

QUESTION PAPER (TERM - I) (2022-23)

CLASS - +2

SUBJECT - ENGLISH

Time : 3 hours

M.M. : 50

- **Note:- All the questions are compulsory. Observe word limit wherever prescribed.**

Section-A (Reading)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:-

1. Youth in any country form its backbone. It is one youth's shoulder that the responsibility for change, progress and innovations lies. Youth are starry eyed full of idealism and bubbling with energy to honestly fight for cause. Every age suffers from the conservation of its elders. It is the youth only who have the necessary coverage and initiative to break the taboos and crippling practices. Mao Tung of China realized the latent power and dedication of the youth of his country. He, therefore, entrusted them with cultural Revolution a movement intended to weed out the deadwood in the party, who stood for status quo. Again in our own country, our youth played a significant role in the freedom struggle and made considerable sacrifices.

2. But, unfortunately, since the attainment of independence, the youth in the country, have been going adrift. They have not been associated with the contemporary national problems.
3. We are well aware of the extensive damage that is being done to the fabric of our national structure by the parochial thinking along caste and communal lines. It is time, we shed partisan prejudices and worked jointly for the progress of the country.
4. Another, nagging problem that India faces today is that of population explosion. In a country, where every minute a child is born, all planning is bound to come to naught. All economic progress is certain to be nullified by the increase in the population with ever-increasing mouths to feed, the government efforts to strengthen the economic situation have yielded poor results.
5. Another important task that the youth can successfully undertake is to eliminate the curse of dowry. Dowry is responsible for a large number of deaths of innocent married girls and harassment of the parents of marriageable daughters. The youth both boys and girls, should take pledge not to give and accept dowry. Also they can force their parents, to stop this undesirable practice

(a) On the basis of your understanding of this passage, answer the following questions with the help of given options :

(i) The youth in any country are

- (a) starry eyed
- (b) full of idealism
- (c) bubbling with energy
- (d) All the above

(ii) The cultural revolution of china aimed at

- (a) Maintaining the status quo.
- (b) obeying the orders of Mao Tse Tung
- (c) removing the deadwood in the party
- (d) attaining independence

(iii) What can cause an extensive damage to national fabric?

- (a) Thinking along caste and communal lines
- (b) The partisan prejudices
- (c) Both (a) and (b)
- (d) All working jointly for national development

(iv) The nagging problem that India faces today as per the passage :

- (a) The high death rate
- (b) The uncontrolled birth rate
- (c) Population explosion
- (d) Economic progress 4x1=4

(b) Find the words from the given choices that have the same meaning :

(i) independence means :

- (a) freedom (b) dedication
- (c) idealism (d) revolution

(ii) Remove means :

- (a) adrift (b) Parochial
- (c) eliminate (d) partisan

(iii) development means

- (a) contemporary (b) progress
- (c) harrassment (d) deadwood

3x1=3

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

(a) Every code of etiquette has contained three elements basic moral duties ; practical rules

- which promote efficiency, and artificial optional graces such as formal compliments to superiors on their generosity and importance
- (b) In the first category are considerations for the weak and respect for age. Among the Egyptians, the young always stood in the presence of older people. In England, until about a century ago, young children did not sit in their parents presence without taking permission.
 - (c) Practical rules are helpful in such ordinary occurences of social life as making proper introductions at parties or other functions so that people can be brought to know each other. Before the invention of forks, etiquette directed that the fingers should be kept as clean as possible. Before the handkerchief came into common use, etiquette suggested that, after spitting a person should rub the spit unobscurely underfoot.
 - (d) Extremely refined behaviour, however cultivated as an art of gracious living has been characteristic only of societies with wealth and lesiure, which admitted women as the social equals of men.

- (e) In the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, a wealthy and lesiured society developed an extremely complex code of manners, but the rules of behaviour of fashionable society had little influence on the daily life of the lower classes. Indeed, many of the rules, such as how to enter a banquet room, or how to use a sword or handerchief for ceremonial purposes were irrelevant to the way of life of the average working man, who spent most of his life outdoors or in his own poor hut and most probably did not have a handkerchief, certainly not a sword, to his name.
- (f) yet the essential basis of all good manners does not vary. Consideration for the old and weak and the avoidance of harming or giving unnecessary offence to others is a feature of all socieities everywhere and at all levels from the highest to the lowest. You can easily think of dozens of examples of customs and habits in your own daily life which come under this heading.
 - (a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it, in points only using recognizable

abbreviations wherever necessary.
Supply a suitable title to it.

