

Class-XII Session 2022-23
Subject - English Core (301)
Sample Question Paper - 13
With Solution

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions:

1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, WRITING and LITERATURE.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number in your answer sheet to indicate the option/s being attempted.

SECTION A: Reading Skills

(20 Marks)

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follows :

Philosophy of Education is a label applied to the study of the purpose, process, nature and ideals of education. It can be considered a branch of both philosophy and education. Education can be defined as the teaching and learning of specific skills, and the imparting of knowledge, judgement and wisdom, and is something broader than the societal institution of education we often speak of.

Many educationalists consider it a weak and woolly field, too far removed from the practical applications of the real world to be useful. But philosophers dating back to Plato and the Ancient Greeks have given the area much thought and emphasis, and there is little doubt that their work has helped shape the practice of education over the millennia.

Plato is the earliest important educational thinker, and education is an essential element in "The Republic" (his most important work on philosophy and political theory, written around 360 B.C.). In it, he advocates some rather extreme methods: removing children from their mothers' care and raising them as wards of the state, and differentiating children suitable to the various castes, the highest receiving the most education, so that they could act as guardians of the city and care for the less able. He believed that education should be holistic, including facts, skills, physical discipline, music and art. Plato believed that talent and intelligence is not distributed genetically and thus is to be found in children born to all classes, although his proposed system of selective public education for an educated minority of the population does not really follow a democratic model.

Aristotle considered human nature, habit and reason to be equally important forces to be cultivated in education, the ultimate aim of which should be to produce good and virtuous citizens. He proposed that teachers lead their students systematically, and that repetition be used as a key tool to develop good habits, unlike Socrates' emphasis on questioning his listeners to bring out their own ideas. He emphasised the balancing of the theoretical and practical aspects of subjects taught, among which he explicitly mentions reading, writing, mathematics, music, physical education, literature, history, and a wide range of sciences, as well as play, which he also considered important.

During the Mediaeval period, the idea of Perennialism was first formulated by St. Thomas Aquinas in his work "De Magistro". Perennialism holds that one should teach those things deemed to be of everlasting importance to all people everywhere, namely principles and reasoning, not just facts (which are apt to change over time), and that one should teach first about people, not machines or techniques. It was originally religious in nature, and it was only much later that a theory of secular perennialism developed.

During the Renaissance, the French sceptic Michel de Montaigne (1533 - 1592) was one of the first to critically look at education. Unusually for his time, Montaigne was willing to question the conventional wisdom of the period, calling into question the whole edifice of the educational system, and the implicit assumption that university-educated philosophers were necessarily wiser than uneducated farm workers, for example.

- I. What is the difference between the approaches of Socrates and Aristotle?
 - (a) Aristotle felt the need for repetition to develop good habits in students; Socrates felt that students need to be constantly questioned
 - (b) Aristotle felt the need for rote-learning; Socrates emphasised on dialogic learning
 - (c) There was no difference
 - (d) Aristotle emphasised on the importance of paying attention to human nature; Socrates emphasised upon science
- II. Why do educationists consider philosophy a 'weak and woolly' field?
 - (a) It is not practically applicable
 - (b) Its theoretical concepts are easily understood
 - (c) It is irrelevant for education
 - (d) None of the above
- III. What do you understand by the term 'Perennialism', in the context of the given comprehension passage?
 - (a) It refers to something which is of ceaseless importance
 - (b) It refers to something which is quite unnecessary
 - (c) It refers to something which is abstract and theoretical
 - (d) It refers to something which existed in the past and no longer exists now
- IV. Were Plato's beliefs about education democratic?
 - (a) He believed that only the rich have the right to acquire education
 - (b) Yes
 - (c) He believed that only a select few are meant to attend schools
 - (d) He believed that all pupils are not talented
- V. Why did Aquinas propose a model of education which did not lay much emphasis on facts?
 - (a) Facts are not important
 - (b) Facts do not lead to holistic education
 - (c) Facts change with the changing times
 - (d) Facts are frozen in time
- VI. Philosophy of education is a level applied to.....
- VII. Who gave the idea of Perennialism?
- VIII. Who was the first one to critically look at education?
- IX. Plato is the earliest important.....
- X. Give the synonym of necessary?

