

CLASS XII SAMPLE PAPER ENGLISH CORE

TIME: 3 HRS

MAX. MARKS :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 |
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| 1. | | Read the following passage carefully: | 12 |
| | 1) | In one single day, we go through a variety of emotions. Often a day turns out to be a spontaneous shift from high to low tide. We often feel like riding a roller coaster, passing through stages of excitement, anxiety and restlessness. Sometimes we are in jubilant mood and other times we feel so morose and sometimes we are in just upbeat mood, ready to take up any daring and situation. | |
| | 2) | It is just a wonder that our mood swings are so transient in nature. Surely, situation or circumstance is often responsible for these changes. But more or less it is our attitude that brings us dejection or delight. Our outlook and approach to look at an issue makes the difference. Still, the vagueness of our thought procedure is worth to be noticed. | |
| | 3) | Let's consider a situation. We got up in the morning. We rejoice at the pleasantness of the morning and feel hale and | |

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| | <p>hearty to take upon the world. After getting fresh, we start for our workplace. Say, we ride own vehicle. Or say, we board a public transport. And there is technical snag on the way. We are getting late and there are no other means around to solve our problem. The cheer which has held our heart in the morning is replaced by a gloom and despair which enslaves our mind. Within ten minutes or so, our mood drops down just like the prices in the share market!!</p> <p>4) Now let's consider other way round. We get up in the morning and laziness or lack of willingness prompts us to stay in bed for still longer time. Somehow we get fresh and drag ourselves out of the house towards our workplace. Our colleague offers to take us along and we agree out of courtesy. We reach the place and the boss greets us with a smile, informing us that our promotion is sure to take place very soon!! The sulking mood in which we started in the morning vanishes in thin air and the pleasure of promotion grips our heart.</p> <p>5) These are the examples of situations which govern our mood. But what about our attitude? Say, if we deliberately try to find negative reasons behind every situation. The morning remains as pleasant as it can be. But we prefer to remain lost in something negative we went through yesterday, a week before or may be any point in our life. Our mood will confine itself within the four walls of disappointment and frustration. No matter then, whatever good happens, we will keep on criticising, complaining and cursing everything that we come across.</p> <p>6) And taking it other way round, we remain hopeful in even tedious task of the day. We assure ourselves that it's just the passing phase. We look at the bright side of the picture. We forgive every wrong and apologise for anything adverse on our part. We keep aside our vain pride and ego and instead, cheer up others, share their grief and happiness and make the</p> <p>7)</p> | |
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| | <p>8) most of the day. Won't that be great! But the irony remains; we choose to be pessimistic most of the times. We prefer to get annoyed in the very first instance and lead a day full of resentment. Situations are not in our control. But attitude is. Things may go wrong or even worse and nasty than we can ever think of. Or may be as delightful and bright than we have ever thought of. Our outlook will decide our course of action. So now think twice before reacting in a negative way. Perhaps a single positive thought will change the entire situation. What seems adverse and odd may not be that dicey and bad. Have the green tree of hope planted in your heart. Everything is good if you take it as a learning experience for the next time. Life goes on !! (Adopted from collection of articles by Preeti Shrivastava)</p> | |
| | <p>Answer the following questions:</p> | |
| <p>1.</p> | <p>Select from the most appropriate options given below:</p> | <p>1×3=3</p> |
| | <p>1) The idea that is best conveyed in the passage is that a) we must not be governed by situations b) we must keep up a brave face during tough times c) we must keep a positive attitude d) we must keep others happy</p> | <p>1</p> |
| | <p>2) When our outlook is positive, a) we forgive every wrong b) we say sorry readily c) we keep others happy d) all of the above</p> | <p>1</p> |
| | <p>3) Our gloomy mood becomes bright a) when we find a favourable situation for us b) we forgive others and say sorry readily c) we keep others happy and share their joys and griefs d) all of the above</p> | <p>1</p> |
| <p>2.</p> | <p>Answer the following questions briefly:</p> | <p>1×6=6</p> |

