

# Pre-Mid Term Tests

Prose 1-3, Poetry 1-4, Supplementary 1-3 Novels—The Story of My Life 1-7, The Diary of a Young Girl

(June 12, 1942-November 1942)

## Test 1

Maximum Marks 10

- Our rishis retired to forests to meditate and to do penance.
  - The trees are referred to 'Vrikshadevata' and 'Vanadevata' in the passage.
  - In western countries walnut trees are beaten to encourage them to bear fruits.
  - Didn't flower.

### 2. Importance of Physical Health in Our lives

By : XYZ

Everybody knows that healthy mind lives in a healthy body. Infact, health is the greatest wealth, but we are losing this wealth by making ourselves engrossed in the race of worldly wealth. Demands of modern life have deprived us of our quality time and left us short of time especially with shortage of time for physical activities. We try to do everything except physical activities, e.g., we don't have time to play games, to do physical exercise, yoga, etc. Rather, these activities should be an integral part of our life. These will not only make us physically fit but also recreate us; inturn making us mentally more fresh and alert. Medical researches say that many muscles which are not normally used by body, become active when indulge in such activities. Moreover, we can remain more fit by doing our work ourselves e.g. cleaning, washing and the most important by walking. In the blind race of being rich and successful, if we ignore our health, we give invitation to various diseases. It should be very clear to everybody that by following discipline and time management, we can effectively spend our day by being active physically as well as mentally.

- | Error       | Correction      |
|-------------|-----------------|
| (a) they    | <u>who</u>      |
| (b) no      | <u>not</u>      |
| (c) is      | <u>are</u>      |
| (d) violent | <u>violence</u> |
- 'He' here refers to 'Lencho'
  - The speaker needed money to save his family from hunger.
- Fire stands for fury, desire, lust, anger, avarice, cruelty and good. Ice is symbolic of hatred, Coldness, rigidity, insensitivity and intolerance. The general opinion regarding the world is that the world will end in fire and some say ice. Both the two reasons contrast each other and one equally opposite to each other. People who favour fire believe that it will be the heat and passion which will end the world. On the other side some people think that it will be the ice which will freeze the world.
- Miss Anne Sullivan is the constant companion of Helen since she was not even seven years old. She successfully awakens Helen soul to light and freedom and sets her spirit free. She used to take Helen outside the home and taught her in natural surroundings. Helen dedicates her success in expressing

speech sounds to miss Sullivan's genius, untiring perseverance and devotion. Miss Sullivan's play-way method made Helen's learning experience quite pleasant, Miss Sullivan, became Helen's eyes and ears and due to her support, Helen could study, learn, speak and write like normal students. Helen Keller could not have found a better teacher than Miss Sullivan.

OR

Anne felt herself fortunate to have the annexe as the hiding place rather than staying in the concentration camps or in houses. They used to get everything in their hiding place e.g. food, books, support of family, etc. She valued the kindness and generosity of her father's non-Jewish colleagues who risked their lives to provide them with food and supplies. Anne often felt bad about the miserable physical and emotional conditions of the annexe.

However, when she compared her deprived freedom with her Jewish friends and family members who had probably been arrested and sent to concentration camps, such as her friend Hanneli, she was extremely thankful to still be alive.

## Test 2

Maximum Marks 10

1. (a) According to the author, the qualities Maggie possesses in the opening paragraph are energetic, cooing, a people pleasure and loved every moment of life.
- (b) Maggie underwent beginner and intermediate obedience programme and Off-Leash training programme.
- (c) The author is grateful to the canine Academy as the academy transformed the unruly dog into a beautiful, obedient and friendly dog.
- (d) Everybody in the author's neighbourhood is impressed by Maggie because Maggie is an absolutely wonderful dog, very friendly and well behaved.

### 2. The Goose That Lays Golden Eggs

A poor farmer once bought a goose, with the thought that it would supply him eggs for breakfast. The first day, the goose laid an egg. The farmer was surprised to find that the egg was of solid gold. His wife, too, was overjoyed at the thought that this would put an end to their poverty.

Their lives soon changed for the better. The farmer sold the eggs in the market and money obtained brought them the comforts that had been so far missing from their lives.

But then the farmer got greedy. A devilish thought occurred to him. He thought he would kill the goose to get all the gold out once and for all. He killed the goose, thinking that he would find lots of golden eggs inside it.

But Alas ! All that emerged from the carcass was blood. There was no golden egg and the goose was also lost. He repents for his folly and weeps and curses himself that his greed had ruined him and destroyed his good fortune.

**Moral :** Contentment is a great wealth.

3. (a) what he was going
- (b) replied that he would
4. (a) The young seagull waited in surprise for his mother.
- (b) He thought that she would offer him a fish to eat.
5. The tiger expresses his anger quietly, because he is helpless. he can do nothing from behind the bars. He is not free as he was in the forest.
6. Margot was Anne's elder sister. She was born in, Frankfurt in 1926. She was a petty and smart girl.