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions :

A sparrow is a small bird which is found throughout the world. There are many different species of sparrows. Sparrows are only about four to six inches in length. Many people appreciate their beautiful song. Sparrows prefer to build their nests in low places-usually on the ground, clumps of grass, low trees and low bushes. In cities they build their nests in building nooks or holes. They rarely build their nests in high places. They build their nests out of twigs, grasses and plant fibres. Their nests are usually small and well-built structures.

Female sparrows lay four to six eggs at a time. The eggs are white with reddish brown spots. They hatch between eleven to fourteen days. Both the male and female parents care for the young. Insects are fed to the young after hatching. The large feet of the sparrows are used for scratching seeds. Adult sparrows mainly eat seeds. Sparrows can be found almost everywhere, where there are humans. Many people throughout the world enjoy these delightful birds.

The sparrows are some of the few birds that engage in dust bathing. Sparrows first scratch a hole in the ground with their feet, then lie in it and fling dirt or sand over their bodies with flicks of their wings. They also bathe in water, or in dry or melting snow. Water bathing is similar to dust bathing, with the sparrow standing in shallow water and flicking water over its back with its wings, also ducking its head under the water. Both activities are social, with up to a hundred birds participating at once, and is followed by preening and sometimes group singing.

- (a) The chief food for the adult sparrow is _____
- (b) Sparrows live wherever _____
- (c) The word, 'species' means _____
- (d) Sparrows in high places. _____

- (e) _____ take care of the young sparrows.
- (f) Sparrows take bath in _____
- (g) Bathing for the sparrows is a _____
- (h) Bathing is followed by _____ and _____
- (i) Sparrows can be found everywhere where there are _____
- (j) The sparrows are some of the few birds that are engaged in _____

SECTION B: Creative writing skills

(20 Marks)

1. Attempt anyone from the two given:

- A. You are the Principal, Saint Thomas Senior Secondary School Ernakulam. Using the information given below, draft a suitable invitation to be sent to important dignitaries of the city on the silver jubilee celebrations of the school. Invited on the silver jubilee celebrations - Mr Robert Anthony, President YMCA to preside.

OR

- B. Your friend from Manipur is staying in the school hostel. Using the information given below in the input, send him an invitation to celebrate diwali at your house.

Friend from Manipur - a hosteler- invites you to join in the Diwali celebration at your house.

2. Answer any one of the two given:

- 2.(A) Your school is organising a cultural evening to collect funds for the cell slum children. The education minister has consented to be the chief guest on the occasion. Draft a notice about it to be displayed on your school notice board. You are the school head boy/ head girl.

OR

- 2.(B) You are Amit . As President of students Council of Saint Francis Senior Secondary School, Bangalore, you have invited a visiting Russian ballet troop to give up performance in your school on the occasion of its golden jubilee celebrations. Write a notice and about 50 words informing the students about this event.

3. Answer any one of the two given:

- 3.(A) You are John, the tour and charge of grant Public School Agra. During the summer break you are planning to organise our tour to a place of historical importance. Write a letter to the national travel agency Agra enquiry about the charges, facilities and all other necessary details.

- 3.(B) write a letter to the manager Oberoi International Lucknow to find out the rates for conducting the wedding reception of your sister on the lawns enquiry about the catering cost per head service and decoration charges and advance to be paid. You are nandu/ Nandini of Agra.

4. Answer any one of the two given :

- 4.(A) You are Radha /Ram. Write an article on women empowerment in about 150-200 words.

OR

- 4.(B) Last week as you were coming back from school you happened to see a huge plastic bag full of leftovers of food being flung into the middle of the road from a speeding car. You wondered how people can be so devoid of civic sense. Write an article in 125-150 words on why we lack civic sense and how civic sense can be inculcated in children at a very young age. You are Shiva/Shamini.

SECTION C: Literature

(40 Marks)

1.(A) Attempt any one of the two extracts Given:

.....and felt that
old
familiar ache, my childhood's fear,
but all I said was, see you soon,
Amma,
all I did was mile and smile and
smile.....

