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मॉडल प्रश्न पत्र (Model Question Paper)

**Class:-** 10<sup>th</sup>  
**Subject:-** Special English  
**Time:-** 3 Hours  
**Maximum Marks :-** 100

**Note:-** 1. All Questions are compulsory.  
2. Allotted marks are given in front of each question.

**PROSE**

Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words.

- Ques 1:- Why were only a few lives lost in the 1948 Alaska earthquake ? (2)
- Ques 2:- What kind of animal is a porpoise ? What is the source of its voice? (2)
- Ques 3:- What things made Grimsdyke distinctive in his appearance ? (2)
- Ques 4:- Why did the author generally not sleep in houses on his journey along the Sipi valley ? (2)
- Ques 5:- Why did the Dyaks prefer brass teeth to natural teeth ? (2)

Answer the following question in about 75 words.

- Ques 6:- What was the Rama Rao's business ? How did he lose it ? (5)
- Ques 7:- Why was there a mystery about life in the Andamans in the past? (5)
- Ques 8:- How can malaria be controlled ? (5)
- Ques 9:- What did Rustumji's lose as well as partly save by the settlement of the case ? (5)
- Ques 10:- Why did the narrator finally decide that a ghost had entered his house ? (5)

**OR**

**How were our present continents formed?**

**POETRY**

**Answer the following question.**

- Ques 11:- What are the calls that the poet cannot resist ? (2)**
- Ques 12:- Why does the poet want to escape from human suffering ? (2)**
- Ques 13:- What are the various 'Silvery' objects mentioned in the poem ? What is the figure of speech in phrases 'silver fruit, silver claws' ? (2)**
- Ques 14:- What are the freedoms that R.N. Tagore mentions in the poem ? (2)**

**VOCABULARY**

- Ques 15:- Give one word for the following. (Any five) (5)**
- a. Keeping the surrounding clean especially through proper sewage.**
  - b. Search thoroughly.**
  - c. Start legal proceeding against someone.**
  - d. Sleeping rooms with many beds**
  - e. One of a class as an example**
  - f. Single minded attention**
- Ques 16:- Make sentences of your own : (Any five) (5)**  
**devour ; deal with ; report 'as a verb' ; prediction; control (as a noun)**  
**identify ; collapse:**

**GRAMMAR**

- Ques 17:- Do as directed. (5)**
- a. The teacher said to Ketan "Why are you late?" (change the narration)**
  - b. Anna is more beautiful than her sister .  
(change to a sentence have the positive degree)**
  - c. It was very cold . Many people died.  
(combine the sentence using adverb clause of result)**

- d. The nightingale sings sweetly. (change the sentence into interrogative)
- e. Is he not obeying you ? (change into past perfect tense)

**Ques 18:-** Fill in the blanks as directed. (5)

- a. Avoid \_\_\_\_\_ too fast (Gerund)
- b. Speechs \_\_\_\_\_ are boring , make one fall asleep (Relative pronoun)
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ is wrong (Infinitive)
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ earth is \_\_\_\_\_ unique planet(Articles)
- e. We are going to Ooty for \_\_\_\_\_ days (determination)

**Ques 19:-** Do as Directed (5)

- a. Darwin propogated the theory \_\_\_\_\_(complete the sentence with a noun clause using clues - man descend - ape)
- b. I cannot buy it as \_\_\_\_\_( complete the sentence using adverb clause of reason)
- c. I met a blind girl who was trying to cross the road (change the sentence having a present participle / participial phrase)

### WRITING

**Ques 20:-[A]** Write a story in about 100 words with a title and moral, using the outline as your hint. (4)

Three men \_\_\_\_\_ find bag of money \_\_\_\_\_ agree to divide \_\_\_\_\_ all very hungry \_\_\_\_\_ one sent to buy food \_\_\_\_\_ he wants all money \_\_\_\_\_ so poison the food \_\_\_\_\_ comes back \_\_\_\_\_ . The other two want money \_\_\_\_\_ they murder him \_\_\_\_\_ eat food \_\_\_\_\_ both die.

**[B]** Write a paragraph on any one of the topics given. (4)

- a. Physical education in schools
- b. Indian farmer
- c. A lost child at a fair.

**Ques 21:-[A]** Write a precis of the following passage and give a title to it. (4)

Neither wealth nor rank will ensure happiness. Without love and charity and peace of mind you may be rich and great and powerful but

you cannot be happy. There is a Persian story that the great king being out of spirits consulted his astrologers, and was told that happiness could be ensured by wearing the shirt of a perfectly happy man. The whole country was searched in vain. No such man could be discovered. At last a labourer coming from his work was found to fulfill the condition, he was absolutely happy. But alas the remedy was far off as ever. The man had no shirt. Sir Walter Scott's last words on his death bed were "Be virtuous, be religious be a good man. Nothing else will be any comfort when you come to lie here.

- [B] Write a letter to the Municipal commissioner informing him about the antisocial activities going on in your locality. (4)

OR

Write a letter to your friend's father informing him about your friend's injury which happened during the football match.

### COMPOSITION

- Ques 22:- Write an essay on any one of these topics. (8)
- Age of computers.
  - Environmental pollution.
  - "What ever happens, happens for good".
  - Power of Press.

### COMPREHENSION

- Ques 23:- Read the following passage and answer the questions that follows. (8)

If there is one single factor responsible for the alarming rise in heart attacks among the young, seemingly a healthy Indian, it is smoking. For patients younger than forty smoking was the main cause for heart disease. While the number of people who smoke, has dropped by almost 40 percent in the west over the last decade, it has astonishingly doubled in India over the same period. Smoking a Pack of cigarettes a day makes you vulnerable to heart disease more than a non-smoker.

The good news is that quitting can cut down the risk factor by a huge margin. A person who gives up smoking can within a year reduce the risk factor to that of a non-smoker.

### Questions

- Why is smoking harmful to young and healthy people ?

- b. What is the cause of the alarming rise of heart attacks among young ?**
- c. What is change that has taken place in the west during the last decade ?**
- d. What is change that has taken place in India during the last decade ?**
- e. How can a person reduce the chances of having a heart attack.**
- f. What is the risk rate of a smoker compared to a non-smoker for heart disease ?**
- g. Find the word which means “giving up or leaving” from the passage.**
- h. Give a suitable title to the passage**

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