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मॉडल प्रश्न पत्र (Model Question Paper)

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

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Instruction :-1. Attempt all the questions:

2. The figure in the right hand margin indicate marks.

**PROSE**

**Ques 1:-** Answer the following questions in one word or short responses :

- i. When was Ross quest crowned with triumph ? (1)
- ii. What two things did Jaganath love the most in the world ? (1)
- iii. Who stalked about the colony? (1)
- iv. How many children did Elias have? (1)

Answer the following questions in about two or three sentences each.

- Ques 2:-** Why was malaria one of the deadliest diseases? (3)
- Ques 3:-** What happened after the oath taking ceremony? (3)
- Ques 4:-** How did the joint studio for Sue and Johnny come into existence? (3)
- Ques 5:-** What is the truth of life? (3)
- Ques 6:-** 'Why did everybody make fun of Velan? (3)
- Ques 7:-** 'And the hammer fell' says the narrator, what does he mean ? (3)
- Ques 8:-** What does the word 'theme' in paragraph 1 in the lesson 'The Heritage of India' refer to ? What did RamMohan Roy advocate ? (3)
- Ques 9:-** How does human memory make man less happy? (3)

**OR**

**Why did the child not go to any school ?**

**POETRY**

**Ques 10:- What do we learn from the lives of greatmen? (2)**

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

**Ques 12:- When did the poet see the daffodils ? Where did he see them ? (2)**

**Ques 13:- Why is it time to wake up now? (2)**

**OR**

**How does the poet console himself ?**

**VOCABULARY**

**Ques 14:[A] Match the following synonyms correctly. (5)**

<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>
i.	Contemporary	: against law
ii.	Democracy	: show something is right
iii.	Illegal	: living in the same age
iv.	Justify	: one who is property of other person and has to work for him
v.	Slave	: government by the representative of the people.

**Ques14:B] i) Use the following pair of words in your sentence to bring out the difference in meaning. (3)**

- i. storey - story
- ii. land - lend
- iii. sole - soul

**ii) Give one word for the following. (2)**

- i. Modern man as a species-
- ii. Belonging to the time before history was recorded-

## GRAMMER

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

- i. Who is \_\_\_\_\_ tallest boy of the class. (a, an, the)
- ii. There is an exception \_\_\_\_\_ every rule. (to, in, of)
- iii. I have \_\_\_\_\_ books . (much, a lot of , many)
- iv. Raja \_\_\_\_\_ tennis every saturday. (play, plays, played)
- v. She was writing a letter to her mother.  
(Rewrite the sentence using 'should have')

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

- i. Who captured the empire ? (change the voice)
- ii. Basant said to Versha, "Upasana knows English very well".  
(change into indirect speech)
- iii. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Mohan \_\_\_\_\_ take interest in studies.  
(make the causative sentence using 'made' and 'caused')
- iv. I promised that I would help him. (Underline the noun clause)
- v. She is very beautiful. She attract everybody  
(combine the two simple sentence into a complex sentence)

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

- i. Let us go for a walk. (change th voice)
- ii. The visitor said to me, "Is your father at home" ?  
(change into indirect speech)
- iii. i. He is poor  
ii. He is suffering from malaria.  
(combine into compound sentence)
- iv. I shall not pay it if he does not send me the bill again. ( Rewrite the Sentence

using 'unless')

- v. As soon as the students saw the principal they entered the class rooms.  
(Rewrite the sentence using 'No sooner \_\_\_\_\_ than')

### COMPOSITION

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

- i. Age of computers.
- ii. Unemployment Problem.
- iii. Power of press
- iv. Importance of Trees.

**Ques 19:-** Write an application to your Principal to issue you some books from the book bank .  
(5)

**OR**

Given below is a letter of congratulations to your friend on passing the examination, Fill in these blanks with suitable words and write it properly.

Qr.no. 7/23, sector-4 , Bhilai, 6th july 2008

Dear Anish

Allow me to \_\_\_\_\_ you on passing your final Board \_\_\_\_\_  
you must be very \_\_\_\_\_ that your time of \_\_\_\_\_ and anxiety is now  
over. It is really a great satisfaction when one \_\_\_\_\_ by hard work.

What are your further plans. Please \_\_\_\_\_ about what  
you are \_\_\_\_\_ to do now. How about \_\_\_\_\_ for the NDA.

Give my regards to your \_\_\_\_\_

Your Sincerely  
Sohrab

### COMPREHENSION

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

- i. The magi as you knew \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. were wise man who brought \_\_\_\_\_

- iii. gift to the Babe on the manger\_\_\_\_\_
  - iv. They invent the art of giving\_\_\_\_\_
  - v. Christmas presents, been wise\_\_\_\_\_
- their gifts were no doubt wise ones.

**Ques 21:-** Write a precis of the following passage and give a suitable heading to it. (5)

Neither wealth nor rank will ensure happiness. Without love and charity and peace of mind you may be rich and great and powerful, but you can not be happy.

There is a Persian story that a great king being out of spirits consulted his astrologers and was told that happiness could be ensured by wearing the shirt of a perfectly happy man. The country was searched in vain. No such man could be discovered.

At last a labourer returning from his work was found to fulfill the condition ; he was absolutely happy. But , alas the remedy was lost for ever. The man had no shirt. Sir Walter Scott's last words to Lockhart on his death bed were, "Be virtuous be religious, be a good man, nothing else will be any comfort when you come to lie here.

**Ques 22: [A]** Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :-

Velan put down the basket, glared at his father and left the place. He just walked out of the village and walke on till he came to the town. He starved for a couple of days, begged wherever he could and arrived in Malgudi. Where after much knocking about, an old man took him on to assist him in laying out a garden. The garden existed only in the mind of the gardener. What they could see how was acrc upon acre of weed, covered land. Velan's main business consisted in destroying all the vegetation he saw. Day after day he sat in the sun and tore up by hand the unwanted plants. And all the jungle gradually disappeared and the land stood as bare as a football field. Three sides of the land were marked off for an extensive garden and on the rest was to be built a house. By the time, mangoes had sprouted they were laying the foundation of the house. About the time the margosa sapling had shot up a couple of yards, the walls were also coming up.

**Questions:-**

- i. How did he reach Malgudi ?
- ii. How did Velan make the land as bare as football ground?