

UP BOARD CLASS 12 QUESTION PAPER ENGLISH-A 2018
2018 ENGLISH-A (For Humanities, Commerce and Trades Group only) First Paper
117/ 1 322 (BT)

Time : 3 Hours 15 Min

Max. Marks : 50

Instruction : First 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question paper.

1. Explain with reference to the context one of the following passages : 4

a) I assume the black cap. I condemn you to death. Justice demands it and the court rewards it. The counts against you are many. You are a vagrant ; you are a public nuisance ; you are travelling without a ticket ; you have no meat coupon. For these and many other misdemeanours you are about to die.

b) Where an artery becomes blocked, the portion of the heart muscle it feeds, dies. This leaves scar tissue - it may be no larger than a small marble, but it can be half the size of a tennis ball. How serious the trouble is depends on the size and position of the plugged artery.

c) When you talk about education, you have several aims in view : give the people, those who are taught, knowledge of the world in which they live — science, history and geography enable you to get that knowledge ; you also train the people to acquire some technical skill by which they can earn a livelihood.

2. Select one of the following passages and answer the questions that follow :

a) When life- became unbearable, it kicked wildly at its prison walls. That did less injury to the wall than to the horse's hoofs. But after constant kicks, bits of plaster began to fall off. It made Man angry. 'This is what I call ingratitude,' he said "I feed it, I have engaged servants to look after it : but the wretched animal does not see my kindness.'

i) How do you know that the horse was very angry ? 1

ii) What injured the horse's hoofs ? 1

iii) What arrangements had the Man made for the horse ? 1

iv) How did Man react to the horse's behavior ? 1

b) Magnanimity and mercy were the noblest attributes of man. In the exercise of these high qualities, could recover my prestige. At present, I was a ridiculous figure, a thing for laughter and derision. By being merciful I could reassert the moral dignity of man and go back to my corner with honour. I

withdraw the sentence of death, I said, returning to my seat. I cannot kill you, but I can reprieve you. I do it.

- i) Name two noblest attributes of MEM. 1
- ii) How could the writer recover his prestige ? 1
- iii) Who does 'a ridiculous figure' refer to ? 1
- iv) Why could the writer not kill his fellow traveller ? 1

3. Answer two of the following questions in not more than 30 words each : $2 + 2 = 4$

- a) Why did Man think of capturing the horse ?
- b) Why is smoking injurious to health ?
- c) What did Rammohan ROY advocate ?

4. Answer one of the following questions in not more than 150 words : 5

- a) Describe James Allen's formula for health, success and power.
- b) How did man take away the freedom of the horse ?

5. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences, selecting the most suitable words from those given within the brackets : $3 \times 1 = 3$

- a) The people of India have a.....for Independence. (hope, passion, hatred, gratitude)
- b) Fatty deposits begin toup in the coronary arteries. (build, band, bang, bind)
- c) The work of creating the universe was.....over. (completely, totally, utterly, nearly)

6. Answer one of the following questions in not more than 150 words : 5

- a) Discuss the 'trial scene' in The Merchant of Venice'.
- b) Draw a character sketch of Portia.

7. Answer one of the following questions in not more than 30 words : 2

- a) Why did Antonio borrow money from Shylock ?
- b) What reasons did Shylock give for hating Antonio ?

8. Answer one of the following questions in not more than 150 words : 5

- a) What do you learn from the story 'A Special Experience' ?
- b) Sketch the character of the astrologer in the story 'An Astrologer's Day'.

9. Answer one of the following questions in not more than 30 words : 2

- a) How did the resignation of Gyan Babu affect the Principal ?
- b) What were Sanku's problems and how did he plan to solve them ?

10. Explain with reference to the context two of the following extracts : 4 + 4 = 8

a) To serve therewith my Maker, and present

My true account, lest he, returning chide,

Doth God exact day-labour, light denied ?

I fondly ask ;

b) The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power.

And all that beauty, all that wealth ever gave

Awaits alike the inevitable hour : The paths of glory lead but to the grave.

c) And nature wore an angry frown To crush you out — still know my soul,

You are divine, march on and on Nor right nor left, but to the goal.

11. Give the central idea of one of the following poems : 4

- a) On His Blindness
- b) The Song of the Free
- c) My Heaven.

12. a) Point out the figures of speech in two of the following : 1 + 1 = 2

i) Life is a dream. ii) Death lays his icy hands on kings. iii) Opportunity knocks at the door but once.

b) Define 'Oxymoron' and give an example of it. 1 + 1 = 2