

## 4. Model Question Paper

CLASS - XII

Sub - General English

Time : 3 Hours

M. Marks : 100

Note : Attempt all questions.

The Question Paper is divided into 4 sections:

Section A	Reading	20 Marks
Section B	Writing	30 Marks
Section C	Grammar	10 Marks
Section D	Text Book	40 Marks

### SECTION A

**Q.1** Read the following passage carefully and answer the question that follow:-

The New Year is a time for resolutions. Mentally, at least most of us could compile formidable lists of 'do's' and 'don'ts'. The same old favourites recur year in and year out with monotonous regularity. We resolve to get up earlier each morning, eat less, find more time to play with the children, do a thousand and one jobs about the house, be nice to people we don't like, drive carefully, and take the dog for a walk every day. Past experience has taught us that certain accomplishments are beyond attainment. If we remain deep-rooted liars, it is only because we have so often experienced the frustration that results from failure.

Most of us fail in our efforts at self-improvement because our schemes are too ambitious and we never have time to carry them out. We also make the fundamental error of announcing our resolutions to everybody so that we look even more foolish when we slip back into our bad old ways. Aware of these pitfalls, this year I attempted to keep my resolutions to myself. I limited myself to two modest ambitions: to do physical exercise every morning and to read more in the evening. An all-night party on New Year's Eve provided me with a good excuse for not carrying out either of these new resolutions on the first day the year, but on the second, I applied myself assiduously to the task.

The daily exercise lasted only eleven minutes and I proposed to do them early in the morning before anyone had got up. The self discipline required to drag myself out of bed eleven minutes earlier than usual was considerable. Nevertheless, I managed to creep down into the living room for two days before anyone found me out. After jumping about on the carpet and twisting the human frame into

uncomfortable position, I set down at the breakfast table in an exhausted condition. It was this that betrayed me. The next morning the whole family trooped in to watch the performance. That was really unsettling but I fended off the taunts and jibes of the family good humouredly and soon everybody got used to the idea. However, my enthusiasm waned, the time I spent at exercises gradually diminished. Little by little, the eleven minutes fell to zero. By January 10<sup>th</sup>, I was back to where. I had started from.

### Questions

- (a) **What is the New Year a time for?** 01  
(i) enjoying parties  
(ii) Sending greetings  
(iii) Making resolutions.  
(iv) Watching T.V. Programmes.
- (b) **Why did the writer not carry out his resolutions on New Year's Day?** 01  
(i) because he was very busy with his work.  
(ii) because he attended an all-night party.  
(iii) because he forgot about it.  
(iv) because he had to go out of the town. 01
- (c) **For how long did his physical exercise last?** 01  
(i) eleven minutes  
(ii) eleven hours  
(iii) eleven days  
(iv) eleven months.
- (d) **How did the author's family members treat his resolution:-** 01  
(i) they helped him with his exercise.  
(ii) they woke him up regularly.  
(iii) they also did exercise.  
(iv) they made a fun of him.
- (e) **where did the author do his exercise?** 01  
(i) on the terrace  
(ii) in the bed-room  
(iii) in the living room  
(iv) in a park
- (f) **The word in the passage similar in meaning to 'deep disappointment'.** 01  
(i) exhausted  
(ii) attainment  
(iii) accomplishment  
(iv) frustration.
- (g) **Supply one word for 'unchanging State of affairs' from the passage** 01

- (i) regularity
- (ii) monotonous
- (iii) favorites
- (iv) frustration
- (h) **The word in the passage similar in meaning to ‘happen again and again’.** 01
  - (i) effort
  - (ii) error
  - (iii) recur
  - (iv) attempt.
- (i) **Why is it a basic mistake to announce our resolutions to everybody?** 02
- (j) **Why, according to the writer, most of us fail in our efforts for self improvement?** 02

**Q.2 Read the following passage carefully :-**

We are lucky to have so many kinds of mountains, hill ranges and highlands. Apart from fact that hills and mountains are visually exciting, they make the land productive in a way we seldom consciously realize.

