

ENGLISH (SPECIAL) 2014

Time :3 Hours]

[M. M.: 100

Instructions:-

- (i) Attempt all the questions.
- (ii) Read the instructions carefully and do accordingly.
- (iii) Marks allotted to each question are indicated against it.

Q.1. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions that follow: The third is the dimension of patriotism. I am concerned here not so much with the routine meaning of this term as with that deeper patriotism which transcends all pettiness and exclusivism, and creates in our youth a deep urge for national unity and progress. This alone can eradicate corruption and nepotism from our land and galvanise our whole process of economic development, which is so crucial to the success of our democracy. The youth of a nation is always the fountainhead of its idealism, and our young men and women must have a full realization that it is up to them to provide a new moral impetus to India at this crucial juncture in her history as a free nation:

Questions :

- (i) The crucial element in the progress of a nation is : 1
(a) Knowledge ... (b) Patriotism (c) Power (d) Nationalism
- (ii) The word which means 'giving special favour to one's own people is : 1
(a) impetus (b) exclusivism (c) nepotism (d) galvanise
- (iii) The noun form of the word 'transcend' is : 1
(a) transcended (b) transcendence (c) transcendent (d) transcendental
- (iv) How can corruption be eradicated ? : 2

Q.2. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below it :

But gallantly

The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung

In crimson clusters all the boughs among.

Whereon all day are gathered bird and bee;

And oft at nights the garden overflows

With one sweet song that seems to have no close,

Sung darkling from our tree, while men repose.

Questions :

(a) Who does the 'giant refer to? 1

(a) Neem tree (b) Casuarina tree (c) Tamarind tree (d) Banyan tree

(b) Find the word from the extract which means similar to 'rest'. 1

(c) In are gathered birds and bee. 1

(a) garden (b) crimson clusters (c) tree (d) sweet song

(d) What overflows the garden in nights? 2

Q.3. Answer any six of the following questions in about 30 words each : 6x2=12

(i) Why does the speaker invoke the gods-Asvins?

(ii) What things did Mathilde resent in her life?

(iii) Who did grandmother Field love the best among the Lamb brothers and why?

(iv) Why was Skvortsov angry with the beggar?

(v) What was Netaji's proposal during the annual session of the Indian National Congress? <http://www.mpboardonline.com>

(vi) What does the Autumn plan to do with the cottage trees?

(vii) How are the brave deeds of a soldier rewarded by the world?

Q.4. Answer any two of the following questions in about 75-100 words each : 8

(a) Describe the effects of deforestation on the

(b) What analogy has the author used for proving the existence of the Snowman?

(c) Why is the poet so much worried about the future of his newborn daughter?

Q.5. Do as directed (any five) 5

(i) Write syllable division of the word 'principal'.

(ii) Write syllable structure of the word 'book'.

(iii) Karan has left already. (Give the American English variant of the sentence)

(iv) Give phonetic transcription of the word 'school':

(1) /skav:1/ (1) /sku:1/ (3) /sk:1/

(v) Mark the stress for the word 'record' as a verb.

(vi) Sincerity and hard work can make any respectable. (vacation/vocation)

Q.6. Do as directed (any five) 5

(i) The guide said to me, “Do you want to see the Cathedral?” (Change the narration)

(ii). The boys are playing in the field now.

The boys are in class X. (Combine using a relative clause)

(iii) People expect better results this time. (Change the voice)

(iv) She hates to work. (Rewrite the sentence using a Gerund)

(v) You pay the bill. You will not get the books. (Combine using 'unless')

(vi) You are permitted to use the pass. (Rewrite using 'can')

Q.7. Answer any one of the following questions (120 words) : 5

Who was Rajam? Why was Mani angry with him?

(OR) Describe Swaminathan and Mani's visit to Rajam's house.

Q.8. Answer any five of the following questions in 30 words each : 5x2=10

(a) Whom did Swami suspect for writing 'Tail' on the blackboard?

What did he do then?

(b) Where did Swaminathan's grandmother live?

(c) Why did Swami not like to go to school on Mondays?

(d) What did Mani decide to do with Rajam?

(e) How did Swami's attitude change towards his little brother?

(f) What mischief did the boys play while returning home? Why did they do it?

