Model Test Paper for General Students
2023-24
CLASS XII
General English

Time Allowed: Three hours   **Theory: 80 marks**

Section A (Reading Comprehension)   **16 marks**

1.A.Read the given passage and answer the questions given below: $10 \times 1 = 10$

Cataract is the major cause of blindness, which is caused by a damage to the cornea. It occurs more often in old age. As one starts growing old, the lens of the eye hardens, loses its transparency and becomes opaque. It obstructs the light rays from entering the eye.

The onset of cataract blurs the vision. Sometimes, the cataract patient sees multiple images instead of a single object image. Because of the gradual development of cataract, the afflicted person loses his/her vision and the world becomes dark to him/her.

The development of cataract is a complex process. However, the following factors can be attributed to its formation. Cataract generally develops in old age but sometimes, children are born with cataract because of hereditary defect. Eye injuries too, can cause cataract.

People exposed to sun rays for longer periods develop cataract earlier than others. Researchers opine that the smoke inhaled while smoking carries substances internally damaging the eyes.

Ultraviolet radiation, invisible to the human eye, is linked to skin cancer. The victim loses vision and the world becomes dark to him.

Choose the correct option: (i to vi)

(i) What is the major cause of blindness?

a. old age   b.cataract   c. exposure to sun rays   d. All the options

(ii) Cataract affects the …………….

a. eyes   b. skin   c. both 'a' and 'b'   d. none

(iii) Find the antonym of the word 'obstruct' from the passage.

a. clear   b. choke   c. block   d. clog

(iv) Which factors are responsible for the formation of cataract?

a. hereditary defect, eye injuries, old age

b. viral infection, eye injuries, old age

c. hereditary defect, eye injuries, bacterial infection

d. hereditary defect, fungal infection, old age

(v) Which type of cancer is caused by ultraviolet radiation ?

a. lung cancer   b. mouth cancer   c. skin cancer   d. liver cancer

(vi) Find the word from the passage that means 'that through which light cannot enter'.

a. transparency   b. vision   c. obstructs   d. opaque

(vii) Why does the lens of the eye become opaque in old age ?

(viii) How does cataract affect its victim ultimately ?

(ix) Which part of the eye is damaged due to cataract ?

(x) How is smoking responsible for the development of cataract ?

(B) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below. $6 \times 1 = 6$

In a reversal of the norm elsewhere, in India, policymakers and economists have become optimists while bosses do the worrying. The country's Central Bank has predicted that India's economy is likely to grow at a double digit rate during the next 20-30 years. India has the capability with its vast labour and lauded entrepreneurial spirit. But the private sector, which is supposed to do the heavy lifting that turns India from the tenth largest economy to the third largest by 2030, has become fed up.

Business people often crib about India's problems but their irritation this time has a nervous edge. In the first quarter of 2011, the GDP grew at an annual rate of 7.8 percent; in 2015-17 it managed at 6-7 percent. The economy may be slowing naturally as the low interest rates and public spending that got India through the global crisis have been belatedly withdrawn. At the same time, the surge in inflation caused by exorbitant food prices has spread more widely, casting doubt over whether India can grow at 8-10 percent in the medium term without overheating.

i. What rate of growth does the Central Bank predict for the Indian economy for the next 20 -30 years?

(a) eight percent   (b) seven percent

(c) double digit   (d) five percent

ii. Who is supposed to do the heavy lifting to turn India into the third largest economy?

(a) government agencies   (b) private sector

(c) public sector   (d) property owners

iii. What is India's capability to grow based on?

iv. What is casting doubts over India's growth rate?

v. Fill in the blank with a suitable word from the passage.

He suffered from a_____breakdown.

vi. Match the words in column 'A' with their meanings in 'B'.

A	B
crisis	large
optimist	difficult phase
	one who looks forward to a positive outcome

SECTION B (Writing skills, Grammar and Translation)   **26 marks**

2. **Write a Precis of the following paragraph in your own words :**   4

Punjab is a land of five rivers. Its culture is one of the oldest and the richest in India as well as the entire world. It is apparent in its vibrant dances, folk songs, poetry, paintings, architecture, traditions, values, cuisine, folk games etc. The symbolic 'Phulkari' embroidery is an all-time favourite of not only the Punjabis but is also demanded by people from outside the Punjab as well. Among many folk dances of Punjab, 'Giddha' and 'Bhangra'are the most famous. The fast beats and the peppy music make everyone dance to the tunes. Punjabis are fun loving, emotional and very religious people. They celebrate their festivals and traditions with a lot of spirit. A Punjabi wedding, with all its traditions, ceremonies, dresses, jewellery, food and fun reflects the culture of Punjab. The popular festivals are Lohri, Maghi, Diwali, Dushehra, Baisakhi and Teej. Food is a major part of these celebrations. Punjabis love eating. The cuisines consist of many mouth-watering dishes but the characteristic food of Punjab is 'Makki di Roti', 'Sarson da Saag'and buttermilk. Punjabis have a presence all over the world and have taken their culture everywhere with them.

3. Attempt any one of the following.   5
You are Meena. You live at 209, Sector-69, Mohali. Write a letter to the Deputy Commissioner of your district requesting for a park for children in your city.

<div align="center">or</div>

You are Sarita. Your address is 156, Kaarvan Apartments, Sector 11, Panipat. Write an application to the Principal of your school requesting him for remission of fine.

4.Attempt any one of the following.   3

Explain the following Newspaper Headline in 15-20 words.
DECLARED DEAD, NEWBORN FOUND ALIVE

<div align="center">or</div>

You are Roshan. Write an e-mail to your friend,Shyam inviting him for the opening ceremony of your new office.

5.(A)Translate the following sentences into Punjabi/Hindi.(any two) $2 \times 1 = 2$

    i. She forgot her purse at home.
    ii. Don't kill animals.
    iii. It was pitch dark outside.

