

Sample Paper-2015
Class - XII
Subject - English

Time- 3 hr

M.M.-100

SECTION - A {READING SKILLS}

20 Marks

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

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1. Pollution has degraded environment and has damaged all our resources. At times renewable resources like air, water and land have turned worthless because of pollution. For example, it can convert the most pure form of fresh water into acid rain which harms plants, animals and corrodes metals. Pollution has the capacity of even damaging the ozone layer of the upper atmosphere which shields the life on the earth from harmful effects of ultraviolet radiations from the sun.

2. Pollution can alter climate conditions by affecting the heat balance of the earth. At times pollutants have entered the food chain and have harmed several living organisms. Thus, pollution can disturb every biological system that renews natural resources. It affects both living and non-living resources. Our rivers, ponds and lakes are the victims of pollutants. The rivers have become the dumping grounds for poisonous chemicals from factories, agricultural wastes, insecticides and even acids. The oceans too have not been spared. More than half the oil produced in the world is transported across oceans by ships and oil tankers. One part in a thousand of this is lost by spillage and leakage and as this oil does not evaporate easily, it accumulates year after year.

3. Water pollution is not the only serious problem facing mankind. More dangerous is the poisoning of the atmosphere.

4. Heavily industrialized cities force us to breathe air containing many poisonous chemicals which is the greatest threat to our health in the future. Another major offender in this area is the automobile. They spew smoke into the air which is a health hazard.

5. The most recent form of pollution is 'noise pollution'. The high level of continuous noise to which we are exposed in the cities is harmful to our nervous system. It is true that we have entered the glorious age of machines. But unless we show more respect for the environment around us, this may also turn into the dark age of pollution.

(a) On the basis of your reading of this passage answer the following questions as briefly as possible:

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(i) What harm do our renewable sources?

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(ii) Name the three renewable sources.

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(iii) How have our rivers, ponds and lakes become victims of pollution?

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(iv) How is more than half the oil produced in the world transported?

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(v) Give two pollutants that have made the air a harmful health hazard?

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(b) Select the appropriate expression from the given option to indicate how our oceans are being polluted by oil.

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(i) Pollution can turn the most pure form of fresh water into acid rain.

(ii) The rivers have become the dumping grounds for poisonous chemicals from factories and agriculture wastes.

(iii) More than half the oil produced in the world is transported across oceans by ship and oil tankers. One part in a thousand of this is lost by a spillage and leakage. It accumulates year after year

(c) Find words in the passage which convey similar meaning as the following:

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(i) venomous (para 2) (ii) perilous (para 3) (iii) vomit (para 4)

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow it:

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1. Excessive noise has become one of the active pollutants of our physical environment, which drips dangerously and persistently into our brains. Noise pollution can influence our behavior, cognition, mental performance, normal sleep pattern and studies of student. Apart from these noise can create havoc with human nervous system leading to widespread damage to body health. Even when we are asleep, different environmental noises enter our brain like a bullet, get registered in the mind and cause unnecessary mental activity.

2. In recently conducted experiments in the Noise Laboratory of Psychology Department, M.D. University Rohtak, it was observed that noise in the environment increases the systolic/diastolic blood pressure, pulse rate, blood glucose level, perspiration rate and oxygen consumption. These altered physiological changes may or may not give rise to telltale common symptoms of noise pollution immediately such as headaches, annoyance, tiredness and increased palpitation of the heart but like slow poisoning they have irreversible serious complications in the long run. When one stays longer in the noise environment, these altered physiological changes continuously take place and thus could prove fatal to the body. The physiological changes in fact are produced in the small blood vessels of the heart, brain, kidneys, ears, eyes and arteries of the limbs, which in turn could lead to paralysis, stroke, coronary heart disease, cardiovascular diseases, heart failure, kidney failure and permanent deafness. These changes are not immediately overtly visible, so they are left unattended to.

3. In spite of its psychological and physiological adverse effect, the emerging problems of noise pollution in India is literally falling on deaf ears. It is high time we stopped neglecting the problems of noise pollution and took strong remedial steps to control it so that it does not kill persons silently any more.