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| | 1) How do emotions enslave us in our daily routine? | |
| | 2) What is ultimately responsible for our mood swings? | |
| | 3) How are we affected when we tend to remain negative? | |
| | 4) What is the irony that the passage refers to? | |
| | 5) How can we make things look better or worse? | |
| | 6) How can we improve our life for better? | |
| 3. | Find out words from the passage which mean the same as: | 1×3=3 |
| | 1) Sullen,ill-tempered,dismal(para 1) | |
| | 2) Disappears (para 4) | |
| | 3) Unfavourable (para 8) | |
| 2. | Read the following passage carefully: | (10) |
| | 1) In this ever changing & tech savvy era, it would be no exaggeration to assert that communication has attained new, advanced & faster dimensions. What took previous generations a series of efforts now has become a simplified tool for the present generation, promising to be still modified for posterity. | |
| | 2) It's rather apt to mention here that every field and system has equipped itself with the weapon of technology. People no longer have to wait in the long queue nor shed their sweat accomplishing the tasks, devoting a number of hours executing them. Just a click of selected options and the work is done! | |
| | 3) But it's now imperative to state here that access to technology is still limited for common people. Due to a disparity between economic status of people in this nation, many are unable to gain from this modern technology. Even though it is time & cost effective, once acquired, it is still a dream for many. | |
| | 4) So where lies the initiation? How to enable digital equity for all? Several institutions of higher studies provide laptops to students. Even the government has tried to provide laptops | |

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| | <p>& computers to the students pursuing higher studies, subject to terms and conditions. But schools still have a long way to go, to incorporate technology in its desired state. Although many schools are having an access for the convenience of students, but there are still loopholes which refuse to vanish.</p> <p>5) As globalization turns more tech-effective, there seems no place for illiterates in technology. There is need to chisel ways and means to provide tools and technology to the students. They need to understand the relevance of digital world which is taking over non-digital one. Lacking in this sphere would demoralize their spirits in future. It would be severely hampering their prospects in every field, education, social and economic.</p> <p>6) Now the million-dollar question which opens its mouth wide is, how to realise this dream. If we envisage a better future for our nation, we need to arm our students with resources which enable them to rub their shoulders with their counterparts in developed nations. Now an excuse to be ignorant is none the less but ridiculous.</p> <p>7) It's a responsibility of schools now, & teachers in turn. Teachers themselves need be tech savvy, in the first place. It's time to switch to integrated computer technology. Teaching aids have to be modernized. Students are excessively enthusiastic and potentially energized. They need to be served with interesting mode of learning.</p> <p>8) There is no point in feeling proud over lack of tech knowledge. Digital equity has to be incorporated in every life. A definite strategy may be planned, so that every student can be a part of technology. Mobiles, definitely, have served a major purpose, with even basic ones providing tech access. But size does matter! A big screen is handy and convenient to delve into the world of technology.</p> <p>9) School is the best place which can impart basic and</p> | |
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| | | <p>elementary knowledge of digital world. Students are enough competent to learn on their own, once groomed into that stage. We need to empower each and every student with technology so that life becomes simpler, easier and faster! (Adopted from collection of articles by Preeti Shrivastava)</p> | |
| 1. | | Select from the most appropriate options given below: | 1×3=3 |
| | 1) | The passage highlights upon the a) role of schools b) teaching aids c) digital equity d) economic disparity | 1 |
| | 2) | Access to technology is limited because a) of economic disparity b) of lack of interest c) of lack of teaching aids d) of lack of literacy | 1 |
| | 3) | The School is the best place to initiate technology as a) schools have lots of money b) all teacher are tech savvy c) schools provide best teaching aids d) students are enough competent to learn when given aid and motivation | 1 |
| 2. | | Answer the following questions briefly: | 1×5=5 |
| | 1) | What change has been brought by technology in our daily life? | |
| | 2) | What are the disadvantages of lacking in technology? | |
| | 3) | How can we assure a better future for our nation? | |
| | 4) | What is the role of the teachers in improving the present status? | |
| | 5) | How is a big screen helpful in providing better means of technology? | |

