

**Pre Board Examination 2020-21**  
**Class 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**SUBJECT- GENERAL ENGLISH**

**Time: 03 hours**

**(Maximum Mark-100)**

**Instructions -**

- (i) All questions are Compulsory.
  - (ii) Read the question carefully and do accordingly.
  - (iii) Marks allotted to each question are indicated against it.
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**Q.1 Read the Passage carefully and answer the questions given below. (12)**

Nationalism, of course is a curious phenomenon which at a certain stage in a country's history gives life, growth, strength and unity, but at the same time it has tendency to limit one, because one thinks of one's own country as something different from the rest of the world. The perspective changes and one is continuously thinking of one's own struggles and virtues and failings to the exclusion of other thoughts, The result is that the same nationalism, which is the symbol of growth for people becomes a symbol of the cessation of that growth in the mind. Nationalism, when it becomes successful, sometimes goes on spreading in an aggressive way and becomes a danger internationally. Whatever line of thought you follow, you arrive at the conclusion that some kind of balance must be found, otherwise something that was good can turn into evil. Culture, which is essentially good, becomes not only static but aggressive and something that breeds conflict and hatred when looked at from a wrong point of view. How you are to find a balance, I do not know. Apart from political and economic problems of the age, perhaps that is the greatest problem today because behind it there is a tremendous conflict in the spirit of man and a tremendous search for something it cannot find. We turn to economic theories because they have an undoubted importance.

It is folly to talk of culture or even of God when human being starve and die Before one can talk about anything else one must provide the normal essentials of life to human beings. That is where they tolerate this suffering and starvation and inequality when they see that the burden is not equally shared. Other profit while they only bear the burden.

**Questions :**

- (i) Nationalism is a symbol of:  
(a) pride (b) humbleness (c) growth
- (ii) Culture is essentially good but becomes :  
(a) dynamic (b) static (c) worse (iv) rotten.
- (iii) We can find balance when we turn to :  
(a) economics (b) history (c) culture (d) geography
- (iv) The word "starve in the passage means  
(a) hunger (b) poverty (c) lack of strength (d) diseases
- (v) According to Nehru nationalism is a..... phenomenon :  
(a) natural (b) cultural (c) curious (d) ethical.
- (vi) What is the verb form of conclusion' :  
(a) include (h) conclude (c) conclusive (d) concludable.
- (vii) It is folly to talk of culture when :  
(a) human beings starve and die (b) the burden is not equally shared  
(c) culture becomes aggressive (d) nationalism becomes successful
- (viii) The noun form of tolerate is:

(a) tolerance (b) tolerable (c) tolerably (d) none of the above

(ix) When does a society become static ?

(x) According to Nehru when is it folly to talk about culture or God?

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

'Where there's a will there's a way' is an old saying. He who resolves upon doing a thing, by that very resolution overcomes the obstacles to it. It is so in all the occupations of life-at school, at college or in the world. To determine to succeed is the surest way to success. Difficulties disappear before an unswerving resolution. This was well exemplified in the life of Napoleon. He threw his whole force of body and mind upon his work. He was told that the Alps stood in the way of his armies. "There shall be no Alps", he said, and a road was made across them, over heights previously considered inaccessible. "Impossible", said he, is a word only to be found in the dictionary of fools. And so it is; a determination not to give it is the surest condition of success in any undertaking. But the young student must carefully guard himself against the errors of mistaking a mere undisciplined energy and self-will for the needful firmness and self-command on which success depends.

**Questions :**

(a) Make notes in points, from the above passage, using abbreviations, where necessary. 5

(b) Write a summary of the above passage in about 50-60 words. Suggest a suitable title also for it. 3

### SECTION - B

**Q. 3** You are B. Reddy of Bhopal, you want to let out a house. Write out an advertisement to be published in the classified column of a news paper. 5

OR

Prepare in poster on "Say no to Drugs."

**Q.4** Using the following inputs produce a write up on the importance of Games and sports.6

- Necessary for life.
- Remove monotony.
- Make our body healthy.
- Learning good habits.
- Develop quality and brotherhood.

