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**Higher Secondary Pre Board Exam**  
**English General**  
**Class-XII**

Time - 3 Hours

Maximum Marks - 100

**Instructions:**

1. Attempt all questions.
2. Marks allotted to each questions are indicated against it.

**Q.1- Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it: (12)**

Garbage is a great environmental hazard. It comes from various sources used paper, tiffin packings, plastic bags, ice-cream wrappers, bottle caps, fallen leaves from trees and many more.

Garbage makes the premises ugly, unkempt and breeds diseases. A lot of trash that is thrown away contains material that can be recycled and reused such as paper, metal and glass which can be sent to the nearest recycling centre or disposed of to the junk dealer. It also contains organic matter such as leaves which can enrich soil fertility. A compost pit can be made at a convenient location where the refuse can be placed with layers of soil and an occasional sprinkling of water. This would help decomposition to make valuable fertilizer. This would also prevent pollution that is usually caused by burning such organic waste.

**Questions:**

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|--|---|
| (a) The main sources of Garbage in present conditions :  | 1 |
| (i) Household things              (ii) Plots and other materials                                       |   |
| (ii) Water and liquid              (i✓) Plastic bags   |   |
| (b) Leaves can enrich ..... fertility.   | 1 |
| (i) water                              (ji) soil   |   |
| (iii) air                                (iv) human body   |   |
| (c) The noun form of the word recycled :   | 1 |
| (i) recycle                            (ii) recycling  |   |
| (iii) recyclingly                    (iv) to recycled  |   |
| (d) Give the meaning of the word 'nearest'.  | 1 |
| (i) closes:                            (ii) closely  |   |
| (iii) far                                (iv) far away   |   |
| (e) Which is a great environmental hazard :  | 1 |
| (i) water pollution                (ii) air pollution  |   |
| (iii) garbage                        (iv) all of these   |   |
| (f) Garbage makes premises:  | 1 |
| (i) clean              (ii) beautiful      (iii) ugly              (iv) dry                            |   |
| (g) We can dispose garbage to a :  | 1 |
| (i) Grocer              (ii) Vender        (iii) Bookseller (iv) Junk dealer                           |   |
| (h) Garbages can be reused by :  | 2 |
| (i) re-selling      (ii) recycling      (iii) repairing      (iv) renovating                           |   |
| (i) What are the sources of garbages?  | 2 |
| (j) Mention two things which help organic waste material to change into fertilizer in the compost pit. | 2 |

**Q.2- Read the passage and answer the questions given below it: (5+3=8)**

Pollution is the fouling of the environment, land, water and air by waste, smoke, chemicals and other harmful substances. The most serious pollution occurs where there are large cities and many factories. As factories produce new goods for people to buy old ones are thrown out with household rubbish. Burning the refuse pollutes the air, dumping it in rivers and seas

pollute the water and rubbish tips are unpleasant sights and take up much needed space. Getting rid of plastics is particularly difficult. Wood and paper decay after some time but plastics never decay.

The world's oceans have been used as dustbins with millions of tonnes of rubbish being dumped into the sea every year harming marine life. If too much untreated sewage is poured into the seas, lakes and rivers from sewers, the water can no longer dilute it. All the oxygen in the water is used up and the fish die.

Smoke from factories, chimneys and exhausts, gases from motor vehicles pollute the air. Chemicals in the air combine with moisture to make acids which eat away stone and brick and so damage buildings. Carbon monoxide gas and other substances given out by the engines of cars and buses can damage people's health. Ridding our world of pollution is an unimaginably big task.

**Questions:**

- i. Make notes in points from the given passage, using abbreviations, where necessary with title.
- ii. Write a summary of the above passage in about 60 words.

**Section 'B'**

**Q.3- Your father has been transferred to another city. You want to sell certain household goods. Write a suitable advertisement to be published in local newspapers. (In about 40 words) (5)**

Or

**Prepare a poster on "say no to Plastic Bags".**

**Q.4- Using the following input, produce a write-up on "The Importance of English" in about 150-200 words: <http://www.mpboardonline.com> (6)**

- i. International Language
- ii. Invention of Internet
- iii. Language of Trade and Commerce higher technical and Scientific studies.
- iv. Language of Communication round the globe.
- v. Means of earning livelihood.