    (B)Translate the following sentences into English.(any two) $2 \times 1 = 2$
    1. ਕੀ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਕਿਰਾਏ ਦੇ ਮਕਾਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਰਹਿੰਦੇ ਹੋ?/ क्या आप किराये के मकान में रहते हो ?

    2. ਗਰੀਬ ਦਾ ਮਜ਼ਾਕ ਨਾ ਉਡਾਓ?/ गरीब का मज़ाक ना उड़ाओ।

    3. ਉਹ ਟੇਢੀ ਖੀਰ ਹੈ?/ वह टेड़ी खीर है।

6. Do as directed.

(A) Fill in the blanks with suitable Determiners. $3 \times 1 = 3$
    i .... mother is a teacher.
    ii. The cat drank all .... milk I had.
    iii. How .... students are present today?

  (B) Fill in the blanks as directed: (Use the words given in the brackets.) $2 \times 1 = 2$

    i. ……….. (dance) is my passion.   (Fill in the blank with a Gerund.)
    ii. We eat ………… (live).   (Fill in the blank with an Infinitive.)

  (C) Rewrite the given sentences as directed. (Any two) $2 \times 1 = 2$

i. Rewrite the given sentence after removing 'too'.
    He is too young to travel alone.
ii. Change the degree of comparison.
    Rose is the most beautiful flower.
iii. Rewrite the given sentence using 'No sooner………than'.
    As soon as I stepped out of my office, it started raining heavily.

(D) Change the given sentences into Passive Voice. (Any two) $2 \times 1 = 2$

    i. My mother bakes tasty cakes.
    ii. They are singing Hindi songs.
    iii.Help me, please.

 (E) Change the given sentence into Indirect Speech. (Any one) $1 \times 1 = 1$

    i. He said to me, "I am ill."

    ii. My sister said to me, "I don't like mangoes".

SECTION C (Literature Textbook)   38 marks

7. **Objective type questions:** $10 \times 1 = 10$

i) How did the parent-teacher meeting end?   (Hassan's Attendance Problem)

ii) Name the writer of the chapter, 'In Celebration of Being Alive'.

iii) Ghadar Party was formed in 1913. True/False

(GhadariBabas in Kalapani Jail)

iv) The Washington Post was a ....   (The March King)

   a) magazine   b) newspaper
   c) journal   d) None

v) How old was Helen Keller when her autobiography was published?

(The Story of My Life)

vi) Who was walking after Otchumyelov?   (A Chameleon)

   a) Hryukin   b) Yeldyrin

   c) Pitchugin   d) Prohor

vii) Who is the writer of the chapter 'The Barber's Trade Union'?   (Fill in the blank)

viii) Karam Singh's village was three miles from TaranTaran. True/False
(The Bull Beneath the Earth)

ix) Who was the owner of 'The Modern Frame Works' ?(The Gold Frame)

x) .... was the most difficult day for the children.   (The School for Sympathy)

8.(A) **Read the following lines and answer the questions that follow:** (any one)
$4 \times 1 = 4$

> Till the little ones, weary,No
> more can be merry; The sun
> does descend
> And our sports have an end. Round
> the laps of their mothers,Many
> sisters and brothers,
> Like birds in their nest,Are
> ready for rest,
> And sports no more seenOn
> the darkening Green.

Answer any four out of five
   i. Name the poem.
   ii. Name the poet.
   iii.Write the rhyme scheme of the first four lines of the given stanza.
   iv. Why has the echoing green become the darkening green?
   v. Name the figure of speech used in the lines –

Many sisters and brothers
Like birds in their nest,Are
ready for rest.

or

But Patience, to prevent
That murmur, soon replies, 'God doth not need
Either man's work or his own gifts. Who best Bear
his mild yoke, they serve him best.

Answer any four out of five.

i)   Name the poem.
ii)   Name the poet.
iii) Identify the figure of speech in the line…… ' But Patience, to prevent that murmur, soon replies,…….....'
iv)   What does Patience say about God?
v)   Which line in the poem says, 'The one who accepts God's control over hisown any existence is the best servant of God' ?

B) **Give the central idea of any one of the following poems:** $1 \times 3 = 3$
   i) The Road Not Taken   ii) Prayer of the Woods

9. **Answer the following questions in about 20 to 30 words. (any three)** $3 \times 2 = 6$

   i. Why was Hassan not noticed by the teacher in the class? During which days would Hassan show up in the class?   (Hassan's Attendance Problem)

   ii. What was the millionaire's trick in borrowing the money?
                                    (Thinking out of the Box: Lateral Thinking)

   iii. What were the good qualities of the conductor? (On Saying Please)

   iv. What was the mode of torturing the brave fighters by the Britishers?
                                    (Gadhari Babas in Kalapani Jail)
   v. Where did the narrator drive the two boys? What made the narrator followthe boys?   (Two Gentlemen of Verona)

10.   **Answer any two of the following questions in 20 to 30 words:** $(2 \times 2 = 4)$

   i) What does the author tell about Miss Beam?   (The School for Sympathy)

   ii) Why did Bholi refuse to marry Bishamber?   (Bholi)

iii) Who were Mann Singh and Karam Singh? Where did Mann Singh go when he

got a few days' leave?   (The Bull Beneath the Earth)

11. **Answer any one of the following questions in 60 to 70 words:**   3

What is the theme of the lesson, 'The Story of My Life'?
or
Draw a brief character sketch of John Philip Sousa.(The March King)

12.   **Answer any one of the following questions in 60 to 70 words:**   3

Justify the title of the story, 'A Chameleon'.
or
Give a brief character sketch of Chandu.   (The Barber's Trade Union)

13.   Good Handwriting   5