What, for instance, do the Himalayas do for us, apart from giving visual glamour to our northern borders and giving us status as possessors of the highest peaks in the world? Well, quite simply, they keep the cold dry Siberian winds out of the country, and keep the warm moist monsoon winds inside it.

What, else, apart from our climate and rainfall do we owe to the Himalayas? Well, we owe to them all those giant rivers which meander over the wide area of flat land below the Himalayas, and give it life and fertility. As snow and ice pile on each other in the higher of these mountains, the bottom layer continuously melts, and this melted snow is the source of those permanent rivers which water the North Indian plains. As against these Himalayan rivers, most other are seasonal.

The vegetation found on the Himalayas consists of different types of trees, shrubs and grasses, arranged in horizontal bands at different heights in the same order in which they occur at various latitudes. Fruits such as most of the apples and pears appearing in the Indian markets can only be grown in the Himalayas. The conifer trees are a rich source of timber.

- (a) **On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make suitable notes giving an appropriate title.** 05
- (b) **Make a summary using those notes.** 03

**SECTION B**  
**WRITING**

**Q.3** Design and draft a poster to highlight the importance of trees in our life, appealing the people to plant more and more trees. **05**

**OR**

You want to let out a portion of your house. Draft an advertisement giving necessary details to be published in the classified columns of a local daily.

**OR**

You are Alok the school captain of Saint Francis Senior Secondary School Bhopal. Your School has organised a programme by Kathak dancer, 'Padma'. Write a notice informing all the students about it.

**Q.4** You are the Press-Reporter of Hindustan Times. You were sent to report the bank dacoity in which 10 lac rupees were looted in broad daylight. Write the report **08**

**OR**

You are the secretary of the science club of at Xavier's convent School, Gwalior. Write a report of the inter School Science Exhibition organized in your school.

**Q.5** Imagine yourself to be D.S. Tomar, the P.E.T. of All Saints Public School, Raisen. Your Principal has asked you to place an order for supply of sports equipments to M/s Olympic Sports, 56, New Market, Bhopal. Write the letter. **07**

**OR**

You have read an advertisement for the post of Lecturer (Economics) in Maharana Pratap Sr. Seco. School, Jaipur. You possess the desired qualification. Write an application for job to the principal. Sign yourself as Prateel/ Pratima of 62, Civil Lines, Vidisha.

**Q.6** You are Anurag Anupama, a student of class XII. Your teacher has asked you to deliver a speech on Importance of English in India in the morning assembly. Write the speech - **10**

**OR**

Write an essay on any one of the following:-

- a) Science in Daily Life
- b) Increasing corruption A Threat to Society

**SECTION C**

**Q.7** **Fill up the blanks by selecting the most appropriate option.** **05**

- (a) How ----- milk do you buy daily?  
(many / much / any)
- (b) ----- cotton of Egypt is exported to many countries.  
(a / an / the)
- (c) My boss wants this report immediately. He demanded that it----  
----- Ready by 5:00.

- (will be / should be / was)
- (d) I opened the door ----- looked out.  
(and / but / nor)
- (e) You may get malaria ----- you are bitten by a mosquito.  
(i) so that (ii) though (iii) if (iv) before.

**Q.8**

**DO AS DIRECTED (any five)**

**05**

- (a) work / much / yet / to be / done / is.  
(Rearrange to form a meaningful sentence)
- (b) The teacher told us to exercise in the open.  
(Rewrite using noun clause)
- (c) Hurry up. You will miss the show.  
(Combine the sentences using appropriate conjunction).
- (d) Somebody is using the computer at the moment.  
(Rewrite in passive form removing some body)
- (e) Mohan finished his homework. Then he wrote a letter to his father.  
(Combine the sentence using past perfect)
- (f) (i) The boy is my friend  
(ii) He is sitting in the last row  
(Combine the sentences using relative clause)
- (g) (i) Mohan found the book.  
(ii) Mohan was going to school.  
(Combine using adverbial clause)

**SECTION D**  
**TEXT BOOK**

**Q.9**

- (A) *“Rushing towards the pure domain,  
of the sea  
The kingdom of water, water;  
water;  
The passionate vigorous spirit  
of life  
The Liquid turquoise of light.”  
with eternal flow.*

**Questions**

- (a) **These lines have been taken from the poem:**  
(i) Forest and River  
(ii) Teach me to Listen, Lord.  
(iii) The Hill Top Temple.  
(iv) Wonderful World.
- (b) **Who is the speaker of these lines:**  
(i) River  
(ii) The passer by man  
(iii) Forest

**01**

**01**

(iv) Water.

