

MODEL QUESTION PAPER-1
(2020-21)
ENGLISH (CORE)
GRADE XII

Time Allowed: 3 hours

M.M. : 80

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. This paper is divided into two parts: A and B. Both the parts are compulsory.
2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.
3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

PART - A
(READING)

[40 MARKS]

[20 MARKS]

1. Read the passage given below and answer any ten questions: **(10)**

1. The National Basketball Championship Women's finals had all the ingredients of the Chak De climax. Till half-time, the Railways team, playing against the Chhattisgarh girls' team, led on the scoreboard. And then, the unexpected happened. The Chhattisgarh girls tore into the Railway's defences and every time they took a shot, the ball made it through the hoop. The scoreboard kept moving and at the final whistle, it stood in Chhattisgarh's favour.
2. But more important than the victory, it is the stories of some of these players that make it a fantastic match. Most of the players come from poor families and have dealt with severe setbacks. Take the story of India's tallest woman hoopster, Poonam Chaturvedi. A severe headache that had been bothering her for a long time, was diagnosed with brain tumour six months ago. She had lost her will to live but had joined the team to please her father, a constable in Uttar Pradesh. Within a few minutes into game the headache had returned and she was benched. But when Captain Seema Singh fouled out, she was forced to return. She went on to put up a brilliant performance, despite the pain and anxiety.
3. Behind this stupendous success is Coach Rajesh Patel, who has been running the Chhattisgarh Basketball Development Academy for 13 years. With financial backing from the steel plants in his area, he has been mentoring deserving boys and girls from tribal belts and training them for the game. A promise of employment and promotion if they excel in the game, keeps girls going, says Patel.
4. So far, Patel has trained 1500 youngsters. Of the lot, the really disadvantageous children are taken into a hostel run by him and his wife Anita, till they are independent. Many of Patel's protégés have gone on to perform at national and international events and the Chhattisgarh girls he has trained, claim a unique record of bringing home 74 medals in their 80 national-level appearances.
5. Yet none of these players have had an easy life. Seema Singh of the current team is its most experienced player. She had represented Chhattisgarh for the first time in 2002. When she was dropped from the Railways team earlier, due to a knee injury, she picked herself up and resumed playing for Chhattisgarh and won the national trophy for her coach, as she puts it.

6. Another team member, L Deepa, triumphed over a physical drawback. She is short and found this a great disadvantage in a sport like basketball where height matters. But when Patel gave her a chance to come up to his expectations, Deepa more than measured up.
7. Others, like Bharati Nigam, came into the team as she could not make to the Railways team this year. This daughter of a police constable, she took this snub as a challenge and went on to become a professional player. Her sports teacher, she feels, motivated her to take up the sport as a career.
8. All these women together have thus scripted an unusual tale of great valour, indomitable courage and implicit trust in their coach to secure for India a great honour. For their team the win, over the giants, the Railways team, this victory has spelt a personal rewind of the typical underdog-who-triumphs movie of how they dunked the odds.
- (a) The match between the Railways and Chhattisgarh was won by... **(1)**
 (i) the Chak De India team (ii) the Chhattisgarh girls' team
 (iii) the Railways' team (iv) no one as it was a draw
- (b) Poonam Chaturvedi is... **(1)**
 (i) India's tallest woman hoopster (ii) the captain of the Chhattisgarh team
 (iii) a player from the Railways team (iv) a girl living in the hostel
- (c) The Chhattisgarh Basketball Academy has been running for ... **(1)**
 (i) one year
 (ii) the benefit of the steel plant
 (iii) 13 years
 (iv) the national and international championships
- (d) The Coach of Chhattisgarh basketball team is ... **(1)**
 (i) Jiva Patel (ii) Rajesh Patel
 (iii) Anita Patel (iv) Poonam Chaturvedi
- (e) What has been bothering Poonam Chaturvedi for a long time? **(1)**
 (i) Ulcer (ii) Backache (iii) Fever (iv) Headache
- (f) Who is the most experienced player of the Chhattisgarh team? **(1)**
 (i) Poonam Chaturvedi (ii) Seema Singh
 (iii) L Deepa (iv) Bharati Nigam
- (g) Why was Seema Singh dropped from Railway team? **(1)**
 (i) Due to marriage (ii) Father's death
 (iii) Knee injury (iv)
- (h) Where did Poonam Chaturvedi belong to? **(1)**
 (i) Madhya Pradesh (ii) Uttar Pradesh (iii) Bihar (iv) Rajasthan
- (i) What was the drawback with L Deepa? **(1)**
 (i) She was fat. (ii) She was weak.
 (iii) She was short. (iv) She was mentally unfit.

