

CLASS XII

SAMPLE PAPER

ENGLISH CORE

Time: 3 Hours

MM= 100

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS :

- I. The Question Paper is divided into three sections.**
- II. Section A consists of 30 marks.**
- III. Section B consists of 30 marks.**
- IV. Section C consists of 40 marks.**

		SECTION A [READING]	30
Q1.		Read the following poem carefully:	12
		<p>I note the obvious differences in the human family. Some of us are serious, some thrive on comedy.</p> <p>Some declare their lives are lived as true profundity, and others claim they really live the real reality.</p> <p>The variety of our skin tones can confuse, bemuse, delight, brown and pink and beige and purple, tan and blue and white.</p> <p>I've sailed upon the seven seas and stopped in every land,</p>	

		<p>I've seen the wonders of the world not yet one common man.</p> <p>I know ten thousand women called Jane and Mary Jane, but I've not seen any two who really were the same.</p> <p>Mirror twins are different although their features jibe, and lovers think quite different thoughts while lying side by side.</p> <p>We love and lose in China, we weep on England's moors, and laugh and moan in Guinea, and thrive on Spanish shores.</p> <p>We seek success in Finland, are born and die in Maine. In minor ways we differ, in major we're the same.</p> <p>I note the obvious differences between each sort and type, but we are more alike, my friends, than we are unlike.</p> <p>We are more alike, my friends, than we are unlike. We are more alike, my friends, than we are unlike.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">by-Maya-Angelou</p>	
.	1.1	On the basis of the reading of the passage, answer the following questions by selection from the most appropriate choices:	1×3=3
	1.	The passage is about	

		(a) Differences in family members (b) Differences in physical appearances of family members (c) Differences in mental attitude of family members (d) All of the above	
	2.	What surprises the poet?	
		(a) Different types of people (b) Different types of places (c) Different types of thinking (d) None of the above	
	3.	What does the poet conclude?	
		(a) That we all are different (b) That there are many dissimilarities (c) That all are alike despite differences (d) That no one can be alike to anyone anytime	
	1.2	Answer the following questions briefly:	1×6=6
		(a) What is the meaning of declaring life as lived? (b) What are the words of feelings used in the poem? (c) Are twins alike in every way? If not, then why? (d) What do you think differentiates people? (e) Why has the poet named so many places on paragraph? (f) What conclusion would you draw from the poem?	
	1.3	Find words from the passage which mean the same as:	1×3=3
		(a) Live on something (b) cry (c) search	
Q2.		Read the following passage carefully:	(10)
		<p>Sports and games are very important for us. They keep us healthy and fit. They offer us a change from the monotony of daily life. It is a useful means of entertainment and physical activity. Sports and games help in character building. They give us energy and strength.</p> <p>Sports and games are means of mental and physical growth. During sports we come to learn many things. We learn how to maintain mental balance in the midst of hopes and despair. They make us learn how to tackle the</p>	

		<p>difficult situation. Sports develop a sense of friendliness. They develop in us team spirit. They help in developing mental and physical toughness. They shape our body and make it strong and active. They give us energy and strength. They remove tiredness and lethargy. They improve blood circulation. This improves our physical well-being.</p> <p>Sports and games improve our capability. They improve our efficiency. Either study or work alone makes us exhaust. We remain no longer efficient to do any work. Sports remove our mental exhaustion. Sports are integral part of education. Education without sports is incomplete. Keeping their value in life, children are taught some sorts of games in the very early stage in school. These days' sports are a part of academic curricula.</p> <p>Sports and games give us opportunity to grow in life. These days' sports have been commercialized. They have become a good means of earning. The sports person who does well in sports is showered with name, fame and wealth. He becomes a hero overnight. Sports have great potential to offer career opportunities. So we should take them very seriously from the very early age of our life. Sports are good means of earnings. Sports offer opportunity to prove talents.</p> <p>Thus, sports have great value in life. Sports facilities are being developed in rural and semi-urban areas. There are playgrounds in villages. Sports infrastructure are being developed everywhere so as to promote them. Various sport organizations are also doing well in promotion of sports.</p>	
1.		Select from the most appropriate options given below:	1×3=3
	1)	Sports and games help to a) keep us physically fit b) make us mentally alert c) rejuvenate us d) all of the above	1
	2)	Sports and games help to	1

		a) overcome difficulties b) making us decisive c) both a and b d) none of the above	
	3)	Sports persons get a) name b) fame c) wealth d) all of the above	1
2.		Answer the following questions briefly:	1×5=5
	1)	Mention few advantages of games and sports.	
	2)	How is sports inculcated in the student's life?	
	3)	How do games and sports relax us from monotonous life?	
	4)	Mention the advantages enjoyed by the sports players.	
	5)	How can sports and games be promoted?	
3.		Find out words from the passage which mean the same as:	1×2=2
	1)	Tiredness	
	2)	Chance	
Q3.		Read the following passage carefully:	
		<p>Water is one of the nature's precious gifts to mankind. All living things consist mostly of water eg. the human body is of two thirds of water. It is clear, colourless liquid that appears blue when viewed through a thickness of 20 ft. The colour reflects not only from physical causes but also from suspended impurities. The freezing point of water is 0 degree centigrade and its boiling point is 100 degree centigrade.</p> <p>Water is the most essential component of life and is vital for sustenance. The importance of water in our diet is apparent as it helps the body to perform specific metabolic tasks and regulates our body temperature, moreover water is unique as its density is similar to that of cell protoplasm. There is no doubt that water is everywhere and it is very important to our Earth and the life inhabiting</p>	

