



# VISHNU BHAGWAN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Pre Board Exam (2023-24)

Class – 12

Subject –English

{SET-C}

Time: 3:00 Hours

M.M:80

## General Instructions

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:

1. This question paper has **13** questions . All questions are compulsory.
2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections- Section A: **Reading Skills**, Section B: **Creative Writing Skills** and Section C: **Literature**.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number and part there of your answer sheet.
4. Separate instructions are given with each question / part wherever necessary.

## SECTION A : Reading Skills

[22 Marks]

### 1. Read the passage given below:

(12)

1. Too many parents these days can't say no. As a result, they find themselves raising 'children' who respond greedily to the advertisements aimed right at them. Even getting what they want doesn't satisfy some kids; they only want more. Now, a growing number of psychologists, educators and parents think it's time to stop the madness and start teaching kids about what's really important: values like hard work, contentment, honesty and compassion. The struggle to set limits has never been tougher-and the stakes have never been higher. One recent study of adults who were overindulged as children, paints a discouraging picture of their future: when given too much too soon, they grow up to be adults who have difficulty coping with life's disappointments. They also have distorted sense of entitlement that gets in the way of success in the work place and in relationships.
2. Psychologists say that parents who overindulge their kids, set them up to be more vulnerable to future anxiety and depression. Today's parents themselves raised on values of thrift and self-sacrifice, grew up in a culture where 'no' was a household word. Today's kids want much more, partly because there is so much more to want. The oldest members of this generation were born in the late 1980s, just as PCs and video games were making their assault' on the family room. They think of MP3 players and flat screen TV as essential utilities, and they have developed strategies to get them. One survey of teenagers found that when they crave for something new, most expect to ask nine times before their parents give in. By every measure, parents are shelling out record amounts. In the heat of this buying blitz, even parents who desperately need to say no find themselves reaching for their credit cards.
3. What parents need to find, is a balance between the advantages of an affluent society and the critical life lessons that come from waiting, saving and working hard to achieve goals. That search for balance has to start early. Children need limits on their behaviour because they feel better and more secure when they live within a secured structure.
4. Older children learn self-control by watching how others, especially parents act. Learning how to overcome challenges is essential to becoming a successful adult. Few parents ask kids to do chores. They think their kids are already overburdened by social and academic pressures. Every individual can be of service to others, and life has meaning beyond one's own immediate happiness. That means parents eager to teach values have to take a long, hard look at their own.

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions that follow.**

- I. Complete the sentence by choosing the correct option. (1)

**Children who are overindulged by their parents come out to be.....**

(a) Vulnerable (b) Anxious (c) depressed (d) All of these

- ii. **What is the balance which the parents need to have in today's world?** (1)

- iii. **How do older children learn self-control?** (1)

- iv. **Select, the option that conveys the meaning of 'wealthy', from the words used in Paragraph 3. (1)**

- a. Critical
- b. Affluent
- c. Secure
- d. Saving

- v. **What do the psychologists, educators and parents want to teach the children?** (1)

- a. To teach them about treachery.
- b. To teach them about indiscipline.
- c. To teach them about the values of life like hard work, contentment, honesty and compassion.
- d. None of the above

- vi. **What are the results of giving the children too much too soon?** (1)

- vii. **What is the necessity to set limits for children? (1)**
- viii. Complete the given sentence appropriately. **(1)**  
**Today's children want much more because..... .**
- ix. **What is essential to become a successful adult?(1)**
- Values of honesty, hardwork and security
  - Learning how to overcome challenges
  - Learning to be satisfied with what they have
  - Practical skills and worldly knowledge
- x. **What is the drawback of giving children too much too soon? (1)**
- They fail to cope with life's disappointments when they grow up.
  - They do not study seriously.
  - They become quarrelsome when they grow up.
  - None of the above
- xi. Complete the sentence by choosing the correct option. **(1)**  
**Parents do not ask their children to do chores because..... .**
- they feel that the children should not be burdened and with work.
  - they feel that their children are already over -burdened.
  - they feel that the age of their children is not appropriate for the work.
  - they do not want any resentment in their children due to work.
- xii. **How the children of the present differ from their parents? (1)**

**2. Read the passage given below:**

**(10)**

1. The term Internet Addiction (IA) was first introduced in 1996 by Goldberg, who related it to substance dependence. IA can be defined as the maladaptive pattern of internet use which is time-consuming and leads to clinically significant impairment or distress. The symptoms of IA include tolerance, withdrawal and lack of control, relapse, and a large amount of time spent online. Internet Addiction generally consists of four elements namely, excessive use, withdrawal, tolerance and negative social repercussions.

