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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 did Rama Rao decide to send in atleast four enteries for the special offer crossword competition ? (2)
- Ques 2:- Why was there a mystery about life in the Andamans in the past ? (2)
- Ques 3:- Name the handicaps under which Ross had to work in carrying out his researches. (2)
- Ques 4:- Why had Rustumji's smuggling offences not been discovered earlier ? (2)
- Ques 5:- What made the police rush into the attic ? (2)

Answer the following question in about 75 words.

- Ques 6:- What is a earthquake ? How does it occure. (5)
- Ques 7:- How do porpoises fight and kill sharks ? (5)
- Ques 8:- How is Grimsdyke's life twice influenced by the power of women ? (5)
- Ques 9:- Write a note on 'Achingmori Tragedy'. (5)
- Ques 10:- Why did the Dykes prefer brass teeth to natural teeth ? (5)

OR

What made Rama Rao believe that God had shown him mercy ?

**POETRY**

Answer the following question.

Ques 11:- What is wander- thirst ? Explain. (2)

Ques 12:- What is the poet's attitude to human suffering ? Was he a selfish person ? (2)

Ques 13:- How does Richard Middleton reconcile himself to the child's death ? (2)

Ques 14:- What are the narrow domestic walls ? (2)

**VOCABULARY**

Ques 15:- Give one word for the following. (Any five) (5)

- a. Remove people from.
- b. Walk unsteadily.
- c. Start legal proceeding against.
- d. Men who work in a ship in harbour.
- e. Come face to face with.
- f. Movements of hands and arms to express ideas

Ques 16:- Make sentences from : (Any five) (5)  
agile; desert (as a verb) ; at stake ; control (as a noun)  
dart ; advice ; remark (as a verb)

**GRAMMAR**

Ques 17:- Do as directed. (5)

- a. Her excuse\_\_\_\_\_ is difficult to accept. ('she --hurry', Use these clues to fill in the blanks with a noun clause)
- b. I said to Krishna "Please give me your pen". (Change the narration)
- c. Who was delivering the speech ? (Change the voice)
- d. The bird flew out of the cage. (Change the sentence to negative)

- e. A stone that rolls gathers no moss. (Rewrite using a present participle)

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

- a. They won't attend the party \_\_\_\_\_? (Ques Tag)
- b. I saw \_\_\_\_\_eyed man crossing \_\_\_\_\_ road. (Articles)
- c. The Chhattisgarh Express departs \_\_\_\_\_ 2 pm \_\_\_\_\_ Bilaspur. (Preposition)
- d. Man is mortal but God is \_\_\_\_\_(Word formed by using prefix to underlined word )
- e. We have \_\_\_\_\_work to do. (Determiners.)

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

- a. Work hard \_\_\_\_\_. (Complete the sentence with adverb clause of condition)
- b. He is a novelist. His works are very famous. (Combine the sentences to form a sentence having relative clause.)
- c. Our teacher was angry \_\_\_\_\_. (complete the sentence using an Adverb clause of Reason)
- d. That he couldnot join the navy was pity . (Rewrite using introductory 'It')
- e. I am poor. I am satisfied. (combine the sentences forming Adverb clauses of concession in the sentence.)

### WRITING

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

A wood cutter drop \_\_\_\_\_axe in river \_\_\_\_\_ prays to river god \_\_\_\_\_. River god appears \_\_\_\_\_golden axe out of water \_\_\_\_\_ wood cutter refuse \_\_\_\_\_ silver axe \_\_\_\_\_ refuse

\_\_\_\_\_ wood cutter's axe \_\_\_\_\_ god pleased \_\_\_\_\_ honesty  
\_\_\_\_\_ rewards \_\_\_\_\_ two axes \_\_\_\_\_.

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

- a. Scene at a Railway station.
- b. Borrowing a book from Librery
- c. A drowning accident.

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

It is easy to acquire bad habits, such as eating too many sweets, or drinking too much fluid of any kind, or smoking . The more we do a thing the more we like doing it, and if we stop doing it, we feel unhappy. This is called the force of habit and the force of habit should be fought against . Things which may be very good when only done some times, become harmful when done too often and too much . This applies even to such good things as work and rest. Some people form a bad habit of working too much and other of idling too much. The wise man always check any bad habit. One of the most widely bad habit is the use of tobacco. It was brought to Europe from America by Sir Walter Releigh centuries ago and has now spread every where. It is extremely difficult to get rid of this habit. Alcohol is taken in almost all cool and cold countries and to a less extent in hot ones. It should be avoided altogether as it is harmful.

[B] Write a letter to the collector of your district about the insanitary condition prevailing in your area  
(4)

OR

Write a letter to your Uncle thanking him for your Birthday gift he had sent you.

### COMPOSITION

Ques 22:- Write an essay on an any one of the topics. (8)

- a. Population problem
- b. 'Honesty is the best policy'.
- c. Terrorism

d. **Historical monuments of India**

**COMPREHENSION**

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

The word ‘Cobra’ is neither English nor Indian in origin for it comes from portuguese word, which means simple ‘Snake’. Many of the early European settlers in India came from portugal, speaking portuguese and they gave the name ‘Cobra di capello’ to a certain kind of hooded snake that they found in this country. Subsequently the name has been given to any member of the family of snakes with hoods which are formed in tropical countries.

The two types of cobra, most commonly found in Asian countries are the common cobra and the king cobra. The hood of the cobra is not a covering or protection but is, in fact a portion of the skin of the neck which can be raised by moving the ribs and bones under neath it. The cobra normally raises its head and expands its hood when it is frightened or alert. The hood is not otherwise visible. Some cobra’s have marks resembling rings on their heads, While others are black all over.

**Questions**

- a. **What is the meaning of the word ‘Cobra’ ?**
- b. **Which is the language from which the word has been derived ?**
- c. **Who gave the name ‘Cobra’ to the hooded snake in India ? Why?**
- d. **Which are the most common type of cobra found in India ?**
- e. **What is the hood of the cobra ?**
- f. **When does cobra raise its hood ?**
- g. **Find the word in the passage which means “watchful and fully awake”.**
- h. **Give a suitable title to the passage.**

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**PROSE**

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- 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)