- (j) What have these women scripted? **(1)**
 (i) A tale of valour (ii) A saga of defeat
 (iii) A parody (iv) A story of remorse
- (k) Find out the word from the passage which mean "Basketball player" **(1)**
 (i) Stupendous (ii) Hoopster (iii) Valour (iv) Underdog

2. Read the passage given below and answer any ten questions: (10)

- In spite of all the honours that we heaped upon him, Pasteur, as has been said, remained simple at heart. Perhaps the imagery of his boyhood days, when he drew the familiar scenes of his birthplace, and the longing to be a great artist, never wholly left him. In truth he did become a great artist, though after his sixteenth year he abandoned the brush forever. Like every artist of worth, he put his whole soul and energy into his work, and it was this very energy that in the end wore him out. For him, each sufferer was something more than just a case that was to be cured. He looked upon the fight against hydrophobia as a battle, and he was absorbed in his determination to win. The sight of injured children, particularly, moved him to an indescribable extent. He suffered with his patients, and yet he would not deny himself a share in the suffering. His greatest grief was when sheer physical exhaustion made him give up his active work. He retired to the estate at Villeneuve Etang, where he had his kennels for the study of rabies, and there he passed his last summer, as his great biographer, Vallery Radot, has said, "practicing the Gospel virtues."
- "He revered the faith of his fathers," says the same writer, "and wished without ostentation or mystery to receive its aid during his last period."
- The attitude of this man to the science he had done so much to perfect can be best summed up in a sentence that he is reputed once to have uttered, concerning the materialism of many of his contemporaries in similar branches of learning to his own: "The more I contemplate the mysteries of Nature, the more my faith becomes like that of a peasant."
- But even then in retirement he loved to see his former pupils, and it was then he would reiterate his life principles: "Work," he would say, "Never cease to work."
So well had he kept this precept that he began rapidly to sink from exhaustion.
- Finally on September 27, 1895, when someone leant over his bed to offer him a cup of milk, he said sadly: "I cannot," and with a look of perfect resignation and peace, seemed to fall asleep. He never again opened his eyes to the cares and sufferings of a world which he had done so much to relieve and to conquer. He was within three months of his seventy-third birthday.
- Thus passed, as simply as a child, the man whom the French people were to vote at a plebiscite as the greatest man that France had ever produced. Napoleon, who has always been considered the idol of France, was placed fifth.
- No greater tribute could have been paid to Louis Pasteur, the tanner's son, the scientist, the man of peace, the patient worker for humanity.

A. On the basis of your understanding of the above passage answer any ten questions given below with the help of the options that follow:

- (a) Pasteur abandoned the brush after- **(1)**
 (i) 10th year (ii) 12th year (iii) 14th year (iv) 16th year

- (b) What was Pasteur's life principle? **(1)**
 (i) work and rest (ii) work and play
 (iii) create (iv) never cease to work
- (c) Louise Pasteure died on- **(1)**
 (i) 26 September 1895 (ii) 27 October 1896
 (iii) 27 September 1895 (iv) 25 September 1895
- (d) Where did he retire? **(1)**
 (i) Villeneuve Eta (ii) Village Etang (iii) Villeneuve Etang (iv) Villeneuve Etung
- (e) What was Pasteur offered at the last moment of his life? **(1)**
 (i) Bread (ii) Water (iii) Milk (iv) Juice
- (f) Who has been considered the idol of France? **(1)**
 (i) Bismark (ii) Napoleon (iii) Hitler (iv) Mussolini
- (g) What was Pasteure's father? **(1)**
 (i) Doctor (ii) Carpenter (iii) Blacksmith (iv) Tanner
- (h) He compared his faith to that of a - **(1)**
 (i) Merchant (ii) Chemist (iii) Doctor (iv) Peasant
- (i) What gospel did Pasteure practise, according to his biographer? **(1)**
 (i) Gospel of Non-Violence (ii) Gospel of Kindness
 (iii) Gospel of Virtues (iv) Gospel of Truth
- (j) Find the word in the passage which means "give up" **(1)**
 (i) Refute (ii) Gospel (iii) Cease (iv) Abandon
- (k) Find the word in the passage which means "people belonging to the same period" **(1)**
 (i) Contemporaries (ii) Plebiscite (iii) Gospel (iv) Virtues

