

2012

ENGLISH (Compulsory)

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इंग्रजी (अनिवार्य)

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note :

- (i) Answers must be written in English.
- (ii) All questions are compulsory.
- (iii) Figure to the RIGHT indicates marks of the respective question.
- (iv) Number of optional questions upto the prescribed number in the order in which they have been solved will only be assessed. Excess answers will not be assessed.
- (v) Credit will be given to correct spelling, punctuation, good handwriting and neatness.
- (vi) Irrelevant and rambling answers will be penalised SUITABLY.
- (vii) Candidates should not write roll number, any name (including their own), signature, address or any indication of their identity anywhere inside the answer book otherwise they will be penalised.

1. Write an essay in about 300 words on *any one* of the following topics : 15

- (a) The person who influenced my life.
- (b) An accident on the Highway.
- (c) Politics and personal character

2. (a) Write in about 100 words a letter to : 5

- (i) Your name is Anand and your sister is Nandini who is with her husband in U.S.A., 7th Avenue, Emerald Park, Washington D.C. Write to her giving her the news about your family, town and country.

OR

- (ii) Your name and address is Bipin Rathod, Krishna Kunj, 07, Anandvihar Colony, Subhashnagar, Sangli.

Your friend Karan is studying in Kolhapur. Invite him to spend Diwali Holidays with you and your family.

(b) Write the following in about 100 words : 5

(Write your name and address as Anita Thakur, 27, Nandanvan Colony, North Main Road, Nagpur.)

- (i) You have been offered a job of the Sales Manager, Ketan Manufacturing Agency, Nehrunagar, Amravati. Write to the Agency asking for a month's joining time.

OR

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- (ii) Write a letter of complaint to Taurus Garments Ltd., S.V. Road, Ghatkoper, Mumbai. You bought a shirt from the proprietor but after the very first wash, the collar has become frayed. You want refund therefor.

3. (a) Write a report in about **150** words on **any one** of the following : 5
You are the Secretary of the Nature Club in your college. Different activities were organised on its behalf. Prepare a report of it to be presented to the Chief Guest invited in your college.

OR

You are a reporter for daily 'Lokmat'. Write a report of the preparations for the coming elections in your area.

- (b) Write in about **100** words on **any one** of the following : 5
(i) You are the Sports Representative in your college. Write a notice of a meeting of all the members and the Physical Director for organizing sports activities of Annual Social in your college.

OR

- (ii) A nearby town, Ratanpur is affected by an earthquake. Prepare a draft of an appeal to all the students and teachers in your college to contribute funds for earthquake affected people.

4. (a) Write on **any one** of the following in about **100** words : 5
(i) Write a dialogue between the two friends, Sarika and Sayali about their vacation plans.

OR

- (ii) Write a speech delivered by, a Guest Speaker on 'the importance of English'.

- (b) Write on **any one** of the following in about **100** words : 5
(i) The Mayor of Aurangabad has called a Press Conference to give information of the preparations for the Annual Music and Dance Festival to be organized at Ajanta. Write a conversation between the Mayor and the reporters.

OR

- (ii) Imagine that you are facing an interview for the post of an Assistant Manager in Akash Transport Company, Pune. Write a conversation between you and the interviewers. (Imagine your name as Vilas)

- (c) Write on **any one** of the following in about **100** words : 5
(i) You and your friends are discussing on celebration of days in colleges. Write a conversation between you and your friends.

OR

- (ii) Frequent thefts are taking place in your area so the Police Commissioner has called a meeting of the residents of your area to discuss on the precautions to be taken. Write a conversation between the Police Commissioner and the residents.

5. Make a precis of the following passage in your own words in about one-third of its original length and suggest a suitable title. 10

(N.B. Marks will be deducted if your precis is longer or shorter than the prescribed length)

There is nothing which we receive with so much reluctance as advice. We look upon the man who gives it to us as offering an affront to our understanding, and treating us like children or idiots. We consider the instruction as an implicit censure, and the zeal which any one shows for our good on such an occasion as a piece of presumption or impertinence. The truth of it is, the person who pretends to advise, does, in that particular exercise, a superiority over us, and can have no other reason for it but that, in comparing us with himself, he thinks us defective, either in our conduct or our understanding. For these reasons, there is nothing so difficult as the art of making advice agreeable; and indeed all the writers, both ancient and modern, have distinguished themselves among one another, according to the perfection at which they have arrived in this art. How many devices have been made use of, to render this bitter *portion* palatable ! Some convey their instructions to us in the best *chosen* words, others in the most harmonious numbers; some in points of wit, and others in short proverbs.

