

SAMPLE PAPER

Subject - English

Time : 3.15 Hrs

Class - XII

Maximum Marks: 80

(Section-A)**Q.1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:- (9x1=9)**

The therapeutic value and healing powers of plants were demonstrated to me when I was a boy of about ten. I had developed an acute persistent abdominal pain that did not respond readily to hospital medication. My mother had taken me to the city's central hospital on several occasions where different drugs were tried on me. In total desperation she took me to Egya Mensa, a well known herbalist in my home-town in the western province of Ghana. This man was no stranger to the medical doctors at the hospital. He had earned the reputation of offering excellent help when they were confronted with difficult cases where western medicines had failed to effect a cure.

After a brief interview, not very different from what goes on daily in the consulting offices of many general medical practitioners in the United States, he left us waiting in his consulting room while he went out to the field. He returned with several leaves and the bark of the tree and one of his attendants immediately prepared a decoction I was given a glass of this preparation, it tasted extremely bitter, but within an hour or so I began to feel relieved. The rest of the decoction was put in two large bottles so that I could take doses periodically. Within about three days, the frequent abdominal pains stopped and I recall gaining a good appetite. I have appreciated the healing powers of medicinal plants ever since.

My experience may sound unusual to those who come from urban areas of the developed world but for those in the less affluent nations such experiences are a common occurrence. In fact, demographic studies by various national governments and inter governmental organisations such as the World Health Organisation (WHO) indicate that for 75 to 90 percent of the rural populations of the world, the herbalist is the only person who handles their medical problems.

In African culture, traditional medical practitioners are always considered to be influential spiritual leaders as well, using magic and religion along with medicines. Illness is handled with the individual's hidden spiritual powers and with application of plants that have been found especially to contain healing powers.

Over the years I have come to distinguish three types of medicinal practitioners in African societies and to classify the extent to which each uses medicinal plants. The first is the herbalist who generally enjoys the prestige and reputation of being the real traditional medical professional. The second group represents the divine healers. They are, fetish priests whose practice depends upon their purported supernatural powers of diagnosis credited with ability to intercept the evil deeds of a witch.

- (i) What are traditional medical practitioners considered to be, in Africa?
- (ii) What power do the plants have?
- (iii) How did the writer's feet relief?
- (iv) What does the study of who tell?
- (v) Why did the writer's mother take him to Egya Mensa?
- (vi) What is the status of traditional medicinal practitioners distinguish with?

Q.2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:- (1x6=6)

Work is essential for man. It is a blessing. It is one of the precious privileges he has. It is the source of all other rights. It brings him the good things of life and promotes his well-being. Work is an integral part of life. Without it life is deprived of its substance and character.

Work gives us happiness. It banishes vice and poverty from life. Work, according to Carlyle, is the grand cure of all the maladies that beset mankind. It is key to all progress. Work is life, idleness is death.

The prosperity of any nation depends on the work of the people there. If they remain like lotus-eaters, no nation can progress or achieve anything remarkable. The prosperity achieved by nations like Japan and Israel bears out this. No pains, no gains.

All kind of work deserve our respect. But there are a number of people who consider some kinds of work ignoble and inferior. The work of farmers is much more important than that of teachers. The reason is that if the farmers do not work, we shall not get any food-stuff. If street-cleaners do not work, life in cities and town will prove difficult. "It does not disgrace a gentleman" says Ruskin, "to become an errand boy or a day labourer, but it disgraces him much to become a knave and a thief".

For Carlyle, work is worship. According to him, there is perennial nobleness and even sacredness in work. To work is to pray. The worker is the saviour of society, the redeemer of the race, Tagore says God is the tiller of the hard ground and the path-maker. "He is with them in sun and in shower and his garment is covered with dust." The best form of worship, according to Gurudev, is to work and serve others.

It is necessary for our young men and women to recognize the dignity of labour. Most of them prefer white collar jobs to manual work. Manual work according to Gandhiji, gives an opportunity to all who wish to take part in the government and the well-being of the state. We should look up to the worker who earns his livelihood by the sweat of his brow.

- (i) What does work bring him?
- (ii) What does all kind of work deserve?
- (iii) What will happen if farmers do not work?
- (iv) What is the best form of worship according to Gurudev?
- (v) Write the word from the passage which means ‘Purness’.
- (vi) Write the opposite word of ‘grace’ from the passage.

(Section-B)

Q.3 Ira is the Head Girl of Vanasthali public school, Ludhiana, she lost her hall ticket for the board examination. She has to put up a notice on the school board. Draft the notice in not more than 50 words.

(4)

OR

You are Akshay Mittal / Aakriti Mittal. You have been invited to participate in a seminar on fundamental rights of children organized by the lions club of your district. Respond to the invitation accepting it formally.

Q.4 Write a paragraph on the topic 'cybercrime'.

(5)

OR

History club of your school organized a picnic on a river bank. Describing the picnic you observed a small boat (with two persons in it) sinking. You saw a good swimmer jump into the river and rescue the two persons in the boat. Write a report on the picnic and rescue. You are Rohit / Ronita from 2, Mall Road, Kanpur.

Q.5 You have realized the necessity of education and financial independence of woman for their family, society and in turn for the nation. Write a letter to the editor. "The National Times" highlighting your ideas on the importance of education of woman leading to a better status for them. You are Tarun / Karuna B -7/9, Mall Road, Jaipur. (5)

(Section-C)

Q.6 **Join the following sentences using the word given in brackets:-** (2)
I am convinced.

I am doing the same thing. (that)

Q.7 **Combine set of sentences into one sentence as directed:-** (2)
Suman learnt all answers.

