

Special English

Class X

Time: 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks: 100

Instructions:-

- (i) Read the questions carefully and answer them according to the instructions.
- (ii) All questions are compulsory.
- (iii) Marks of each questions are given against it.

Section 'A'

(Reading)

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

Every living thing needs energy. It is needed for moving, for breathing, and for every part of the body to be able to work. All the tiny cells in your body and in huge tree need energy to keep alive and to do their job. Where does all this energy come from? Energy comes from the sun. Sun's energy comes to earth as light, which is one kind of energy. Green plants are able to trap and hold on to this energy. They store this energy in the form of food that they make in their leaves by a process called photosynthesis. Thus, plants can get the sun's energy. Animals have to eat plants to get energy. The meat eating animals get their energy by eating the plants eaters. Human beings get their energy form food they eat. They convert this energy into action and work.

Questions:

- (a) What is the chief source of energy? 1
(i) The sun (ii) the tiny cells (iii) huge tree (iv) our body
- (b) Where do plants make their food? 1
(i) In their leaves (ii) in their branches (iii) in their stems (iv) in their flowers

- (c) The food making process of plants is called the process of 1
- (d) How does sun's energy come to earth? 1
- (e) Why does a living beings need energy? 2
- (f) Where do human beings get energy from and how do they utilize it? 2

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below:-

“Eid-ul-Fitr is celebrated on the first day of Shawwaal, the tenth Lunar month of the Islamic calendar. Ramzaan, the ninth month is a month of daily fasts. Each daily fast is called Roza. Nothing is eaten or drunk between sunrise and sunset. Food is taken in the wee hours of the morning and again after night fall.”

Fasting helps on to experience the pangs of hunger and thus, understand the plight of those who do not have enough to eat. The Muslims believe in offering alms to the poor on the sacred day of Ramzaan. It is necessary to give a minimum of two and a half kilograms of wheat, or any other grain, dates or grapes as Fitr or alms. The Quran, the holy book of Muslims, was revealed in the month of Ramzaan.

It is a festival that symbolizes good will and brotherhood. All feelings of enmity and malice are forgotten on this day and people greet each other warmly saying ‘Eid-mubarak’.

It is a joyous occasion which we share with all fellow human beings, irrespective of caste, creed state or religion.

Questions:-

(a) Choose the correct alternative-

(i) ‘The Quran’ was revealed in theLunar month of the Islamic calendar. 1

(a) Sixth (b) seventh (c) ninth (d) tenth

- (b) During Ramzaan, the Muslims, who fast, take food..... 1
 (a) at dusk (b) at dawn (c) in the afternoon (d) at midnight
- (c) Find out the word from the passage having similar meaning of the following 1
 (i) Sorry circumstances
 (ii) desire to injure
- (d) Give the verb form of the following words-
 (i) food (ii) appreciative 1
- (e) What is the purpose of fasting during the month of Ramzaan? 2
- (f) What is the significance of “Eid-ul-Fitr”? 2

3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below-

Tell me not in mournful numbers,
 ‘Life is but an empty’ dream!
 For the soul is dead that slumbers,
 And things are not what they seem.
 Life is real, life is earnest!
 And the grave is not its goal,
 Dust thou art, to dust returnest’
 Was not spoken of the soul,
 Not enjoyment and not sorrow,
 Is our destined end or was,
 But to act, that each tomorrow,
 Finds us farther than today.
 In the world’s broad field of battle,

In the bivouac of life,
Be not like dumb driven cattle,
Be a hero in the strife!
Trust no future, how'er pleasant,
Let the dead past bury its dead,
Act, act in the living present,
Heart within and God O'erhead.

Questions:-

(a) Match the columns:-

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(i) slumber

(a) Struggle

(ii) destined

(b) sleep

(iii) bivouac

(c) intended for a particular purpose

(iv) strife

(d) a temporary camp without tents.

(b) What according to the poet is the nature of life?

2

(c) If death is not our life's goal then what is the real end of life?

