

Sample Paper-2

CLASS – XII, SUBJECT – ENGLISH CORE

First Pre Board Exam

Set-1

Time allowed: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

General Instructions:

- ⌚ The paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C. All the sections are compulsory.
- ⌚ Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.
- ⌚ Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

Section A- Reading Skills

(30Marks)

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

(14 Marks)

(1.) Starvation is a severe deficiency in caloric energy intake needed to maintain human life. It is the most extreme form of malnutrition. In humans, prolonged starvation can cause permanent organ damage and eventually, death. The term inanition refers to the symptoms and effects of starvation. Starvation may also be used as a means of torture or execution. According to the World Health Organization, hunger is the single gravest threat to the world's public health. The WHO also states that malnutrition is by far the biggest contributor to child mortality, present in half of all cases. Under nutrition is a contributory factor in the death of 3.1 million children under five every year. Figures on actual starvation are difficult to come by, but according to the Food and Agriculture Organization, the less severe condition of under nourishment currently affects about 842 million people, or about one in eight (12.5%) people in the world population. The basic cause of starvation is an imbalance between energy intake and energy expenditure. In other words, the body expends more energy than it takes in. The main causes of starvation are as follows:

(2.) The most common cause of starvation is the economy; poor people sometimes cannot buy enough foodstuffs and thereby fail to fulfill the caloric demands of the body. Starvation may be due to food scarcity in the society. This causes decreased supply of food to the whole of the population, and thus mass starvation may occur. Starvation may be due to diseases that can cause rapid weight loss either due to the nature of the disease or the inability of the person to either eat or eat enough due to symptoms including, but not limited to: fatigue, nausea, or vomiting. The person may also be the host to a parasite such as an intestinal worm which may take a significant amount of the calories ingested by its host. This

effect is exacerbated if the human host is already ingesting far less food than is required to meet their daily caloric intake needs. There are some clinical conditions such as recovering from surgery or burns etc., in which the person may be too fatigued or incapacitated to eat enough during their period of convalescence. There is insufficient scientific data on exactly how long people can live without food. Although the length of time obviously varies with an individual's percentage of body fat and general health, one medical study estimates that in adults complete starvation leads to death within 8 to 12 weeks. There are isolated cases of individuals living up to 25 weeks without food. Starvation begins when an individual has lost about 30% of his normal body weight. Once the loss reaches 40% death is almost inevitable. Individuals experiencing starvation lose substantial fat (adipose) and muscle mass as the body breaks down these tissues for energy. *Catabolysis* is the process of a body breaking down its own muscles and other tissues in order to keep vital systems such as the nervous system and heart muscle (myocardium) functioning. Vitamin deficiency is a common result of starvation, often leading to anemia and many more diseases. These diseases collectively can also cause diarrhea, skin rashes, edema, and heart failure. Individuals are often irritable and lethargic as a result. The energy deficiency inherent in starvation causes fatigue and renders the victim more apathetic over time. As the starving person becomes too weak to move or even eat, their interaction with the surrounding world diminishes

(3.) Starving patients can be treated, but this must be done cautiously to avoid re feeding syndrome. Rest and warmth must be provided and maintained. Small sips of water mixed with glucose should be given in regular intervals. Fruit juices can also be given. Later, food can be given gradually in small quantities. The quantity of food can be increased over time. Many organizations have been highly effective at reducing starvation in different regions. Aid agencies give direct assistance to individuals, while political organizations pressure political leaders to enact more macro-scale policies that will reduce famine and provide aid. The government of India has passed food security bill in the assembly and made sure that no one is deprived of basic food amenities that one need to survive. Moreover, there is a provision for such people who fall below poverty line and cannot afford two square meals per day. More so, it becomes one's duty to feed people whosoever is seen craving for food and water. In this way, we can make our country starvation free.

A) Answer the following questions.

