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Annual Examination 2025

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## ENGLISH - (Only One Paper)

Time : 3:15 Hrs.

Class - XI

M.M. 100

Note : (i) This paper is divided into four sections of A, B, C and D.

(ii) All the sections are compulsory.

(iii) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

### Section - A (Reading)

1. Read the passage given below and then answer the questions that follow it :-

The defence mechanism of human body is a gift of nature provided to human beings. The power of our body to fight against various disease producing agents is known as defensive mechanism. This defensive mechanism depends upon various factors which can be categorised mainly into two types-common factors and special factors. Amongst the common factors, the most important is the health of human beings. We all know if we have a good health, our body automatically remains protected against the diseases. For keeping good health one should have nutritious balanced diet. A balanced diet is that which contains carbohydrates, fats, proteins and vitamins in proportionate amount. The human body secretes a variety of fluids, which are killers for disease causing microorganisms. For example, gastric juice (acidic in nature) secreted by our intestinal track kills all organisms which enter our body through food. Similarly, a substance called lysozyme secreted by eye glands saves us against many infectious diseases of eyes, as it kills the bacteria which go inside our eyes by contact or from environment, etc. There are a few automatic activities of our body, known as "reflex phenomenon", which protect the body against many infections. This reflex phenomenon includes sneezing, coughing and vomiting. Wherever any harmful or irritating substance enters our nose or goes inside our body via mouth or respiration, the body reacts against these and tries to expel that harmful substance from the body.

- (a) What is defensive mechanism? What does it depend on? 3  
(b) What is a nutritious balanced diet? Why is it important? 3  
(c) How does lysozyme protect our eyes? 3  
(d) Describe reflex phenomenon of our body. 3

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- (e) Pick out the word from the passage which means 'releases a liquid' 1
- (f) Give the antonym of 'excludes' from the passage. 1
- (e) Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'discard'? 1

### Section - B (Writing)

2. Make notes on the given passage and then make summary of the passage with the help of notes :- 5

"We live in deeds and not in years." It is because of this that all of us prefer one hour crowned with glory to a whole life without fame. If providence were to put the choice before us, perhaps we should all exclaim: "Give us sixty exciting minutes and not countless millions of tame years without a name." A life, however short, spent in doing things useful to the world or humanity, is much better than living a hundred years and spending the time in vain and useless pursuits. It is not life that matters but noble actions. A man may have a short span of life, but if within this period he has performed noble action, he may be said to have truly lived.

Love of fame is divinely implanted in the human soul. It is the divine spark which kindles all our latent faculties and arouses us to action. Before it, all obstacles and difficulties inseparable though they may appear at first, melt into the nothingness of a dream. However steep and rugged the path, however full of thorns and stumbling-blocks it may be, it fills us with irresistible and superhuman power to struggle heroically, to act nobly and die honourably. There cannot be anything nobler in the world than this love of fame combined with love of humanity.

3. Write an article on "Family Values and Changing Times" 8

or

Write an essay on "Environment and Pollution"

4. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper to draw the attention of the Nagar Nigam to the insanitary condition prevailing in your locality. 7

or

Write a letter to the District Supply Officer, Mathura complaining about the scarcity of sugar, rice, wheat and kerosene at the fair price shop and the other irregularities committed by the shopkeeper.

## Section - C (Grammar)

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5. Answer the following :-

(a) Give the synonym of 'Courageous' :-

- (i) bold (ii) polite  
(iii) spoil (iv) lament.

(b) Give the antonym of 'reveal' :-

- (i) arrival (ii) conceal  
(iii) defence (iv) belief

(c) Give one word for the following group of words :-  
A person working only for money or reward.

(d) Use any one of the following pairs in sentence of your own so as to bring out the difference in their meaning :-

- (i) wait ; weight (ii) edition ; addition

(e) Change any One into indirect speech :-

- (i) The Farmer will say, "I am watering the fields"  
(ii) She said to her parents yesterday, "I do not like physics"

(f) Change any One as directed :-

- (i) Sita went to Dehradun. She went there to see her sister.  
(into simple sentence)

(ii) He is going to some place. No one knows it.

(combine into complex sentence)

(g) Change any One as directed :-

- (i) She is too proud to learn. (remove 'too')

(ii) Very few countries are as good as India.

(transform into comparative degree)

(h) Correct any One of the following sentence :-

- (i) The gold is a precious metal.  
(ii) The game came to end.

(i) Use any One of the following idioms in your own sentence :-

- (i) A red letter day  
(ii) A black sheep

(j) Use any One from the given phrasal verbs in your own sentence :-

- (i) Take after (ii) Look into

6. Translate the following into English :-

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हमारे विद्यार्थियों के सामने आज अनेक समस्याएँ हैं। उन्हें यह समझना चाहिए कि शिक्षा का लक्ष्य केवल सरकारी नौकरी नहीं है। भारत एक कृषि प्रधान देश है। यदि यहाँ पढ़े लिखे लोग खेती की ओर ध्यान दे तो हम लोगों की दरिद्रता दूर हो सकती है। हमारे गाँवों में सुधार की जरूरत है। शिक्षित व्यक्ति जब गाँव में रहने लगेंगे तो गाँव का सामाजिक जीवन बिल्कुल बदल जाएगा।

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**Section - D (Literature)**

7. Answer any one of the following questions :- 7
- (a) Describe the incident of the sparrows in the context of the chapter "The Portrait of a Lady"
  - (b) Draw a character-sketch of the narrator of 'Silk Road.'
8. Answer any two of the following questions :- 8
- (a) What was alarming about the waves?
  - (b) Who was Tut? What happened with him?
  - (c) What Bombay landmark did Gangadhar Pant notice.
9. Read the given stanza and answer the questions :- 6
- Where did my childhood go?  
It went to some forgotten place,  
That's hidden in an infant's face,  
That's all I know.
- (a) What shift of thought do you notice in this extract?
  - (b) Where has the poet's childhood gone?
  - (c) Explain "That's all I know."
10. Write the Central Idea of any one poem of the following :- 4
- (a) The Laburnum Top
  - (b) Father to Son
11. Answer any one of the following questions :- 7
- (a) Why did the narrator of the story want to forget the address?
  - (b) What did the doctor see at Cardiff Station? What did he remember then?
12. Answer any two of the following questions :- 8
- (a) What happened when Aram rode the horse?
  - (b) What did the girl do with the narrator?
  - (c) Who was Agha Shahid Ali?