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[20 MARKS]

3. Attempt any two passages out of the three.

(1 × 8 = 8)

- a) While I was thinking about all this, I heard my name called. It was my turn to recite. What would I not have given to utter that dreadful rule for the Participles all through, very loud and clear, and without one mistake? But I got mixed up on the first words and stood there, holding on to my desk, my heart beating and not daring to look up.
- (i) Who was thinking?
 (A) M. Hamel (B) Franz (C) Hauser (D) Mayor
- (ii) What is Participle?
 (A) Grammar (B) Gerund (C) Verbal Adjective (D) Infinitive

- (iii) Why was the rule dreadful?
(A) Because he couldn't speak
(B) Because his heart started pounding
(C) Because his name was called
(D) Because he didn't know anything about that
- (iv) What did he want to do?
(A) To laugh
(B) To cry
(C) To shout
(D) To speak out the rule
- b) After that, Christmas Eve at Ramsjo passed just as it always had. The stranger did not cause any trouble because he did nothing but sleep. The whole forenoon he lay on the sofa in one of the guest rooms and slept at one stretch. At noon they woke him up so that he could have his share of the good Christmas fare, but after that he slept again. It seemed as though for many years he had not been able to sleep as quietly and safely as here at Ramsjo.
- (i) "After that..". After what?
(A) After sleeping
(B) After dressing
(C) After taking meals
(D) After Christmas
- (ii) Where did he sleep?
(A) Bed room
(B) Guest room
(C) Drawing room
(D) Porch
- (iii) What does "fare" mean in this context?
(A) Rent
(B) White
(C) Good
(D) Food
- (iv) Why was he brought there?
(A) To sleep
(B) To eat
(C) To be punished
(D) To Celebrate
- (c) And that was that. I left the same way I came, I suppose. Next day, during lunch hour, I drew three hundred dollars out of the bank, nearly all we had, and bought old-style currency (that really worried my psychiatrist friend). You can buy old money at almost any coin dealer's, but you have to pay a premium. My three hundred in old-style bills, but I didn't care; eggs were thirteen cents a dozen in 1894.
- (i) What did he leave?
(A) Second level
(B) His wife
(C) Money
(D) Ticket window
- (ii) How much did egg cost in 1894?
(A) 12 cents
(B) 13 cents
(C) 14 cents
(D) 15 cents
- (iii) How much did he withdraw from bank?
(A) 300 dollars
(B) 250 dollars
(C) 200 dollars
(D) 500 dollars
- (iv) Where can you get old money from?
(A) Grocery shop
(B) Petrol Pump
(C) Coin dealer
(D) Baker

4. Read the stanza and answer the following questions:

(1 × 4 = 4)

**If we were not so single-minded
about keeping our lives moving,
and for once could do nothing,
perhaps a huge silence
might interrupt this sadness
of never understanding ourselves
and of threatening ourselves with death.**

- (i) According to the poet, we are ...
(A) Unfeeling (B) Single-minded (C) Focussed (D) Distracted
- (ii) What will happen if we can be still for some time?
(A) There will be silence (B) There will be chaos
(C) There will be unrest (D) There will be joy
- (iii) What are people afraid of?
(A) Love (B) Death (C) Disease (D) Care
- (iv) Name the poet.
(A) Palbo Neruda (B) Pablo Nedura (C) Palob Neruda (D) Pabol Neudra

OR

**Far far from gusty waves these children's faces.
Like rootless weeds, the hair torn round their pallor;
The tall girl with her weighed-down head.**

- (i) Which is the figure of speech used in "Far far"?
(A) Simile (B) Metaphor (C) Repetition (D) Alliteration
- (ii) Which is the figure of speech used in the second line?
(A) Simile (B) Metaphor (C) Repetition (D) Alliteration
- (iii) Name the poet.
(A) Edmund Spencer (B) Sydney Spencer (C) Stephen Spencer (D) Stephen Spender
- (iv) The tall girl with her head weighed down means, the girl-
(A) is ill and exhausted (B) has her head bend with shame
(C) has untidy hair (D) is punished