(c) **Why is water called as the ‘liquid turquoise of light’?**

**OR**

**01**

*“And get, when I said my prayers to day,  
A whisper inside me seemed to say,  
“You are more than the Earth, though you are such a dot:  
You can love and think, and the earth cannot”*

**Questions**

(a) **Who is the poet?**

- (i) W.H. Davies
- (ii) Sri Aurobindo
- (iii) Jalaluddin Rumi
- (iv) W.B. Rands.

(b) **Whom does ‘you’ refer to?**

- (i) Air
- (ii) Human being
- (iii) World
- (iv) Water

(c) **What does the whisper inside say to the poet? Why?**

**(B) Answer any Three of the following**

- (a) Write the central idea of the poem “The English Language.
- (b) How could listening to one’s inner voice be helpful?
- (c) What is selfishness according to W.H. Davies?
- (d) How does the secret spirit operate in human body?

**09**

**Q.10 Answer any FOUR of the following question.**

**08**

- (a) In what way had post independence India influenced the world?
- (b) Make a list of civic duties as suggested by Dr. Kalam.
- (c) Describe the structure of brain.
- (d) What were the three remarkable things in the strangers story?
- (e) What is the best way to disarm hostility?
- (f) Why did the new passenger not notice the girls hair?

**Q.11** How did the friend from the sky help Mini?

**08**

**OR**

Can a thief be nobler than a sage? Justify your answer on the basis of “End and means”.

**Q.12** “The ability to motivate other well flows from the importance that we attach today”. Justify on the basic of John Wooden’s story.

**08**

**OR**

Describe the importance of “The Gita”.

**Q.13 Answer any Two of the following :**

**04**

- (a) Name the world’s highest water fall. Why is it called so?
- (b) What accounts for beauty in yourself?
- (c) Why did the truck driver say “What goes around comes around”?
- (d) What are the benefits of meditation?

## 5. MODEL ANSWERS

### SECTION – A

#### READING

- Q.1**
- (a) making resolutions
  - (b) because he attended an all-night party.
  - (c) eleven minutes.
  - (d) they made a fun of him.
  - (e) in the living room.
  - (f) frustration.
  - (g) monotonous
  - (h) recur
  - (i) It is a basic mistake to announce our resolution to everybody as it exposes us to the constant observation and scrutiny of others. We make fool of ourselves when we slip back to our bad old habits.
  - (j) According to the writer, most of us fail in our efforts for self improvement because our schemes and targets are either too ambitious or beyond attainment. Moreover, we don't have time to carry them out.

**Q.2 (a) WHAT WE OWE TO THE HIMALAYAS?**

1. Physical
  - 1.1 Lend visual glmr. To our norn. Borders
  - 1.2 Status of possessors of the world's highest peaks.
2. Climate & Rainfall:-
  - 2.1 Keep the cold dry sibn. Winds from entering our country.
  - 2.2 Keep the warm moist monsoon winds inside our country.
3. Perennial Rivers :-
  - 3.1 giant rivers
  - 3.2 snow and ice from the Himalayas feed there rivers.
  - 3.3 Himalayan rivers perennial.
4. Vegetation :-
  - 4.1 diff. Types of trees, shrubs and grasses.
  - 4.2 Fruits like apples and pears
  - 4.3 Coniferous trees yield timber.

#### ABBREVIATIONS USED

Glmr	=	glamour.
Norn	=	northern.
Sibn	=	Siberian.
Diff	=	different.

**(b) SUMMARY :**

We are lucky to have the Himalayas on our northern borders as