

Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education Dharamshala Model Question Paper

SESSION-2021-22

MODEL PAPER SECOND TERM EXAMS

Class-10 + 2

Subject- English

Time : 3 hrs

M.M 50

Note : All the questions are compulsory. Observe word limit wherever prescribed.

Section-A (Writing)

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

1. Youth in any country form its backbone. It is on youth's shoulder that the responsibility for change, progress and innovations lies. Youth are starry eyed full of idealism and bubbling with energy to honestly fight for cause. Every age suffers from the conservation of its elders. It is the youth only who have the necessary courage and initiative to break the taboos and crippling practices. Mao Tung of China realised the latent power and dedication of the youth of his country. He, therefore, entrusted them with cultural Revolution-a movement intended to weed out the deadwood in the party, who stood for status quo. Again in our own country, our youth played a significant role in the freedom struggle and made considerable sacrifices.
2. But, unfortunately, since the attainment of independence, the youth in the country have been going adrift. They have not been associated with the contemporary national problems.

3. We are well aware of the extensive damage that is being done to the fabric of our national structure by the parochial thinking along caste and communal lines. It is time, we shed partison prejudices and worked jointly for the progress of the country.
4. Another nagging problem that India faces today is that of population explosion. In a country, where every minute a child is born, all planning is bound to come to naught. All economic progress is certain to be nullified by the increase in the population. With ever-increasing mouths to feed, the government's efforts to strengthen the economic situation have yielded poor results.
5. Another important task that the youth can successfully undertake is to eliminate the curse of dowry. Dowry is responsible for a large number of deaths of innocent married girls and harassment of the parents of marriageable daughters. The youth both boys and girls should take pledge not to give and accept dowry. Also, they can force their parents to stop this undesirable practice.

(A) Choose the correct option to answer the following questions :

- I. The youth in any country are
 - (a) Starry-eyed
 - (b) full of idealism
 - (c) bubbling with energy
 - (d) all of the above
- II. The cultural Revolution of China aimed at
 - (a) maintaining the status quo
 - (b) obeying the orders of Mao Tse Tung
 - (c) removing the deadwood in the party
 - (d) attaining independence

III. What can cause an extensive damage to national fabric ?

- (a) Thinking along caste and communal lines
- (b) The partisan prejudices
- (c) All working jointly for national development
- (d) Both (a) and (b)

IV. The nagging problem that India faces today as per the passage is :

- (a) The high death rate (b) Economic progress
- (c) Drug addiction (d) Population Explosion

$4 \times 1 = 4$

B. Find the words from the given choices that have the same meanings:

1. Significant

- (a) Different (b) Important
- (c) Regular (d) petty

2. Freedom

- (a) Justice (b) Peace
- (c) Independence (d) Slavery

3. Eliminate

- (a) Remove (b) Include
- (c) Provide (d) join

$3 \times 1 = 3$

Q.2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

1. To date happiness has defied definition. Most people tend to equate

happiness with fun, good living, plenty of money. If happiness were synonyms with all this, rich people with all their luxuries and countless parties, would be perpetually happy. But in actual fact, they are frequently, acutely unhappy, despite their riches and ability to indulge in fun activities at will. Fun is what we experience during an act; happiness is that intangible something we experience after an act. We may have fun watching a movie, going shopping, meeting friends-these are all fun activities that afford us fleeting moments of relaxation and enjoyment. Happiness, on the other hand, is a much stronger, deeper and more abiding emotion.

2. If we perceive happiness as the ultimate goal, we must also devise a way to reach that goal. The way to happiness is not a smooth, broad highway along which we can cruise at a comfortable speed. It is a path through rocky and rugged terrain and the going can become very tough at times. At these times we have to roll up our sleeves and with pitchfork and shovel make our way onwards. This pursuit of happiness lasts a lifetime. Great happiness is earned only by great effort and effort not in spurts but diligent, constant effort.
3. Happiness is not a permanent vacation. Another prevalent belief is that if one were rich enough not to have to work, one would be blissfully happy. But a job is more than just a pay cheque. Almost all religions teach us that work is worship. Work holds the key to happiness as doing something which increases confidence and self-worth. It brings on a feeling of satisfaction, of doing something, of contributing.