- I. What was the childhood fear that now troubled the poet?
- II. What do the poet's parting words suggest?
- III. Why did the poet smile and smile?

- IV. Who is the writer of this poem?
- V. What is the name of the poem?
- VI. Give the synonym of pain from the above paragraph.

OR

1.(B)

surely Shakespeare is wicked, the map a bad example,
 with ships and sun and love tempting them to steal ____
 For lives that slyly turn in their cramped holes
 From fog to endless night? On their slag heap, these children
 wear skins peeped through by bones and spectacles of steel
 With mended glass, like bottle bits on stones.
 All of their time and space are foggy slums.
 So blot their maps with slums as big as doom.

- I. Why is Shakespeare's 'Wicked And the map 'a bad example for these children?
- II. What tempts them and why?
- III. How do they live in their holes?
- IV. What blot 'their maps?
- V. Find the word from the passage which mean 'secretly'
- VI. Give the synonym of pieces from the passage.

2. Attempt any one of the two extracts given:

2.(A) But that's the reason he said and my friend all agreed. Everything points to it, they claimed. My stamp collecting, thts for example, that's a temporary refuge from reality.

- I. Who is he in the above extract?
 (a) Galesburg (b) sam (c) charley (d) Jack
- II. Which reason is being cited here?
 (a) Charlie wanted to have refuge from reality.
 (b) Charley wanted to become rich.
 (c) Charley wanted to marry
 (d) Charley wanted to have a political career.
- III. Which other evidence did prove that.
 Charley was an escapist?
 (a) Hobby of collecting coins
 (b) Hobby of collecting stamps
 (c) Hobby of collecting butterflies
 (d) Hobby of collecting stones.
- IV. What is the name of this chapter?

OR

2.(B) Sadao stopped Hana at its side and turned the man's head. They saw the face. A white Man, Hana whispered. Yes, it was a white man.

- I. What did Dr. Sadao see when he turned the face of the man.
- II. Japan was at war with which country?
- III. Who was Hana?
- IV. Name the chapter.

3. Attempt any one of the two given :

3.(A) The idea that he was going away, that we should never see him again, made me forget all about his ruler and how cranky he was.

- I. Who is 'me' here?
- II. Who was Mr. Hamel in the story?
- III. What is the name of the chapter?
- IV. Why should he never see him again?

- V. Who is the writer of the chapter?
- VI. What is the meaning of 'cranky'?

OR

3.(B) My introduction to the YMCA. The swimming pool revived unpleasant memories and stirred childish fears. But in a little while I gathered confidence. I paddled with my new water wings, watching the other boys and trying to learn by aping them. I did this two or three times on different days and was just beginning to feel at ease in the water when the misadventure happened.

- I. What misadventure is the author referring to?
 - II. What is the name of this chapter?
 - III. Who is the writer of this chapter?
 - IV. Author went to which pool?
 - V. How did the author overcome his fear of water?
 - VI. Who am I in the chapter?
5. Answer any five from the following in about 40-50 words each?
- I. What had been put on the bulletin board?
 - II. How is Mukesh's attitude to his situation different from that of his family?
 - III. How did the instructor "build a swimmer" out of Douglas?
 - IV. What does the poet want for the children of the slums? How can their lives be made to change?
 - V. What will counting upto twelve and keeping still help us achieve?
 - VI. List the things of beauty mentioned in the poem.
 - VII. What is suggested by the image 'massive weight of uncle's wedding band'?

OR

Answer any two of the following in about 40-50 words.

- I. What will now happen to the astrologer? Do you think the prophecy was indisputably disapproved?
 - II. Will Dr. Sadao be arrested on the charge of harbouring an enemy?
 - III. Who is Jo? How does she respond to her father's story telling?
6. Answer anyone of the two given :
- A. 'Lost Spring' explains the grinding poverty and traditions that condemn thousands of people to a life of object poverty. Do you agree? Why/ Why not?

OR

B. Are there any water sports in India? Find out about the areas or the places which are known for water sports.

7. Answer anyone of the following.

- A. The chief astrologer's prediction about the death of the king came to be true. Do you agree with the statement? Explain why or why not?