- (b) Write a summary of the passage in about 80 words. 4+1=5

Section-B (Writing)

3. You are Rohit/Rashi. As president of Excursion club, you have organised an excursion to Delhi during the summer vacation for the XII students of your school. Write a notice in about 50 words, informing the students about the proposed excursion.

Or

You want to sell your house. Write a suitable advertisement in about 50 words to be published in the 'For Sale' columns of a newspaper.

Or

You have lost your purse while travelling in a bus from Dharamshala to Kangra. Draft a suitable advertisement to be given in a local newspaper. 3

4. You are Vikas, a student editor of your school magazine. Write a report on the seven day special camp, organised by the N.S.S. unit of your school. Write the report for the school magazine.

Or

You are Simran/Ravi/ Your school organized a campaign on 'Say No to Polythene Bags' in the surrounding locality. Write a report for publication in a school magazine. 4

5. You are Ravi Chopra of 26, Civil Lines, Solan. Last week you bought an automatic wherepool washing machine from Messrs Ram Electronics, Naya Bazaar, Solan. Now you find that the machine is not cleaning clothes properly and is making an unbearable noise. Write a letter to the dealer complaining about the same and requesting him to change the washing machine at the earliest.

Or

Write a letter to the Health Officer of your town complaining against the insanitary conditions of your area. You are Pankaj Kumar 125, Mall Road, Shimla. 4

6. You are Manoj/Meena. Write an article in about 150–200 words on 'Work is Worship'.

Or

Write an article on the topic, 'The Evil of Drug Addiction'.

Or

Water is very precious. Some Scientists even go to the extent of saying that the Third World War may be fought on the issue of water. Keeping in view the need for saving each drop of water, Write an article. You are Bipin/Bandna of Kangra. 4

Section-C Literature

7. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below :

Fisherman in the cold sea
would not harm whales
and the men gathering salt
would look at his hurt hands

Or

- (i) Name the poem and the poet.
- (ii) What would the fisherman not do?
- (iii) What would the man gathering salt do?

Or

Answer the following by giving correct options:-

- (i) What does the poet compare to a late winter's moon?
 - (a) Her mother's childhood
 - (b) Her childhood

- (c) Her mother's sweet, round face
- (d) Her mother's pale white face
- (ii) What was hidden behind the smile of the poetess when she was leaving?
 - (a) pair of separation
 - (b) love for her mother
 - (c) sympathy for her mother
 - (d) all of these three
- (iii) Which thought did she put away?
 - (a) The thought of her childhood
 - (b) The thought of her mother's childhood
 - (c) The thought of her worried parents
 - (d) The thought of her mother's pale and aged face

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8. Answer any of the following questions in about 10–20 words each:-

1. What had been put on the bulletin board?
2. What is Saheb looking for in the garbage dumps? Where is he and where he has come from?
3. Who was Mukesh?
4. What is the 'Misadventure' that William Douglas speaks about?

5. Why was the crafter so talkative and friendly with the peddler?
6. Why did the peddler think that the world was a rat trap? 5x1=5

9. Answer the following in about 125 words:-

How did the instructor build a swimmer out of Douglas?

Or

Mention the hazards of working in the glass bangle industry. 5

10. Answer the following question in about 125 words:-

Do you think the third level was a medium of escape by Charley? Why?

Or

Why is Antarctica the place to go to, to understand the earth's present, past and future? 5

11. Answer any five of the following in 10–20 words each:-

- (i) Who is Tiger King? Why does he get that name?
- (ii) What are the indications for the future of mankind?

- (iii) What does the third level refer to?
- (iv) Who was Dr. Sadeo? Where was his house.
- (v) What will Dr. Sadeo do to get rid of the man?
- (vi) What will the Maharaja do to find the required number of tigers to kill? 5x1=5