Anne's parent, according to Anne, loved Margot more than Anne as she was well-mannered, studious and reserved in contrast to Anne who was outspoken. Margot had her schooling from a public school. She was good at Arithmetic and was a brilliant student. Anne was jealous of her as her mother always favoured Margot. Unfortunately, Margot too died of typhus in the concentration camp a few days before Anne died.

**OR**

The desire to speak had always been strong within Helen. She used to make noises, keeping her hand on her throat. She used to feel the movement of her mother's lips and wanted to move her lips to produce sound. She continued using her lips and voice. By the help of Ms. Sarah Fuller she spoke her first connected sentence "It is warm". Helen's little sister Mildred held her hand and kissed it and danced on Helen's achievement.

# Mid Term Tests

## Prose 1-7, Poetry 1-8, Supplementary 1-7, Novels— The Story of my life 1-18, The Diary of a Young Girl

(June 12, 1942-July 1943)

### Test 1

Maximum Marks 10

- (a) seeds  
(b) there are humans  
(c) kinds  
(d) rarely build their nests
- Outside a city mall, I saw a crowd pacifying a lady. She was crying bitterly, as her purse containing six lakhs rupees had been snatched by two young boys, who were on a bike. She was an uneducated lady and did not even note the bike number.

This is an every day story, which we see daily in our life. The authorities pay no heed to it. The lady had sold a small land for her daughter's wedding. But unfortunately, she had lost all her wealth. Finally, some people in the crowd contributed some money and collected it and gave it to the lady. They even approached to the SSP to help her in searching the thieves.

I pray to almighty to help the lady in getting her money back.
- |       |              |               |
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| e.g., | <b>broke</b> | <b>broken</b> |
| (a)   | on           | in            |
| (b)   | then         | than          |
| (c)   | more         | most          |
| (d)   | from         | to            |
- (a) 'She' refers to Maddie.  
(b) She was doing her work absent mindedly.
- Amanda is a moody girl. She is nagged most of the time. She often escapes from reality, which makes her moody and uninterested.
- Anne's father, Otto Frank was a practical and kind man. He was born on May 12, 1889 in a wealthy Frankfurt family. He was a loving and caring father whom everyone respected. He made a living by selling chemical products and provisions until the family was forced to stay in the hiding in 1942. The moment he received a call-up notice, he started making preparation for a secret hiding after discussing it with a few people. He always planned well before jumping into a situation. Shifting to the secret annexe is a good example of his plan. He took a quick action and promptly followed it. Before leaving, he even left a note for his landlord to take good care of their cat, Moortje, which they were leaving behind. Like any other father, he loved his daughters too much and wanted to give them good education. He somehow managed to get books for his daughters as he wanted them to read and have good knowledge of the world around them. Otto was the only member of the family who survived the war and lived until 1980.

OR

Helen had a different way at learning subjects like Geography, History and science, etc. She went with Miss Sullivan to an old tumble-down lumber wharf on the Tennessee River which was used during the Civil War to land soldiers. She built dams of pebbles, made islands and lakes, dug river-beds-all for fun-never realizing that she was learning a lesson, she listened to Miss Sullivan's descriptions of burning mountains, buried cities, moving rivers of ice, etc. She made raised maps of clay so that she could feel the mountain ridges and valley and follow the course of river with her fingers.

She studied Zoology and Botany also in a leisurely manner. She listened carefully to the description of terrible

beasts which tramped the forests and died in the swamps of an unknown age. The growth of a plant itself taught her a lesson in science. She bought a lily and set it in a sunny window. Very soon she noticed the signs of opening in the pointed buds. This process was reluctant in the beginning but later on used to go on rapidly-in order and systematically.

## Test 2

Maximum Marks 10

1. (a) cannot make you put on  
(b) on more than 100  
(c) diabetes  
(d) it is one of the important grains consumed in India.

2. C/43, Hauz Khas  
New Delhi  
Dec 1, 20xx  
The Editor  
The Indian Express  
New Delhi  
Sub : Problem of Child Labour  
Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed daily, I wish to raise my voice against the worst social evil-child labour. Childhood is the best period of one's life. But it is unfortunate on the part of children that, despite the ban on child labour, imposed by government, the practice is still prevalent in our society. Data shows that there are 12 million child workers in our country.

The root cause of the problem is lack of awareness and poverty. Poor parents send their children to earn, rather than sending them to school. They seek financial support from them. But this practice has adverse impact on their well being-physically, mentally and emotionally.

I hope, through media, the general public should be made aware of the children's plight. Poor parents should otherwise be compensated. Rules against child labour should be followed strictly.

Thanking you  
Yours sincerely  
Aryan.