OR

B. Is there any film have you seen or novel you have read with a similar theme?

Solutions

SAMPLE PAPER-8

SECTION - A

1.

- I. a
- II. a
- III. a
- IV. d
- V. c
- VI. the study of the purpose process, nature and ideals of education.
- VII. St. Thomas Aquinas
- VIII. Michel De Montaigne
- IX. educational thinker
- X. compulsory

2.

- (a) seeds.
- (b) there are humans.
- (c) kinds.
- (d) rarely build their nests in high places.
- (e) Both parents.
- (f) dust, water Or snow.
- (g) social activity. , '
- (h) preening and group singing.
- (i) Human
- (j) Dust Bathing

SECTION - B

1.(A)

The principal staff and students of
St Thomas Senior Secondary School Ernakulam invite
you on their **silver jubilee celebrations** on 10th March
2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr RobertAnthony

President, YMCA ,Ernakulam has kindly consented to
preside over the function and give away the prizes.

Principal: Phones: 0484-23462

Programme Overleaf

OR

1.(B)

120-Mahatma Gandhi Road
Pune
25th October 2014

Dear Tuzzi

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to my house at
Diwali. I am sure you will feel at home in the company
of my younger brothers and sisters. We shall have great
fun. I am sure you will join us in the pooja and Diwali
celebrations.

Your sincerely

Dilip Desai

2.(A)

Student's Council

Amar Vidyalaya, Patna

NOTICE

15 March, 2014

Amar Vidyalay is organising a Cultural evening to
collect funds for the slum children of Patna on 20th
March 2014. We have invited noted radio and TV stars
on the occasion. The Honourable education minister
has consented to be the chief guest. Students are to
take their seats by 6:00 p.m. in the school Auditorium.
Outside us and gas are not allowed. Raveena

Head boy

Students Council

OR

2.(B)

St. Francis Sr.Secondary School, Bengaluru

NOTICE

15 March, 2022

You will be glad to know that the students Council of
our school is going to the world famous bowl show of
the Barrett troop of Russia. It will give its performance
on 25th of December 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the school
Auditorium on the occasion of its golden jubilee
celebrations. The entry will be free for the students
of the school children's willow 10 years will not be
allowed.

Amit

President

Students Council

3.(A).

Grant Public School

Agra

20th June, 2014

The Manager

The National Travel Agency

Agra

Sub: Enquiring about the charges and facilities

Sir

Grant Public School Agra is organising a tour to Fatehpur Sikri, the capital of Akbar. We are a group of 70 students, 7 teachers and four peons. We plan to leave Agra for Fatehpur Sikri early in the morning on 25 June. You will arrange for the comfortable stay of students and teachers. We expect a reasonably clean and affordable Hotel. Can be managed. However, separate rooms with attached baths are needed for the Teachers. Kindly furnish the following details regarding the charges and facilities provided by you during our stay.

1. How will you accommodate 70 students?
2. Number of rooms and their total charges.
3. Arrangement of breakfast, lunch and dinner and the charges per head.
4. Air conditioned luxury buses and their charges
5. Any other information or relevant details regarding the tour.

Yours faithfully

John

Tour Incharge

OR

3.(B)

12/L Agra Cantonment

Agra

20th May, 2014

The Manager

Obero International

Lucknow

Sub: Rates for conducting the wedding Reception

Sir

The wedding ceremony of my younger sister will be on 30th May 2014. We want to arrange the wedding reception on the lawns of Oberoi International on the evening of 30 May. The wedding party may include around 200 heads including children for the stop we may need to double bed rooms facing the lawn. You are to arrange the reception Catering and decoration for the wedding continue up to the early hours of 30 May first night 2014. Kindly furnish the following specific details regarding the function

1. Service charges.

2. Decoration charges including the decoration of the stage and the Mandap.
3. Room charges for 2 double bedded rooms.
4. Amount of advance money to be paid.
5. Any other relevant information concerning the wedding reception.

Kindly reply at the earliest or phone: 23456778

Yours faithfully

Nandini

4.(A) Women Empowerment

Women empowerment is one of the most critical and essential things that everyone should support. It is when women are given the most power and right to make decisions for themselves. Women have been subjected to injustice through decades. They have been treated as non-existent for decades.