Q.9. Answer any one of the following questions in about 120 words : 5

The play “The Silver Box” is an attack on the hypocrisy of the British higher class. Discuss.

(OR) Write a character sketch of Mr. Jack Barthwick.

Answer any five of the following questions in about 30 words each : 5x2=10

- (a). How was Snow able to recognize that the silver box belonged to the Barthwick Family?
- (b) Write about the appearance of the Unknown Lady in your own words:
- (c) What were the two charges made by the police against Jones?
- (d) Who is Snow? What makes Snow come to the residence of Mrs. Jones?
- (e) What would the members of the Labour Party do, according to Mr. Barthwick, once they came to power?
- (f) What reasons did Jones provide for taking the silver box?

Q.11. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

As the dreaded examinations crawl to a halt, students look forward to the much awaited "Creative Outlets", the summer camp, to let off steam and spend their holidays. A summer camp is conducted over a short period of four to five weeks involving interesting and funfilled activities. The colourful spectrum of summer camps provides a wide variety of activities which include artistic skills, such as painting, origami; art, music, craft and also spoken English, cookery and computer courses. Not only this, the summer camps keep the child "fit as a fiddle" by importing lessons in yoga, cricket, tennis and swimming, with changing times and trends parents have become productivity oriented. They want their children to leash through productive play unlike in the past, when play was just play. Today the parents want to top the potential of their children to the fullest. To achieve this aim, the summer camps afford an ideal opening for children to develop their hobbies and talents. The importance of creative play is often underestimated whereas the fact is that art and craft projects can excite even a young child's imagination and promote a sense of great achievement. The little things that children make and take home give them a sense of achievement and pride when they show them to their parents.

Summer camps develop a child's confidence and his ideas. They also encourage children to do things on their own. the camps are beneficial for hyperactive and aggressive children as they help channel energies fruitfully by drawing out the best in them. They also promote mutual understanding not only among teachers and children but also bring about interaction between the taught. This provides a good experience for a better future, a future of confidence.

Questions:

- (i) Summer camp's develop a child's 1
- (ii) Give synonym of yielding' 1
- (iii) Find a word opposite in meaning to 'backward'. 1

- (iv) Find a word used in the sense of multiple' 1
- (v) What lessons do the summer camps impart? 2
- (vi) What do the parents want to top today? 2
- (vii) What sort of future do the summer camps provide? 2

Q.12. Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions that follow:

We have no wings, we cannot soar,
 But we have feet to scale and climb,
 By slow degrees, by more and more,
 The cloudy summits of our time.
 The heights by greatmen reached and kept,
 Were not attained by sudden flight,
 But they, while their companions slept,
 Were toiling upward in the night,

Questions :

- (i) Match the words in Column A with their meanings in Column B: 3

Column A	Column B
(a) Soar	succeed in doing or getting
(b) Summit b	to go up high in the air
(c) Attain	highest point

- (ii) How had the greatmen reached the heights? 2

Q.13. Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 250 words: 7

- (i) Importance of Games and Sports
- (ii) My Ambition in Life
- (iii) Science in Our Daily Life
- (iv) Any Current Burning Problem of India
- (v) A Visit to a Historical Place

Q.14. You are Vinita. The Students of your class are being taken on an excursion to 'Sanchi' Your friend Arushi was absent on the day when a few instructions were given. Write a message to your friend using the following information (50 words) : 4

- * reach the railway station at 9 a.m.
- * carry your lunch, water bottle etc.
- * do not bring more than Rs. 100
- * expected return at 6 p.m.

(OR) Ajay Chouhan of class XII A has lost his watch somewhere in the school premises. Besides being valuable, the watch has an emotional value for him. He puts up a notice on the school notice-board, promising a good reward to one who finds it. Write the notice and put it in a box. <http://www.mpboardonline.com>

Q.15. You are Ravi Dubey. You live in a rented house which requires special repairs after monsoon. Write a letter to your landlord Mr. Singh asking him to undertake the repair work immediately. 4

(OR) The transport authorities have decided to increase the bus fare by 30% of the existing one. You are Naveen, a student of class XII, residing in Sector A, Tilak Colony Indore, You are worried as you commute to school by bus. Write a letter to the Chairman, State Transport Corporation to reconsider the decision in the interest of the passengers and students.