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(d) The poet says 'The world is like a field of battle! Do you agree, write your response.

2

(e) What does the poet say about the past and the further?

2

(f) 'Act, act in the living present.' What does the poet really mean by these words?

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Section B

Writing

4. Write a short paragraph on “Travelling as a means of Education” with the help of hints given below:- 5

Aim.....character building.....things in order.....buy tickets.....catch train.....help ourselves.....learn new things.....conversing with people.....in India.....pilgrimage.....touring pleasurable.

OR

Write a short paragraph on “Effect of Music” with the help of hints given below:-

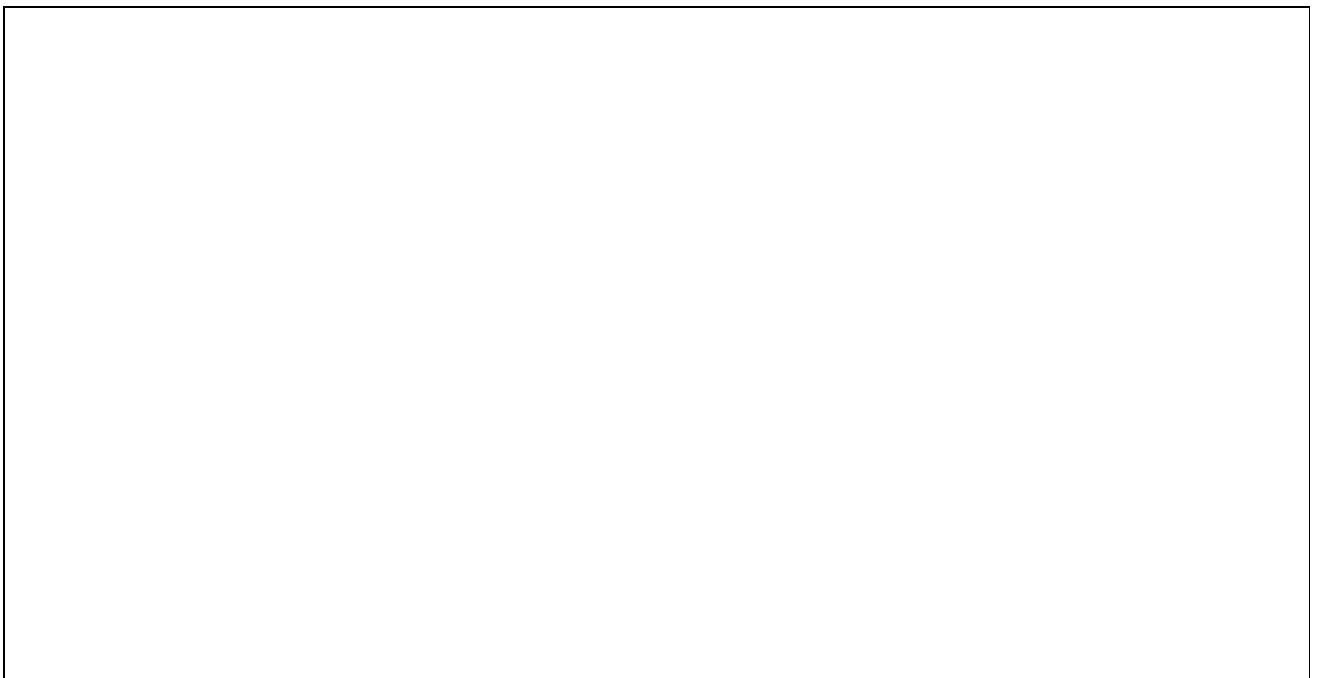
Human mind.....heart.....soothing....courage....cheerfulness.....madness.....wild animals.....delight.....incapable.

5. You are the secretary of Red Cross Unit of your school. Your unit has decided to hold a blood donation camp. Write a notice for students to donate blood. 5

OR

Write a telegram to your friend expressing your condolences on the untimely death of his mother.