OR

You are Kamal as a responsible citizen you have organised a campaign on 'Say no to polythene bags in your locality. Write a news paper report using the following input.

- campaign in our locality
- disastrous effects of polythene
- Chokes the sewage system.
- to make public aware of its harms.
- To make locality polythene free.

**Q.5** Write a letter to your collector of your district about the lack of facilities and malfunctioning of the government hospital of your area. 6

OR

Write an application to the Principal of your school requesting him to issue a character certificate.

**Q.6** Write a letter to your friend inviting him to your elder brother's marriage. 6

OR

Write a letter to your father requesting him to permit you to attend the tour of Mandu.

**Q. 7** Write an article on 'Man, Computer and mobile for your school magazine using following inputs.

- So many technical devices.
- Computer : a great invention.
- Stores large data.
- a reliable device
- mobile: a basic necessity,
- wonderful various purpose
- Internet a home of knowledge.

OR

Write an essay on any one of the

- Science: A Blessing or cause
- COVID-19
- values of Games and sports
- Green India : clean India

**Q. 8** Fill in the blanks with the help in of the correct alternatives given in the bracket : (any 5) **5**

- I have seen ----- place. (many/much)
- My brother is ----- engineer (a/an)
- You ----- stop smoking. (must/should)
- Ram prefers milk ----- tea. (to/than)
- I have ----- friends. (much/many)
- We are going ----- a match today. (playing/to play/ played)
- The building has ----- down. (falling / fallen/ fail).

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

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- His brother sold all the gold (Make question with how much)
- I know the boy. (change the voice)
- He is my brother. He is wearing a red shirt.(combine the sentences using relative clause)
- He does his duty. (change into negative)
- The student is very fast. He can win the race. (combine sentence using 'So ----- that'.
- He gets Salary. He starts spending it.(combine using 'No sooner .... than').

### SECTION - D

**Q.10 (A)** Read the following extract and answer the questions given below:

Can I admire the statue great

When living men starve at its feet

Can I admire the Park's green tree

A roof from homeless messy ?

**Questions :**

- Name of the poet of this poem : **1**
  - Sri Aurobindo.
  - W. H. Davies
  - William Rands.
- The meaning af word "starve".
  - die of hunger,
  - labour hard
  - work comfortably
- Why does the poet say that he can not admire the statue great ?

(B). The wonderful air is over me  
And the wonderful wind is shaking tree  
It walks on the water and whirls the mills  
And talks to itself on the tops of the hells.

**Questions :**

- i) The opposite of word bottom is 1  
a) wonderful b) top c). where.
- ii) The word that rhymes with tree is 1  
a) will b) mill c) me.
- iii) Name the poem and the poet? 1
- Q. 11 Answer any two of the following questions? 2X2=4  
a) What are the two meanings of the word cricket ?  
b) Whom does the poet wish to trust  
c) What is the attire of the earth ?  
d) What is the difference between selfish and helpless man?
- Q. 12 Answer any seven of the following question : 2X7=14  
a) What disability did Mini have?  
b) Who was Swami Arvasu  
c) Who were the first visitors to the farmers  
d) What is the best way to disarm hostility?  
e) What was Ghasi's complaint to the panchayat ?  
f) What instructions did the girl's parents give when they saw her off.  
g) Who should never despise anyone for ?  
h) What does the author mean 'a safe remark.'  
i) What happens if we prejudge peoples and future events ?
- Q. 13. Answer any one of the following question 4  
a) What is the difference between playmates and school mates.  
b) Describe the duck's farewell?
- Q. 14. Answer any four of the following questions. 4  
a) What makes a team whole ?  
b) What does the poet say all about past and future ?  
c) What accounts for beauty in yourself.  
d) What do people do for their harvest ?  
e) Which is the world's highest water fall and where it is situated ?  
f) Who will certainly reach to Lord Krishna.

Q. 15 Answer any one of the following:  
Write the central idea of the poem 'The Risk'

OR

Describe the 'Importance of Gita.'