5. Answer any 8 of the following 10 questions:

(1 × 8 = 8)

- (i) What did Wachter say to Franz?
(ii) What is the irony underlying Saheb's name?
(iii) What did Roosevelt say about fear?
(iv) "It looks as though Captain Von Stahle preferred to stay with you tonight, Stjernstrom."
Who said to whom?
(v) What part of the holdings would the peasants have to grow indigo?
(vi) Why is the significance of the word "ashen" in "ashen like that of a corpse"?
(vii) Where did Charley want to go in 1894?
(viii) Which poem is A Thing of Beauty part of?
(ix) Quote an example of pun from Keeping Quiet.
(x) What was the code for Golden Lion in Evans Tries an O - Level?

**PART - B
(WRITING)****[40 MARKS]****[16 MARKS]**

6. You have lost an expensive watch probably in the market. Write an advertisement for the Lost and Found column of a local newspaper giving all the relevant details. Offer a reward also. Write the advertisement in about 50 words. You are Gopal/ Gopa, 4, Manav Road, Kanpur. **(3)**

OR

You are Amar/ Amrita, Secretary of Cultural Club, Aryaman Public School, Kochi. A charity show has been arranged in your school in aid of cancer patients. Write a notice to be displayed on the school notice board informing the students of the show and asking them to cooperate and make it a success. Draft the notice in about 50 words giving all necessary details. **(3)**

7. On 30th November your school is going to hold its annual sports day. You want Mr. Dhanraj Pillai, a noted hockey player to give away the prizes to the budding sportspersons of the school. Write a formal invitation in about 50 words requesting him to grace the occasion. You are Karuna/ Karan, Sports Secretary, Sunrise Global School, Agra. **(3)**

OR

Write a formal reply to Mrs. & Mr. Deepak Gautam declining their invitation to dinner on their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 2nd March 2016.

8. Marriage processions are expressive of our joy on a happy occasion. But of late they have become very noisy. They cause traffic jams, particularly during auspicious days for marriages they become a public nuisance. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily giving your views on the problem. Offer some suggestions. You are Rani/ Raj, 121 Bank Street, Ramnagar. **(5)**

OR

You are Ketan Panday of 63, Civil Lines, Delhi. You saw an advertisement in The Hindu for the post of Accountant in a reputed firm. Write an application in 120-150 words to the Area Manager of Gayatri Consultants, 2, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi, giving your detailed biodata. **(5)**

9. Indian culture has traditionally sustained a joint family system in which the old have always had a very respectable place. There has been an erosion of these values in the present times. Write an article in 150-200 words on the need for the young to take care of their old instead of sending them to the old age homes. **(5)**

OR

You are the Sports Captain of your school. The annual sports were conducted last month. Write a report in 125-150 words on the conduct of the same. You are Satish/ Sita of JBS school, Jaipur.

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10. Read the following questions and answer any five of them in 30-40 words each:

(2 × 5 = 10)

- (a) What does the reference to chappals in 'Lost Spring' tell us about the economic condition of the rag pickers?
- (b) Why is Rajkumar Shukla described as being 'resolute'?

- (c) What makes human being love life in spite of all the troubles they face?
- (d) What is suggested by the phrase, 'massive weight of Uncle's wedding band'?
- (e) How did Douglas remove his residual doubts about his fear of water?
- (f) Why did M. Hamel write 'Vive La France' on the blackboard?

11. Read the following questions and answer any two in 30-40 words each:

- (a) What precautions were taken for the smooth conduct of Evans' O-level examination?
- (b) How did Jo want the Roger Skunk story to end?
- (c) What does Mr. Lamb mean by bees buzzing and humming?

12. Answer any one of the following questions in 120-150 words:

Edla proved to be much more persuasive than her father while dealing with the peddler.
Comment. (5)

OR

How does Douglas make clear to the reader, the sense of panic that gripped him as he almost drowned? Describe the details that have made the description vivid.

- 13.** Dr. Sadao faced a dilemma. Should he use his surgical skills to save the life of a wounded person or hand an escaped American POW over to the Japanese police? How did he resolve this clash of values. (5)

OR

What change took place in Derry when he met Mr. Lamb?