

English (Special)
Class X

Time – 3 hrs

MM- 100

Introductions:-

- 1) Read the questions carefully .
- 2) Marks of each questions are indicated against it .
- 3) Answers must be complete and to the point.

Section - A
(Reading)

- I) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it.

Our opportunities are great but let me warn you that when power outstrips ability, we will fall on evil days we should develop competence and ability which would help us utilize the opportunities which are now open to us . From- tomorrow morning -from midnight today we cannot throw the blame on the Britishers. We have to assume the responsibilities our self for what we do. A free India will be judged by the way in which it will serve the interests of the common man in the matter of food, clothing

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,shelter and social activities . Unless we destroy corruption in high places and root out every trace of nepotism, love of power profiteering and black marketing which have spoiled the good name of this country in recent times we will not be able to raise the standards of efficiency in administration as well as in the production and distribution of the necessary goods of life .

Questions:-

- a) The speaker of the above lines is ----- 1
1- Mahatma Gandhi
2- Pt. Jawahar lal Nehru
3- Dr S Radha Krishnan.
- b) The word in the about passage similar in meaning to takes 1
away is ----- .
1- ability
2- outstrip
3- throw
- c) The adjective form of the word competence is ----- 1
- d) What does the speaker warn us for ----- 1

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- e) What have we to assume ? 2
- f) What can we do to raise the standards of efficiency in administration? 2

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:-

By the end of the 15th century European explorers had considerable experience of long distance ocean voyaging . In particular they had learned that the greatest danger, apart from storms and hurricanes was lack of food and water. If a ship was becalmed supplies could quickly run low.

European navigators had also learnt that there were other problem besides hunger and thirst .They noticed that ships crews often became very sick, even though they were eating and drinking regularly, but they did not understand why this happened. In fact the crews were suffering from a disease called scurvy caused by lack of vitamin C . As a result their gums became sore, their teeth fell out and many eventually died.

Scurvy effected crews throughout the Age of discovery and beyond not until the 18th century did the British navy discover an effective way of preventing scurvy to issue a daily dose of lime juice which is rich in vitamin C .This soon earned British sailors, the nickname Limeys.

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Questions:-

- a) The word similar in meaning to a group of sailors in the above passage is ----- 1
- 1) Explorers .
- 2) Crew
- 3) Navigators.
- b) The verb form of the word discovery is ----- 1
- c) Write the noun form of the word prevent . 1
- d) Which disease trapped the crews ? 1
- e) What was the problem other than storm and hurricanes ? 2
- f) What experience did the European explorers gain by the end of the 15th century ? 2

3) Read the following passage carefully answer the questions That follow:-

My grand mother and I were good friends . My parents left me with her when they went to live in the city and we were constantly together. She used to wake me up in the morning and get me ready for school. She said her morning prayer in a monotonous sing-song while she bathed and dressed me in the hope that I would listen and get to know it by heart , I listened

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because I loved her voice but never bothered to learn it. Then she would fetch my wooden slate which she had already washed and plastered with yellow chalk, a tiny earthen inkpot and a red pen ,tie them all in a bundle and hand it to me after a breakfast of a thick stale chapatti with a little butter and sugar spread on it, we went to school , she carried several stale chapattis with her for the village dogs.

My grand mother always went to school with me because the school was attached to the temple. The priest taught us the alphabet and the morning prayer while the children sat in rows on either side of the verandah singing the alphabet or the prayer in a chorus . My grandmother sat inside reading the scriptures. When we had both finished. We would walk back together. This time the village dogs would meet us at the temple door. They followed us to our home growling and fighting with each other for the chapattis. We threw to them.

Questions:-

- a) When did the author and this grandmother live constantly together ? 2
- b) What was there in the break fast ? 2
- c) Why did grand mother go to this school with the author?2

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- d) Why did the village dogs follow them ? 2
- e) What did the grand mother do in the temple ? 2
- f) Find out the words from above the passage similar in meaning to :-
- 1) unchangingly 1
 - 2) dull 1
 - 3)) Sacred writing 1
 - 4) Low hostile sound in the throat by dogs. 1

Section – B

WRITING

- 4) Write a motivational speech ,on “victory favours the brave” for morning assembly of your school in about 120 words . 5

OR

You recently attended a camp organized by the SPCA – society for prevention of cruelty to Animals. Prepare a report about it to be published in your school magazine in about 120 words .

- 5) Your school has decided to choreograph a dance drama for the school annual day .You are cultural secretary of the school. Write a notice in not more than 50 words for your school notice board inviting talented students to assemble on 12th November in

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the auditorium They will be selected by the famous dancer sarita purohit . Put your notice in a box.