3. (a) (ii) Known  
(b) (iii) Due
4. (a) 'T' stands for 'Gavin Maxwell', the author of the story.  
(b) The Otter spent most of his time in playing. He spent hours shuffling a rubber ball round the room like a four-footed soccer player, using all four feet to dribble the ball and he could also throw it to a surprising height and distance.

5. The poet Walt Whitman in his poem 'Animals' compares animals to human beings and differentiates between them on the basis of their characteristics. According to the poet's perception animals are ranked much higher than humans. Animals do not complain about their situation and are much happier than humans. Animals live in natural surroundings, they accept nature. Human beings on the other hand do not accept nature i.e., they complain about it and try to change it leading an unhappy life.
6. Helen Keller was a great woman who was born on June 27, 1880 in Tuscumbia, a little town of northern Alabama. When she was still a child, she fell ill and lost her sight as well as hearing. The world outside became dark and silent. Initially, she used to have fits of temper when she realized she was different from others but gradually adjusted herself in a positive way to the life which fate had chosen for her. Her teacher, Miss Anne Sullivan helped her a lot in this. Her relationship with Miss Sullivan was long-lasting and she never moved out without her. She taught Helen to communicate with others through words and later sentence.
- She had a sportsman spirit and never felt defeated. She loved nature and wanted to be with the trees, animals, birds, flower, bushes etc. Despite her physical disabilities, she learnt how to climb trees, swimming, tuggnagging, etc.
- Helen was a girl who liked the company of others. She never felt shy of herself. She used to greet the guests when they visited their parents. She went to celebrate Christmas with Tuscumbia school children and exchanged gifts with them.
- She loved Fragrances. Whenever she was free, she used to go out into the orchards and gardens to enjoy the fragrances of persimmons, lilies, jasmines, ripe peaches, etc. Her description of her various experiences were very vivid and clear.
- In short, we can say that Helen was an optimistic lady who never let her disabilities come in the path of her progressing life. Life to her was a teacher and she learnt many things from it.

OR

Anne was a very shy and introvert girl. She had friends but none with whom she could share her secrets. She never confided in any of them. On her thirteenth birthday, she was presented a red and white checkered diary by her parents. The first sight of the diary had made Anne grow a liking to it and she started making entry of her deep thoughts and feelings into it. She gave it a name "Kitty" and in all her entries, she had referred to it as "Dear Kitty". There was no aspect of her life which she had not mentioned in the diary. Whenever she found time, she "spent" it with the diary. She confided about the teenage- desires, her friends, her fears, her loneliness – in fact everything in the diary. She always felt a need of true friend, which she could confide everything. She found that true friend in her Kitty.

# Post-Mid Term Tests

**Prose 1-11, Poetry 1-11, Supplementary 1-10,  
Novels—They Story of My Life 1-23, The Diary of a  
Young Girl**

(June 12, 1942-March 1944)

## Test 1

Maximum Marks 10

- The characteristic feature of galapagos penguin is presence of narrow C- Shaped band of white feathers, that extends from chin on each side and single band of black feathers, that cuts across the large region of white feathers on breast.
  - Penguins build their nest with rocks and twigs or within lava rock depressions.
  - Penguins succumb to predation or shortage of food due to changes in ocean currents.
  - Both penguin parents provide for their chicks by alternating feeding and guarding duties.
- B-35, Yamuna Enclave  
New Delhi  
Dec 1, 20XX  
The Editor  
The Indian Express  
New Delhi  
Subject : Rising Prices  
Sir,  
Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I'd like to draw the attention of the administration towards the problem of rising prices. The prices, especially of essential food items have been rising for the last three years. It has become very difficult for the common man to survive. The government is trying to control the prices, even then the maintenance of monthly budget has become a hard nut to crack.  
A widespread hue and cry over this issue can be witnessed, but the main reasons for the price-hike are not being dealt with. The pivotal reason behind this problem is illegal hoarding of essential commodities.  
Excessive rainy season or bitter chilly winters just add to the problem. Strict laws are needed to check the hoardings. Hoarders or black marketers should be punished. Rationing should be made transparent. A better planning during the seasons can effectively check price-hike. I hope this letter of mine, on behalf of common people, will give wide publicity to this issue in public interest.  
Thanking you in anticipation.  
Yours sincerely  
Asha.
- discussed
  - every
- As being a late speaker, she could not speak clearly. So children made fun of her.
  - to imitate and make fun of.