2. Considering the recent report on the addiction of Internet in India, in 2018, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) claimed that the number of people visiting with the complaints of internet addiction has almost doubled since the launch of the facility two years ago. It is not only about the internet but is the symptomatic expression of other psychological problems such as anger, low self-esteem, isolation and depression. World Health Organisation (WHO) in June 2018 classified gaming disorder as a mental health condition, thus, establishing the concern for the technology-oriented era on people. Further, as per the news, a London Hospital is also preparing to launch the first-ever internet addiction centre for young people and adults funded by the National Health Service (NHS).

3. Smartphones represent the edge of the evolution of information technology. As per the New Zoom's Global Market Report 2018, smartphone penetration in India is 28.5%, which constitutes 386,934,000 smartphone users.

4. The survey indicated the presence of addiction for 1.3% for internet (2% males and 0.6% females) and mobile phone overuse (4.1% -2.5% males and 1.5% females).

5. Recent researches have shown a positive correlation between internet addiction and frequent use of smartphones, indicating a higher frequency of internet-based use of smartphone applications, priority being social networking sites and gaming applications.

6. As more and more people are getting involved in the internet and are getting addicted; thus, they have adopted the practice of 'Internet fasting' by deliberately spending time offline. Internet fasting can be defined as the re-evaluation of one's lifestyle to learn appropriate ways to use the internet by maintaining the distance from digital life.

**Number of users of social networking sites in India**

**Based on your understanding of the passage answer the questions given below.**

- What is Internet addiction? **(2)**
- According to the author of the passage, the outcome of the advent of smartphones in the market is that. **(1)**
  - It marked the evolution of information technology.
  - the number of smartphone users exploded in the recent years.
  - it triggered an increase in the number of people suffering from internet addiction.
  - It encouraged more people to become tech-savvy
- How many smartphone users recorded in India? (1)**

- iv. Read the following statements. (1)
- Social networking sites and gaming applications are the root cause of Internet Addiction.
  - Internet addiction can save people from many psychological problems.
    - Both (i) and (ii) are true
    - Both (i) and (ii) are false
    - (i) is false and (ii) is true
    - (i) is true and (ii) is false
- v. WHO in June 2018 classified gaming disorder as a mental health condition. The above statement indicates that (1)
- WHO is against the use of Internet.
  - gaming disorder is a recognised global health issue.
  - there is a need for ban on mobile games.
  - there is a need to dissuade people from using smartphones.
- vi. London Hospital is preparing to launch the internet addiction centre. What does this statement mean? (2)
- vii. Complete the following sentence appropriately. (1)
- The concluding paragraph conveys the message that .....
- viii. State true or false. (1)
- Twitter is more popular than Instagram among people.

### **Section-B: Creative Writing Skills (18 Marks)**

All the names and addresses used in the questions are fictitious . Resemblance, if any, is purely coincidental.

#### **3. Attempt Any One from A and B given below.**

**A .** As Librarian of Vishnu Bhagwan Public School Prayagraj, draft an notice in not more than 50 words asking all students to return the library books they have borrowed by 2 days before the commencement of the examination . You are Neeta /Nitin Mishra, Librarian. (4)

**OR**

**B.** As the Secretary of Utthan Group Housing Society , draft a notice in 50 words calling for the Annual General Meeting to discuss issues of Security and maintenance of public spaces. Specify the day, date, time and venue . Request the members to attend the meeting and give the benefits of their valuable suggestions on the issues in the given agenda . You are Kavita/ Krishna. (4)

#### **4. Attempt Any One from A and B given below.**

**A.** You are Dhruv / Deepa. Your father, Shri Dheeraj Garg of Gurugram wants you to draft an invitation to be sent to friends and relatives on the occasion of your elder sister's marriage . Prepare the invitation giving necessary details. (4)

**OR**

**B.** You have bought a new house in Meerut . Write an informal letter of invitation inviting your friends and relatives to the housewarming ceremony. Mention the day, date, time and venue . As Meera/ Mahendra Tripathi draft an invitation in about 50 words. (4)

#### **5. Attempt Any One from A and B given below.**

**A.** Lack of job opportunities in the rural areas is forcing people to migrate to cities. Every big city thus, has a number of slums in it. Life in these slums is miserable. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the Editor of a national newspaper on how we can improve the living conditions in these slums. You are Karan/Karuna, M114, Dwaraka Road, Delhi. (5)

#### **Clues**

- Effective role of municipal authorities
- Utilise funds for improvement
- Take required action
- Provide necessary water supply and sanitation services

**OR**

**B.** You have recently come across an advertisement for the post of a software engineer in S.K. Global Solutions. Write an application with bio-data in about 120-150 words to The Manager, S.K. Global Solutions, J.P. Nagar, Bangalore. You are Ranjan / Ritu of Indra Nagar, Bangalore. (5)

#### **SK GLOBAL SOLUTIONS Required Software Engineer Job Responsibilities**

- Write well-designed software
- Develop layouts
- Execute software development cycle

#### **Preferred Skills and Qualifications**

- B. Tech Computer Science
- Experience 3-5 Years.