6. Look at the following picture of cutting of a tree and write a short paragraph on this visual input to stop cutting tree due to their importance in human life. 7



OR

On the basis of the given verbal input, prepare a write-up in about 80 words.

Visited Agra.....wish to see Taj..... the beauty of the Tajmahal.....symbol of love.

7. Write a letter to the District Collector, requesting him to put ban on the use of loudspeakers during examinations. 6

OR

Write a letter to your father informing him about your hostel life and your studies.

8. Write an essay on any one of the following topics:-

- (i) Television and Its Importance
- (ii) Science is a Good servant But a Bad Master
- (iii) My Favourite Book
- (iv) The Game I Like Most

Section C

Grammar

9. Fill in the blanks with correct alternatives:- (Any ten) 10

- (i) His parents are going to Shimla. He.....go with them. (will/shall)
- (ii) This box is not very heavy. You.....lift it. (may/can/should)
- (iii) I have not met him.....he returned from abroad. (since/until)
- (iv)pages of this book are torn. (some/any)

- (v) He worked.....his desk for over two hours. (on/at/by)
- (vi) Two thousand rupees.....a good sum. (is/are)
- (vii) Either you or your brother.....done this. (has/have)
- (viii) This furniture is made.....wood. (from/of)
- (ix) I know the man.....wrote this letter. (who/whom)
- (x) I am not afraid ofthe truth. (speak/speaking)
- (xi) Someone in our neighbourhood.....vegetables from our kitchen garden.
(steal/steals)

10. Do as directed:- (Any five)

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- (i) You will win the match.

You play well.

(Combine the sentences with 'if')

- (ii) We will leave.

We finish our lunch.

(Combine the sentences with 'as soon as')

- (iii) He said, "My father is sleeping".

(Change the narration)

- (iv) She is as pretty as her sister.

(Change the degree)

- (v) Buy some wool.

(Change the voice)

(vi) Bravo ! We have won the match.

(Name the type of sentences)

(vii) Were/the sparrows/fed/being/Grandmother/by.

(Rearrange the words to form a meaningful sentence)

Section D

(Text – Book)

11. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:-

While I am lying on the grass

Thy two fold shout I hear,

From hill to hill it seems to pass

At once far off and near.

Questions:-

- (a). Who is lying on the grass? 1
- (i) Cuckoo (ii) Poet (iii) Parrot (iv) Rabbit
- (b) Name the poet of this poem 1
- (i) William Cowper
- (ii) Rabindranath Tagore
- (iii) Robert Frost
- (iv) William Wordsworth
- (c) What does the poet hear? What is he doing when he hears that? 2

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

At the moment, a curious crack sounded inside the statue, as if something had broken. The fact is that the leaden heart snapped right in two. It certainly was a dreadfully hard frost.

Questions:-

(a) Name the lesson from which this extract has been taken? 1

(i) The Happy Prince (ii) Goodwill (iii) Of Expense

(b) Whose is the statue being referred to? 1

(i) Princess (ii) King (iii) Prince

(c) Why did the statue break? 2

13. Narrate in your own words, how did Jean manage to get the pie from Marion?

OR

How did the three masters shatter Wasserkopf's plan to get the refund? 5

14. Attempt any four from the following questions:- 8

(i) Why was the Happy Prince weeping?

(ii) What does the cuckoo bring to the poet?

(iii) What works did the boys do to earn some money?

(iv) What advantages did the Papyrus boat have over others?

(v) Why did the banker regret his action in the end of the period of agreement?

(vi) What was the objective of Gandhiji in setting up Tolstoy Farm?

