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मॉडल प्रश्न पत्र (Model Question Paper)

Class 12<sup>th</sup>  
Subject:- General English  
Time:- 3 Hours  
Maximum Marks :- 100

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**Instruction :-1. Attempt all the questions:**

2. Answer question no. 1 in one word.
3. Answer question no. 2-13 in about two or three sentence.
4. The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks.

**PROSE**

**Ques 1:- Answer the following questions in one word .**

- i. What was inside the brass ghurras ? (1)
- ii. Who was the model as the hermit miner ? (1)
- iii. What was the name of Elias's wife ? (1)
- iv. What inspires men of action? (1)

**Ques 2:- Why was Ross discovery glorious and memorable? (3)**

**Ques 3:- Why did it become difficult for Jagannath to live in the empty house without Gokul ? (3)**

**Ques 4:- What remarkable thing did Behrman do during the night? (3)**

**Ques 5:- How did Velan serve the plants and what did he whisper to them? (3)**

**Ques 6:- 'And the hammer fell' says the narrator, what does he mean? (3)**

**Ques 7:- What does the word 'theme' in paragraph 1 in the lesson 'The Heritage of India refer to ? What did Ram Mohan Roy advocate ? (3)**

**Ques 8:- What are the two groups of ideas that have helped mankind ? (3)**

**Ques 9:- What do you mean by Human Rights? (3)**

**OR**

**Why did the hostess prepare a note for the visitors ?**

**POETRY**

**Ques 10:- What is the real end of life? (2)**

**Ques 11:- Why is the bright coloured cloth being woven in the evening ? (2)**

**Ques 12:- What is mental agony of Milton ? (2)**

**Ques 13:- What do children expect middle aged mother to do ? (2)**

**OR**

**What is the bliss of solitude in the poem ‘The Daffodils’ and why ?**

**VOCABULARY**

**Ques 14:[A] Match the words in column A with their meaning in cloumn B - (5)**

<b>Column A</b>		<b>Column B</b>	
i.	Hectic	a.	A trip made for pleasure
ii.	weed	b.	Living in the same age
iii.	Excursion	c.	Full of excitement and without rest
iv.	Contemporary	d.	To call some body by hand
v.	Beckon	e.	Unwanted wild plants

**Ques 14:[B] Do as directed :- (5)**

- i. The Science of man, his beginning and his development.  
(Give one word)**
- ii. Write antonyms of word- Humiliation**
- iii. Make noun from the given verb-- Pollute**
- iv. Find the odd word out-  
brawl, quarrel, dispute, treaty**

- v. Separate the base word and the suffix from the word - gradually.

### **GRAMMAR**

**Ques 15- Fill in the blanks with suitable word choosing from those given within bracket (5)**

- i. I didn't buy \_\_\_\_\_ honey.  
(any, many, some , few)
- ii. I saw \_\_\_\_\_ elephant yesterday. (a, an, the)
- iii. She \_\_\_\_\_ go to the temple every morning in her childhood.  
(dare, used to, ought to)
- iv. The officer goes to Hyderabad \_\_\_\_\_ train. (to, by, with)
- v. May is \_\_\_\_\_ than April.  
(hot, hotter, hottest)

**Ques 16:- Do as directed. (5)**

- i. The shops were closed and we could not buy anything.  
(Divide the sentence into two sentences and identify them as subordinate or co-ordinate)
- ii. I request your help.  
(change the simple sentence to complex sentence with noun clause)
- iii. She is very beautiful. She attract everybody.  
(Combine the two simple sentence into complex sentence )
- iv. If you are honest, you will get respect.  
(Rewrite the sentence using 'unless' in place of 'If'.)
- v. The sun is so bright that we can't look at it.  
(pick out the adverbial clause in the sentence)

**Ques 17:- Do as directed. (5)**

- i. I offered him a chair. (change the voice)

- ii. The teacher said to the pupils, “Have you done all the sums”?  
(change into Indirect form of speech)
- iii. I \_\_\_\_\_ him \_\_\_\_\_ go to school.  
(make the causative sentence using ‘made’)
- iv. The poor little boy wished that he had been a prince.  
(change the sentence into direct form of speech.)
- v. The miners are convinced that there is gold in these hills but they (search)  
for six months but (not see) any sign of it.  
(put the verbs in brackets into correct tense Present perfect or Present  
perfect continuous)

### COMPOSITION

**Ques 18:-** Write an essay in about 200 words on any one of the following topics:-  
(8)

- i. Environment Pollution
- ii. Green planet
- iii. Unemployment problem
- iv. Advantage of games and sports.

