rewrite the sentences beginning with 'it')
- (v) (a) He worked hard.
(b) He got good marks.

(Combine the pair of sentences by using 'work' as gerund)

- (vi) They went to market yesterday. (Change into Interrogative)

Section-D

Q. 11. Read the extract of a poem and answer the questions :

All the world's a stage,

And all the men and women merely players, They have their exits and their entrances; And one man in his plays many parts

His acts being seven ages. At first the infant, Mewling and puking in the nurse's arms. Questions :

(i) The word used for 'cry or utter with low broken voice' in the extract is : 1

(a) puking (b) infant (c) mewling (d) weeping.

(ii) From which poem have these lines been taken :

(a) Goodwill (b) All the World's is a Stage

(c) To the Cuckoo (d) If.

(iii) How is the world a stage for all men and women ? 2

Q. 12. Read the extract from a poem carefully and answer the questions given below :

O Blithe Newcomer ! I have heard,

I hear three and rejoice

O cuckoo ! shall I call thee Bird,

Or but a wandering voice ?

Questions :

(i) The word 'blithe' means : 1

(a) unhappy (b) sweet (c) happy (d) natural.

(ii) Name of the poet of these lines is : 1

(a) W.B. Yeast (b) Robert Frost

(c) Rabindra Nath Tagore (d) William Wordsworth.

(iii) How does the poet feel on hearing the Cuckoo's song ? 2

Q. 13. Answer any one of the following in 120-150 words : 5

(a) Which was harder to get, the pie or the tart ? Why ?

(b) What was the story that the Geography master narrated in connection with the city ?

Q. 14. Answer any four of the following in about 30 words each :8

(a) What was the statue of the Happy Prince adorned with ?

- (b) Why were the author and his companion strangely attracted to the boys ?
- (c) What does Nehru find when he looks through the pages of history or current studies ?
- (d) What was called 'Places' in the story 'The Last Leaf' ? What was special about it ?
- (e) What would Helen like to see in the eyes of her teacher ?

Q. 15. Answer any one of the following 75-120 words : 4

- (a) What does Jawaharlal Nehru want the young people to have in them ?
- (b) Write in your own words three qualities of a pencil.