(a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it using recognisable abbreviations wherever necessary. Use a format you consider suitable.

Supply a suitable title.

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(b) Write a summary of the above passage in about 80 words.

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SECTION—B
[ADVANCED WRITING SKILLS]

35 Marks

3. S.R. International School is looking for a receptionist for the school. Write an advertisement on behalf of the administrative officer in the classified columns of the local newspaper giving necessary details. Draft the advertisement in not more than 50 words.

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OR

Asha/Ashok has cleared the Pre-Medical entrance examination. The family is elated at the achievement and they decide to have a get-together for all friends. Draft an informal invitation for the get-together.

4. Rahul the headboy of Sunshine Public School, Delhi. Recently your school hosted the Regional Level C.B.S.E. Science and Art Exhibition. Write a report of the event of your school. (100-150 words)

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Or

As you were driving back home from work you saw an accident between a Maruti car and a truck. The driver of the car was seriously injured. There was confusion and chaos prevailing on the road. Describe the scene in about 100 to 150 words. You are Sameer/Samiksha.

5. You are Ram/Radhika a student of Class XII. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily highlighting the increasing stress faced by students and suggest ways to combat the same.

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OR

You are Sushmita/Smith. You come across the following advertisement in a national daily. You consider yourself suitable and eligible for the post. Write an application in response to the advertisement. Applications are invited for the post of a Math teacher in a reputed school. The candidate must have at least 5 years experience of teaching. Interested candidates should apply to the Principal, within 10 days with detailed resume.

6. Write an article in 200 words on---

The increasing crime rate in today's society and the way's curb it.

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Or

The scene- an hour before the examination in front of the examination hall.

SECTION—C

[TEXTBOOKS]

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marks

7 (a) Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow:

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On sour cream walls, donations. Shakespeare's head,
Cloudless at dawn, civilized dome riding all cities.
Belled, flowers, Tyroless valley. Open-handed map
Awarding the world its world. And yet, for these
Children, these windows, not this map, their world
Where all there futures painted with a fog
A narrow street sealed in with a lead sky
Far for from rivers, capes and stars of words.

- a) What is meant by sour cream walls? **1**
b) What do these windows refers to? **1**
c) Explain: 'Belled, flowery Tyrolese, valley' **2**

Or

A thing of beauty is a joy forever

Its loveliness increases, it will never

Pass into nothingness; but will keep

A bower quiet for us, and a sleep

Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing.

- a) Explain: 'A thing of beauty is a joy forever'. **2**
b) Explain: 'A bower quiet'. **1**
c) Why does a beautiful thing 'pass in to nothingness'?

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(b) Answer any three of the following questions briefly: $3 \times 2 = 6$

1. Why are the young trees described as 'sprinting'? (My Mother's at Sixty Six)
2. Why did Aunt Jennifer should select two embrioded tigers on the panel? (Aunt Jennifer's tiger)
3. What is the 'childish longing' that the poet refers to? Why is it vain? (A Roadside Stand)
4. Why does spender call Shakespeare wicked and the map a bad example? (An Elementary school in slum)

8. Answer the following in about 30-40 words each: $5 \times 2 = 10$

1. For Franz, what was more tempting than going to school and why?
2. What made the peddler accept Edla's invitation?
3. How did the instructor 'build a swimmer' out of Douglas?
4. Why did the villagers come to school? (The Last Lesson)
5. What were the options that Sophie was dreaming of? Why does Jansie discourage her from having such dreams?

9. Answer one of the following in about 150 words:

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How were the two hosts – the crofter and the iron master different from one another?

Or

The story 'The Last Lesson' is all about linguistic chauvinism. Comment.

10. Answer one of the following in about 150 words:

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Why is Antarctica the place to go to understand the earth's present, past, and future?

Or

The modern consumerist world is full of fear, insecurities, stress and wars. What are ways in which we try to combat things?

11. Answer the following questions briefly: $4 \times 2 = 8$

1. What will the Maharaja do to find the required number of tigers to kill?
2. Why was Charley not able to find the third level again?
3. What is it that draws Derry towards Mr. Lamb in spite of himself?
4. What were the precautions taken for the smooth conduct of the examination?