

MP BOARD CLASS 12 MODEL PAPER 2020

ENGLISH (General)

Time: 3 Hrs.]

[M.M.: 100

SECTION-A

Q.1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below : 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 a 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 of 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 economics comes in. Human beings today are not in the mood to tolerate this suffering and starvation and inequality when they see that the burden is not equally shared. Others profit while they only bear the burden.

Questions :

- (a) Nationalism is a symbol of : 1
(i) pride (ii) humbleness (iii) growth (iv) culture
- (b) Culture is essentially good but becomes : 1
(i) dynamic (ii) static (iii) worse (iv) rotten
- (c) We can find balance when we turn to : 1
(i) economics (ii) history (iii) culture (iv) geography
- (d) The word 'starve' in the passage means: 1
(i) hunger (ii) poverty (iii) lack of strength (iv) diseases
- (e) According to Nehru nationalism is a phenomenon. 1
(i) natural (ii) cultural (iii) curious (iv) ethical
- (f) What is the verb form of 'conclusion' ? 1
(i) include . (ii) conclude (iii) conclusive (iv) concludable
- (g) It is folly to talk of culture when : 1
(i) human beings starve and die (ii) the burden is not equally shared
(iii) culture becomes aggressive (iv) nationalism becomes successful
- (h) The noun form of "tolerate" is : 1
(i) tolerance (ii) tolerable : (iii) tolerably (iv) toleration
- (i) When does a society become static ? 2

(j) According to Nehru when is it folly to talk about culture or God ? 2

Q. 2. In modern world, honesty has lost its meaning. Wealth plays an important role in man's life today. Value of money has gone high. Everyone wants to become rich without hard labour. He does not hesitate to adopt any means at all to become rich. But still some people appreciate honesty. All religions lay down great stress on honesty. An honest man is always brave. He is not afraid of anybody. He is truthful and is liked by everybody. On the other hand, liar, greedy and cunning people earn more money but they are not liked by people. Honesty should be maintained everywhere at home, in school, among friends and even in the playground. An honest person always obeys the law so he is free from serious trouble. Honesty also gives rise to spiritual strength. So, one takes up any challenge with confidence. On the other hands, dishonest person can never be sure of anything. He is always busy in plotting. So he never gets peace. An honest man is rewarded with success. He is always appreciated. He gets love and respect from others.

Questions :

(a) Read the above passage carefully and make notes on it. 5

(b) Supply a suitable title and write a summary of the passage. 3

SECTION-B

Q. 3. You are Vinod Sharma, the secretary of the cultural activities of your school. Write an attractive notice giving information about the selection of two participants from your school to take part in the inter-school debate competition. 6

Or

You are Y. Dubey of 30 Tirupati Colony, Indore. You are a member of the same club as Mr. G. Naik. Write a reply telling him that you will not be able to come because you would be out on tour on that date. As you are not a close friend, your reply should be formal. Write the reply.

Q. 4. Using the following input produce a write-up on "Importance of Developing Reading Habit" : 6

(1) Field of knowledge expanding fast.

(2) Reading at school limited to subjects offered.

(3) Extra reading necessary for rounded personality:

(4) Creation of generation gap

(5) Continuous reading necessary to keep up-dated.

(6) Reading makes a full man. 6

Or

Last Sunday you went to the hospital to see a friend who was admitted there. Using the following input produce a small write-up on "A visit to a hospital" :

(1) Registration counter

(2) People in front of doctors' rooms

(3) Surgical ward

(4) Nurses attending

(5) Medical ward Patients lying on their beds.

Q. 5. You are Vivek. Write a letter to your younger sister advising her to celebrate Diwali without crackers. 6

Or

You are the monitor of your class. Your classroom is not cleaned regularly. Write an application to the Principal of your school requesting him to look into the matter.

Q. 6. You are Govind a student of Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Kasrawad. Write an application to your Principal requesting him to issue a character certificate. 6

or

Your friend is Atul. You are Mahesh. Your friend has sent you a gift on your birthday. Write him a thanking letter for birth day gift.

Q. 7. With the help of the words given below, produce a write-up on the Corruption-A Fast Growing Malady: 7

- (1) a little bit always existed
- (2) increased during license
- (3) permit raj
- (4) now growing very fast
- (5) officials and politicians making easy money
- (6) have assets beyond their known source of income
- (7) easy to take action against them.

Or

Write an essay on any one of the following topics :

- (a) The unemployment problem
- (b) Science and Technology- Boon or Curse
- (c) Evils of Fashion
- (d) Educational value of Television
- (e) If I were the Prime Minister of India

Q. 8. Fill in the blanks with the correct words and rewrite the sentences : 5

- (a) Swimming isgreat fun.
(i) a (ii) an (iii) the
- (b) knowledge is very dangerous.
(i), few (ii) little (iii) a little (iv) a few
- (c) You can write a pencil.
(i) in (ii) with (iii) by (iv) from
- (d) I was taking a cup of milk every morning.
(i) should (ii) used to (iii) must (iv) dare
- (e) Please wait here I return.
(i) when (ii) till (iii) as (iv) since

Q. 9. Do as directed : 5

- (a) He knows me well. (Change into passive voice)
- (b) He played cricket there. (Change into present progressive)

(c) The man has not come for two days. The man brings milk. (Combine to make a complex sentence using relative clause)

(d) We will leave as soon as the taxi arrives. (Rewrite using "No sooner....than") OR

His friend was not allowed to see him. His brother was not allowed to see him.

(Combine using "Neither..... nor")

(e) He always played well. (Change into negative)

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

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Teach me to listen,

Lord To those far from me

The whisper of the hopeless

The plea of the forgotten

The cry of the anguished.

Questions : (a) A word similar in meaning to the word "hear":

(i) pear (ii) listen (iii) peep

(b) The opposite word of "near" is :

(i) far (ii) clear (iii) further (iv) fear

(c) Give the name of the poem from which these lines have been taken.

(B) On every hand, in every land

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It's toughly agreed

the english language to explain

is very hard indeed.

Questions :

(a) The same meaning of completely is

(i) purely (ii) wrongly (iii) thoroughly (iv) explain

(b) The opposite word of easy is

(i) cured (ii) hard . (iii) soft (iv) comfort

(c) Give the name of the poem from which these lines have been taken.

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

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(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?

(c) How does the secret spirit operate in human body?

(d) How does the river praise the forest ?

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

(a) Being spastic, what could Mini do and what could she not?

(b) What is the best way to disarm hostility ?

(c) Why should we leave our comfort zones and how ?

(d) What did Birju see when he peeped into the hut?

(e) Why did Mohan name his ass as 'Truck Sa'ab?

(f) What did the author mean by a safe remark?

Q. 13. Answer any one of the following questions :

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Explain "true equality is the only true morality or true wisdom".

Or

What place does agriculture occupy in vision 2020 ?

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

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(a) What is the simplest form of meditation ?

(b) What do you understand by do's and dont's ?

(c) What according to the poet of "A Psalm of Life' is the nature of life ?

(d) Where is Chitrakoot stated ?

(e) What risk dowe face when we laugh ?

Q. 15. How can one attain mastery in art of meditation ?

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Or What will help you to improve your English at the beginning ?