5. Custard, the dragon had a formidable appearance, with sharp teeth, toes like daggers, spikes on back and scales on the belly. Its mouth was a fireplace and the nose was always fuming like a chimney. However, in sharp contrast to the appearance its temperature was extremely timid.
6. Though Helen was an impaired girl, deprived of her sense of seeing and hearing, she did wonders in the field of education. She was devoted to her studies. But this does not mean that she had compromised with her fate and was oblivious to the life and its various pleasures. She was adventurous and had varied interests. She participated in various activities of life like any other normal girl. She had great love for outdoor sports. She enjoyed canoeing, sailing and cycling. She had friends and developed intimacy even with the inanimate objects of nature. She visited museums and art galleries. She visited the theatre and enjoyed a play, having described to her while it was being staged. She was not afraid of taking risks and kept herself aware of the events happening in the world. All these facts prove that she was keenly alive to life. She also had a deep and abiding love for literature and especially loved classical Greek Literature like Homer's 'Iliad' and Horace's Odes. Additionally, she has also fascinated by the ancient pagan gods and goddesses and admired the parable of Ruth from the Bible. At the World Fair she admired the different items from all over the world.

**OR**

Mrs. Van Daan was a friendly and teasing woman. She was fatalist, egoistical, flirtatious, and disagreeable woman. She quarrelled over petty issues and nobody in the annexe got along well with her. Mrs. Van Daan frequently complained that Anne didn't admire or respect her. She was a timid lady who got frightened at the slightest noise. She didn't behave well with Mrs. Frank, Mr. Dussel and even Peter. She was always ready to pick up a fight. On September 2, 1942 she had a quarrel with Mrs. Frank as she had found out that the Franks were using her China bowl instead of their own. She got annoyed with Anne when she broke one of her soup bowls. All these incidents point towards Mr. Van Daan being short-tempered whenever, she picked up a row with anyone it was only Mrs. Van Daan who came out as a winner because she seemed a 'born debater' to Anne. In the later stage of her hiding, she became uncomfortable during her hiding and gave vent to her feeling by frequently hitting others with her speech. Mrs. Van Daan had a timid nature. She jumped with fright at the slightest noise after the break in. She took the longest time to relax and feel comfortable after the burglaries despite her critical nature. She did not survive the war like all others.

She was very fond of food and luxuries. She has the knowledge of more than one language. She was very neat and tidy. But she was an over-bearing lady as she had concern for the welfare of all, especially regarding their safety.

## Test 2

Maximum Marks 10

1. (a) burn enemy ships  
(b) silver and aluminium  
(c) solar cookers  
(d) harm your eyes

### 2. **Ban On Tobacco-By ABC**

Health is utmost important for human beings. To lead a healthy life, one should follow a healthy living. Healthy living can be attained by consuming healthy products and keeping away from products which are unfit for health. These days we find people consuming tobacco. It has become a habit and moreover a fashion. Chewing gutka or smoking is disastrous for health. Tobacco is the root cause of many diseases. The authorities should ban tobacco. It leads to cancer. Strict laws should be enforced



on the sale of tobacco. Common public should be made aware of the ill-effects of tobacco. Common masses can be made aware about the negative impact of tobacco, through TV commercials and cinema halls. This is essential as healthy public will create a healthy nation.

3. (a) Four criminals were arrested in Varanasi.  
(b) They tried to steal a Buddha statue from the museum.
4. (a) 'Think-Tank' is the speaker of these words.  
(b) 'finished'
5. The old religious man quoted a text, that-It is only God who can love a person for himself regardless of his appearance and other attributes.
6. Helen was like any other ordinary child before her illness which made her deaf and blind making the world silent and dark for her. She was learning to talk before she became impaired but suddenly it stopped because she could not speak without hearing it. She used to feel her mother's lips when she spoke. She realized that people around her used some other means of communication. She felt bad about it and sometimes used to throw temper-tantrums. When Miss Anne Sullivan taught her the spellings of water, she used to pronounce it as 'wa-wa' till she learnt the spellings. Anything that produced noise amused her. But she herself couldn't communicate through speech. This was a hurdle—an obstacle in the path of her desire to speak. It was only after she met Miss Sarah Fuller, she learnt to speak. Her autobiography mentions many instances of her attempts to communicate through speech, for example, she used to read out passages aloud to Miss Sullivan in order to correct and improve her pronunciation and at the Wright Humason School for the Deaf in New York City, she used to converse in German with Miss Reamy, her German teacher and worked hard at improving her speech in general.

**OR**

Anne and Peter Van Daan lived in the annexe and had no other friends as they were in the hiding. Gradually, both of them got attracted towards each other. Peter was a shy boy who did not share his feelings with anyone. Anne felt that he was nice but suffered from inferiority complex. With the passage of time, Anne grew a likeness for him. Both of them used to meet in the attic. Whenever he was nowhere around, Anne used to long for his company. She loved him but did not convey it to him. They spent good times sitting in the attic, appreciating nature. However, Anne felt guilty in meeting him secretly and shared her secret with her father. Mr. Frank did not approve of her relationship with Peter and told her not to meet him. But she ignored him and carried on her relationship with Peter.

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