

**English -X (Special)****2011-2012**

Time: 3 Hours

MM-100

**Instructions :**

- (i) Read the questions carefully and answer them.
- (ii) All questions are compulsory.
- (iii) Marks of each question are indicated against it.

**Section 'A' (Reading)**

Q.1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given at the end.

There is a myth that there is something magical about computers and those who run them. The legend has got about that computers are 'electronic brains and that programmes are some sort of supermen. The facts are that computers are very stupid and the people who programme them are normal human beings. Any one who can count from 0 to 7 on his or her fingers and make eight can learn to be a programmer. The business is not difficult, just tricky. It is very misleading to imagine that computers can think like people. They can not. They have no more a mind of their own than a lawn-mower. However, they make it possible for people to 'bottle' thought. You work out her to do a particular job or solve a problem, write a programme and the computer will apply your thinking to that job or problem as long and as after as you like. In this sense, computers are half alive because they perpetuate the thinking of their creators.

**Question:**

- (a) The word similar in meaning to a machine for cutting grass' is :  
 (i) Computer (ii) bottle (iii) lawn mower (1)
- (b) The fact is that computers are electronic brains. (1)  
 (say true or 'False')
- (c) The meaning of 'perpetuate' is: (1)  
 (i) Imagination (ii) belief (iii) fact
- (d) What computers cannot do? (1)
- (e) Why are computers like lawn mowers? (2)
- (f) What does the 'bottle' mean? (2)

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

Our opportunities are great but let me warn you that when power out strips ability, we will fall on evil days. We should develop competence and ability which would help us utilize the opportunities which are now open to us. From tomorrow morning- from midnight today, we cannot throw the blame on the British. We have to assume, the responsibility ourselves for what we do. A free India will be judged by the way in which it will serve the interests of the common man in the matter of food, clothing, shelter and social activities. Unless we destroy corruption in high places and root out every trace of nepotism, love of power, profiteering and black marketing which have spoiled the good name of this country in recent times, we will not be able to raise the standards of efficiency in administration as well as in the production and distribution of the necessary goods of life.

Author : Dr. S. Radhakrishnan.



**Question.**

- (a) Fill up the blank in each of the following sentences with one of the given words:  
(fragments, striving dreary)
- (i) The history of science is a continuous ..... after knowledge. (1)
- (ii) If there were no change in life it would become quite ..... (1)
- (iii) In many parts of the country agricultural land is cut up into small ..... (1)
- (b) In this poem, the word 'where' refers to: (1)
- (i) The entire world (ii) the heaven of freedom  
(iii) The entire desert (iv) narrow domestic walls
- (c) What are the narrow domestic walls that the poet speak of? (2)
- (d) What sort of a place is the present world? (2)
- (e) What is the significance of awake in the last line? (2)
- (f) What is the heaven of freedom? (2)
- (g) What other freedom does the poet want for our country? (2)

**Section 'B' (Writing)**

- Q.4 You are Kamlesh Sharma. As a responsible citizen, you have organized a campaign on 'Say No To Polythene Bags, in your locality. Write a report in not more than 150 words for publication in a magazine. (5)

**OR**

Describe your child hood in your own words.

- Q.5 You are Pragya Kapse, secretary of Apoorva Apartments Residents Welfare Society, Write a notice informing the residents that the lift will be out of order for the next three days. (5)

**OR**

You are attending Military Training camp in Pachmarhi. Write a post card in not more than 50 words to your father about your experience in the camp.

- Q.6 Write an article for your school magazine on 'Importance of Newspaper in our life'. (10)

**OR**

Give an account of importance of a role model?

- Q.7 Write a composition on you 'Dream school' with the help of the given clues: (10)

- (i) Building (ii) Staff
- (iii) Play ground (iv) laboratory
- (iv) Extra curricular activities.

**OR**

Based on the picture given below and your own ideas, write a letter to the editor of a national doily on the need to educating people about keeping the environment clean.



**Section 'C' Grammar**

Q.8

- (A) Read the following lines and fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in brackets and rewrite the sentences:

The plumber only (stay) for an hour. What he (do) in that time? He (turn) off the water and (empty) the tank. (2)

- (B) Insert 'a', 'an' or 'the' if necessary.

(i) ..... Australian sheep give us ..... very good wool. (2)

- (C) Choose a suitable preposition, given in brackets and fill in the blanks.: (2)

(i) Please write your roll number..... ink. (with, in, by)

(ii) You must return these books latest ..... Monday.