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| 3. | | Find out words from the passage which mean the same as: | 1×2=2 |
| | 1) | all future generations of people (para 1) | |
| | 2) | Form a mental picture of something (para 6) | |
| Q3. | | Read the following passage carefully: | |
| | | <p>Rapid industrialization and development of modern technology are amongst the foremost factors to blame for the general pollution. There is serious concern about the pollution caused by vehicular emissions, untreated waste from industries like toxic water, poisonous gases which significantly affect health of both livestock and man. Thus, there is a need to address these problems at various levels. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that a very significant number of diseases facing mankind today occur due to prolonged exposure to environmental pollution. Improper management of solid waste is one of the main causes of environmental pollution. Pollution increases not only due to increase in population with decrease in the available living space for each person. Unplanned construction and disturbing the ecology and natural drainage of water has taken a big toll of human life in Chennai. Unprecedented rain is due to climatic change. The change in climatic condition is attributed to greenhouse effect and carbon emission. Ice is melting on poles and the temperature is rising on poles more rapidly than any place on earth. This is creating a rise in water level creating danger for the coastal countries. Bangladesh is facing this problem when it is reported that around 20 lakh people took refuge in Dhaka due to submergence of lower area in sea. A confederation of 41 coastal countries has approached UN for controlling global warming.</p> <p>An estimated 30lakh people die each year because of air pollution. Worldwide approximately 1.1 billion people do not have safe water to drink and 2.4 billion lack basic sanitation. India is awake of the need for these issues in its clean India campaign. In India, magnitude of the problem is significantly high. The most polluting of them are the city sewage and industrial waste. For example in Jodhpur city a large number</p> | |

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| | <p>of people suffer from respiratory and stomach diseases. It has more than 3 lakh of registered vehicles contributing to air pollution. The city has no proper sewerage system. We are everyday facing the problem of smog in winters affecting flights, road transport and train delays. This is due to heavily polluted air. The capital city in India is an activity center for influx of people entering the city and staying there for livelihood. It is amongst the most polluted city in the world. Tokyo has oxygen kiosks by the road side for fresh air breathing. Beijing has declared orange alert, on 1stDecember'15, that means the air is not fit to breathe and near poisonous. It has appealed to people to remain inside and not come on the road except for essential work. The day is not far when we can see the trees dying. Dead fish floating on rivers and seas. The water almost poison and drinking water so scarce that in place of petroleum we may have water war between countries. The picture is so dangerous that calls for immediate action and sensitization of entire human race. The future humans may be born with deformation. The Paris meet on climatic change and global warming is another such convention which starts with lot of hopes and ends with tussle to win over other to progress at the cost of poor and under developed countries. The answer lies in treating the world as one. Erase the boundaries between countries and human beings. The time has come to focus on saving the world from dying. The species of insects and birds animals if a warning of nature to wake up before it is too late. Time to remember that we do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children. (Adopted from collection of articles by Preeti Shrivastava)</p> | |
| | <p>1) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it using headings and sub-headings.</p> <p>2) Write a summary of the above passage in 80 words, using the notes made and also suggest a suitable title.</p> | <p>5</p> <p>3</p> |
| | SECTION B [WRITING] | 30 |
| Q4. | You are Aviral/ Anmisha of Sunflower Convent School. As the Cultural Captain of your school, invite the students and teachers of your school for a musical night in which leading singers are being invited. Give the necessary details. Do not | 4 |

