

**Time Allowed: 3Hours****Class-X****Maximum Marks : 90****Section-A ( Reading Skills)****1. Attempt the following :****(10 marks)****(a) Answer the following question :****3**

- (i) What did George want to own?
- (ii) How is nature better than books?
- (iii) Till when was Watson asked to stay in Holmes' house?

**(b) Write True or False****2**

- (i) Bobby was happy with the money given to him.
- (ii) There was a fight between demons and gods.

**(c) Choose the correct option :****2**

(i) The bacteriologist told his wife that the visitor was.....

- 1. an anarchist
- 2. A scientist
- 3. a chemist
- 4. A communist.

(ii) Phatik's mother is prejudiced against.....

- 1. Makhan
- 2 Phatik
- 3. her husband
- 4. Her brother.

**(d) Fill in the blanks with correct words :****3**

- (i) He..... me crying. (Leave)
- (ii) We..... waiting by her. (keep)
- (iii) Haste..... waste. (make)

**2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : (10 marks)**

Character is density. Character is that on which the density of a nation is built. If we want to build a great nation, we must try to train a large number of young men and women who look upon others as the living images of themselves; as our 'Shastras' have so often declared. But whether in public life, we cannot reach great heights if we are lacking in character. We cannot climb the mountain when the very ground at our feet is crumbling. When the very basis of our structures is shaky, how can we reach great heights which we have set before ourselves?

We must all have humility. Our lives should be clean, noble and dedicated to the service of Mother India. For whatever services we take up, we should not care for what we receive. We must know

how much we can put into that service. Ours is a great country. We have had for centuries a great history. The whole of the East reflects our culture. We have to represent what Hindustan has taught right from the time of Mohanjo-Daro and Harappa. Whether in domestic affairs or in international affairs, we must adhere to certain standards.

- (a) What is meant by saying, 'character is destiny'?
- (b) What do our 'Shastras' teach us?
- (c) How is character important in reaching great heights?
- (d) Compare the following sentences:
  - (i) We should not let the East reflect.....
  - (ii) The whole of the East reflects.....

Or

**Read the poem given below and answer the questions**

**(8 marks)**

Ere on my bed my limbs I lay,  
God grant me grace my prayers to say:  
O God! Preserve my mother dear  
In strength and health for many a year  
And, O ! preserve my father too,  
And may I pay him reverence due;  
And may I my best thoughts employ  
To be my parents' hope and joy;  
And O! preserve my brothers both  
From evil doings and from sloth,  
And may we always love each other,  
Our friends, Our father, and our mother:  
And still, O Lord, to me impart  
An innocent and grateful heart,  
That after my great sleep I may  
Awake to thy eternal day !

- (a) When does the child pray?

(b) What does the child pray to God for his mother?

(c) Tick the right answer:

(i) The child prays..... To his father.

1. reverence

2. strength

(ii) The child wants to be the hope and joy of .....

1. God

2. his parents

(d) (i) Give the rhyme-scheme of the last four lines.

(ii) Give the other word that rhymes with 'employ'.

### Section-B (Textbooks)

#### Main Coursebook (prose)

**3. Answer any three of the following questions in 15-20 words each: (3\*3=9 marks)**

(i) What does the policeman at Picadilly Circus symbolize? (The Rule of the Road)

(ii) How was Portia dressed and on whose recommendation did she come to the court?

(The Merchant of Venice)

(iii) Is Iona able to tell the passengers how his son died? (The Grief)

(iv) What did Harry say about Vernon? (Fathers and Sons)

(v) What did the Swallow decide to do? Why did he take this decision?

(The Happy Prince)

**(b) Answer the following question in 30-50 words: (5 marks)**

Relate the incident of North Woods in your own words. (Secret of Happiness)

Or

Describe the incident of Della's selling her hair in your own words.

(A Gift for Christmas)

### Supplementary Reader

**4. Answer any four of the following questions in 25-30 words each:**

**(3\*4=12 marks)**

(a) How did Subbiah manage to get rice during droughts?

(Half a Rupee Worth)

(b) Why did Gillain not get the rest of the money? Was he sorry for his action?

(One Thousand Dollars)

(c) Who was Victor Smith? What had happened to him and how?

(The Dying Detective)

(d) Did the bacteriologist leave the house in a hurry? Give reason in support of your answer.

(The Stolen Bacillus)

(e) How did Pakhom manage to put together the money for buying the land?

(How Much Land....)

(f) What happened to Sausage when he tried duck-diving the first time?

(Return to Air)

**Main Coursebook (Poetry)**

**5. (a) Read the passage given below and answer any two of the questions that follow:**

**(2\*3=6 marks)**

Where words come out from the depth of truth;

Where tireless striving stretches its arms

Towards perfection;

Where the clear stream of reason has

not lost its way into the dreary

desert sand of dead habit.

1. Where should the words come out from?

2. How could the country become a symbol of perfection?

3. What does the poet mean by 'dreary desert sand of dead habit'?

**(b) Answer the following in 30-50 words :**

**(2\*3=6 marks)**

Why are the woods 'more free from peril than the envious court'?

(Sweet Are the Uses of Adversity)

Or

How does a truly happy person rule over others?

(Character of a Happy Man)

**Secton-C (Vocabulary & Grammar)****6. Attempt the following: (4 marks)****(a) Choose the correct word to fill the blanks: (4 marks)**

..... Book are you talking about? (Witch / Which)

**(b) Use the following idioms in your sentences :**

By virtue of.

**(c) Give one word for the following:**

A government managed by state officials.

**(d) Correct the following sentences:**

She did not eat many bread.

**7. Do as directed (12 marks)**

1. .... poor peasant went off early in ..... morning to plough. He saw no one. Yet someone had certainly been there. He had lost..... piece of bread.

(Supply suitable Determiners)

2. Cricket is a game known ..... its wonderful glories. It is popular..... men and women..... all ages.

(Supply suitable Prepositions)

3. It..... (may / might) rain today (Choose the correct Modal)

4. .... did I reach the station ..... the train left. I do not know ..... it happened to me .

(Supply suitable Conjunctions)

5. I am very poor. I can't buy a car. (Combine using a Gerund)

6. She goes to the garden daily. She likes it. (Combine using an Infinitive)

7. I look his hand in mine. I took him to my room. (Combine using a pharas)

8. The teacher will punish the naughty boys. (Change the voice)

9. He said, "iwill never forget you" (Change the Narration)

10. The postmaster said to the postman, "What are you doing ? Have you sorted the mail?"

(Change the Narration)

11. The boys (knew) the answer.

(Write in present indefinite)

12. ram singh the captain of the team is from makhan majra (Punctuate)

#### Section-D (Composition)

8. (a) You are Monu and you live at 51, Central Town, Nangal. Write a letter to your father who is away on a long tour, giving him home news. (8 marks)

Or

(b) Develop a paragraph on 'My Motherland' in about 100 words on the basis of given outline.

(6 marks)

India my motherland..... Most people live in villages..... many big cities..... Land of saints ..... big country..... Himalayas..... Indian Ocean..... fertile land..... brave and wise people..... Proud of my motherland.

Or

Develop a paragraph on 'Fashion among Students' in about 100 words on the basis of given outline.

Students..... most of the times in front of the mirror..... very particular about clothes..... hairstyles.....show off..... inwardly hollow.....no attention to inner development.....a foolish trend.

(c) As the secretary of Sai Baba Society. Somesh Vihar, Delhi, prepare a notice for the residents of the colony, giving hints for protection against Dengue fever. Your name is Sheetal Jain.

(5 marks)