

# MP BOARD CLASS 9 EXAM 2014 ENGLISH (GENERAL) : CLASS IX

## Section—A

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :

The famous Taj of Agra stands on the right bank of river Yamuna. It is one of the most splendid buildings of the world. It was built by Shah Jahan, the Emperor of India, in the memory of his beloved wife, Mumtaz Mahal. Built of pure white marble, it took about twenty thousand workmen and twenty long years to complete it. In front of the Taj Mahal can be seen fountains with straight paths on either side, tall dark cyperus tree, smooth lawns and planned beds of flowers.

**Questions :**

- (a) Where does the Taj stand ? 1
- (b) Who built the Taj ? 1
- (c) In whose memory was it built ? 1
- (d) Give the noun form of 'famous'. 1
- (e) Find out the word, from the passage opposite to 'left'. 1

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :

We must be clean and regular. Our bodies and clothes should be clean. Our clothes should not be very tight. They need not be expensive. Simple cotton clothes will be better. But they must be kept clean. We must brush our teeth everyday and wash our hands and mouth before and after meals. Long and dirty nails invite diseases. We should wash our bodies everyday with soap and rub them with a towel. A good bath is also necessary after games.

**Questions :**

- (a) Which types of clothes are better ? 1
- (b) What should we do before and after meals ? 1
- (c) What harm long and dirty nails do ? 1
- (d) After games what is necessary ? 1
  - (i) Taking rest (ii) Apply oil to the body
  - (iii) Take a good bath (iv) Rub the body.
- (e) Give the noun form of 'clean'. 1

3. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

Necessity is a very good teacher. It has always taught man to find out new ways and means. It has enabled man to make many new inventions. Many examples can be given to prove this thing. The early man had no clothes to wear. He had no house to live in. He had no fire to cook food. He wanted to protect himself from

sun, cold and rain. So he began to cover his body with skins of animals. He discovered fire to cook food. Thus necessity taught him to make one invention or other. It is truly said that necessity is the mother of invention.

**Questions :**

- (a) What has necessity taught man ? 1
- (b) Why did he discover fire ? 1
- (c) The early man covered his body with : 1
  - (i) bark of trees (ii) skins of animals
  - (iii) big leaves of trees (iv) long clothes.
- (d) Necessity is the ..... of invention. 1
  - (i) mother (ii) teacher
  - (iii) brother (iv) sister.
- (e) Give the adjective form of 'necessity'. 1

4. You are Jayshree Gupta, a student of class IXth in M.L.B. Girls Hr. Secondary School, Indore. Write an application to your Principal of your school requesting him for four days leave on account of your illness. 6

*Or*

Your are Sushil Sharma living in room no. 5 of the Sariya Hostel, Ravindra Higher Secondary School, Makdone (Ujjain). Write a letter to your father to send you Rs. 500/- by money order.

5. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :

Early rising leads to health and happiness. The man who rises late, can have little rest in the course of the day. Anyone who lies in bed late is compelled to work till a late hour in the evening. He has to go without the morning exercise which is so necessary for his health. In spite of all his efforts, his work will not produce as good results as that of the early riser. The reason for this is that he can't take advantage of the refreshing hours in the morning. Several great writers say that they can write best only when they burn the midnight oil. Yet, it is true that few men have a clear brain at midnight when the body need rest and sleep.

**Questions :**

- (a) Make notes on the passage given below. 3  
 (b) Prepare a summary and give a suitable title to the passage. 4
6. Write an article on 'Importance of Trees' with the help of verbal input provided : 7
- (i) Trees—gift of nature.  
 (ii) friends of man, trees provide oxygen, timber, cause rainfall.  
 (iii) Cutting of trees—ecological imbalance, do tree plantation.

*Or*

Write an essay on any *one* of the following topics in about 200 words :

- (i) My Favourite Game, (ii) Wonders of Science,  
 (iii) My Hobby, (iv) My Best Friend.

**Section—C**

7. Fill in the blanks with correct words and rewrite the sentence : 10
- (i) ..... God bless her ! (Can, May)
- (ii) He is not suitable ..... the post. (to, at, for)
- (iii) He eats ..... apple. (a, an, the)
- (iv) The book is ..... the table. (on, of, under)
- (v) She ..... here for last five years. (has been living, lived, lives)
- (vi) Kalidas has written ..... plays. (much, many)
- (vii) The clerks ..... obey the officer. (have to, has to)
- (viii) Physics ..... not a difficult subject. (is, are)
- (ix) I know when he came. (The underlined clause is—(Noun, Adjective))
- (x) The cloth is..... (course, coarse)

Ans. (i) May, (ii) for, (iii) an, (iv) on, (v) has been living, (vi) many, (vii) have to, (viii) is, (ix) Noun, (x) coarse.