OR

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Aditya, who lives in Delhi, left for shimla on a week's holiday on Sunday. On the train he realized that he had foregotten to return his local library books due on Saturday. The Library is closed on Wednesday .He decided to write his brother a post card from Shimla requesting him to return the books, which he had left on his table . Write the pastcard for him with all the details in about 50 words.

6). Geetangali Pushkar reads the following advertisement published in a news paper .

Help the Disabled

An organization working nation wide to care and help the disabled all over the country, Join us to make our mission together we can make a difference .

Society for the Disabled

D-12 Malharganj Indore (M.P)

Write a letter in about 150 words. Ask for the programmes. You can join to help the disabled.

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Ask for the information about the ways to collect money and donate it. 7

OR

You have been to a sight seeing trip to a lake recently. Make a diary entry of your experiences.

7). Write a letter to the Principal of your school to please pardon as a window pane had been broken by you. 6

OR

Write a letter to your sister residing at 24 Mahakal Road Ujjain, in order to wish her a speedy recovery from break down in health.

8) Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 200- 250 words:- 7

- 1) Importance of obedience and discipline in students life .
- 2) Power of Press.
- 3) India of my Dreams
- 4) Games and sports
- 5) Importance of Computer in daily life .
- 6) Importance of Plantation

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Section- C

Grammar

9). Fill in the blanks with the help of correct alternatives given in the bracket . 10

a) He ----- from a family famous for its agility.

(Come, Comes)

b) There ----- no mystery so great as misery (is , are)

c) I want you ----- the tuition fees. (paying , to pay)

d) What a ----- business(distressing, distressed)

e) We bought a bag then----- towards the town. (set in , set off)

f) ----- there been something wrong in the school campus.

(has , have)

g) ----- he works hard ,he will fail (if , unless)

h) ----- was spilt by the cat.

(little, a little, the little)

I) You ----- not talk in the library.(can, must)

j) I saw ----- one eyed man in the garden) (a, an, the)

10) Do as directed (Any five)

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a) Obeying the laws is every ones duty.

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(Rewrite the sentence beginning with “it is-----

b) I proposed to start a new business .

(Rewrite the sentence using Gerund.)

c) 1) The Carpenters is an old man .

2) He worked for us last years.

(Combine the sentences Using adjective clause)

d) When does the gatekeeper close the gate ?

(Change the voice)

e) My brother said “I have come from Indore”.

(change into indirect narration)

f) 1) Niketa has passed the Secondary School Examination

2) She wants to join college.

(combine the sentences using participle)

g) Her winning the prize has pleased me very much.

(pick out the Noun clause)

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Section-D

11) Read the following extract from the poem and answer the questions given below:-

Thrice welcome, darling of the spring.

Even yet thou art to me

No bird, but an invisible thing ,

A voice a mystery

Questions:-

a) The Poem from which the above lines is taken is ----- 1

1) To the cuckoo

2) It

3) Goodwill

b) The meaning of the word. mystery is ----- 1

1) sense

2) welcome

3) secret

C) The Poet calls the cuckoo as the darling of spring .Why ? 2

12) Read the extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:-

An old man. going a long high way

came at the evening, bold and gray.

(12)

Cold and gray,

To a chasm and deep and wide,

Through which was flowing a sullen tide. 1

a) The poem from which these lines have been taken is -----

1) Mending

2) The Bridge Builder

3) Last I sles of Innisfree

b) In what sense is the word sullen used in this poem ? 1

c) Who is the old man ? 2

13) How did the Mathematics teacher prove that he was more shrewd than the former pupil ?

OR 5

Greed sometimes lands people in trouble Explain the experience of the greed stricken “Pretty Pair” and their subsequent lending in trouble with reference to the proverb.

Q 14) Answer any four of the following questions in about 30 words . (8)

a) What is Bacon’s advice on extraordinary expenses?

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- b) How for assimilating the good from other cultures is helpful in enriching one own culture ?
- c) What was the statue of the Happy prince adorned with ?
- d) Why did the last leaf not fall
- e) What sort of people would Helen Keller like to see as soon as her eye sight is restored ?
- f) What did the prisoners read in the last two years ?

Q 15) What is education ?

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OR

Critical situations can be tackled through presence of mind and patience. Justify the statement in light of “The Pie and the Tart”.