#### **6. Attempt Any One of two, in about 120-150 words.**

**A.** As sports captain of your school, write an article in 120- 150 words for your school magazine emphasizing the need of adventure sports in youngsters' leaves. You can use the following lines as clues. (5)

#### **Clues**

- Crazy for adventure sports
- Excitement and enjoyment
- Positive impact on mind and body
- Increases confidence
- Emotional and physical benefits

**OR**

**B.** In your locality a blood donation camp was organised by an NGO – ‘For Your Health’. Many people visited the camp and donated blood . Write a report for a local newspaper converning the arrangement, doctors’ team, refreshment served, etc. (5)

**Section C : Literature and Supplementary**

**(40 Marks)**

**7. Read the extracts given below and answer the following questions. (Do any one.)**

**(6X1=6)**

**A.** *It would be an exotic moment  
without rush, without engines,  
we would all be together  
in a sudden strangeness.*

(Keeping Quiet)

i. **In the given passage, the poet promotes**

**(1)**

- Peace
- Self-introspection
- Fraternity
- All of these

ii. **State whether the given statement is True or False, with reference to the extract. The poet wants peace and calmness.**

**(1)**

iii. **Complete the sentence appropriately.**

**(1)**

The use of the word ‘sudden’ indicates.....

iv. **The phrase ‘without rush, without engines’ means that**

**(1)**

v. **Complete the following analogy correctly.**

**(1)**

Rhyme scheme: Free verse::.....: Alliteration

vi. **Why will the moment be Exotic?**

**(1)**

- as it will be a moment of self introspection
- because it will be solemn
- because there will be no noise around.
- because there would be no wars.

**OR**

**B.** *The little old house was out with a little new shed  
In front at the edge of the road where the traffic sped,  
A roadside stand that too pathetically pled,  
It would not be fair to say for a dole of bread, But for some of the money, the cash, whose flow supports  
The flower of cities from sinking and withering faint.*

**(A Roadside Stand)**

i. **Who are referred to as ‘the flower of cities’?(1)**

ii. **(a) The kind hearted People**

**(b) City dwellers**

**(c) Politicians**

**(d) Journalists**

ii. **Where was the new shed put up? What was its purpose? (1)**

iii. **The poet says “It would not be fair to say for a dole of bread”. This indicates that**

**(1)**

- They wanted food
- They were not begging
- They did not expect any help
- They wanted money

**(iv) State whether the given statement is True or False, with reference to the extract. The given lines use a metaphor for luxuries.**

**(1)**

**(v) Explain: ‘too pathetically pled’.**

**(1)**

**(vi) Complete the sentence appropriately. The poet uses the word ‘pathetic’ to.....**

**(1)**

**8. Attempt Any One of two extract given**

**(4X1=4)**

**A.** Climate change is one of the most hotly contested environmental debates of our time will the West Antarctic ice sheet melt entirely? Will the Gulf Stream ocean current be disrupted? Will it be the end of the world as we know it? Maybe. Maybe not. Either way, Antarctica is a crucial element in this debate-not just because it’s the only place in the world, which has never sustained a human population and therefore remains relatively ‘pristine’ in this respect, but more importantly, because it holds in its ice-cores half-million-year-old carbon records trapped in its layers of ice.

**(Journey to the End of the Earth)**

- i. What other things do Mr Lamb refer to? (1)
- ii. Why is “ climate change” described as a “hotly contested” issue in the extract provided? This is so, because there..... (1)
  - a. is universal agreement on the causes and implications of climate change
  - b. is a planned path ahead about how to address climate change
  - c. are differing views on the causes and implications of climate change
  - d. Are minimal reports of fresh threats to climate change
- iii. The analogy of a time machine is an appropriate analogy for the role of carbon records in the study of climate change because..... (1)
- iv. Give one reason why the writing style of the extract can be called factual and informative. (1)

**OR**

**B.** In other words, the Tiger King is dead.

The manner of his death is a matter of extraordinary interest. It can be revealed only at the end of the tale. The most fantastic aspect of his demise was that as soon as he was born, astrologers had foretold that one day the Tiger King would actually have to die. “The child will grow up to become the warrior of warriors, hero of heroes, champion of champions. But.....” they bit their lips and swallowed hard. When compelled to continue, the astrologers came out with it. “This is a secret which should not be revealed at all. And yet we are forced to speak out . The child born under this star will one day have to meet its death.”