- a) How is starvation a threat to this world? (2)
- b) How does starvation emerge? Explain its factors. (2)
- c) How long can a human hold up before reaching starvation? Explain. (2)

- d) What initiative has been taken by the government to eradicate starvation? (2)
- e) What ailment is required to get rid of Starvation? (2)

B) Find out the words from the passage which mean as same as words/phrases given below. (4)

- i. An animal or plant that lives on a host (para 2)
- ii. A pattern of symptoms indicative of disease (para 3)
- iii. Extended (para 1)
- iv. Scarcity (para 2)

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: (8 Marks)

- (1) People who are at cross purposes with nature are cynical about mankind and ill at ease with themselves. Modern man must re-establish an unbroken link with Mother Nature and with life. He must learn again to invoke the energy of growing things and to recognize, as did the ancients in India, centuries ago, that one must take from the earth and the atmosphere only so much as one puts back into them.
- (2) Some of the basic principle that need to be adhered to, in this regard are: The genetic viability on the earth shall not be compromised; the population levels of all life forms must be at least sufficient for their survival. All areas of the earth shall be conserved with special protection offered to unique areas, various ecosystems and habitats of rare as well as endangered species. Ecosystems and organization as well as land, marine and atmospheric resources that are utilized by man, shall be managed to achieve and maintain optimum sustainable productivity without endangering the integrity of other coexisting ecosystems or species. Warfare or other hostile activities should not be allowed to damage the nature.
- (3) However concrete and concerted action on environment related issues is often hampered because vested interests compel us to protect eco system and non ecosystem. We must realize that the only way to protect environment is through widespread dissemination of environment information and to involve both society and business as partners. The fact remains that all the talk of changing consumption and production patterns is meaningless unless entrepreneurial action is initiated by the captains of business and industry in tandem with civic leaders and governments of all the nations to ensure that none of the mankind's activities cause damage to environment.

- (4) This synergy amongst society, business and the state being of utmost importance, what is required is an attempt to create a proactive and passionate commitment amongst the various business enterprises to minimize the harmful impact of industrial activities on environment.
- (5) There should be a concerted effort to put the focus on the opportunities of wealth creation through eco-innovative strategies in the new millennium. Leaders drawn from various sectors of the industry can share experiences and success stories to help create a mass movement calling for a change in lifestyle and patterns of production and consumption to more environment friendly and sustainable products and services. The agenda must be to set up practical and achievable targets and draw up plans for disseminating, diffusing and driving eco-friendly initiatives including eco-innovation and environment management systems in all industrial sectors.
- (6) Ultimately, it is the mankind as a whole that will reap the benefits of a developed and yet sustainable environment for all eternity.

(I) On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions as briefly as possible.

- a) How can mankind help in maintaining environment? (1)
- b) What is our responsibility towards our mother earth? (1)
- c) What hampers concrete and concerted action on environment? (1)
- d) What is required to maintain the balance of environment? (1)

(II). Find out the synonyms of the words given below.

(4 marks)

B.1 Prolong (Para 5)

B.2 Best or maintained (Para 2)

B.3 To awake or produce (Para 1)

B.4 related to city (Para 3)

3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

(8 marks)

Fashion inspires one with the desire to seem rather than to be. Another of its characteristics is that every generation laughs at the old trends but religiously follows the latest one. That explains the quick changes, sometimes queer and grotesque, that come about in the vast domain of fashion. A particular fashion is popular for a few months before it is replaced by another. That is why Oscar Wilde said: "It is so ugly that we have to change it every six months!" Yet, sadly, it has become a great governor of our world. If poets were the unacknowledged legislators of the world, fashion models have become the acknowledged leaders!

Fashion's writ runs not only in matter of dress and entertainment but also in law, politics and education. It has infiltrated things of grave importance. Universities, no longer devoted to pursuit of scholarship, hold fashion shows. Imitating western decadence is a matter of pride. The modern youth follows fashion for compelling reasons. They want to identify with a select group of people. New fashions may be adopted immediately by well known people, including sports persons, film stars, or political figures. Then, other people may follow these fashions so that they can identify with this privileged group. Some think that fashionable clothes raise their status in life. Fashion is a way to gain acceptance from others of that class. This adoption of fashion applies more to clothes. Many youngsters identify with one another by wearing blue jeans. The more faded the more fashionable!

A strong desire on the part of women to equal themselves with men has driven them to imitate the male of the human species. A look at the campus unveils the staggering number of boys and girls looking alike. If one were to count "heads" going by their sartorial outfits, one may say that "boys" edge out girls. The reason is simple: girls dress like boys. Is this an unconscious attempt at gender equality? While one may say yes or no to it, one thing is certain that this sartorial revolution is the work of designers who are laughing their way to the bank. Shrewd psychologists, these designers shift the emphasis periodically. In this age of women libbers, they have designed garments that satisfy a woman's desire to equate and beat the man.

