

Pre Board Examination-2022

Time : 2.30 hours **Class-XII** **M.M.: 100**
Subject-English

Instructions :-

- i. All questions are compulsory.
- ii. Marks are indicated against questions.

Section-A "Reading"

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

Man is a gregarious animal living in a society. His neighbours are the people who are immediately around him. Because of their close proximity and the constant pressure of society they play a crucial role in our lives. Their significance was recognised by Jesus Christ more than two thousand years ago when in one of the Ten Commandments he said, "Love thy neighbour as thou love God." It subscribes to the view that God is present in all human beings. By loving our neighbours we should not only have peace and happiness but would also come closer to God. Just as love begets love similarly if we show love and compassion to our neighbours they are bound to reciprocate. This relationship can bring about immense joy and happiness in our lives for they are always at hand to help us in our hour of need. In today's highly mobile and competitive society our friends or relatives are rarely available near our place of residence or around us when we need them the most. It is in these trying times that the help and assistance of our immediate neighbour comes as a boon to us. It is therefore of paramount importance that we have good and friendly relations with our neighbours.

- a. Why is man called a gregarious animal? 3
- b. What crucial role do our neighbours play in our lives? 3
- c. How is loving our neighbours equal to loving God? 3
- d. Why is it good to have friendly relations with our neighbours? 3
- e. i. Which word in the passage means 'closeness'? 1

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- ii. Which word in the passage is opposite of 'often'? 2
- iii. What does the phrase 'at hand' mean in the passage?

Section-B "Writing"

2. Write an article (Essay) on any one of the following about 100-150 Words: 10
 - a. Mobile Phones-Boon or Bane
 - b. The Role of Youth In Modern India
 - c. Population Problem of India
3. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper about frequent breakdown of water supply in your locality. 10

Or

Write a letter to the Superintendent of Police of your city, requesting him to improve the law and order situation in your area.

Section-C "Grammar"

4. a. Change any one of the following sentences into indirect form of speech: 2
 - i. He said, "What a fool I am"
 - ii. He said to me, "Did you lend me your book?"
- b. Combine any one of the following sentences as directed within the brackets: 2
 - i. You are a thief. It is known to all.
(Complex Sentence)
 - ii. I saw a man. He was blind. He was carrying a lamp in his hands. (Simple Sentence)
- c. Transform any one of the following sentences as directed within the brackets: 2
 - i. He is to help me. (Passive Voice)
 - ii. Ram is wiser than Mohan. (Negative)
- d. Correct any two of the following sentences: 2
 - i. The police has arrested the thief.
 - ii. He gave me a five-rupees note.
 - iii. One should do his duty.
 - iv. I prefer walking than swimming.
5. a. Use any three of the following idioms/phrases in your own sentences so as to bring out their meaning clearly: 3
 - i. At random ii. By Chance
 - iii. Child's play iv. Go to the dogs
 - v. Lions share
- b. Write the antonym of any two of the following words: 2
 - i. Earn ii. Gain iii. Innocent

- c. Write the synonym of any two of the following words: 2
i. Unique ii. Rival iii. Strife
- d. Substitute one word for the following expressions: 3
i. One who goes on foot.
ii. A person who looks at the bright side of things. →
iii. Killing of one's own self.
- e. Use the following words in sentences of your own so as to bring out the difference in their meaning clearly: 2
i. Draught ii. Drought

6. Translate the following passage in English. 5

एक बार एक युवक ने सुकरात से सफलता का रहस्य पूछा। सुकरात ने उस युवक को अगली सुबह बुलाया। अगली सुबह जब युवक सुकरात से मिला तो वे उसे नदी के किनारे ले गये। वे उस युवक के साथ गहरे पानी में चले गये। उन्होंने उस युवक का सिर पकड़कर पानी में डूबो दिया। जब युवक छटपटाने लगा और उसका शरीर नीला पड़ने लगा तो सुकरात ने उसका सिर पानी से बाहर निकाल दिया। युवक ने गहरी साँस ली। वह क्रोध से आग-बबूला हो गया। सुकरात ने मुस्कराते हुए पूछा, "तुम्हें पानी के अंदर किस चीज की सबसे अधिक इच्छा थी?" युवक बोला, "हवा की।" सुकरात कने कहा, "यही सफलता का रहस्य है। सफलता की चाह के लिए झूक वैसे ही छटपटाहट और बेचैनी चाहिए जैसे पानी के अंदर तुम्हारे मन में हवा के लिए थी।" <https://www.upboardonline.com>

Section-D "Literature"

7. Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words: 4+4=8
a. What did Franz think after hearing about the last lesson?
b. What terror did Douglas have in his heart? How?
c. Why did the rattrap seller return to crofter's cottage?
8. Answer any one of the following question in about 150 words. 7
a. How did the announcement of the last lesson affect Franz?
b. Who was Mukesh? What did he want to do in his life and what did he not want to follow?
9. Read the following stanza of poetry and answer the questions given below it: 6

A thing of beauty is a joy forever
Its loveliness increases, it will never
Pass into nothingness; but will keep
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep
Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing.
a. What is a joy forever?
b. What will happen with a thing of beauty?
c. What will a thing of beauty provide us?

Or

When Aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie
Still ringed with ordeals she was mastered by.
The tigers in the panel that she made
Will go on prancing, proud and unafraid.

- a. Why Aunt Jennifer's hands are said as terrified?
b. How was she mastered?
c. What will happen with the tigers made by Aunt Jennifer?

10. Write the Central Idea of any one of the following poems: 4

- a. My Mother at Sixty-six
b. An Elementary School in A Slum
c. Keeping Quiet

11. Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words: 4+4=8

- a. Who was psychiatrist? What did he tell about the third level?
b. What did the astrologer tell about the death of the tiger king?
c. How was the wizard? What was his role in the story?

12. Answer any one of the following question in about 150 words. 7

- a. Who was the tiger king? What were his other names? How was he named as the tiger king?
b. What was Gondwana? What had happened for 500 million years? How is Antarctica helpful to find the history of the Earth?