But among all the different ways of giving counsel, I think the finest, and that which pleases the most universally, is fable, in whatsoever shape it appears. If we consider this way of instructing or giving advice, it excels all others, because it is the least shocking. We peruse the author for the sake of the story, and consider the precepts rather as our own conclusions than his instructions. The moral insinuates itself imperceptibly; we are taught by surprise, and become wiser and better unawares. (276 words)

6. (a) Read the following passage and answer in your own words the questions given below : 10

Finally, the medium of instruction. My views on this point are too well known to need re-stating. The foreign medium has caused brain-fag, put an undue strain upon the nerves of our children, made them crammers and imitators, unfitted them for original work and thought and disabled them for filtrating their learning to the family or the masses. The foreign medium has made our children practically foreigners in their own land. It is the greatest tragedy of the existing system. The foreign medium has prevented the growth of our vernaculars. If I had the powers of a despot, I would have stopped today the tuition of our boys and girls through a foreign medium, and require all the teachers and professors on pain of dismal to introduce the change forthwith.

8. (a) Punctuate the following paragraph : 2
i want a record dear she began one i heard on the radio this morning what was
the record called dolores asked without much hope the woman shook her head
- (b) Correct *any three* of the following sentences : 3
(i) Each of the boys were interviewed by the Principal.
(ii) They were counting on me helping them.
(iii) Though he was poor but he was contented.
(iv) Govind is quite efficient is he ?
- (c) Give meanings of *any five* of the following phrases and use them in sentences of
your own : 5
(i) in front of
(ii) put off
(iii) come across
(iv) carry on
(v) in spite of
(vi) look forward to

In all these and thousand other details, you and I please ourselves and ask no one's leave. We have a whole Kingdom in which we rule alone, can do what we choose, be wise or ridiculous, harsh or easy, conventional or odd. But directly we step out of that kingdom, our personal liberty of action becomes qualified by other people's liberty I might like to practice on the trombone from midnight till three in the morning. If I went on to the top of Helvellyn to do it I could please myself, but if I do it in my bedroom, my family will object, and if I do it out in the streets the neighbours will remind me that my liberty to blow the trombone must not interfere with their liberty to sleep in quiet. There are a lot of people in the world and I have to accommodate my liberty to their liberties.

7. (a) Rewrite *any three* of the following sentences using the correct forms of the verbs given in the brackets : 3
- (i) To drive a fast motor-car (require) care and skill.
 - (ii) Tobacco and alcohol (be) injurious to health.
 - (iii) We (live) in this house for fifteen years.
 - (iv) Unless you (apologize), you will have to be punished.
- (b) Do as directed (*any two*) : 2
- (i) As soon as they saw the bus, they started running.
(Use 'no soonerthan' and rewrite)
 - (ii) The truth provoked them. (Change the voice)
 - (iii) We will not go unless you release the accused.
(Use 'if not' and rewrite)
- (c) Transform *any five* of the following sentences as directed : 5
- (i) It was a fantastic idea. (Make it exclamatory).
 - (ii) The boxer was angry. He punched the referee on the nose. (Make a simple sentence by joining the given two sentences.)
 - (iii) No other boy in their group was as lazy as Vinod. (Make it superlative)
 - (iv) Mother asked Rekha, "Where are you going ? " (Change into indirect speech)
 - (v) It is stupid of me to forget your name. (Make it complex sentence)
 - (vi) There was little hope of success. I tried hard. (Combine the two sentences into a compound sentence)

I would not wait for the preparation of textbooks. They will follow the change. It is an evil that needs a summary remedy.

I regard English as the language of international commerce and diplomacy, and therefore consider its knowledge on the part of some of us as essential. As it contains some of the richest treasures of thought and literatures, I would certainly encourage its careful study among those who have linguistic talents and expect them to translate these treasures for the nation in its vernaculars.

Nothing can be farther from my thought than that we should become exclusive or erect barriers. But I do respectfully contend that appreciation of other cultures can *fitly* follow never precede, an appreciation and assimilation of our own.

Questions :

- (1) How has the foreign medium unfitted Indian children for original work and thought ?
- (2) Why has it made them 'foreigners in their own land' ?
- (3) To what extent does the author consider a knowledge of English necessary for India ?
- (4) Why should the linguistically talented be encouraged to study English carefully ?
- (5) In what relation should the appreciation of other cultures stand to the appreciation of one's own ?

- (b) Paraphrase the following prose passage in your own words expressing the ideas in the passage clearly and in simple and direct language (not more than 100 words) 10

Liberty is not a personal affair only, but a social contract. It is an accommodation of interests. In matters which do not touch any body else's liberty, of course, I may be as free as I like. If I choose to go down the Strand in dressing-gown, with long hair and bare feet, who shall say me nay ? You have liberty to laugh at me, but I have liberty to be indifferent to you. And if I have a fancy for dyeing my hair, or waxing my moustache (which heaven forbid) or wearing a tall hat, a frock-coat and sandals, or going to bed late or getting up early, I shall follow my fancy and ask no man's permission. I shall not inquire of you whether I may eat mustard with my mutton. And you will not ask me whether you may be a Protestant or a Catholic, whether you may marry the dark lady or the fair lady, whether you may prefer Ellin Wheeler Wilcox to Wordsworth, or champagne to Shandy gaff.