Or

**Using the following input, produce a write-up on 'My neighbour' in about 150-200 words:**

- i. His name, age, profession
- ii. His habits, nature
- iii. His qualities
- iv. Why you like him or dislike him.

**Q.5- You are Raghav Mehta of class XII of Govt. Higher Secondary School, Vidisha. Write an application to your principal requesting him to issue you a Character Certificate. (6)**

Or

**You are Mohini Patel of class XII of Govt. Higher Secondary School, Satna. Write a letter to the Collector of your District requesting him to put a ban on the use of loud speakers during annual examination.**

**Q.6- You are Muskan Sharma residing at 2/80, New Colony, Indore. Write a letter to your friend Shivani congratulating her on her grand success in PMT exams. (6)**

Or

**You are Anurag Thakur residing at 315, Subhash Nagar, BHEL, Bhopal. Write a letter to your friend Jitendra advising him to celebrate Diwali without crackers.**

- Q.7- With the help of the words given below produce a write-up on the 'Grow More Trees'. (7)**
- Importance of trees.
  - The usefulness of tree in life
  - To survive in life and birds shelter
  - Protection and development of your trees.

Or

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

- Importance of sports and games
- Any current problem of India
- The man I admire most
- Science: A Boon or A Bane

**Section 'C'**

**Q.8- Fill in the blanks by selecting the most suitable option: (5)**

- Would you give me.....books. (some/any)
- They prefer milk.....tea. (than/with/to)
- Kavita is.....M.B.B.S. from Delhi University. (a/an/the)
- No sooner did the thief see the police.....he ran away. (because/than/then)
- English is.....in many countries. (speaking/spoken/spoke)

**Q.9- Do as directed (any five) (5)**

- They were playing hockey. (change into passive voice)
- We saw a very good movie yesterday. (change into negative sentence)
- The bag was yellow. The bag contained money. (combine the pair of sentence by using a relative pronoun)
- Our neighbor (live) here for five years. (rewrite the sentence using the correct tense of the verb)
- He is so weak that he cannot walk. (rewrite using 'too.....to')
- Raju/write/can/hand/with/either. (rearrange the words to make a meaningful sentence)

**Section 'C'**

**Q.10- Read the extract from a poem and answer the questions given below it: (3)**

A. 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 top of the hills.

Questions:

- The opposite of the word 'bottom' in the stanza is: .....  
 i) wonderful    ii) shake    iii) top    iv) whirl
- The word that rhymes with 'tree' is: .....  
 i) hill    ii) me    iii) top    iv) mill
- What is shaking the tree?

B. To those nearest to me  
 My family my friends my co-workers  
 Help me to be aware that  
 No matter what words I hear  
 The message is, 3

Accept the person  
I am listen to me.

Questions:

- a. A word similar in meaning to the word "attentive".....  
i. active ii. aware iii. preventive iv. co-worker  
b. The word opposite in meaning to 'aware'.....  
i. unaware ii. inware iii. disaware  
c. Write the name of the poem of above lines.

Q.11- Answer any two of the following questions:

(2x2=4)

Questions:

- a. What makes the poet think that man is God's greatest creation?  
b. What kind of life does the poet find in the woods in the poem "In the Country"?  
c. What is attire of the earth?  
d. What are the two meanings of the word cricket?

Q.12- Answer any seven of the following questions:

(2x7=14)

- a. How was the bird fed?  
b. Write two ways in which the crows irritated the author.  
c. Describe the people of Kashmir.  
d. What was Ghasi's complaint to the Panchayat?  
e. What disability did Mini have?  
f. In which area will India become a global leader?  
g. What happens if we prelude people and future events?  
h. Why should we leave our comfort zones and how?  
i. What was the topic of discussion at Dabney?

Q.13- Answer any one of the following question (50-75 words):

(4)

- a. Describe the structure of brain.  
b. Justify the title, 'The fun they had'.

Q.14- Answer any four of the following questions:

(2x4=8)

- a. Where is Chitrakoot situated?  
b. What is idleness according to the author?  
c. What do you understand by do's and don'ts?  
d. What makes 'a team' a whole?  
e. Why must we take risk?

Q.15- Write the central idea of the poem "Cloud."

(4)

Or

Why does the author say "your heart is as smart as the US Army"?

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