

Second Pre Board Examination 2019-20
Class - XIIth
Subject - GENERAL ENGLISH

Time - 03 Hours

Max Marks - 100

Instructions :-

- i. Read the instructions carefully.
- ii. All questions are compulsory.
- iii. Answers must be completed and to the point
- iv. Marks of each question are indicated against it.
- v. Write only in legible handwriting

Section - A
(Reading)

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

Old people say that childhood is the best part of our life. They look back at their childhood and remember all its happy days, the jolly games, the fun they had at School, the sweets and cakes they used to eat, jokes they used to play and endless discussions they had among friends about almost every topic. Perhaps these old folks are right and they forget many things that were not so pleasant in their childhood. There is a funny story that tells of a boy, who was crying because he had to go back to school after the holidays and the father scolded him, and said, "Why, I only wish I could be a boy and go to school again." And all in a moment the father was little boy and his son was a grownup man like his father. And the father in the shape of a little boy, had to go to school and I can tell you he did not like it at all. A child's troubles may seem small to grownups but they are very big to him.

Questions:-

- (a) What are the joys of childhood? (1)
- i. games, work hard and fun.
 - ii. labour and work only.
 - iii. eating cakes only.
 - iv. games, fun, eating sweets and cakes.
- (b) Give opposite of "forget". (1)
- (i) dark (ii) dull (iii) remember (iv) call
- (c) Would old people be happy, if they become children again? (1)
- (i) Yes (ii) May be (iii) May not be (iv) No
- (d) What wish did the father make ? (1)
- i. He had been a child again
 - ii. He would become an old man
 - iii. He would become a young boy
 - iv. He would become a rich man

- (e) Why was the boy crying ? (1)
- i. He wanted a toy
 - ii. He did not want to go to school
 - iii. He had not done his homework.
 - iv. He was hurt.
- (f) To whom does a child's troubles seem big? (1)
- i. to a mother
 - ii. to a father
 - iii. to a child
 - iv. to a teacher
- (g) The verb form of 'discussion' is (1)
- (h) The superlative degree of "big" is (1)
- (i) What were the things which were not pleasant in the childhood ? (2)
- (j) How does the author compare childhood and old age ? (2)

Q.2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions below it.

Today we are living in an age of changing fashions. Every day we see a change in the fashion of clothes and hair style. Cinema is the home of new fashions. Young boys and girls borrow fashion from there. They copy the fashions of their favourite film stars. They want to excel one another in fashion. But only a few students can afford to adopt these fashions. They come dressed in new fashion. They make fun of those who put on the outdated dresses. As a result even those students whose parents cannot afford costly dresses are tempted to be fashionable. Sometimes they borrow money and things from their rich friends whenever they have to attend some party. It often leads to quarrels. They often go astray.

Questions:-

- i. (a) On the basis of reading of the above passage make notes on it, using abbreviations, where necessary. (4)
- (b) Give a suitable title to it. (1)
- ii. Prepare a summary of the above passage. (3)

SECTION-B

(Writing)

Q.3. You are Aarush Patel, You have lost your books when you were out in the games period. Draft a notice including details of the lost articles. (5)

OR

Design an attractive and instructive poster on behalf of the Delhi Police to educate and warn the people against unclaimed articles like dolls, tiffins boxes, suitcases, bags, transistors, mobiles etc. lying in public places/trains/buses.

- Q.4. Using the following inputs, produce a write-up on "Annual Function" in about 100 words. (6)
- name of the event, occasion, date, time, place
 - Chief guest, honour and welcome of the guests.
 - Welcome address and floral welcome
 - Speeches by the guests
 - Vote of thanks

OR

With the help of the words given below, Write a report on "Say No to Polythene Bags." in about 100 words. <https://www.mpboardonline.com>

- Campaign in our locality
- Disastrous effect of polythene
- Chokes the sewerage system
- To make the public aware of its harms.
- To make locality polythene free zone.

