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Preliminary Examination (2024-25)
STD XII

Subject : English
Date : 04.01.2025

Marks - 100
Time : - 1.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Important Instructions:

- (i) *Each activity has to be answered in complete sentence/s. One word answer will not be given credit. Just the correct activity number written in case of options will not be given credit.*
- (ii) *Web diagrams, flow charts, tables etc. are to be presented exactly as they are with answers.*
- (iii) *In point 2 above, just words without the presentation of the activity format/design, will not be given credit. Use of colour pencils/pens etc. is not allowed. (Only blue/black pens are allowed).*
- (iv) *Multiple answers to the same activity will be treated as wrong and will not be given any credit.*
- (v) *Maintain the sequence of the section/Question Nos./Activities throughout the activity sheet.*

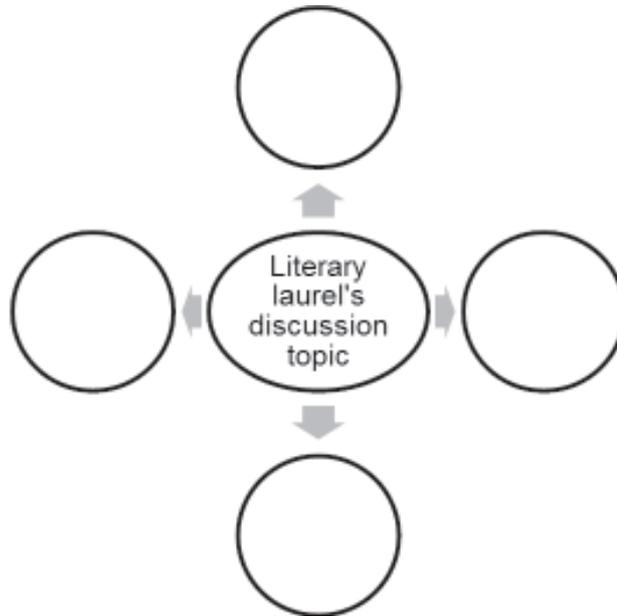
SECTION A: PROSE

Q1 A. Read the given extract and complete the activities given below. 13

I had a very simple upbringing. We were a lower middle class family. Our 300 square feet house did not even have basic amenities such as a fan, a refrigerator, a geyser, a dining table or a gas stove; leave alone an air conditioner or a car. It was only when I entered the college that I got a watch and we got a dining table at home. Nevertheless, culturally I had a rich childhood. Poets like Vinda Karandikar, Mangesh Padgaonkar and Vasant Bapat used to visit our home and for hours I could listen to the discussions about poetry and literature-Marathi and English. They used to talk about Keshavsut, Mardhekar, Shakespeare, Charles Dickens and Thomas Hardy. I did not fully understand their discussions in depth, but I was immensely impressed. We also were lucky to have Pt. Kumar Gandharv, Pt. Bhimsen Joshi and Pt. Jasraj visit our place and talk about Indian music till late night or sometimes dawn. This is how and why I developed my interest in literature and music during my school days, I did not and even today don't understand the 'grammar' of music, but I began to love it tremendously since then.

Most of the times, the topics of discussions at our home were about music, literature, paintings, sculptures etc. I could listen to the discussions about Van Gogh, Mozart and Michelangelo etc. It was because of such a milieu around me that I had a firm belief which I still hold that all arts are equally, if not more, important in our lives than science or technology. I had learnt from my childhood that money does not mean everything in life. It is necessary, but if at all there is something which enriches our lives and puts meaning to our existence, it is the arts, music and literature.

A1 Complete the web about literary laurel's topic of discussion at Achyut Godbole's house. (2)



A2 Give Reasons: (2)

1. Achyut Godbole has a firm belief that all arts are equal because
2. Achyut Godbole developed interest in literature and music in his childhood days because

A3 Explain: (2)

“Nevertheless, culturally I had a rich childhood.” Explain this statement in the light of the extract.

A4 Personal Response (3)

Write four to five sentences about your childhood memory related to your family.