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| | <p>exceed the word limit of 50 words.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>As a member of Environmental Club of your school, you have been asked to prepare a poster regarding conservation and preservation of water. Prepare a poster, illustrating the topic in a brief and subtle manner. Do not exceed the word limit of 50 words.</p> | |
| Q5. | <p>You are Sukriti/ Sukesh , an active member of ABHILASHA, an NGO which works for the education of girls. Write a letter to the editor, mentioning the motive of the NGO, need of the motive and expectations from the people. Do not exceed the word limit of 120-150 words.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>You have recently purchased a digital camera from BENTEX Electronics of your city. After just a week, you find that it is not working properly. Write a letter to the General Manager describing the problems and asking for a replacement or repair as the camera is in warranty period. Do not exceed the word limit of 120-150 words.</p> | 6 |
| Q6. | <p>You have recently come across several news items regarding increasing terrorism everywhere. Grieved by the massive destruction caused due to this rising evil, you decide to write an article for the newspaper. Express your views, your concern and possible solution to this global issue.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Music provides a soothing comfort to the brain and heart and relieves us of stress and anxiety which is so much common in modern world. Write an article for your school magazine enumerating the benefits of music for young and old both.</p> | 10 |
| Q7. | <p>There can be little ways in which we can be thankful and appreciative. These may appear important but really matter a lot. Draft a debate on for or against the topic" Being appreciative does/doesn't make a difference".</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>You have been asked to give a speech in the morning assembly on Education Day. Draft a speech in not more than 15-200 words regarding the relevance of education, need, importance and advantages of the same. Also brief upon the</p> | 10 |

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| | | disadvantages of illiteracy. | |
| | | SECTION D [LITERATURE] | 40 |
| Q8. | | Read the following passage and answer the questions given below: | 1×4=4 |
| | | yes, in spite of all, Some shape of beauty moves away the pall From our dark spirits. | |
| | 1) | From which poem the above extract is taken and who is the poet? | |
| | 2) | "in spite of all" refers to things that grieve us. Mention few of them. | |
| | 3) | How do natural things cheer us up? | |
| | 4) | Give few examples of beautiful things as mentioned by the poet. | |
| | | It would be an exotic moment without rush, without engines, we would all be together in a sudden strangeness. | |
| | 1) | Which exotic moment has been mentioned here? | |
| | 2) | How would this state of exotic moment be achieved? | |
| | 3) | What is meant by "sudden strangeness" ? Which poetic device has been used here? | |
| | 4) | Write the name of the poem and the poet. | |
| Q9. | | Answer any FOUR of the following questions in 30-40 words: | 3×4=12 |
| | 1) | "Saheb was no longer a master of his own." Why it happened so? What is meant by that? | |
| | 2) | Why was the crofter so talkative and friendly with the peddler? Did the peddler respect the confidence reposed in him by the crofter? | |
| | 3) | How did the deadlock in Chamapran episode finally break? | |
| | 4) | Why did Jo insist on her ending of the story? What made Jack object to it? | |
| | 5) | How did Zitkal Sa try to save her long hair? Was she successful? | |
| Q10. | | Answer the following question in 120-150 words: | 6 |

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| | What is needed, rather than running away or controlling or suppressing or any other resistance, is understanding fear; that means, watch it, learn about it, and come directly into contact with it. We are to learn about fear, not how to escape from it. Elaborate with reference to the chapter "Deep Water". | |
| Q11. | Answer any one of the following question in 120-150 words: Derry was a young boy living in his own world of complexes and hatred. How did Mr. Lamb bring a welcome change in Derry? Write your answer in not more than 100-120 words. OR What were the preparations done by the Governor to prevent Evans from escaping? Were the efforts fruitful? How did Evans manage to escape once again? | 6 |
| Q12. | Answer any one of the following question in 120-150 words: Write a brief character sketch of Dr. Kemp, keeping in view his responsibility towards humanity, his brave face against Griffin and his logical way of thinking. | 6 |
| Q13. | Answer any one of the following question in 120-150 words: Teddy Henfry and Cuss were the two visitors who got their first strange experience with Griffin. Describe the visit of each of them. | 6 |

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