Most fashions symbolize belonging to a group. This is seen on the university campus. After being there for some time, many Plain Janes shed their behnji image and acquire a jet-age appearance. Ideas of beauty vary from culture to culture. For example, women use a number of cosmetics to enhance their beauty. They apply tinted creams and decorate themselves with tattoos. Men and women have always enjoyed changing their appearance. Following new fashions in clothes, hair styles, and make-up, allows people to alter their look.

Imitation plays a big role in making a fashion popular. In the 1600s, King Louis XIII of France began the trend of wearing wigs. In the mid-1800s English women are said to have copied Queen Victoria's stout figure by

wearing putty dresses with paddling underneath. Film stars are avidly followed by eager fans and this creates a fashion trend. Aamir Khan's hair style is a craze among boys. Many boys wear unbuttoned shirts imitating Salman Khan.

Is fashion a mere display of riches or the art of beautifying one's self? Perhaps, it is both.

2.1 Make notes of the above passage using an acceptable format including abbreviations, with suitable titles (5 Marks)

2.2 Make a summary of the above passage in not more than 80 words. (3 Marks)

Section B- Advanced Writing Skills

(30Marks)

4. You are Mohan/Mohini, a manager in Havells India Pvt. Ltd. You have recently been invited to attend one of the annual functions of G.D. Goenka University, Sohna. Draft a reply repenting your unfitness to attend. (4 marks)

5. You are Anu/Anoop of 45/46 Mayur Vihar, Panipat. Your sister has recently been led astray by one of the matrimonial sites promising a suitable mate for her and robbing her for Rs 15,000 charged as registration fee in advance. Now they neither pick up the call nor reply to e-mails. Write a complaint letter to the Deputy Commissioner of Panipat city making him aware of the real incident happened with your sister with a request to take immediate action. (6 marks)

6. You are Sumit/Nitika residents of Ajmer. You had recently placed an order for an I-Phone 6s through one of the e-commerce companies. On opening the package, you found a brick lying inside instead of a phone. Since you and many more have been deceived like you, write a speech on the topic 'Online Shopping; A Double Cross' to make buyers aware of their rights. (10 marks)

7. Recently many renowned authors returned their awards clamouring that there is intolerance in our country. Statements from renowned celebrities like Sharukh Khan & Aamir Khan also raise a question of 'Impatience and Intolerance' in our country. Write an article on the topic 'Sensitive Religions in India'. (10 marks)

Section C- Literature Section

(40 Marks)

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

(4 marks)

Unless Governor, Inspector, visitor,
This map becomes their window and these windows
That shut upon their lives like catacombs.

- (a.) How does the poet condemn the bureaucrats in this poem? 1
(b.) Do you think the comparison of children's life made with catacombs is justified? Explain. 2
(c.) What initiative is required from the people in this stanza? 1

9. Answer all the following questions in about 30-40 words.

(4x3=12 marks)

- (a) Why was Gandhi treated as untouchable at former president dwelling?
(b) "We've all a great deal to reproach ourselves with". What does M.Hamel imply by this statement?
(c) Why did Mr. Lamb say to Derry that he was not lost completely?
(d) Why do you think Sophie had associated herself with a celebrity only?

10. Answer the following in about 125-150 words.

(6 marks)

Do you think that Jack held his responsibility aesthetically as a father or not? Why did he want to exaggerate the story even after its completion? Elucidate.

11. Answer the following in about 125-150 words.

(6 marks)

Most of the agony in the world can be relieved with the values of courtesy and sensitivity. Unfortunately we fail to practice them causing physical as well as mental pain. Do you agree? Discuss with reference to 'On the Face of It'.

12. Describe the scuffle that the invisible man had with Dr. Kemp and the two cops of the town?

(6 marks)

13. Although the misery and harassment felt by Mr. Marvel was painful yet it proved luxuriant to him? Describe how he emerged as one of the tycoons of that time in Port Stowe all of a sudden?

(6 marks)