A5 Language study (2)

1. They used to talk about Keshavsut, Mardhekar, Shakespeare, Charles Dickens and Thomas Hardy. (Use word ‘Would’ and rewrite)
2. I did not fully understand their discussion in depth, but I was immensely impressed. (Use ‘Though’)

A6 Vocabulary (2)

Match the columns with the word and their meaning given in Column B.

Column A	Column B
Amenities	Enhance
Upbringing	Work of art created by shaping malleable objects or letting them harden
Sculpture	Facility/Infrastructure
Enriches	The raising or training of a child

Q1 B Grammar Language Study (Non-textual Grammar) 6

B1 Do as directed. (4)

1. We can accept life gracefully. (Rewrite using modal auxiliary showing 'compulsion')
2. As I entered the post office, the Post Master presented me with a telegram. (Begin with 'No sooner.....')
3. My wish is to soar like _____ bird in _____ Sky of Freedom. (Fill in the blanks with suitable articles and rewrite.)
4. I asked my sister, "What can I do for her in this matter?" (Change into indirect.)

B2 Spot the error (2)

1. She has been worked in this office since 1996.
2. Shakespeare is one of a greatest dramatist.

Q2 A Read the following extract and complete the activity given below. 13

"I don't believe in taking the right decisions. I take decisions and then make them right." One of the Ratan Tata's inspiring words which made me dream beyond shadows. I feel fortunate that I discovered him in the early stage of my life and now I am using his teachings to mould my future the way I want.

Even though Ratan Tata was born in a very posh family of India, he never took money and power for granted. He graduated from Riverdale country from New York. Ratan Tata began his career in the Tata by working on the shop floor of Tata Steel. After working for almost 10 years he was appointed as the director-in-charge of the National Radio and Electronics Company Limited (NEL.CO) in order to help its struggling finances. He worked hard building a better consumer electronics division but the economic recession and union strikes prevented him from achieving success and this success helped Tata to be appointed as the chairman of the Tata Group of companies. He started with a very basic job in his father's company and today he owns a billion dollar company.

The tag of greatness does not come without making any sacrifices and this tag on Ratan Tata suits to its best.

Tata Group launched its passenger car Tata Indica in the year 1998 but Tata Indica was a failure in its first year and the experiment seemed to be failing. Many people started advising Ratan Tata that he should sell the passenger car business. Ratan Tata also agreed to this and a proposal was given to Ford, they showed interest too. In the three-hour meeting at Ford headquarters in Detroit, chairman of Ford (Bill Ford) said to Ratan Tata, "Why did you enter in the passenger car business when you did not have knowledge of it. It will be a favour if we buy this business from you."

Ratan Tata decided to move back home. While travelling he was very tense as the feeling of being insulted was on his mind. After earlier failures, Tata Motors did well with its business of passenger cars but in the same period, Ford did very badly. In 2008 when Ford was on its way of bankruptcy, Tata Group offered to buy its luxury car brand, Jaguar, Land Rover. Ford arrived in Mumbai for the meeting.

In the meeting, Bill Ford said to Ratan Tata, "You are doing a big favour for us by buying Jaguar and Land Rover." These luxury cars are now owned by Tata Group and are currently making profits.

A1 Rewrite the following sentences as per their occurrence in the extract. (2)

1. He was appointed as the director-in-charge of the National Radio and Electronics Company Limited.
2. Tata Group launched its passenger car 'Tata Indica' in the year 1998.
3. Bill Ford said to Ratan Tata, "You are doing a big favour for us by buying Jaguar-Land Rover."
4. He graduated from Riverdale country from New York.

A2 Explain (2)

Ratan Tata says, "I don't believe in taking right decision. I take decisions and then make them right."

A3 Give reasons: (2)

Ratan Tata decided to sell his passenger car business.

A4 Personal Response (3)

Right decision at the right time is important for success. Express your opinion.

A5 Grammar (2)

Do as directed.

1. He worked hard building a better consumer electronics division. (Rewrite the sentence using the infinitive form of the underlined word)
2. Tata Group launched the passenger car Tata Indica. (Rewrite it beginning with 'The passenger car Tata Indica.....')

A6 Vocabulary (2)

Give antonyms:

1. Profit
2. Prevent

Q2 B Summary 4

Write a summary of the above extract with a suitable title. Take help of the given points/hints.