15. How dose the author compare the growth of culture to the growth of tree ?

Or

Write a summary of the story of 'The Happy Prince'

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Model Answer

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Section 'A'

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| 1. | (a) the Sun | 1 |
| | (b) in their leaves | 1 |
| | (c) photosynthesis | 1 |
| | (d) The Sun's energy comes to the earth as light. | 1 |
| | (e) A living being needs energy for moving, for breathing and for every part of the body to be able to work. | 2 |
| | (f) Human beings gets energy from the food they eat. They utilize this energy to do action and work. | 2 |
| 2. | (a) in the ninth Lunar month | 1 |
| | (b) at mid night | 1 |
| | (c) (i) Plight (ii) Malice | 1 |
| | (d) (i) feed (ii) Appreciate | 1 |

(e) The purpose of fasting during the month of Ramzaan is to experience the prays of hunger and therefore understand the sorry condition of those who have nothing to eat. 2

(f) Eid-ul-Fitr is a festival that symbolises goodwill and brotherhood. It is a joyous occasion that strengthens the bond of humanity irrespective of caste, creed and religion. 2

3. (a) (i) sleep 1X4

(ii) intended for a particular purpose

(iii) a temporary camp without tent

(iv) Struggle

(b) The nature of life is real and earnest. 2

(c) To act is the real end of life. 2

(d) We agree with this statement. In all the spheres of life, since birth to death, a human being fights. 2

(e) The Poet asks us to burry the past. He also asks us to trust no future, however pleasant. 2

(f) The Poet means that there is no use in thinking of past as done cannot be undone and future is always hidden and unsure. Hence, we should always believe and act in the present which is before us. 2

Section B

4. Travelling as a means of Education

Travelling is means of education. The real aim of education is the character-building. When we travel, we have to put our things in order. We have to buy our tickets and catch the train at the right time. The rich men can, indeed get

all this done by their servant, but India is a country where the number of poor is more. In the journey we have to help ourselves. We learn many new things by seeing different places and by conversing with other people. In Europe education without travelling is considered incomplete. In ancient India, great importance was given to pilgrimage. Touring in this country can be greatly pleasurable. 5

OR

Effect of music

The effect of music upon the human mind and heart is great. Music has the power of soothing the oppressed heart and of infusing courage and cheerfulness into it. So great is its power that under its influence, even madness is found to be cured. Even wild and savage animals cannot resist the charms of music. Tigers, deers and snakes are particularly sensitive to music. The man who has no ear for music and finds no delight in it, is incapable of anything. 5

Notice

Donate Blood, Save a life

The Red Cross Unit of the school is holding a Blood Donation Camp on the occasion of silver jubilee celebrations of the school. The honorable Education Minister of our state will inaugurate the camp. All of you are requested to participate in this noble cause.

Name

(Secretary)

Red Cross Unit

Marking Scheme-

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| (i) | Correct format | 1 mark |
| (ii) | Content | 3 marks |
| (ii) | Subscription | 1 marks |

OR

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| Receivers Name- |
| Receivers Address- |
| HEART FELT CONDOLENCES ON SUDDEN DEMISE OF YOUR LOVING MOTHER |
| Scholar's Name- |
| Not to be telegraphed- |
| Senders Address |

6. **Importance of Trees**

Trees are very important for us. They give us fruits to eat, oxygen to inhale and give shade to man and animal. Some foolish people cut the trees to fulfill their own needs. As such the environment also gets polluted. We should stop this nuisance to save the atmosphere which is changing very fast and causing global warming. Our government should take major steps to prevent the cutting of trees and punishment for offenders and execute plans to save trees. 7

OR

A visit to a Historical Place

A visit to a historical place is always a wonderful experience. Last year, I visited Agra with my family. I was very happy with the idea of visiting a historical place. I wished to see the monuments. Particularly those I have read in my history book. We reached Agra in the morning. After lunch, we hired a taxi and reached the Taj. It is a huge building. Its beauty is worth seeing. It was built by Mughal Emperor Shahjahan in the memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz. It is a true symbol of love. It is made up of white marble. People from the whole world come to see it. Its beauty is at its best on the full moon night. I enjoyed my visit there and my long cherished desire was fulfilled.