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Model Answers

- Q1
- 1) Dr S Radhakrishnan 1
 - 2) OutStrip 1
 - 3) Competent 1
 - 4) The Speaker warns that when power out strips ability we
Will fall on evil days. 1
 - 5) We have to assume the responsibility for ourselves for what
We do. 2
 - 6) We have to check corruption in high places and root out
Nepotism in order to raise the standards of efficiency in
Administration. 2
- Q2
- 1) Crew 1
 - 2) Discovers 1
 - 3) Prevention 1
 - 4) Scurvy trapped the crews 1
 - 5) The lack of food and water was the problem other than
Storm and hurricanes . 2
 - 6) The European explorers gained considerable experience
of long distance ocean voyaging. 2
- Q3
- 1) The author and his grand mother lived constantly together
When his parents left to live in the city. 2
 - 2) There was thick stale chapatis with a little butter and sugar
spread on it for the breakfast. 2
 - 3) Grandmother went to school because the school was attached to a
temple. 2
 - 4) The village dogs followed them for the chapatis they
threw to them. 2
 - 5) The grand mother read the scriptures in the temple. 2
 - 6)
 - 1) Constantly 1
 - 2) monotonous 1
 - 3) Scripture 1
 - 4) Growling 1

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Q 4	<u>Content</u>	3 marks	5
	Fluency	1 mark	
	Accuracy	1 mark	
Q 5	Content	3 marks	5
	Fluency	1 mark	
	Accuracy	1 mark	
Q 6	Content	3 marks	7
	Fluency	1 mark	
	Accuracy	1 mark	
Q 7	Salutation	4 marks	6
	Body of the letter	2 marks	
	Subscription	1 mark	
QV 8	Introduction	1 mark	7
	Development of thoughts		
	2 body	4 marks	
	Fluency	1 mark	
	Conslusion	1 mark	
Q9	1) comes		10
	2) is		
	3) to pay		
	4) distressing		
	5) set off		
	6) Has		
	7) unless		
	8) The little		
	9) must		
	10) a		

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- Q10 Do as directed (any five) 5
- a It is every one's duty to obey the laws.
 - b I proposed starting a new business.
 - c) The Carpenter who worked for us last year is an old man.
 - d) When is the gate closed by the gatekeeper?
 - e) My brother told that he had come from Indore.
 - f) After passing the secondary school examination Nikita Join the college.
 - g) Winning the prize.

SECTION – D

Text Book

- Q11
- 1) To the cuckoo 1
 - 2) Secret 1
 - 3) The Poet calls the cuckoo as the darling of spring because it sang more sweetly than the song of the other birds . 2
- Q12
- 1) The bridge builder. 1
 - 2) dark and unpleasant. 1
 - 3) The old man is a pilgrim. 2.
- Q13 Wasserkopf's answer to the previous question was a very little out of the way. However his answer to the difficult question was exactly Correct the calculated the amount of the refund correctly. The Mathematics teacher showed his favour towards wasserkopf and called his claim for refund genius. The second answer made him call wasserkopft as a mathematical genius. By his tact the Mathematics teacher proved that he was more shrewd than the former pupil. 5

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Both the thugs Jean and Pierre were greedy Pierre overheard Gaultier and his wife Marian to send the pie to the Mayor. He pretended to be the messenger and rushed the lady's hand as a mark of recognition. However Gaultier detected the theft when he returned hungry from the Mayor's place He started beating Jean .Jean exposed Pierre doings, Gaultier seized pierre by the neck. The greed stricken pretty pair got the punishment .

Q 14 a) Bacon says that we should limit our extraordinary expenses

Keeping in view the worth of the occasion .This means the people should be discreet in spending money. 2

b) No culture is perfect in itself. Every culture has certain good qualities Assimilating the good qualities from other cultures will prove Very helpful. It will add to the stock of our good qualities. Hence it would enrich our own culture. 2

c)The statue of Happy prince was covered all with thin leaves Of fine gold. It had two bright sapphires for its eyes. A large red ruby glowed on its sword hilt. 2

d) The Last leaf had fallen during the night when it was raining and Johnsy was sleeping. Just then, Behrman painted a leaf in green color. It looked exactly like the real leaf. It did not fall because it was painted on the wall. 2

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e) Helen Keller long to see the natural beauty with her own eyes.

She would like to see those people who had been kind gentle and
Compassionate towards her. They had made her life worth
living. 2

f) During the last two years the prisoner read an immense number
of look on natural sciences. romantic poetry, chemistry medicine
novels and treatises on philosophy and theology. 2

Q15) Education is the sacred instrument for building the nation. 4

Education is a also a medium through which a person
directs human energy and human capacities to the advancement
of human zeal.

OR

In “the Pie and the Tart” , Pierre and Jean were very hungry . They
solved this situation through presence of mind and patience. Pierre
posed as Gautier’s messenger and kissed Marion’s hand . He got
the pie easily. Similarly Jean went to get tart. He also
applied the same trick . But, unfortunately he was caught by
Gaultier . In this critical situation, Pierre came and told Gaultier
that the mayor had returned and wanted him over dinner. Gaultier
asked him to carry that tart . It was harder to get but he got tart and
slipped away.