Women were always making decisions for them. This is one of the biggest reasons for women's empowerment. It was one of the essential things which were the need of the hour. Women were made aware of their rights. Along with their rights, women were taught how to be self-independent in all aspects of their lives. They were taught how to create a space for them where they can grow and become the people they want to be.

The men always had all the rights. However, the women didn't have any of these rights, even a small right like voting. Things changed when women realised that they, too, need equal rights. This brought along the revolution by the women demanding their rights. It spread the awareness that gender shouldn't be the reason for things to go in their favour.

4.(B) Lack of Civic Sense

In society, people of different types and different opinions live. They do not think for the betterment of the society. They only think about themselves. They have become selfish and narrow-minded. In India, people hardly follow any rules. They have no respect for public property. On the railway platform, they do not follow any instructions. They spit anywhere or at any place. They do not care for what they are doing. They even throw away the polythene, water bottles etc. on the platform. They lack civic sense. Inculcating a civic sense is the need of the hour. Parents must inculcate civic sense among children at an early age. The values of cleanliness, discipline and tolerance must be inculcated among them. Parents must encourage their children to keep their surroundings clean. All these things must be taught at an early age. They are the future of the nation and they must take the responsibility of a responsible citizen.

SECTION - C

1.(A)

- I. The childhood fear is the fear of death and decay when one starts ageing. Ageing and decay spare none.
- II. The parting words of the poet reveal both hope and fear.
- III. Poet smiled to reassure that they would meet soon.
- IV. Kamala Das
- V. My mother at sixty six
- VI. ache

OR

1.(B)

- I. Shakespeare and his words are no use to them. He can't help in improving their cursed fate.
- II. Ships, sun and love tempt these children as they don't possess them.
- III. They live like rats in their cramped little holes.
- IV. These living hells are the dirty slums. They are blots on the map of the civilised world.
- V. slyly
- VI. bits

2.A.

- I. b
- II. a
- III. b
- IV. The Third Level

OR

2.(B)

- I. Man showing signs of being tortured.
- II. America
- III. Dr. Sadao's Wife
- IV. The Enemy.

3.(A)

- I. Franz
- II. Franz's Teacher
- III. The Last Lesson
- IV. Because an order has arrived from Berlin to teach only German in the village.
- V. Alphonse Daudet
- VI. strange.

OR

3.(B)

- I. He was once tossed in the swimming pool by a boy.

II. Deep Water

III. William Douglas

IV. YMCA pool

V. By getting an instructor

VI. Writer, William Douglas

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I. Every important news or public announcement was put up on the bulletin board. For the last 2 years since the German occupation, all the bad news had come from there. A new order from Berlin imposed German on the French speaking people of Alsace. A huge crowd gathered in front of the bulletin board.

II. Mukesh belongs to a family of bangle makers. But he has no fascination for bangles making. He insists on being his own master. He wants to become a Motor Mechanic. He wants to go to a garage and get the required training for the job.

III. The instructor made serious efforts to build a swimmer out of Douglas. He put a belt around him. A rope attached to the belt went through a Pulley. He was made to go back and forth across the pool hour after hour. Then he was taught how to excel and inhale. In this way he built a swimmer out of Douglas.

IV. The poet wants these children to be removed from their dirty surroundings. New and open surrounding wood provide ideal conditions for their learning. They will then land in a world full of progress and prosperity. There will be no social injustice.

V. The poet urges us to count up to twelve and keep still. Perhaps 'twelve' here represents the twelve hour marks on the clock. Most of the ills and troubles of the world are caused because of our Rush and hurry. Keeping still will give us the necessary respite for peace.

VI. Every little or big thing of nature is a thing of beauty and a source of pleasure. The Sun, The Moon, trees old and young and Daffodil flowers are all things of beauty. So are small streams with clear water, mass of ferns and the blooming musk roses. They are constant sources of joy and pleasure.

VII. Andrienne Rich's 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers' is very rich in imagery. Massive weight of Uncle's wedding is a suggestive imagery. It is symbolic of the weight of the harsh and difficult experiences for her married life. The wedding band represents the unbreakable bond of marriage between the husband and wife.