Ratan Tata's early career-early setback in passenger car business-his meeting with Bill Ford-his success in passenger car business-purchase of Ford's Land Rover and Jaguar.

Q2 C Mind Mapping 4

Develop a 'Mind Mapping' frame/design using your ideas/thoughts/concepts to illustrate/develop on the topic, 'Friendship'.

SECTION B: POETRY

Q3 A Read the following extract and do the activities that follows.

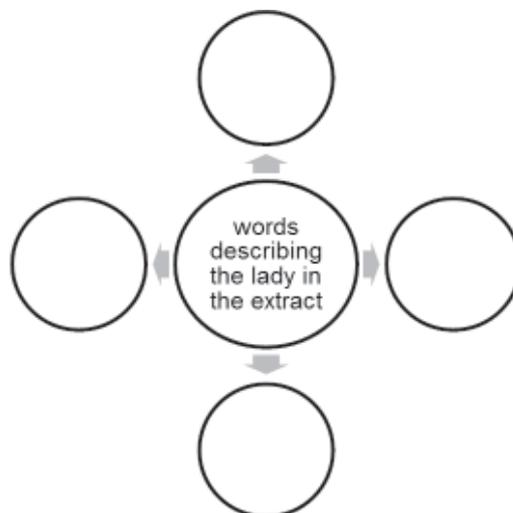
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She walks in beauty, like the night
Of cloudless climes and starry skies;
And all that's best of dark and bright
Meet in her aspect and her eyes;
Thus mellowed to that tender light
Which heaven to gaudy day denies.

One shade the more, one ray the less,
Had half impaired the nameless grace
Which waves in every raven tress,
Or softly lightens o'er her face;
Where thoughts serenely sweet express,
How pure, how dear their dwelling-place.

And on that cheek, and o'er that brow,
So soft, so calm, yet eloquent,
The smiles that win, the tints that glow,
But tell of days in goodness spent,
A mind at peace with all below,
A heart whose love is innocent!

A1 Complete the web by writing down the words describing the lady in the extract. **(2)**



A2 Give Reasons **(2)**

The lady in the poem has a winning smile and a glowing skin. According to the poet she is blessed with these things because

A3 Personal Response **(3)**

“Beauty lies in the eyes of beholder.” We all know this saying. Explain your views about it.

A4 Poetic Device (2)

Identify and explain the figure of speech in the following line.

One Shade the more, one ray the less

A5 Creativity (2)

Compose four lines on 'Beauty of Nature'.

Q3 B Poetic Appreciation 5

When I had money, money, o!
I knew no joy till I went poor;
For many a false man as a friend
Came knocking all day at my door

Then felt I like a child that holds
A trumpet that he must not blow
Because a man is dead; I dared
Not speak to let this false world know.

Much have I thought of life and seen
How poor men's hearts are ever light;
And how their wives do hum like bees
About their work from morning till night

So when I hear these poor ones laugh
And see the rich ones coldly frown
Poor men, think I, need not go up
So much as rich men should come down.

When I had money, money o!
My many friends proved all untrue;
But now I have no money, o!
My friends are real, though very few.

- About the poem, poet
- Theme
- Poetic style and poetic devices
- Message or moral
- Your opinion

Section C : Writing Skill

Q4 A Complete the activities as per the instructions given below. 5

1) Drafting virtual Message (5)

Using the information given below, write a message which Mohit left for his brother Mohan. Do not add any new information, the message should not exceed more than 50 words.

Rajan called up - Self written story reading competition - occasion National Book Day and APJ Abdul Kalam birthday - Venue is city Library at Chuchgate. He will pick him up at 5.00 p.m. and they both will attend the programme together.

Or

2) Statement of Purpose (5)

Read the following personal details and prepare a suitable statement of purpose

You have always been fascinated by building construction. Once your dad saw you completely engrossed in watching construction work next to your house. After that identifying your interest, he registered your name in designing and drawing class. From that time, you wanted to become a Civil Engineer. You have taken science stream in your junior college after an excellent score in SSC board examination. In your free time you love reading national and international magazines on designing and construction. Draft a statement of purpose that will help you to get an admission at college of Engineering, Pune

Or

3) Group Discussion (5)

Four students from your Jr. college, Sumedh, Rahul, Neeta, Jaya have a discussion on the topic " Role of ICT (Information and Communication Technology) in Education" . Write their short group discussion in about 100 to 120 words.