**(The Tiger King)**

- i. Complete the sentence appropriately. (1)

**The author’s purpose in using foreshadowing, is to .....**
- ii. In the given extract, what emotion were the astrologers feeling when they “bit their lips and swallowed hard “? (1)
  - d. Humiliation    b.Disbelief    c. Grief    d. Unease
- iii. Which trait are the astrologers lauding when they say “warrior of warriors, hero of heroes, champion of champions”? (1)
- iv. How is the line, “the most fantastic aspect of his demise”, an example of contrast? (1)

**9. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. (1×6=6)**

**A.** Usually, when school began, there was a great bustle, which could be heard out in the street, the opening and closing of desks, lessons repeated in unison, very loud, with our hands over our ears to understand better, and the teacher’s great ruler rapping on the table. But now it was all so still! I had counted on the commotion to get to my desk without being seen; but, of course, that day everything had to be as quiet as Sunday morning. Through the window I saw my classmates, already in their places, and M. Hamel walking up and down with his terrible iron ruler under his arm. I had to open the door and go in before everybody. You can imagine how I blushed and how frightened I was.

**(The Last Lesson)**

- i. The given lines indicate how M. Hamel is feeling. Pick the option that correctly states these feelings. (1)
- ii. Why does the protagonist feel anxious about entering the classroom on this particular day? (1)
  - a. The classmates have started the lesson
  - b. The teacher is in a bad mood
  - c. The classroom is too quiet
  - d. The protagonist is running late
- iii. Complete the sentence appropriately. (1)

**The phrase “as quiet as Sunday morning” suggests that, .....**
- iv. Select the suitable word from the extract to complete the following analogy. (1)
- v. What does the term ‘terrible iron ruler’ indicate about M. Hamel ? (1)
- vi. Which of the following headlines best suggests the central idea of the extract? (1)
  - a. The Fears of a Latecomer
  - b. The Importance of Punctuality
  - c. The Rigidity of the School System
  - d. The Anxiety of a Young Student.

**OR**

**B.** “I sometimes find a rupee, even a ten rupee note”, Saheb says, his eyes lighting up when you can find a silver coin in a heap of garbage, you don’t stops scrounging, for there is the hope of finding more. It seems that for children, garbage has a meaning different from what it means to their parents. For the children it is wrapped in wonder for the elders, it is a means of survival. One winter morning I seen Saheb standing by the fenced gate of the neighbourhood club, watching two young men dressed in white, playing tennis. “I like the game”, he hums, content to watch it standing behind the fence. “I go inside when no one is around” he admits. “The gatekeeper lets me use the swing” .

- (i) What value does garbage hold for Saheb? (1)
- (ii) Which emotion of Saheb is revealed in the phrase 'his eyes lighting up'? (1)
- Anxiety
  - Envy
  - Happiness
  - Greed
- (iii) "There is hope for finding more". Explain with reference to the above extract. (1)
- Identify line from the text that shows that the gatekeeper was kind to Saheb. (1)
  - What can't Saheb play the game? (1)
    - The game is for upper class rich people
    - He does not have membership
    - Saheb was banned from the club
    - None of these
  - Complete the sentence appropriately. (1) For the elders garbage is.....and for children it is ..... .
- 10. Answer Any Five the following questions in 40-50 words. (5X2=10)**
- (i) How did the peddler show his gratitude to Edla? (2)
- (ii) What could be the reason of the shut of the story department? (2)
- Where did Gandhiji decide to go first and why? (2)
  - How would man suffer in the absence of beauty? (2)
  - Why does Aunt Jennifer create animals that are so different from her own character? (2)
  - Comment on the significance of the symbol of the car in the poem. (2)
- 11. Answer any two of the following questions in 40-50 words. (2x2 =4)**
- What was the objective of the 'Students on Ice' programme? (2)
  - "I felt like sinking to the floor". Why did Zitkala-Sa say so? (2)
  - The manner of his (the Tiger King's) death is a matter of extraordinary interest. Comment. (2)
- 12.. Answer any one of the following questions in 120-150 words. (5)**
- A.** Do we experience things of beauty only for short moments or do they make a lasting impression on us ?
- OR**
- B.** "Our native language is part of our culture and we are proud of it." How does the presence of village elders in the classroom in M. Hamel's last lesson show their love for French?
- 13. Answer Any One of the following questions in 120-150 words. (5)**
- A. Justify the title 'The Third Level'.
- B. What did Hana think of her husband as a surgeon and doctor in 'The Enemy'?