- (D) Fill in the blanks choosing the correct modal given in brackets: (2)

(i) "Cars ..... not be parked here." (must/could/had to)

(ii) ..... you stop making all that noise? (will/can/shall)

- (E) Fill in the blanks choosing the correct determiner given in brackets: (2)

(i) He has not taken ..... food. (some/any)

(ii) The teacher gave remark to ..... boy (each/every)

- Q.9. Do as directed (any five) (5)

(i) Who committed a mistake? (change the voice)

(ii) Put the verb given in bracket into simple future tense:

(a) There (is) no Party for a month.

(iii) He said, "Honesty is the best policy." (change the narration)

(iv) (a) My Sister lives in Rewa.

(b) She is a doctor.

(combine the sentences using defining relative clause)

(v) That city on the hill has a fine museum.

(Rewrite replacing the adjective phrase by adjective clause)

- (vi) Rewrite the sentence beginning with it.  
 (a) Swimming is a good exercise.
- (vii) Rewrite the following sentence using appropriate form of participle.  
 (a) I looked through some old papers and came across this letter.

**Section 'D' (Text Book)**

Q.10 Read the extract carefully and answer the questions that follow.

(A) "May that which guides men like a good charioteer.

Who controls fleet footed horses with the reins,

That which abides in the heart, most swift and active, may that my mind resolve on what is good."

**Question:**

- (a) The poem from which these lines have been taken is: (1)  
 (i) Goodwill (ii) if  
 (iii) To the Cuckoo (iv) The Bridge Builder
- (b) The one word used for, a long narrow band usually of feather by which a horse is controlled; in the extract is: (1)  
 (i) abide (ii) fleet  
 (iii) reins (iv) Charioteer
- (c) In what sense is the word 'Mind' used in this poem? (2)
- (B) "A youth, whose fleet must pass this way,  
 This chasm, that has been naught to me,  
 To that fair faired youth maya pitfall be.  
 He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;  
 Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."

**Question.**

- (a) The poet of these lines is: (1)  
 (i) John Keats (ii) W.A. Drummond  
 (iii) William Wordsworth (iv) W.B. Yeats

(b) The one word used for mistake that can easily be made in the extract is:

(i) Pitfall      (ii) naught

(iii) Twilight      (iv) chasm

(c) What did the old man tell his fellow pilgrim? (2)

Q.11 How did Gerrard finally confine the intruder into the cupboard? (4)

**OR**

How far is a school or educational institution accountable for the future of its students? Support your answers with the arguments given in the play 'REFUND'.

Q.12 Describe some of the activities that the inmates at Tolstoy Farm took up for Physical exercise. (5)

**OR**

Discuss the story Happy Prince as an indirect criticism of the insensitivity and shallow thinking of man.

Q.13 'A Friend in need is a friend indeed'. How did Sue prove that she was a friend indeed? (8)

**OR**

There is nothing more valuable than wisdom in this world.' Examine this statement in the light of the message emerging from the story.

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**MODEL ANSWER**  
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**Section-A**

Q.1 Answer.

- (a) Lawn mower (1)
- (b) True (1)
- (c) Belief (1)
- (d) Computers cannot think like people. (2)
- (e) Both have no mind to think like people (2)
- (f) To store (1)
- 1 each for correct objective answer.
- 2 each for correct content.

Q.2 Answer.

- (a) Dr. S. Radha Krishnan (1)
- (b) Outstrip (1)
- (c) Assume (1)
- (d) The speaker warns that power outstrips ability (1)
- (e) We have to assume the responsibility ourselves. (2)
- (f) We have to check corruption in high Places and root out nepotism in order to raise the standards of efficiency in administration. (2)
- 1 each for correct objective answer.
- 2 each for correct content.

Q.3 Answer.

- (a) (i) Striving (1)
- (ii) dreary (1)
- (iii) Fragments (1)

- (b) The entire world (1)
- (c) The poet here speaks of the division of society on the basis of caste, creed and religion (2)
- (d) The present world is a slave of darkness. It has no vision. (2)
- (e) The rebirth of India after independence. (2)
- (f) The heaven of freedom is the attainment of knowledge. (2)
- (g) Poet wants free knowledge for all. It is the other freedom. (2)

- 1 mark for each correct objective answer.
- 2 marks each for correct content.

### **Section 'B'**

Q.4 Answer. Say No To Polythene Bags (5)

The Mahila Kalyan Samiti of Vijay Nagar Organized campaign from 5th to the 10th of this months to form an awareness in the society about the hazards of the polythene bags slogans were written on the banners and those banners were displayed at several places to attract the attention of people. The members of Mahila Kalyan Samiti were divided into four groups. Group by group they visited people in their residences and made them know to the disadvantages of Polythene use. People were taught. that Polythene bags are not biodegradable. There bags chokes sewer lines. They also spoil the fertility of our soil. Shopkeepers were guided not to make the use of polythene carry bags. People demonstrated great interest in the campaign most of them swore never to use Polythene bags in life. They decided to tell their views to others.

