

## **GENERAL ENGLISH**

### **XIIth**

#### **SECTION A**

A reading - 20 marks

- (i) Unseen passage with comprehension & objective type questions
- (ii) Unseen passage for note making

#### **SECTION B**

Writing - 30 + 10 marks

- (i) Short composition
- (ii) Report
- (iii) Letter
- (iv) Composition
- (v) Grammar - Objective Do as Directed

#### **SECTION C**

Text Book - 40 marks

- (i) Extract from poem - 03
- (ii) Question from poem- 09
- (iii) Question from prose- 08
- (iv) Long question from prose -08
- (v) Long question from - 08  
Suppl. Materials
- (vi) Short question from suppl. materials -04

**MODEL PAPER 2011- 2012**

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**Time: 3 Hrs.**

**M.M. 100**

**SECTION - A**

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

I have often thought it would be a blessing if each human being was stricken blind and deaf for a few days at some time during his adult life. Darkness would make him more appreciative of sight, silence would teach him the joy of sound. Now and then I have tested my seeing friends to discover what they see. Recently I asked a friend, who had just returned from a long walk in the woods, what she has observed. "Nothing in particular," she replied.

How was it possible I asked myself to walk for an hour through the woods and see nothing worthy of note. I, who cannot see find hundreds of things to interest me through mere touch. I feel the delicate symmetry of leaf. I pass my hands lovingly about the smooth skin of a silver birch or the rough, shaggy bark of a pine. In spring I touch the branches of trees hopefully in search of a bud, the first sign of awakening nature after her winter's sleep. Occasionally if I am fortunate & place my hand gently on a small tree and feel the happy quiver of a bird in full song.

At times my heart cries out with longing to see all these things. If I can get so much pleasure from mere touch, how much more beauty must be revealed by sight. And I have imagined what I should must like to see if I were given the use of my eyes, say, just for three days.

I should divide the period into three parts. On the first day, I should want to see the people whose kindness and gentleness and companionship have made my life worth living. First I would like to gaze upon the face of my dear teacher, Mr. Anne Sullivan Macy. She came to see me when I was a child. She opened the other world for me.

Questions:

- (a) What would make one's blindness more appreciative of sight ? 01
- (i) Blackness
  - (ii) Darkness
  - (iii) Whiteness
  - (iv) Joyfulness
- (b) What would silence teach one's deafness ? 01
- (i) Joy of music
  - (ii) Joy of voice
  - (iii) Joy of sound
  - (iv) Joy of speaking
- (c) Where did her friend go ? 01
- (i) in a village
  - (ii) in a city
  - (iii) in a town
  - (iv) in a wood
- (d) How could Helen Keller find hundreds of things ? 01
- (i) by mere touch
  - (ii) by voice
  - (iii) by sound
  - (iv) by listening
- (e) Whom would she like to see first if she was given sight ? 01
- (i) Her father
  - (ii) Her teacher
  - (iii) Her brother
  - (iv) Her mother
- (f) Give the noun form of 'observe' ? 01
- (i) Observation
  - (ii) Observasion
  - (iii) Obserwation
  - (iv) Obserwasion

- (g) The plural form of 'leaf' is ? 01
- (i) Leafs
  - (ii) Leaves
  - (iii) Leafthen
  - (iv) Leafen
- (h) The verb form of 'thought' is ? 01
- (i) think
  - (ii) thinked
  - (iii) thinks
  - (iv) to think
- (i) "It would be a blessing if each human being was stricken blind and deaf for a few days at some time during his adult life." says Helen.  
What makes her thing so ? 02
- (j) Mention the things of interest than Helen found through the sense of touch? 02

(2) Read the following passage carefully and give the answer given below :

How does television affect our lives. It can be very helpful to people who carefully choose the shows that they watch. Television can increase our knowledge of the outside world, there are high quality programmes that helps us to understand many fields of study, science, medicine, the arts and so on. Moreover, television benefits very old people, who can't often leave the house as well as patients in hospitals. It also offers non native speakers the advantage of daily informal language practice. They can increase their vocabulary and practice listening.

On the other hand, there are several serious disadvantages of television. Of course, it provides us with a pleasant way to relax and spend our free time, but in some countries, people watch the 'blood tube' for an average of six hours or more a day. Many children stare at a television screen for more hours each day than they do anything else including studying & sleeping. It's clear that the tube has a powerful influence on their lives and that its influence if often negative.

Questions:

- A. Read the above passage carefully & on its basis make notes and supply a title. 05
- B. Prepare an abstract or summary of the above passage. 03

### SECTION - B

- Q.3 Write a classified advertisement for 'lost & found' column of a local newspaper stating the loss of your books and important documents while travelling in a bus. 05

Or

Design and draft a poster to high light the important of trees in our life, appealing the people teplant more and more trees.