		<p>it. Water contains no calories and is a significant factor in losing weight. It is the key component in determining the quality of our lives and is a universal solvent.</p> <p>We should teach children to turn off faucets tightly after use, adjust sprinklers to water your lawn. Plant in the fall when conditions are cooler and collect water used for rinsing fruits and vegetables to water house plants, wash your pets outdoors in an area of your lawn that needs water and repair leaking pipes, harvest rain water. People use up our planets fresh water faster than it can naturally be replenished so, save water for the Earth, family and community. Cultural views of water are based on predominant religious views, like the Ganges river in Hinduism. Water is known as the elixir of life. So Conserve water to save life.</p>	
	1)	On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it using headings and sub-headings.	5
	2)	Write a summary of the above passage in 80 words, using the notes made and also suggest a suitable title.	3
		SECTION B [WRITING]	30
Q4.		<p>You are Anirudhh/ Anvesha of Supreme Command Public School. Your school is organizing Grand Show on the occasion of New Year. Write an invitation for the students and parents. Give the necessary details. Do not exceed the word limit of 50 words.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>You wish to purchase a flat in New Delhi. Write a classified advertisement for the newspaper giving the details of your requirements. Do not exceed the word limit of 50 words.</p>	4
Q5.		<p>You are Girish/ Garima , recently completed the Degree Course in Mass Communication and Journalism. You came across an advertisement for the post of Editor in the one of the leading newspapers, The Times Of India. Write a Job Application to the Managing Director, The Times Of India, regarding the same. Do not exceed the word limit of 120-150 words.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p>	6

		Being the student incharge of the Library of your school, you have been asked to write a letter to Diamond Publishing House , placing the requirement of necessary books needed for the students, including comic books, competition based books, reference books etc. Write the letter in not more than 120-150 words	
Q6.		Everything is possible when one follows time management. As the Exams are approaching , you decide to write an article for the newspaper suggesting some practical measures of time management as well as the value and importance of the same. Do not exceed the word limit of 150-200 words. OR You recently attended a Public Debate, on behalf of you school , in which many schools took part. The topic was "Corruption is a necessary evil". Write an article for your school magazine describing your experience as well as your opinion on the topic.	10
Q7.		You are taking part in a Debate Competition on the topic "The Right to Education Act is a Realistic and Achievable Goal that will change the Face of Education in India" Draft a debate on for or against the topic" OR "Our Good Earth", an environmental awareness magazine has launched a marathon 'Clean Your City' campaign. As an active participant write a speech to be read out in the morning assembly urging students to participate in the campaign in 150-200 words.	10
		SECTION D [LITERATURE]	40
Q8.		Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:	1×4=4
		"The stunted, unlucky heir Of twisted bones, reciting a father gnarled disease His lesson from his desk. At the back of the dim class One unnoted , sweet and young. His eyes live in a dream Of squirrels game, in tree room, other than this."	
	1)	a) Who is being referred to in the first two lines? b) Explain 'father's gnarled disease'.	

		c) Who sit at the back of the class? How is he different from others? d) Explain his eyes live in a dream?	
		OR	
		"What I want should not be confused With total inactivity Life is what it is about I want no truck with death."	
		1. Name the poem and the poet? 2. What is the desire of the poet? 3. What does 'total inactivity' imply? 4. Why does the poet say that he does not want his wish to be confused with total inactivity?	
Q9.		Answer any FOUR of the following questions in 30-40 words:	3×4= 12
	1)	Describe the misadventure which was faced by Douglas.	
	2)	Derry was imprisoned in his own mental block of inferiority complex. Comment on his feelings before he met Mr. Lamb.	
	3)	What brought transformation in Franz?	
	4)	Comment on the upbringing of the Tiger king.	
	5)	Sophie and Jansie were poles apart, though same in age. How?	
Q10.		Answer the following question in 120-150 words: Jo made Jack feel caught in an "ugly middle position". What brought Jack under these circumstances? Elaborate the point of view of both Jo and Jack, expressing your own opinion as well.	6
Q11.		Answer any one of the following question in 120-150 words: Humans are endowed with the virtues of goodwill, peace and harmony but these values are compromised with in the wake of patriotism. But there are a few who balance the both and rise above the ordinary outlook. Elaborate with reference to "The Enemy". Write your answer in not more than 100-120 words.	6

OR

Loneliness is intricately woven in the plot of "The Rattrap".
Comment with reference to the characters in the story.

Q12.

Answer any one of the following question in 120-150 words:

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Write a brief character sketch of Thomas Marvel and the way he escapes finally from the wrath of Griffin.

Q13.

Answer any one of the following question in 120-150 words:

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Describe the measures taken by Dr. Kemp and the police in order to trap Griffin in the end.

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