Kamlesh Sharma

Responsible citizen

**OR****Answer.**

Childhood is the golden period in every man's life. It is that period when children are not worried about anything. It has its own Pleasures and pains. In childhood, I used to get tonnes of love and affection. I was pampered and cared and given everything I asked for but within limits I used to find joy and happiness all around me. I enjoyed eating sweets and playing with colourful balls and balloon. As a child, I was a quick learner therefore my elders were very careful when they spoke in front of me, they never used a wrong word in my presence. I had to do what my elders felt was right for me, may be therefore I desired to grow up soon and become free to take up my decision, but I some times do regret and desire for my childhood to return to me even if is for a flying moment.

- 2 marks for correct syntax/structure answer.
- 3 marks each for relevant content.

Q.5 Answer

**Notice**

(5)

APOORVA APARTMENTS RESIDENTS WELFARE SOCIETY

Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> 2010

NOTICE

This is to inform the residents and visitors that the lift of the apartment will not be available from Monday to Wednesday as the annual repair work is being carried out.

Inconvenience is regretted.

Pragya Kapse

Secretary

**OR**5<sup>th</sup> october 2011

Dear Father,

I am glad here, Although I have to remain busy from the early morning to evening yet. I feel no difficulty in doing activities. It is so because, I had been practicing exercises and race that are compulsory to be performed here, some of my fellows trainees are facing difficulties because they had never practiced race and exercises. The weather of this place is suitable. All of us are provided proper food and time to rest. YOU need not worry.

Yours affectionately

Piyush Rawat

Stamp

Mr. Vijay Kumar Rawat

30/93 Nala Peepal Mandi, Agra

Pin- 282001

- 2 marks for Format answer.
- 3 marks each for relevant content.

**Q.6 Answer.** (10)

Today's world is ruled and run by media, media provides us with the up-to-date information and news paper is the oldest family member of media. Today though there are many fast methods of gaining information but still news paper has its own place and importance in the life of man. Newspaper not only provides us with information but also helps to mould public opinion. Newspaper also provides us a platform to advocate social reforms introduced by the reformers. Press also alerts men against the harmful products sold in the market. It also criticizes the government for the wrongs done by her and raises a voice of protest through its special column. News paper no doubt is a very powerful media. It has the power to install or overthrow a government from its power, therefore press owes a great responsibility to be fair and just

whenever it prints any news. It is like a loaded gun that has a power to destroy the peace of a nation News paper also does great social job by printing an appeal of a needy family who wishes to approach the social welfare society in its column thus drawing the attention of the charitable trusts. Thus we can see how the news paper serves the nation and also helps in shaping the destiny of a nation.

**OR**

A role model is a person who may be taken as an example to be copied. He/She plays a vital role in one's life. He directs, guides sends channelises one's course of life. My grand father is my role model. He is over seventy. He was a successful teacher before retirement. He had excellent command over English, Urdu Sanskrit, Punjabi and Marathi. His ideas were a source of inspiration to me. He authored of many books. He is a renowned scholar and excellent speaker. He has taught me the value of work, discipline and character and how to make the best of time. He taught me the art of living by facing all odds in life.

Q.7 Answer- (10)

Education is a sacred instrument for building the nation and teachers are that key who help to unlock the students shyness, hesitation etc. and there by help to shape the society. A school should not only be a Place where the child is taught basic subject like Maths, History Geography, science etc. but it should be a Place where his whole personality is developed. He is provided with ample opportunity to play games and if interested in any particular game facility should be provided to achieve perfection in it. The school staff should be helping and should always be ready to help any time. Their approach should be friendly My 'Dream

School' should have a spacious laboratory of all science subjects, it should be well equipped and well ventilated. The same thing goes for the classroom, it should not be dark and dingy nor too small to accommodate students. My School besides the above given facilities also provides opportunities in co-curricular activities like paper mashy art, painting, drawing etc.

A good school with the help of divoted teaching staff can help to build a new India an India that holds fast to the traditional culture of the past and at the same time look forward to future oriented India and it is the teachers alone who can help achieve the goal can through rich dynamic education.

**OR**

75, M.G. Road, Bhopal

Date

The Editor

The Daily News Bhopal

13th September 2011

Subject- The Need of Environmental Awareness.