Q4 B Attempt any ONE of the following. 5

1) Email writing

While on a business trip you had to spend a week at a large hotel. However the poor facilities and rude behaviour of the hotel staff made your stay very unpleasant. Write an email of complaint to the manager of the hotel expressing your feelings of annoyance and suggesting what could be done to improve the standard of the hotel.

Or

2) Report Writing (5)

You are a representative of the NSS unit of your College. Write a brief of the camp in which various social activities including cleanliness have been conducted by all the participants.

Or

3) Interview Questions (5)

Imagine, you have to conduct an interview of a teacher who recently received the Ideal Teacher Award from the State Government. With the help of the given table and points, draft questions for an interview

Name of the Interviewee	
Area of Success	
Date/Venue/Time	
Duration of interview	
Questions:	
1) Decision	
2) Idols	
3) Support	
4) Education	
5) Training	
6) Success	
7) Dream	
8) Goal/Destination	

Q4 C Attempt any ONE of the following. 5

1) Speech writing (5)

Imagine you have to deliver a speech on the topic 'Advantages of co-curricular activities' on the occasion of an elocution competition. Prepare a speech for the same.

Or

2) Compering (5)

Prepare a script for compering a book release event. The event is held in an auditorium of your college where the author of the book to be launched Mr. Avinash Raje has taken his education. You can take help of the following points.

- i) Introduction
- ii) Welcome Speech
- iii) Book release and distribution of first signed copies by the author to the lucky students.
- iv) Speech and few pages reading by the Principal
- v) Speech by Mr. Avinash Raje
- vi) Vote of thanks.

Or

3) Expansion of Idea (5)

Expand the idea ' Fortune favours the brave' in your own words.

Q4 D Attempt any ONE from the given activities. 5

1) Film Review (5)

Write a review of a film which you liked the most with the help of the following points.

- a) Story/theme
- b) Producer / director
- c) Special feature of direction
- d) Characters / Actors
- e) Music / dance/ cinematography etc
- f) Your opinion

Or

2) Write a blog in proper format on ' Food Habits - Balanced Diet'. (5)

Or

3) Appeal (5)

Prepare an appeal on the topic, "Avoid Noise Pollution".

SECTION D : LITERARY GENRE -NOVEL

Q5 A Complete the activities as per the instructions given below. 6

A1 Rewrite the given sentences by choosing the correct alternative given in the bracket. (3)

A) The word 'Novella', originated from the _____ word ' nouvelle', is a type of prose fiction.

(French, Italian, German, Spanish)

B) The psychological novel presents the _____ of the protagonist.

(personal life, professional life, internal life, social life)

C) The word ' Utopia' possesses the _____

(best qualities, worst qualities, unequal qualities, ideal qualities)

A2 State whether the following sentences are true or false and correct the false statements. (3)

A) The novel as a literary genre has a history of about two thousand years

B) 18th century new readers from the middle class had more interest in romances and tragedies.

C) Plot is the background in which story takes place.

Q5 B Write the answers of the following questions in about 50 words. 6

- 1) Give a brief character-sketch of Denham from the novel 'To Sir With Love'. (3)
- 2) Describe the question - answer session that took place at the end of the extract. (3)

Q5 C Write the answers of the following questions in about 50 words. 6

- 1) Write a short note on the 'Time theme of the novel Around the World in Eighty Days'. (3)
- 2) Detective Fix tried hard but could not fix the charge of robbery on Fogg. Explain the statement from the point of view of Fix. (3)

Q5 D Write the answers of the following questions in about 50 words. 6

- 1) Basically the setting of the extract is in London but it has some references of India too. Explain how setting of the extract contribute to the theme of the novel, 'The Sign of Four'. (3)
- 2) Describe the character of Mary Morstan from Dr. Watson's point of view. (3)

