

ENGLISH (SPECIAL) - 2011

Class - 12

Time : 3 Hours]

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Instructions-

- (i) All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) Read the instructions carefully and answer the questions.
- (iii) Marks of each question are indicated against it.
- (iv) Answer must be complete and to the point.

Q.1. (A) Read the extract carefully and answer the questions that follow-

What is required is an immense burst of idealism and energy among our youth, who must be deeply committed to the task of safeguarding this great nation of ours, founded on the twin ideals of secularism and democracy. In particular our young men and women studying in schools, colleges and universities have a special responsibility, for while they are no longer children they have yet not got fully involved in the routine of adult life. They constitute an immense reservoir of strength which, if properly canalized, can prove to be a source of great power to the nation.

Questions-

- (i) What sort of youth do we need? 2
- (ii) Find out a word from the passage similar in meaning to 'great'. 1
- (iii) Give the adjective form of the word 'secularism'. 1
- (iv) Choose the correct alternative- 1

The sense that the author wants the youth to have towards the nation, is of-

- (a) responsibility (b) tolerance (c) religion (d) prudence

(B) Read the extract carefully and answer the questions that follow-

O may she live like some green laurel,

Rooted in one dear perpetual place.

My mind, because the minds that I have loved,

The sort of beauty that I have approved.

Prosper but little, has dried up of late,

Yet knows that to do choked with hate,

May well be of all evii-chances chief.

If there is no hatred in a mind

Assault and battery of the wind

Can never tear the linnet from the leaf.

Questions-

- (a) Find a word from the stanza which means 'everlasting'. 1
- (b) Find a word opposite to 'rejected'. 1
- (c) Verb form of the word 'beauty' is 1
- (d) Who is 'she' referred to in the first line of the above stanza? 2

Q.2. Answer any two of the following questions- 2

- (i) How does global warming affect the climate pattern?
- (ii) Justify the title of the essay, "Dream Children- A Reverie".
- (iii) Describe Milton's feelings on his having arrived at the age of twenty-three.
- (iv) For what reasons is the casuarina tree dear to the poetess?

Q.3. Answer any two of the following questions- 8

- (i) Describe the scene of the earth at sun-set as the poet depicted in the poem 'To Autumn'.
- (ii) Give a brief character sketch of Einstein.
- (iii) How did Mathilde fare at the ball?
- (iv) What qualities grow when the mind is without hatred?

Q.4. Do as directed (any five) – 5

- (i) This news surprises me. (Change the voice)
- (ii) Could you lend me money? (Some/any)
(Use proper determiner)
- (iii) He said to me, "I did not see you at the party last night."
(Change the narration)
- (iv) He is so poor that he cannot pay his school fees.
(Rewrite the sentence using 'too to')
- (v) He does his duty. (Make Negative)
- (vi) Although he is poor but he is honest. (Correct the sentence)
- (vii) The boy is my friend. He is wearing a cap.
(Combine the pair of sentences using 'who').

Q.5. Answer the following questions- 5

- (i) Give syllable division of the word 'department'.
- (ii) How many syllables does the word 'examination' have?

- (iii) head, bend, cattle, men. (pick the odd one out)
 - (iv) Write down one word which has 'CVC' syllable.
 - (v) (Mother Teresa won many international (awards/rewards)
- (Fill in the blank with the suitable word)

Q.6. Answer any one of the following questions- 9

- (i) How did Rajam bring about reconciliation between his fighting friends?
- (ii) What change did Swaminathan observe in his father's behaviour towards him before the examination?

Q.7. Answer any two of the following questions- 6

- (i) How did Swaminathan know that the boys of his class called him 'tail'?
- (ii) What made Mani to boil with rage? How did Rajam assuage his anger?
- (iii) Describe Swaminathan's state of mind when Sankar, Somu and others stopped talking to him. <http://www.mpboardonline.com>

Q.8. Answer any one of the following questions- 9

- (i) Justify the title of the play The Silver Box.
- (ii) Give an account of the way the Silver Box was recovered from the residence of Jones.