5.

I. No harm will be done to the astrologer. Actually the Maharaja will not be able to kill the hundred Tiger. It survived only to be killed by a hunter. So the Maharaja will not fulfil his mission of killing tigers. No The Prophecy is not totally disapproved of. Ironically the hundredth Tiger though made of wood takes its Revenge upon the Maharaja. The hundredth tiger is the cause of his death.

II. Japan is at war with America. Giving shelter to a sailor of the US Navy is an anti National work. Doctor Sadao can be arrested for harbouring an enemy. He can be punished. But it will not happen for rest as his servants will not disclose the matter to the police. The old general knows everything but he sleeps over the matter.

III. Jo is Jack's little daughter. She is about 4 year old. Jack tells his daughter stories which he creates himself. This custom began when she was two. Jo never falls asleep till Jack tells a new tale to her. Each new story is a slide variation of the basic tale. She would enjoy all such stories and show her interest by asking many questions related to them.

- 6.(A) In "Lost Spring", Anees Jung analyses the grinding poverty and traditions which condemn thousands of people, particularly the children, to lead a life of misery and exploitation. It is the bitter truth of our urban society. The same squalor, dirt and poverty exist, be it Seemapuri In Delhi or Firozabad in UP.

Seemapuri, a place on the periphery of Delhi represents a little stinking hell. Squatters who came from Bangladesh in 1971 live here. They live in structures of mud with roofs of tin and tarpaulin. They have no identity but do have ration cards to buy grain. Survival in Seemapuri means ragpicking. They sometimes find a Rupee or even a ten rupee note in it. The life of the people working illegally in the glass finances of Firozabad is highly risky, and pathetic. They live in dingy hutments and work in subhuman and inhuman conditions. initiative and the ability to dream. They don't try to learn anything else except the art of making bangles. he money lenders, the middleman and the police only make their lives more miserable and unhappy. They are cursed to be exploited by them.

OR

- 6.(B) Yes there are water sports in India too but they are not as popular and developed as in Europe, Australia and America. Yachting, Water Polo, canoeing ,rafting and water Sky are some of the water sports in India. Rafting is becoming quite popular these days. Then we have boating, water gliding and other sports. They have attracted the attention of fun loving young men and women. Chandigarh, Kashmir and Goa are some of the popular places which are known for water sports in India.

- 7.(A) The chief astrologer had already warned the king of Pratibandapuram that his death would come from a tiger. The King should be particularly aware of the hundredth Tiger. The king was relieved to have shot the hundred Tiger dead. His vow seemed to be fulfilled. Little did he know that the hundred Tiger really survived. the bullet missed its mark. The Hunters shot the old Tiger dead. Ironically the king's death came from a tiger. It was a toy Tiger that caused the Maharaja's death.

The Maharajas' anxiety reached a fever pitch when the hundredth tiger was no wherer to be found. The Diwan himself got a tiger arranged and left it in the forest where the Maharaja was hunting. The stage managed drama was not successful. The tiger was killed but not by the Maharaja. The Toy Tiger he bought as a birthday gift for his son caused his death. One of the slivers of the Tiger pierced his right hand. It caused a deadly infection. The king could not survive and became the victim of the hundred Tiger. The prediction of the chief astrologer came out to be true.

- 7.(B) Many films show how men rise above narrow considerations of race and colour. The Vietnamese film "The White Man" left a deep impression on my mind. The storyline of the film and the enemy is strikingly similar. Doctor Ho Chi and his wife Min chi find an American man washed away by the sea. He was a sailor of the US Navy. Vietnam was at war with America. Doctor Ho Chi felt his pulse. He was alive. The man was their enemy. Their first reaction was to throw the man back into the sea, but Ho Chi was a doctor. He was trained to save even a dying enemy. They brought the white sailor into their house. Doctor Ho Chi operated on the Prisoner of War. The servants were defiant. They refused to serve their enemy. Dr. Ho Chi had to make a difficult choice. Handing him over to the police would mean throwing him into the jaws of death. Dr. Ho Chi arranged a private boat for him to escape to freedom.