

ENGLISH (SPECIAL) 2016

Time : 3 Hours]

[M.M.: 100

Instructions-

- (i) Attempt all the questions.
- (ii) Read the questions carefully and do accordingly.
- (iii) Marks allotted to each question are indicated against it.

Unit - 1

Q. 1. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions given below it: Intense glare prevented my seeing anything for the first few seconds, but I soon spotted. The object referred to, two or three hundred yards away down the valley. Unquestionably the figure in outline was exactly like a human being, walking upright and stopping occasionally to uproot some dwarf rhododendron. It showed dark against the snow and wore no clothing. Within the next minute or so it had moved into some thick scrub and disappeared. I examined the footprints which were similar in shape to those of a man but only 6 or 7 inches long. Marks of five toes and instep were clear but trace of heel indistinct. The prints were undoubtedly those of a biped.

Questions : (i) What did he saw in the pass? What did they look alike?

- (ii) Give opposite in meaning to 'indistinct'.
- (iii) Make noun form of 'prevented'.
- (iv) Find a word similar in meaning to 'vanished'.

Q.2. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below it:

Yet be it less or more, or soon or slow,
It shall be still in strictest measure even
To that same lot however mean or high,
Toward which time leads me and the will of Heaven.
All is, if I have grace to use it so,
As ever in my Taskmaster's eye.

Questions :

- (i) What does the poet wish for?
- (ii) Give a word which has the meaning same as 'balance'.
- (iii) Who is referred to as "Heaven' in the above lines
- (iv) measure even to that same lot. (Complete the line with appropriate words chosen from given lines).

Q.3. Answer any six of the following questions in about 30 words each :

- (a) In what ways does Miss Pushpa show her good spirit?

- (b) Describe how Lamb used to move about in the garden of the great house?
- (c) Write two ways in which global warming raises sea levels?
- (d) What did General Seizo Arisue inform Rash Bihari Bose and what was Rash Bihari's reaction?
- (e) What analogy has the author used for proving the existence of the snowman?
- (f) What made Arjuna lose his nerve in battlefield?

Q.4. Answer any two of the following questions in about 75 to 100 words each:

- (a) How has the casuarina tree been personified in the poem?
- (b) Discuss 'The Last Ride Together' as a dramatic monologue.
- (c) Why is it necessary for our youth to be spiritually strong?

Unit - 2 (Grammar)

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

- (a) Ajay is a fast runner. He can run 100 metres 12 seconds.
 - (i) into (ii) in (iii) to (Write the correct Preposition)
- (b) European came to our school yesterday.
 - (i) a (ii) an (iii) the (Write the correct article)
- (c) She is never late. (Change into affirmative sentence)
- (d) They decided it. They should go. (Rewrite the sentence using the second sentence as an infinitive phrase) <http://www.mpboardonline.com>
- (e) He said to me, "you can never get his help." (Change the sentence into indirect speech)
- (f) This news surprised me. (Change into passive voice)

Q.6. Do as directed : (any five)

- (a) Write a syllable division of the word 'examination'.
- (b) Write syllable structure of the word 'develop'.
- (c) Give the phonetic transcription of the word "expert.
- (d) Mark the stress of the word 'understand'.
- (e) Rewrite the given word in American English 'holiday'.
- (f) Please sit, down. (Choose and write the tone used in the given sentence).
 - (i) Rising (ii) Falling-Rising (iii) Combined (iv) Falling

Unit-3 (Fiction)

Q.7. Answer any one of the following questions in 120-150 words each :

- (a) Describe how Swaminathan passed Monday in his school?
- (b) Mani and Swaminathan wanted to play a Prank on Rajam.

Describe how that prank turned upon them?

Q.8. Answer any five of the following questions in 30 words :

- (a) Who was Rajam? Why was Mani angry with him?
- (b) How did Rajam entertain his friends at his house?
- (c) What provoked Swaminathan to slap the Pea? What followed thereafter?
- (d) What made Mani to boil with rage? How did Rajam assuage his anger?
- (e) What thoughts crossed Swaminathan's mind when he gazed at the maps in the atlas?
- (f) What did the Headmaster ask the students to do during the vacation?

Unit - 4 (Drama)

Q.9. Answer any one of the following questions in 120 words :

- (a) Justify the title of the play The Silver Box.
- (b) What short-comings of the British judicial system emerge out of the play?

Q.10. Answer any 'Five' of the following questions in about 30 words each:

- (a) Who is snow? What makes snow come to the residence of Mrs. Jones?
- (b) Barthwick says, "I shall make a point of taking up cudgels in the house." What does he mean by it? <http://www.mpboardonline.com>
- (c) What does Jones want to do in his future life with the stolen money?
- (d) Write a note on the dramatic significance of the unknown Lady-episode.
- (e) Write a character sketch of Mr. Barthwick.
- (f) What did Roper ask Jack to do when he testifies in the court of law?