Marking scheme- Title- 1 mark, Content- 3 mark, Fluency-1 mark, Accuracy- 2 marks

7. Marks should be allotted on correct salutation, Body (content) and complementary close (subscription) of the letter/ appreciation. No marks should be given only on salutation and subscription. 6

Marking Scheme-

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| (i) Correct salutation | 1 |
| (ii) Body (content) | 4 |
| (iii) Subscription | 1 |

8. Essay Writing 7
Marking scheme- An essay

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| Content | 3 marks |
| Format | 1 mark |
| Fluency | 1 mark |
| Accuracy | 2 marks |

9. Grammar- (Any ten) 1x10

- (i) will
- (ii) can
- (iii) since
- (iv) some
- (v) at
- (vi) is
- (vii) has
- (viii) of
- (ix) who
- (x) speaking
- (xi) steals

Any five

9. (i) You will win the match if you play well. 1x5

Or

If you play well, you will win the match.

(ii) We will leave as soon as we finish our work

Or

As soon as we finish our work, we will leave.

(iii) He said that his father was sleeping.

(iv) Her sister is not prettier than she (is).

(v) Let some wool be bought.

(vi) Exclamatory

(vii) The sparrows were being fed by grand-mother

Section-D

11. (a) The poet 1

(b) William words worth 1

(c) The poet hears the sound of the cuckoo. He is lying on the grass
when he hears the sound. 2

12. (a) The happy prince 1

(b) Prince 1

(c) The statue broke because the swallow whom it loved had died and
it could not bear the sorrow. 2

13. First of all, Jean went to Gautier's cake shop for alms but Marion, Gautier's wife told him that her husband was away hence, she could not give him alms. Soon he saw the mayor's house. He asked his wife to send eel-pie through a messenger. This messenger would come and kiss her hand. Jean prepared. Pierre to act as messenger. Pierre did the same and they managed to get the eel-pie from Marion

Or

The three master shattered wasserkopf's plan to get the refund. They analysed his answers positively. History teacher proved his answer correct according to Einstein's theory of relativity. The Physics teacher said that his answer you are an ass' was correct because of the optical illusion. The mathematics teacher made him tactfully to give correct answer. He asked him to calculate the amount of refund, Ultimately, he was declared pass and sent out disgusted.

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Marking Scheme-for 5 marks, Proper content-3 marks, Accuracy- 2 marks.

14. Any four

2x4

- (i) The happy prince was weeping because his statue was set at a height from where he could see all the ugliness and all the misery of his city. Though his heart was made of lead yet he could not but weep.
- (ii) The cuckoo brings divine happiness to the poet. After hearing the joyful song of cuckoo, the poet gets lost in the imaginative moments of the past, when he used to experience the same divine happiness.

(iii) The boys sold strawberries at the foothills of the alps. They polished shoes. They conducted travelers round the town. They ran errands, and hawked newspapers after midnight.

(iv) In comparisons to other boats, the papyrus boats were more powerful. They had stronger structure. On the surface they looked flimsy but they were very strong and durable.

(v) The banker regretted his action in the end of the period of agreement because he was not able to manage two millions, In order to save himself from bankruptcy he went in to the cell to kill the prisoner and come to know that the lawyer was not interested in money. This disclosure made him regret his action.

(vi) The objective of Gandhiji in setting up. Tolstoy farm was to find out tree system of education. He also wanted to prove that true education could be given without textbook.

15 The author feels that an individual human being of race or nation must necessarily have a certain depth and certain roots some where. They have their worth because of their roots. In the past, which past in after all the accumulation of generations of experience and wisdom. On the other hand one cannot live in roots alone. The roots need the sun and tree air. Only then can the roots, give us sustenance. Only a stout root can sustain leaves, flowers and branches Similarly past experience and wisdom sustain culture.

Or

The prince lived happily in the palace till he met his death. He did not know what tears were because he lived in comfort. Gloom, sorrow and worry were not allowed to enter the palace. He lived and died in pleasure and happiness. After his death, as a statue he came to know about suffering and misery through a swallow. He gave away precious stones carved in his sword and eyes and even gold leaves on his body to help the people until he became blind and grey.