- Q.4 With the help of the words given below, write a report for a newspaper about the accident which you witnessed. 08

- (i) in the evening
- (ii) car and a bus
- (iii) on the road
- (iv) people, vehicle involved
- (v) the scene of the accident
- (vi) hospitalized
- (vii) suggestions to the government and people

Or

Write a paragraph on "Importance of free' in 80 words.

- Q.5 You are Uravi Tiwari, residing at Ratlam road, Novgav, Dhar. Write a letter to your father requesting him to send some money for fees, uniform and books. 07

Or

Write an application to the principal to issue you some books from the book bank.

Q.5 Last month you bought a digital camera from Modern Electronics Jabalpur. Now you find something wrong with it. It is not working properly. Write a letter to the dealer complaining about the problem.

Q.6 Write an essay on any one of the following topics. 10

- (a) Science and technology - Boon or Bane
- (b) Any burning problem in India
- (c) Importance of Games and Sports
- (d) The India of my dream

### SECTION - C

Q.7 Fill up the blanks by selecting the most appropriate option. 05

- (i) Work hard \_\_\_\_\_you will fail. (if, so that, otherwise)
- (ii) How\_\_\_\_\_milk do you buy daily (many, much, any)
- (iii) Italy is \_\_\_\_\_European country (a, an, the)
- (iv) He did all that he \_\_\_\_\_do for her (may, can, must)
- (v) I live in delhi but my brother \_\_\_\_\_in Bhopal (living, lived, lives)

Q.8 Do as directed : (any five) 05

- (i) The poor/ought to/help/we/ the needy/and  
(Rearrange to form a meaning ful sentence)
- (ii) He is too poor to pay his fees.  
(Rewrite the sentence using so- that)
- (iii) Abhishek shut the door.  
(Change into negative)
- (iv) The boy is my friend.  
He is sitting in the last row.  
(Combine the sentence using relative clause)
- (v) They have postponed the concert  
(Change into passive voice)

- (vi) There are computers.  
There is Microsoft software.  
(Combine using adverb clause)

### SECTION - D

Q.9 (A) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below: 03

For your voice

In busyness and in boredom

In certainty and in doubt

In noise and in silence

Teach me to listen, Lord

Q.9(a) Find out the word from the lines which is opposite of the word 'peace'.

- (b) According to the poet whom should we listen to ?  
(c) Write the name of the poem from which these lines have taken

Or

A little journey is a trip,

a trip is when you fall.

It doesn't mean you have to dance

when ever you hold a ball

Q(a) Find out the word from these lines which mean the opposite of :-

- (i) big  
(ii) great  
(b) Ball is the thing of play and the other meaning of ball is \_\_\_\_\_  
(c) Write down the two different meanings of the word 'trip.'

9(b) Answer any three of the following 09

- (a) What is the attire of earth ?  
(b) How can one reach the temple ?  
(c) What is selfishness according to W.lt. Qavies ?  
(d) What is the forests complaint about his life ?

Q.10 Answer any four of the following question : 08

- (a) What disability did mini have ?
- (b) What are comfort zones ?
- (c) What does the brain consist of ?
- (d) Who were the first visitors to the farm ?
- (e) In which area will India become a global leader ?

Q.11 How does school life prepare a child to face the outside world 08

Or

Describe the incident at the intellectuals house that made the author appreciate the place of religion in Indian Life.

Q.12 Write the central idea of the poem 'risks' in about 80 words. 08

Or

Describe the importance of "The Gita"

Q.13 Answer any two of the following question: 04

- (a) What has the united state army discovered ?
- (b) What do people do for their harvest ?
- (c) How can you say that nature's bounty is boundless ?
- (d) What is the simplest form of meditation ?

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**SECTION -A**

(1) Unseen :

- (ii) Darkness
- (iii) Joy of sound
- (iv) in the wood
- (i) by mere touch
- (ii) Her teacher
- (i) Observation
- (ii) Leaves
- (i) think

- (i) She says so, so that darkness would make one more appreciative of sight and silence would teach one the joys of sound.
- (j) Helen found hundreds of things through the sense of touch e.g. the delicate symmetry of a leaf, the smooth skin of a silver birch, the rough, shaggy bark of a pine etc.

(2) Note making and summary :

(a) Title - Effects of Television -01

(b) Notes-

- 1. Advantages of T.V.
  - (a) increases knowledge
  - (b) enables us to understand fields of science, medicine and arts.
  - (c) helps the old, patients in hospitals.
  - (d) non native get language practice.
  - (e) good way to relax, spend free time.

2. Disadvantages

- (a) makes people addicted
- (b) children watch too much
- (c) influence negative

(B) Television affects our lives in several ways. We should choose the shows carefully. Television increases our knowledge It helps us to understand many fields of study. It benefits and people and patients.