4. A secret ingredient of happiness is contentment. Contentment here does not mean apathy or lack of ambition, just as commitment does not mean curtailment of freedom. Contentment teaches us to give so that we may receive and contentment helps us to cherish the gifts we have received. These things are worth a try even if they don't promise access to the pinnacle of success. Success, after all, has been described as getting what one wants, whereas happiness is liking what one gets.
- (A) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it, in points only, using recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary. Supply a suitable title to it.
- (B) Write a summary of the passage in about 80 words. $3 + 2 = 5$

Section-B
(COMPOSITION)

- Q.3. You have lost your wristwatch while playing in the school playground. Draft a notice for your school notice board giving details of the wristwatch. You are Shivam/Anita of Govt. Sr.Sec.School, Chamba.

OR

Your propose to sell your flat as you are going abroad. Draft an advertisement in about 50 words to be published in 'The times of India', under classified columns.

OR

You are Shravan/Saniya. As President of the Excursion Club of your school, you are organizing an excursion to Delhi and Agra.

Write a notice in about 50 words, informing the students about the proposed excursion. Give all necessary details. (3)

Q.4. Write a report on the “Environment Day” celebrated in your school in about 150 words.

OR

The Eco Club of your school launched a special cleanliness drive in the school and its neighbourhood. You are Anil, Secretary of the club. Write a report giving details of the programme. (4)

Q.5. Write a letter to the Editor of ‘The Tribune’ expressing your concern over the increase in the rate of road accidents, rash driving and suggesting ways to curb the accidents.

OR

Write a letter to the Principal of your school suggesting the holding of remedial classes for weak students. You are Madhav/Meena of Class XII.

Q.6. You are Manoj/Meera. Write an article in about 130-150 words on Health is wealth.

OR

You have noticed the use of computers in every sphere of life. Write an article in about 130-150 words on ‘The importance of computers in our future life’ ?

OR

You are much concerned about the poor quality of the unhygienic food supplied at some of the fast food centres in your locality, which

is highly detrimental to health. Write an article in about 130-150 words on this issue highlighting the health hazards that may be caused due to the consumption of fast food. (4)

Section-C
(Literature)

Q.7. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow :-

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.

- (i) Name the poem and the poet.
- (ii) Why are Aunt's hands terrified ?
- (iii) What will happen to her tigers after her death ?

Answer the questions from the poem "Keeping Quiet"

- (a) What kind of a moment would it be when everyone is silent ?
 - (i) terrible
 - (ii) painful
 - (iii) exotic
 - (iv) unforgettable
- (b) What is the poet expecting from fishermen ?
 - (i) to find more fish
 - (ii) to go deeper into the sea.
 - (iii) to think and stop harming the fish.
 - (iv) None of the above.

(c) According to the poet, wars that are fought have no

(i) soldiers

(ii) survivors

(iii) fighter planes

(iv) Weapons.

3×1=3

Q.8. Answer any five of the following questions briefly :

(i) Why was the crofter so talkative and friendly with the peddler ?

(ii) What made the peddler think that he had indeed fallen into a rattrap ?

(iii) What did the package left for Edla contain ?

(iv) Why did the peddler sign himself as Captain Von stahle ?

(v) Who was Rajkumar Shukla ?

(vi) List the places that Gandhiji visited between his first meeting with Shukla and his arrival at Champaran.

(vii) Why do you think the servants thought Gandhiji to be another peasant ?

5×1=5

Q.9. Answer the following question in about 125-150 words :

How does the metaphor of the rattrap serve to highlight the human predicament ?

OR

Why do you think Gandhiji considered the Champaran episode to be a turning point in his life ?

(5)

Q.10. Answer the following question in about 125 words :

What is it that draws Derry towards Mr.Lamb inspite of himself?

OR

“Inequalities must be resisted and the seeds of rebellion are sowed early in life.” Do you agree that injustice in any form cannot escape being noticed even by children ? (5)

Q.11. Answer any five questions in about 20 words each :

- (i) Who is Mr. Lamb ?
- (ii) Why does Derry say people are afraid of him ?
- (iii) “The gate’s always open” what does it signify ?
- (iv) How does Mr. Lamb die ?
- (v) Why did Zitkala-Sa hide herself ?
- (vi) Who was Bama ?
- (vii) Why did the landlord’s man ask Bama’s brother on which street he lived ? (5)