Unit - 5 (Reading Unseen)

Q.11. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

We've just left the dinner table, when I hear music coming from my daughter's computer. It surprises me that my daughter Ida is listening to music from a time she refers to as the very old days. "What are you Playing?" I ask. "It's Phi Collins", is her prompt reply, while she shows how, with a few strokes, she can download almost any song from the internet. Times have certainly been changing since I scratched my first Beatles record. Tactfully I don't mention that I had bought the record she's listening to before she was born. The concept of a phonograph record belongs to a bygone age and I don't want to spoil the pleasure she'll get from discovering her "own" new favourite musician.

The music brings memories flooding back. I have a sudden urge to bring back my record collection from the attic, where it has mouldered for almost a decade. Only one thing stops me : my turntable succumbed to the danip air in a cellar where I stored it for a good ten years. No, I don't care if turntables are ancient technology: I will find one. And I will restore my long lost record collection- which took up a good amount of shelf space- to its former glory. Buying something as uncool as a turntable takes courage and

planning. I find a promising TV and Radio store in the phone book but I am expecting a mountain of questions from the clerk, who will most certainly have been born and raised after the demise of the turn-table. "A turntable? Coming right up!" says the young man behind the counter. He disappears into the store room and before I can say long-playing record, he's back with a small card board under his arm. It's too good to be true. An hour later my new acquisition is in the living room and a respectful atmosphere descends. I've sorted my records into piles all over the floor, I find a Beatles album. Behind the wonderful music now flowing through the loudspeaker is the unmistakable sound of vinyl. It doesn't take long for my twelve year old son's eagle eye to spot the turntable and he has to try it out.

Jonas is technically minded, a child of the computer age, yet I sense a certain reverence as he picks up the tone arm and tries to place it in the middle of the record. Brought up in the CD age how could he know what's wrong? I say in a soothing voice : "The starting groove is on the edge of the record." Does it matter which side is up?" queried my daughter. "It does matter", I replied. Soon we were listening to a Phil Collins number we both like. The generation gap vanishes as the music takes over. I relish the moment to the full and cast a glance of Ida. She's relaxed and smiling,

Questions :

- (i) Find the word opposite in meaning to 'lazy'.
- (ii) Find a word used in sense of 'hoping'.
- (iii) Give synonym of 'ideas'.
- (iv) The concept of a record belongs to a bygone age. (Fill with correct word from the passage.)
- (v) What does the music do?
- (vi) What does the narrator want to restore?
- (vii) How does the generation gap vanish?

Unit-5 (b) (Unseen Poem)

Q.12. Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Great, wide, beautiful, wonderful world,
With the wonderful water round you curled,
And the wonderful grass upon your breast
World, you are beautifully drest.
The wonderful air is over me,
And the wonderful wind is shaking the tree,
It walks on the water, and whirls the mills,
And talks to itself on the tops of the hills.
You friendly Earth, how far do you go,
With the wheat-fields that nod and the rivers that flow,
With the cities and gardens, and the cliffs, and isles,

And people upon you for thousands of miles?
Ah! you are so great, and I am so small,
I tremble to think of you, world at all;
And yet, when I said my prayers today,
A whisper inside me seemed to say,
You are more than the Earth, though you are such a dot:
You can love and think and the Earth cannot!

Questions :

- (i) How does the poet compare himself with the earth?
- (ii) Give the antonym of the word 'Still'?
- (iii) Find a word from the above poem which is similar in meaning to 'curved'.
- (iv) You are more than the Earth, though you are (complete the line with appropriate words chosen from given poem).

Unit - 6 (Writing) (Essay)

Q.13. Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 250 words:

- (i) Science And Civilisation.
- (ii) Democracy in India
- (iii) Pollution : A Threat to our Life
- (iv) The Missile Man of India
- (v) Energy Crisis

Q.14. You are Prakash Ojha of class XII. You observe that there is a steep decline in reading habits amongst children. The major cause for this is the TV. Write an article in a newspaper on 'Ways to Promote Reading'. <http://www.mpboardonline.com>

(OR) You are Abraham John, the Secretary of your School's Science Club.

A Science exhibition is being organized in your school. Write a notice for the school notice board inviting projects and models from the students. The exhibition is to be held on 29 February.

Q.15. You are Naveen Pratap Singh, a resident of 49, Tilak Nagar, Indore. The deaths due to violence have increased considerably during recent years. Write a letter to the editor of the magazine 'World Today' suggesting how educated youth can play a major role in establishing peace in society.

(OR) You are Anand Sharma. You live in a rented house which requires special repairs after monsoon. Write a letter to your landlord Mr. Goel asking him to undertake the repair work immediately.