There are some disadvantages too some people devote a long time to it. Students leave their studies and it distracts their attention.

03

### SECTION - B

Ans.3

#### LOST

Lost a bag containing  
books and other important documents  
on 20 march- 2012 at about 10.30 a.m.  
while travelling in Dhar-Indore MPRTC  
Bus No. 236868  
Attractive reward will be given  
Please contact : 9893795413

Or

#### TREES ARE OUR BEST FRIENDS

They give us

Or

They help us

Wood, food, fruits, shade, medicines, oxygen, rubber,  
gum, rainfall, prevent soil, erosion, prevent flood.

"We can't imagine our life without tree"

GROW MORE TREES

Keep Our Planet Green

(students can make one or two pictures of trees.)

4.

#### ROAD ACCIDENT

Yesterday, in the evening a car was running at normal speed near main road chauraha. All of a sudden a child came in front of the car. The driver tried to stop the car without giving any signal. A bus full of passenger was coming behind the car. The bus driver failed to stop the bus. The result was that it hit the car very badly. The car driver and many passengers of the bus were badly injured. But fortunately the bus driver didn't receive serious injury, he took all the injured people to the hospital very soon. Several measures should be taken by the government to prevent such accidents. Roads should be broadened and one way traffic system should be made. People and government should make joint efforts to solve such problems.

Or

#### IMPORTANCE OF TREES

Like rivers, trees are our natural wealth. Trees prevent erosion or washing away of the soil. The thick roots of the trees absorb large quantity of water, hence reduce the danger of the flood by checking the flow of water. Trees provide a home for wild animals they produce many kinds of timber. To keep the air clean, trees are needed. We must grow more and more trees in and around our houses. "Grow more Trees" is a programme, patronized by the Indian govt. Under this programme, we plant new trees every year. This scheme has a great significance cutting down trees has resulted in the imbalance of environment. Trees are important not only to human beings but also to birds and animals. Their branches give shelter to millions of birds, and the forests support the life of wild animals.

Ans. 5

Oshin Tiwari ,  
42, Tal Katora  
Jabalpur (M.P.)  
Date: 15th Mar. 2012

To,  
Modern Electronics  
Sardar Market  
Jabalpur (M.P.)

Sir,  
I bought a digital camera from your shop on 10th March 2012 vide cash memo AWH/5/24/4.  
The camera has one year guarantee but suddenly it developed technical defects. Its switch is not working properly. Flash bulb has gone out and the pictures are also not clear.  
Since the camera is within the guarantee period, I request you to replace it at your own expenses.

Thanking You

Yours Faithfully

Oshin Tiwari

Or

Vivekanand Girls Hostel  
Gumashta nagar,  
Indore (M.P.)

Date:  
Respected Papa/Father,

High regard/Sadar Pranam

I am fairly well here and hope same for you. My studies are going on in full swing. I got first division in quarterly exam. I hope to get through the board examination with distinctions.

Papa, I have to purchase some books and my uniform have also to pay the school fee. So I stand I urgent need of money.

So Kindly sent my Rs. 1000/- by depositing them in my account with SBI Indore as early as possible.

Rest is O.K. convey my regard to ma.

Yours Lovingly

Oshin Tiwari

6) To  
The Principal  
Govt. Excellence School  
Dhar (M.P.)

Respected Sir,

I have the honour to state that I am a student of class XIIth of your school. My father is ailing with asthma. He is doing nothing. So he is unable to purchase books for me.

I therefore request you to issue me some of my course books from the book bank.

Name of books :

- (i) Physics
- (ii) Chemistry
- (iii) Maths

Yours Faithfully

Oshin Tiwari  
Class XII

Thanking you

Date  
**Ans.6**

### **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - BOON OR BANE**

**"Science is an angel in peace and devil in war" - Prof. Hardy**

#### 1. Introduction

The advent of science is a great blessing to mankind. Science has relieved us of our "age long" ignorance, suffering and darkness. It serves us in all walks of life like a faithful servant. It has proved itself to be quite an obedient servant at home, in the field and in the factory. Science has magic power. It has transformed our daily life. Science has made the luxurious items cheap and has brought them within the reach of everybody. Science produces goods at cheaper rates on large scale.

2. Human Happiness:

Every form of entertainment has been brought to our door. A radio or a television set removes boredom from our lives. They have enlightened our lives and made our burdens light. Even a cobbler keeps a radio with him. He listens to the radio programmes while mending the shoes.

3. Diseases Controlled :

Science has shown every care and concern for our health. It has cured us of many chronic and incurable diseases. It has cured epidemics like cholera, plague and small pox. Science has made traveling a pleasure. It has conquered time and distance.