Q.9. Answer any two of the following questions- 6

- (i) Write a note on the dramatic significance of The Unknown Lady episode.
- (ii) What transpires when Mr. Barthwick calls Mr. Jones for a talk?
- (iii) Write in your own words the proceedings of the case of the two little girls in the Court.

Q.10. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow-

Some political thinkers think that liberty and equality cannot go together. They think that liberty implies the freedom to do what one would like to do. This is true if freedom is interpreted in its absolute sense to mean that every individual shall be free according to his opportunities, there will be chaos. It is a lesson of history that whenever people are allowed to do as they wish, the clever and more capable used their freedom to concentrate all wealth and power in themselves to the misery and oppression of the rest. Obviously the negative view is described by those who belong to privileged section of community and for this reason, seek to maintain status for the sake of their vested interests. They think that equality is unattainable under conditions

of such unrestricted freedom. Lord Acton therefore, says, "The passion of equality made vain the hope of liberty."

The exponents of this view held that liberty is natural, equality is not. Nature itself created differences. For example, some are intellectuals, others are not. Liberty means freedom, no restrictions, equality needs some restrictions. This is against the principle of liberty. The institution of property is a natural institution and therefore, should not be restricted by equality. Perfect equality is only possible when enforced by state. This means the powers of state will increase. Excess power of the state is harmful to the liberty of the people. Moreover, state has produced many evils of capitalism. It has encouraged exploitation. It has given protection to the capitalists. Such a state cannot give perfect equality. So, the hope of liberty also vanishes away. The democracy is said to be a system based on liberty and equality. But unfortunately, the democracy is either becoming elites' democracy or dollar democracy. Either this is controlled by the educated class or by the capitalists. Presence of elite or capitalist is inequality. Hence liberty and equality appear opposed to each other.

Questions-

- (i) Find out a word from the passage for the expression-'having special rights'. 1
- (ii) Give the adverb, form of the word 'absolute'. 1
- (iii) Choosing from the given passage give antonym of the word 'decrease'. 1
- (iv) Make noun from the word 'describe'. 1
- (v) If everyone is allowed to do as he wishes, what will be the state of society? 2
- (vi) What is the view of Lord Acton regarding equality and liberty? 2
- (vii) What do you understand by elites' democracy and dollar democracy? 2

Q.11. Read the following poem and answer the questions given below-

The world is finite, resources are scarce, <http://www.mpboardonline.com>

Things are bad and will be worse,
Coal is burned and gas exploded,
Wells are dry and air polluted,
Dust is blowing, trees are uprooted,
Oil is going, ores depleted,
Drains receive what is excreted
Land is sinking, seas are rising,
Man is far too enterprising.
Fires will rage with man to fan it,
Soon we will have a plundered planet.

Questions-

- (i). Choose two words from the poem which suggest the bleak future of mankind. 1

- (ii) Find out a word from the poem opposite to the word 'better'. 1
- (ii) Give noun form of the word 'explode'. 1
- (iv) What is the danger ahead about which the poem is warning us? 2

Q.12. Write an essay on any one of the following topics- 10

- (i) An Election Scene.
- (ii) Myambition of life.
- (iii) Science-A Good Servant but a Bad Master.
- (iv) Environment Pollution.
- (v) Importance of Games and Sports.

Q.13. You are Rakesh pandey residing at 69/B Sai Nath Colony, Barwani. Write a letter of complaint to the Supervisor, M.P. Electricity Board, Barwani regarding the frequent break-down in electricity supply in your area. 5

(OR) You are Jayant Garg living at 12/F Silver Hills Colony, Dhar. You are twelfth class student in St. Mary's Convent School. There was an Annual Sports meet in your school and you had participated in it. Write a letter to your friend Manish Shah describing the Annual Sports held in your school.