She got first position in the class. (Make a compound sentence)

Q.8 **Fill in the blanks by choosing the appropriate phrasal verb given in the brackets:-**

(i) The second world war _____ in 1939. (broke out / broke off) (1)

(ii) The government is trying to _____ prices. (bring out / bring down) (1)

(iii) You can _____ your work without fear. (carry on / carry out) (1)

Q.9 **Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct conjunction given in the brackets:-**

(i) Siddhi saw her brother _____ ran to hug him. (and / so) (1)

(ii) _____ it was raining. I was ploughing the field. (while / when) (1)

(iii) A book is a book _____ there is nothing in it. (if / although) (1)

(Section-D)

Q.10 **Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:-(1x6=6)**

Gemini Studios was the favourite haunt of poets like S.D.S.Yogiar3, Sangu Subramanyam, Krishna Sastry and Harindranath Chattopadhyaya4. It had an excellent mess which supplied good coffee at all times of the day and for most part of the night. Those were the days when Congress rule meant Prohibition and meeting over a cup of coffee was rather satisfying entertainment. Barring the office boys and a couple of clerks, everybody else at the Studios radiated leisure, a pre-requisite for poetry. Most of them wore khadi and worshipped Gandhiji but beyond that they had not the faintest appreciation for political thought of any kind. Naturally, they were all averse to the term 'Communism'. A Communist was a godless man — he had no filial or conjugal love; he had no compunction about killing his own parents or his children; he was always out to cause and spread unrest and violence among innocent and ignorant people. Such notions which prevailed everywhere else in South India at that time also, naturally, floated about vaguely among the khadi-clad poets of Gemini Studios. Evidence of it was soon forthcoming.

(i) In those days the meaning of congress was:-

(a) A united	(b) Prohibition
(c) An excellent mess of poets	(d) A satisfying environment

(ii) The people at Gemini studios worshipped:-

(a) Gandhi	(b) Lord Shiva and Parvati
(c) Jesur Christ	(d) Buddha

(iii) How was the communist:-

(a) Strict disciplarian	(b) Follower of socialism
(c) Godless man	(d) Follower of God

(iv) The poets of Gemini studios were:-

(a) Love poets	(b) Revolutionary poets
(c) Renaissance	(d) Khadi-clad-poets

(v) Choose the word similar in meaning to, “opposed to”:-

(a) Averse	(b) Excellent
(c) Compunction	(d) Innocent

(vi) Choose the word opposite in meaning to “guilty”:-

(a) Innocent	(b) Excellent
(c) Barring	(d) Notion

Q.11 Answer any one of the following questions in about 60 words:- (3)

Franz thinks, “will they make sing in German, even the pigeons?” (The last lesson)

OR

How are the attitudes of the ironmaster and his daughter different? (The Rattrap)

Q.12 Answer the following questions on about 20-30 words:- (2x2=4)

(i) Why did Gandhi Chided the lawyers? (Indigo)
(ii) How do we know that Sophie’s family lived in poor circumstances?

(Going places)

Q.13 Explain the stanza with reference to context:- (5)

I looked again at her, wan,

Pale

as a late winter’s moon and felt that

Old

Familiar ache, my childhood’s fear,

But all I said was, see you soon,

Amma,

All I did was smile and smile and

Smile.....

Q.14 Answer the following question in about 60 words:- (3)

How is the poets appeal for keeping quite different from absolute sluggishness?

(Keeping Quite)

OR

Justify the title of the poem ‘A thing of Beauty.’ (A Thing of Beauty)

Q.15 Answer the following questions in 20-30 words:- (2x2=4)

(i) Why are the cars called ‘Selfish’. (The Road side stand)
(ii) What picture of male chauvinism (tyranny) do we find in the poem ‘Aunt Jennifer’s Tigers. (Aunt Jennifer’s Tigers)

Q.16 Answer the following questions in about 60 words:- (3)

Describe briefly the scene at the third level of Grand central as seen by charley.
(The third level)

OR

Why did no one in Pratibandapuram experienced any sorrow and anguish at the death of the tiger king? (The Tiger King)

Q.17 Answer the following questions in about 20-30 words:- (2x2=4)

(i) Who was the tiger king? Why did he get that name. (The Tiger King)
(ii) On what condition was Hana married to sadao? (The Enemy)

Q.18 Choose the correct alternate:- (1x9=9)

(i) Students on Ice is _____ headed by Geoff Green. Select the option to fill in blanks correctly:-

(a) A travelogue	(b) An expedition
(c) A globetrotting	(d) A tour

(ii) Dr. Sadao's thought. ' But certainly I do not want this man to live, In the light of sadao's situation, the above statement is:-

- (a) Humorous
- (b) Ironical
- (c) Serious
- (d) Critical

(iii) How did they inform about breakfast:-

- (a) Called then
- (b) Made noise
- (c) Fixed time
- (d) rang the bell

(iv) How much money did the narrator have when he was at window?

- (a) Enough for two coach tickets
- (b) Lack of money
- (c) Enough for three coach tickets
- (d) None of these

(v) For how many days the cyclist not get all from his bike?

- (a) Two days
- (b) Three days
- (c) Four days
- (d) Five days

(vi) How many servants Dr. Sadao have?

- (a) Two
- (b) Three
- (c) One
- (d) Four

(vii) What was the name of the write 'The Enemy':-

- (a) Dr. Sadao
- (b) Pearls buck
- (c) Suran Hill
- (d) Tishani Dosh

(viii) What was the name of British officer (English man) visited patihandapuram:-

- (a) Duraisan
- (b) Durai
- (c) Robertclive
- (d) Rosvelt

(ix) Who were stretching and sunning themselves?

- (a) Whales
- (b) Carb eater seals
- (b) Penguins
- (d) Star fish