8. Do as directed (any five) : 5
- (i) I do it. (Make Negative)
- (ii) She takes coffee. (Make Interrogative Sentence)
- (iii) They read a book. (Change the voice)
- (iv) east/in/the/Sun/the/rises. (Rearrange the words to make sentence)
- (v) The teacher said, "The Earth moves around the Sun".

(Change into Indirect Narration)

(Correct the sentence)

- (vi) Hari cuts his hair yesterday.
9. Translate any *five* sentences into English : 5
- (i) मोहन स्कूल जाता है।
  - (ii) वर्षा हो रही है।
  - (iii) आज छुट्टी है।
  - (iv) क्या सोहन आगरा जाएगा ?
  - (v) तुम मेरे दोस्त हो।
  - (vi) क्या तुम तैर सकते हो ?
  - (vii) मेरे विद्यालय में 20 कमरे हैं।

### Section—D

10. Read the following extract from your text book and answer the questions given below :

One day, when Akbar and Birbal were in discussion, Birbal happened to pass a harmless comment about Akbar's sense of humour. But Emperor Akbar was in a foul mood and took great offence to this remark. He asked Birbal, his court-jester, friend and confidant to not only leave the palace but also to leave the walls of the city of Agra. Birbal was terribly hurt at being banished.

A couple of days later, Akbar began to miss his best friend. He regretted his earlier decision of banishing him from the courts. He just could not do without Birbal and so sent out a search party to look for him.

**Questions :**

- (a) How did Akbar take the harmless comment ? 1
- (b) What punishment did Akbar give Birbal ? 1
- (c) What happened after a couple of days ? 1
- (d) What did Akbar do to correct his action ? 1
- (e) Find out a word from the extract that means—'one who makes others laugh'.

11. Read the following extract from your text book and answer the questions given below :

Ram Prasad 'Bismil' was a brave revolutionary, who gave up his life smilingly for the sake of Motherland. He was prosecuted by an enraged foreign government, hunted by the police and betrayed by some fellow workers. He was the brave leader of the Kakori train incident. His poetry is also a lamp lighted at the altar of the Motherland. Kakori is a village near Lucknow. It became famous, because the attack on the train took place near Lucknow.

**Questions :**

- (a) Who was the leader of the Kakori train incident ? 1
- (b) By whom was he prosecuted ? 1
- (c) Where is Kakori situated ? 1
- (d) Why did Kakori become famous ? 1
- (e) Find out the word from the passage which means 'a table where religious ceremonies are performed'. 1

12. Answer any *three* the following questions : 6

- (a) Who was Kasturba Gandhi ?
- (b) Who was nominated as the Head Panch by the aunt ?
- (c) What do you mean by an advertisement ?
- (d) Who was Baljit ?

13. (a) What did the Zamindar understand by M.A. and B.A. ? 4

Or

Why was Humayun surprised to find a messenger from Udaipur ?

(b) Answer any two of the following questions : 6

(i) What was Karnavati's message to Humayun ?

(ii) What did Chaturbhuj Babu want to explain to Nilratan ?

(iii) Who has sent the messenger and which Kingdom belongs to Udaipur ?

14. Choose the correct option and complete the sentences : 4

(i) In which game is D-area ?

(a) Cricket

(b) Tennis

(c) Hockey

(d) Football.

(ii) Whose story has been retold in 'Fair Play' ?

(a) R. N. Tagore

(b) Prem Chand

(c) R. K. Narayan

(d) E. V. Lucas.

(iii) Cheemi was .....

(a) a poor orphan

(b) the daughter of Parvati Kaki

(c) the maid servant

(d) Neighbour of Gauri Bhabhi.

(iv) Karnawati was the queen of .....

(a) Udaipur

(b) Mewar

(c) Jhansi

(d) Aamer.

Ans. (i) (c) Hockey, (ii) (b) Prem Chand, (iii) (a) a poor orphan, (iv) (a) Udaipur.

15. Read the following extract and answer the questions given below :

Don't tell me of tomorrow;

Give me the man who'll say,

That, when a good deed's to be done.

"Let's do the deed today."

Questions :

(a) What type of man does the poet want ? 2

(b) From which poem has this extract been taken ? 1

Or

A harvest mouse goes scampering by,

With silver claws and silver eye;

And moveless fish in the water gleam.

By silver reeds in silver stream.

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(a) How is the harvest mouse described in the poem ?

(b) Name the poet of the poem.

16. Answer these questions (any two) : 6

(i) Why are different objects gleaming like silver ?

(ii) Why does the poetess say, "I shall die" ?

(iii) How can we control the present ?

17. Write the central idea of the poem 'Woodman, Spare That Tree'. 4

Or

Write the central idea of the poem 'Today and Tomorrow'.

18. Choose the correct option :

(i) Which was the river described in village song ? 1

(a) The Ganga

(b) The Yamuna

(c) The Tapti

(d) The Narmada.

(ii) The moon is walking ..... 1

(a) slowly

(b) hurriedly

(c) Not walking at all.

Ans. (i) (a) The Ganga, (ii) (a) slowly.