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Pre Board Examination 2025

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**ENGLISH - (Only One Paper)**

Time : 3:15 Hrs.

Class - XII

M.M. 100

**Note :** (i) This paper is divided into four sections of A, B, C and D. (ii) All the sections are compulsory.

**Section - A (Reading)**

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

Books are the best friends that a man has. They insert a strong influence in moulding one's thoughts and ideas, hopes and desires, inclinations and aspirations, through all future times. The companionship of books is the best companionship and like all friendships grows sweeter and sweeter with the passage of time. It contributes to the happiness of man and removes the sorrows that fall to the lot of all human beings. We can always turn to books for solace and comfort when life appears to be dull and dreary, when death of a beloved person makes one lose the relish of life or when illness or poverty brings disappointment and dejection.

- (a) What are the best friends of a man? 3  
 (b) How can we get solace and comfort in disappointment? 3  
 (c) Explain the underlined portions. 3  
 (d) Write the suitable title to the passage. 3  
 (e) Find the word from the passage which means :- 3  
     (i) Thrust in  
     (ii) Tendency  
     (iii) Consolation.

**Section - B (Writing)**

2. Write an article on any one of the following topics in about 100-150 words :-

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- (a) The Problem of Unemployment  
 (b) A Journey to a Historical place  
 (c) Importance of Games and Sports at School

(P.T.O.)

3. Write a letter to the bookseller who has sent you by post a book other than the one ordered by you. 10

or

Write a letter to the Divisional Officer (Post Office) to open a new branch of Post Office in your town.

### Section - C (Grammar)

4. Choose a correct option to answer the following questions:-10

(a) 'He is a member of an union'

Which word in the above sentence is an error?

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| (i) member | (ii) of    |
| (iii) an   | (iv) union |

(b) The synonym of 'Destroy' is :-

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| (i) finish | (ii) demolish |
| (iii) stop | (iv) end.     |

(c) The antonym of 'success' is :-

- |               |             |
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| (i) fail      | (ii) failed |
| (iii) failure | (iv) pass.  |

(d) Dry weather with no rainfall :-

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| (i) Summer    | (ii) Desert |
| (iii) Drought | (iv) Autumn |

(e) 'At the drop of a hat' means :-

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| (i) late     | (ii) immediately |
| (iii) lazily | (iv) angrily.    |

5. (a) Change any one of the following into indirect speech:- 2

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| (i) My teacher said, "Honesty is the best policy"             |
| (ii) He said to me, "Did you not abuse my brother yesterday?" |

(b) Combine any one of the following as directed :- 2

- (i) Tagore was a great poet. He wrote the Gitanjali.

(Simple Sentence)

- (ii) I live in an airy house. It is double storeyed.

(Complex sentence)

(c) Transform any one of the following as directed :- 2

- (i) They close shops at 8 pm. (Passive Voice)

- (ii) Her younger brother is not so intelligent as she is.

(Comparative Degree)

(d) Correct any one of the following sentence :-

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(i) I prefer milk than tea.

(ii) Physics are an interesting subject.

(e) Use any one of the following pairs of words in your sentence to make their meaning clear :-

(i) Difference

(ii) Deference

6. Translate the following into English :-

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मुंशी प्रेमचन्द को कौन नहीं जानता? अधिकाधिक लोगों ने उनकी कहानियों तथा उपन्यासों को पढ़ा है। उनकी कहानियों तथा उपन्यासों में गाँव में रहने वाले निर्धन तथा मध्यम वर्गीय परिवार के लोगों की झलक मिलती है। उन्होंने गाँव, रीति-रिवाज, सामाजिक बुराईयों, जमींदारों के अत्याचार तथा अन्धविश्वासों के विषय में खुलकर लिखा है।

### Section - D (Literature)

7. Answer any two questions of the following in 30-40 words each :-

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(a) Whom did M. Hamel blame for the ignorance in studies and why?

or

How did the instructor 'build a swimmer' out of Douglas?

(b) Why did Gandhiji chide the lawyers of Muzaffarpur?

or

Who is Geoff? What is his profession?

8. Answer any one of the following question in about 100 words:-7

(i) Describe the life of people working in the glass hangle industry.

(ii) What is the reason for the huge success of the novel "The Name of the Rose"

9. Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow :-

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When Aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie  
Still ringed with ordeals she was mastered by  
The tigers in the panel that she made  
Will go on prancing, proud and unafraid.

(i) Why are Aunt Jannifer's hands called terrified.

(ii) Where did Aunt Jennifer make tigers?

(iii) Name the poem and the poet of the above lines. (P.T.O.)

10. Write the Central Idea of one of the poems given below:- 4

- (a) Keeping Quiet
- (b) A Roadside Stand.
- (c) Aunt Jennifer's Tigers

11. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30-40 words each :- 8

(a) What was the third level? Where was it situated?

or

What did The Astrologer predict about the Tiger king's death?

(b) Who was Hana? How did she meet Sadao?

or

Why did the author's brother often go to the library?

12. Answer any one of the following question in about 100 words:-7

(a) What was the 'Students on Ice' programme? What was its aim?

(b) What type of garden does Mr. Lamb have? Why does he like it?