- Q.5. You are Sachin Jain, residing, at 44, Prakash Nagar, Indore. Write a letter to the Collector of your district for imposing restriction on the free use of loudspeakers. (6)

OR

You are Santosh Verma studying in class XII in Govt. Ex. H.S.School, Sehore. Write an application to the Principal of your school to provide facility of special and extra classes of main subjects as your exam is going to start.

- Q.6. You are Aman Soni, residing at S-III, Nehru Nagar Bhopal. Write a letter to your friend Abhishek, to spend summer vacations with you for some days. (6)

OR

Write a letter to your father, to send Rs. 3000 to purchase books and tell him also about your study and health. You are Pankaj Sharma of 50, Nutan Nagar Khargone.

- Q.7. Write an article on "Man, Computer and Mobile" with the help of given inputs. (7)
- great invention of science.
 - widely used in many fields.
 - the launching of satellites.
 - revolutionized mankind. '
 - they are boon.

OR

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

- Importance of Games and Sports
- Power of Press
- Pollution problem
- Role of Science in Our Daily Life

- v. Clean India, Green India

Section-C (Grammar)

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

- i. The train had left half..... hour ago. (a/an/ the)
- ii. My friend livesNew Delhi. (into/at/in)
- iii. I have spare book. (all/many/no/two)
- iv. You stop smoking. (must/ should /ought to)
- v. The sun had not set..... it was still light outside. (or/yet/ so)

Q.9. Do as directed:- (any Five) (5)

- i. Your father /English/ speak/does/?
(Rearrange the words to make a meaningful sentence)
- ii. He shut the door. (Change into negative)
- iii. The students are speaking English. (Change the voice)
- iv. The old man is too weak to walk. (Rewrite the sentence using so.....that)
- v. Virat Kohli plays cricket. (Change into present continuous) .
- vi. He gets salary. He starts spending it . (Combine using, 'no soonerthan)
- vii. (a) I found the house locked
(b) I reached home. (Combine using adverb clause)

SECTION-D

(Textbook + Workbook)

Q.10. Read the following extract and answer the questions given below: -

(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 tops of the hills.

Questions;

- i. The opposite of word 'bottom' in the poem is - (1)
(a) wonderful (b) shake (c) top
- ii. The word that rhymes with 'tree' is : - (1)
(a) hill (b) me (c) top
- iii. Name the poem. (1)

(B) But what am I?
Only a captive
Chained to the earth
In silence I grow old
In silence I wither and die

Questions;

- i. Who is 'T' in these lines? (1)
(a) River (b) Forest (c) Sky (d) Earth
- ii. The opposite of 'free' is : (1)
- iii. (1) (a) captive (b) old (c) silent (d) withered
- iv. Give the name of the poet (1)

Q.11. Answer any two of the following questions :- 2X2=4

- i. Whom does the poet wish to trust
- ii. What is the attire of the earth?
- iii. How can one reach the temple ?
- iv. What is selfishness according to the poet ?

Q.12 Answer any seven of the following questions:- 7X2=14

- i. How was the bird fed?
- ii. What are comfort zones?
- iii. What was Swami Arvasu doing under the banyan tree?
- iv. What was the majestic creature that the author encountered ?
- v. Why did Mohan name his ass 'Truck Sa'ab'?
- vi. What are the impediments in India's development?
- vii. What instructions did the girl's parents give when they saw her off?
- viii. Describe the County inspector.
- ix. What is the author's nationality ?
- x. Describe the people of Kashmir.

Q.13 Answer any one out of two :- (4)

How does School life prepare a child to face the outside world?

OR

Describe the dangers that the brain is exposed to.

Q.14. Answer any four of the following questions:- 4X2=8

- i. What is idleness according to the author ?
- ii. What did the author see in his bonnet ?
- iii. What is the simplest form of meditation ?
- iv. What helps plants create colours and variety of tastes?
- v. What is the saying about the values ?
- vi. Why were the British tanks called "Tatanagars ?

Q.15 Write the central idea of the poem Risks in about 80 words. (4)

OR

Write the central idea of the poem 'We are the Future' in about 80 words.