**Ques 19:-** Write an application to the collector, Bilaspur regarding repair of street lights as antisocial elements are causing problem to women due to darkness on the road.  
(5)

**OR**

Write a letter of congratulations to your friend Anish on passing the examination. You are Praneet Sao, living at Q. No.7/23, Sector-4, Bhilai.

**Ques 20:[A]-** Find the errors in each line and write the correct words in the space given-  
(5)

The taming for domestic animals must have \_\_\_\_\_  
make life more pleasant and more secure \_\_\_\_\_  
A utility of animal was not \_\_\_\_\_  
foreseen . But people attempted to tame \_\_\_\_\_  
whatever animal their religion teach them to worship \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ques 20:[B]-** Make a precis of the following passage-

The Ganga is specially the river of India, beloved of her people, round which are inter twined racial memories, her hopes and fears, her songs of triumph, her victories and defeats. She has been a symbol of India's age-long culture and civilization, ever changing, ever flowing, yet ever the Ganga. She reminds me of the snow-covered peaks and the deep valleys of the Himalayas, which I have loved so much, and of the rich and vast plains below, where my life and work have been cast. Smiling and dancing in the morning sunlight and gloomy and full of mystery as the evening shadows fall; a narrow, slow and graceful stream in winter, a vast roaring thing during the monsoon, broad bodied almost as the sea, and with something of sea's power to destroy, the Ganga has been to me a symbol and memory of the past of India, running into the present and flowing on to the great ocean of the future. Although I have discarded much of past tradition and custom and am anxious that India should rid herself of all shackles that bind and constrain her, divide her people, and suppress vast numbers of them, and prevent the free development of the body and the spirit, though I seek all this, yet I do not wish to cut myself off from the past completely.

**Ques 21:-** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given at the end : (5)

Old Behrman was a painter who lived on the ground floor beneath them. He was past sixty and had a Michael Angelo's Moses beard curling down from the head of a satyr along the body of an imp. Behrman was a failure in art. Forty years he had wielded the brush without getting near enough to touch the hem of his Mistress's robe. He had been always about to paint a masterpiece, but had never yet begun it. For several years he had painted nothing except now and then a daub in the line of commerce or advertising. He earned a little by serving as a model to those young artists in the colony who could not pay the price of a professional. He drank gin to excess and still talked of his coming masterpiece. For the rest he was a fierce little old man, who scoffed terribly at softness in anyone and who regarded himself as especial mastiff-in waiting to protect the young artists in the studio above.

Sue found Behrman smelling strongly of Juniper berries in his dimly-lighted den below. In one corner was a blank canvas on an easel that had been waiting there for twenty-five years to receive the first line of the masterpiece. She told him of Johnsy's fancy and how she feared she would indeed, light and fragile as a leaf herself, float away when her slight hold upon the world grew weaker.

**Questions:-**

- i. Write the name of the lesson and writer from which the passage has been taken ?
- ii. Describe Behrman's physical appearance from the passage ?
- iii. Write the meaning of the words-  
a) Imp      b) Easel
- iv. Make your own sentence to describe the meaning of the word-  
a) Fragile    b) Terrible

**Ques 22:-** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below- (8)

Success in your life depends largely on good health. Keep your body fit by cleanliness, fresh air, regular habits and suitable recreations, make yourself strong to play games and to do it in every sense of the word. Avoid anything that will sap your strength. Smoking in your youth stunts the body and clouds the brain. Be temperate in all things and beware of drink. It is the deadly enemy of health and efficiency. Above all, remember that your character is a priceless possession. Therefore keep it untarnished. Be truthful in all things, courteous and considerate to everybody, fair to your rivals, kind and helpful to all who are weak and suffering and do not be afraid to have the courage to stand up for what is good, pure and noble.

**Questions:-**

- i. How can we maintain good health ?
- ii. What things should we avoid ?
- iii. What traits of character should we cultivate ?
- iv. Give a suitable heading to the above passage.

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