Sir,

The given cartoon is a sad comment on what we are doing t our rivers and oceans, we are using them as dumping grounds and as dustbins millions of tonnes of rubbish are dumped into them every year poisonous effluents from factories are poured into them day and night what is the result? The water in seas and rivers can't dilute all the sewage poured into them. All the oxygen is used up and the fish begin to die. Only harmful bacteria which do not need air remain and these become the source of disease. We are polluting not only our waters, but also the land an the air. In fact, we are digging our own graves. One day our earth will become so polluted that no life would he possible on it. Therefore it is our own

interest to keep the environment free from pollution. It is our social duty also.

Yours faithfully,

Kamlesh Sharma.

- Instruction for Ans. 6 & Ans. 7
- 2 marks for correct syntax/structure answer.
- 6 marks each for relevant content.
- 2 marks each for creativity.

### Section 'C' Grammar

Q.8 Answer.

(A) (i) Stayed, did, turned, emptied (2)

(B) (i) The, a (2)

(C) (i) In (2)

(ii) By

(D) (i) Must (2)

(ii) Will

(E) (i) Any (2)

(ii) Each

Q.9 Do as directed (any five) (5)

Answer.

(i) By whom the mistake was committed?

(ii) Will be

(iii) He said that honesty is the best policy

(iv) My sister who lives in Rewa is a doctor.

(v) The city which is on the hill has a fine museum

(vi) It is a good exercise to swim

(vii) Looking through some old papers I came across this letter

- Instruction for Ans. 8 & Ans. 9.
- 1 mark each for correct answer.

**Section 'D' Text Book**

Q.10 Answer.

- (A) (a) Good will (1)  
 (b) Reins (1)  
 (c) The word 'mind' in the poem is used in the sense of individual soul (jivatma). (2)
- (B) (a) W.A. Drmgoole (1)  
 (b) Pitfall (1)
- (C) The old man told his fellow pilgrim that a youth was following him. While travelling in the twilight he might slip and fall in to the pit.  
 Therefore he is building the bridge for his safety. (2)
- 1 mark for each correct objective answer.
  - 2 marks each for relevant content is SAT.

Q.11 Answer.

The telephone bell rang. Gerrard told the intruder about the forewarning of the police heading towards the cottage. Gerrard opened the door and asked the intruder to look in to the door himself. The intruder was taken in He leant forward to inspect it. Gerrard pushed him into the cupboard and slammed the door and locked it He picked up the intruder's revolver and kept it pointed at the cupboard door.

**OR**

Students are send to school by parents for earning knowledge Teachers are expected to teach the students with the best possible efforts. The teachers teach them equally but all the students get different marks thus, the success or failure depends on the hard work of students and their sincerity and also upon the background



from where they come. Thus, the educational institute is not responsible for the failure of any student. It is the duty of the educational institute to impart knowledge and it is the responsibility of the students to gain and store it diligently to secure their future so wasserkopf was being unfair.

- 2 marks for each correct sentence structure answer.
- 3 marks each for relevant content.

Q.12 Ans. The youngsters had to do a lot of work at the Tolstoy Farm. They dug pits, felled timber and lifted loads. There were many fruit trees in the farm. They had to look after them. The inmates did enough gardening also. It was obligatory on all, young and old to give some time to gardening. Only those youngsters were spared who were engaged in the kitchen work. These activities gave them ample physical exercises. Normally through daily routine, they didn't need other games or exercises.

**OR**

The story of the Happy Prince is truly an indirect criticism of the insensitivity, selfishness and shallow thinking of man because it shows the rich people making merry, and the rulers unaware of the poor, children starving. Poor seamstress and the girl who sold matchboxes were overworked and uncared for and rich people did not realise their need. So the statement is correct.

- 3 mark for each correct content answer.
- 1 mark each for syntax.

Q.13 Answer. Sue was Johnsy's friend. Johnsy suffered from pneumonia. Sue felt worried. She called a doctor. He told Sue that medicines cannot cure Johnsy she had lost the will to live. Her problem was less physical and more psychological she tried her best to convince

Johnsy that her death was not related to the falling of leaves. Last of all she told about Johnsy's fancies to an old painter. The old painter painted a leaf on the wall. Johnsy saw that the last leaf did not fall in spite of heavy rain and wind. She regained her will to live and got well. In this way, sue proved to be a good friend to Johnsy.

**OR**

Both the banker and the lawyer were victims of ego, greed and selfishness. They were not far sighted. They were ignorant of the happenings in future. The lawyer lost his youth and health and the banker became a bankrupt due to his taste for investment in stock exchanges. The lawyer's dream for leading a heavenly life after winning the bet was sheerly his lack of wisdom. The banker's desire to kill the lawyer was also based on his unkindness and selfishness. It justifies the fact that. 'There is nothing more valuable than wisdom in this world'. Wisdom is another word for fore thought.

- 2 mark for each correct syntax answer.
- 6 marks each for relevant content.