

MODEL PAPER ENGLISH

(First Paper)

Class XII

Time : 3 Hours Max. Marks : 50

1. Explain with reference to the context any *one* of the following passages : 4

(a) Absent-mindedness of this kind seems to me all but a virtue. The absentminded man is often a man who is making the best of life and therefore has no time to remember the mediocre. Who would have trusted Socrates or Coleridge to post a letter ? They had souls above such things.

(b) There is a great affinity between trees and men. They grow at much the same pace, if they are not hurt, or starved, or cut down. In their youth they are resplendent creatures, and in their declining years they stoop a little. They remember, they stretch their brittle limbs in the sun, and, with a sigh, shed their last leaves.

(c) Hunting with a camera is, as I said before, one of the finest sports, and one of the greatest things in its favour is that it involves no killing or cruelty (or it should not, at any rate), and gives trophies that are far more beautiful than any obtained with the rifle. They are trophies, moreover, that one can show with pleasure and pride, for they have cost no lives.

2. Read *one* of the following passages and answer the questions that follow :

(a) How do I get my nourishment ? From the blood, of course. But, although I represent only a two-hundredth part of the body weight, I require about one twentieth of the blood-supply. That means I consume about ten times the nourishment required by the body's other organs and tissues. But I don't extract nourishment from the blood passing through my four chambers. I am fed by my own two coronary arteries-little branching "trees" with trunks not much thicker than drinking straws. This is my weak spot. Trouble here is the greatest single cause of death.

(i) How much does heart weight in relation to the body weight ? 1

(ii) How much blood supply does heart need for its nourishment ? 1

(iii) What is the function of heart's two coronary arteries? 1

(iv) What is the greatest single cause of death ? 1.

(b) Today, when the conception of nationalism has developed much more Indians in foreign countries inevitably form a national group and hang together for various purposes, in spite of their internal differences. An Indian Christian is looked upon as an Indian wherever he may go. An Indian Moslem is considered an Indian in Turkey or Arabia or Iran or any other country where Islam is the dominant religion

(i) What do you mean by the conception of nationalism? 1

(ii) How do Indians live in foreign countries ? 1

(iii) Does an Indian christian in England become 'an Englishman' ? 1

(iv) Where is Islam the dominant religion ? 1

3. Answer any *two* of the following questions in not more than 30 words each : $2 + 2 = 4$

- (i) What forced the writer to buy the little girl's basket
- (ii) Why is education of women essential for a nation?
- (iii) What according to Joad are beautiful things ?

4. Answer *one* of the following questions in not more than 150 words : 6

- (i) Give an account of the changes that took place in the pattern of life as it was when Mahmood was young and as it was when he became old.
- (ii) What are the causes of heart-attack ?

5. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with suitable words or phrases given against each within the brackets : $4 \times 1/2 = 2$

- (a) True health and true success go together, for they are inseparably in the thought realm. (*will, desire, consent*)
- (b) That was not conceived as something imposed from outside, a standardization of externals or even of beliefs. (*got, boarded, climbed*)
- (c) Magnanimity has its ... (*end, limits, uses*)
- (d) The old family system is ... itself to present day conditions.. (*worried, anxious, troubled*)

6. Answer *one* of the following questions in not more than 150 words : 5

- (a) Discuss the role of the citizens of Rome in Julius Ccesar.
- (b) Why is Antony successful in his speech while Brutus fails ?

7. Answer *one* of the following questions in not more than 30 words : 2

- (a) How did Cassius die ?
- (b) What tribute did Antony pay to Brutus on his death ?

8. Answer *one* of the following questions in about 150 words : 5

- (a) Bring out the qualities of Jimmy as a policeman and as a friend.
- (b) Sketch the character of the astrologer.

9. Answer *one* of the following questions in not more than 30 words : 2

- a) "Amina, dear, come let's go." Who says these words and why ?.
- (b) How did he look like an astrologer

10. Explain with reference to the context any two of the following extracts: $3+3=6$

- (a) This man is free from servile bands
Of hope to rise, or fear to fall ;
Lord of himself, though not of lands;
And having nothing, he hath all.

- (b) Alas ! I have nor hope nor health,
Nor peace within nor calm around,
Nor that content surpassing wealth,
And walk'd with inward glory crown'd-.

- (c) Exult, O shores ! and ring, O bells !
But I , with mournful tread ,
Walk the deck my Captain lies,
Fallen cold and dead.

11. Give the central idea of *one* of the following poems : 4

- (a) Mercy
- (b) The Scholar
- (c) O Captain ! My Captain

12. Answer *one* of the following questions in about 150 words : 4

- (a) Elucidate the character of Yashodhara and Shuddhodana.
- (b) What disturbed the calm of Siddhartha's mind even among the pleasures and luxuries of the palace ?

13. Point out the figures of speech in any two of the following :

$$1/2 + 1/2 = 1$$

- (a) Life is a dream.
- (b) My love is like a red rose.
- (c) O Grave! where is thy victory

14. Define Metaphor and give an illustration of it. $1/2 + 1/2 = 1$