Man of today travels through deserts and forests with safety and speed. The aero planes have completed the work of years in months. Science has lightened the toil of the housewife by placing many devices at her disposal. Cooking, washing and cleaning are done in the twinkling of an eye.

4. Electricity :

Electricity serves the housewife like a housemaid. It has provided her enough leisure to rest or to give better attention to her children. Science has taken upon itself even the mental jobs. It does all the back breaking and dangerous jobs for him. Science has shared a great contribution. Books are printed in large numbers at cheap rates. The newspapers add a great deal to our knowledge and give us exact information. Electricity has made the daily life of the common man. It is quite different from what it used to be. It has eased agricultural and industrial activities.

5. Conclusion :

But every silver cloud has a dark lining in it. Science too is no exception to it. Science has caused great havoc. It has made us idle & ease loving. The gun powder and destructive weapons of war can prove fatal to the well being of the world. It has rendered our jobs light but has made our hearts heavy. Lovers of peace denounce Science. It has ushered in an era of disturbance, lawlessness, instability, insecurity and barbarism, It has raised our standard of living on the foundation of uncertainty. So it is rightly said that Science is a good servant but bad master.

## SECTION - C

Ans. 7 Fill in the blanks

- (i) otherwise
- (ii) much
- (iii) a
- (iv) can
- (v) lives

Ans.8 Do as Directed

- (i) We ought to help the needy and the poor.
- (ii) He is so poor that he cannot pay his fees.
- (iii) Abhishek did not shut the door.
- (iv) The boy who is sitting in the last row is my friend.
- (v) The concert has been postponed by them.
- (vi) Where there are computers, there is Microsoft software.

## SECTION - D

Ans.9 (A)

- a) Noise
- b) According to the poet, we should listen the Lord.
- (c) "Teach me to listen, 'Lord'

Or

- a) (i) Little (ii) Mean
- (b) dance
- (c) The two meanings of the word trip are 'journey' and 'fall'.

Ans.9(B)

- (a) The wonderful water that surrounds the earth, the wonderful grass upon her breast and the air all around the world is the attire of the earth.
- (b) One who is pure in heart, dare to climb the heights of unnumbered steps can reach the temple.

- (c) To flee from the place of human sufferings to some desolate place is a selfishness according to poet.
- (d) The forest complains about its destiny of remaining chained to one place. He shows his grievance that at last only a handful of ashes would remain for him.

Ans.10 (a) Mini was a spastic who had no control over her hands and legs from birth. She could not walk and button up her shirt.

- (b) Comfort zones may be external, physical, mental emotional, social or psychological. In these we feel comfort

Or

Comfort zones are situations in which one feels comfortable.

- (c) The brain is made up of grey and white tissue of gelatinous consistency.

Or

The brain consists of neurons and glial cells. It is one and a half kilo mushroom of grey and white tissues of gelatinous consistency.

- (d) The first visitors to the farm were a wide variety of birds and butterflies in a great number.
- (e) India will become a global leader in the service sector, providing excellent services within the country and outside.

Ans.11 In the outside world you are at best one amongst equals and so will have to face lots of problems of difficulties and to adjust yourself accordingly. In the school you come across a similar situation, though on a smaller scale and so it prepares you for life.

Or

Once the author was sitting and talking in her hostess room. An Indian Gentleman came in without speaking to them. He came for prayer. The hostess told her that this man was her husband's elder brother. He came here during the day at his prayer times, since his own home was at some distance from his place of business. This incident made the author appreciate the place of religion in Indian Life.

Ans.12 "No Risk, No Gain" goes the saying. "Man does not live by bread alone", says the bible. Needs of man are many and of various types their fulfillment requires hard work. And there are many hazards, obstacles and risks. Nature puts challenges and obstacles before him. And in this way his ability is developed. There is risk in every field of life. A man who fears taking risks gets nothing. His life becomes useless. He becomes nothing the greatest risk in life is not to take any risk.

Or

"The Gita is a great religious poem, the deeper you go into it, the richer the meanings you get. Its central teaching never varies though the words may carry new and expanding meanings with every age. It is not a collection of do and don't. It prohibits the desire for fruit. It is addressed to the heart and so it is not for those who have no faith. Lord Krishna says that only those people will be able to reach him, who give this precious treasure to his devotees. He advises the people to be free from malice & absorb the teaching with faith, then only 'they will attain true freedom'.

- Q.13 (a) The United States Army discovered that young men toughened by years of army training can march better and hold up longer if they throw down their packs & rest ten minutes of every hour.
- (b) People work or dance for their harvest ?
- (c) Nature's bounty is boundless because all the things around us are the gifts of nature.
- (d) Focussing on breathing is the simplest form of meditation ?