

**MODEL TEST PAPER-2**

**SUBJECT-ENGLISH**

**CLASS-XII**

**SECTION-A**

**READING SKILLS**

1. Read the passage given below:

(1) Helen Keller was born on June 27, 1880, in Tuscumbia, Alabama. She was a happy and healthy baby. Her father, Arthur, worked for a newspaper while her mother, Kate, took care of the home and baby Helen. She grew up on her family's large farm called Ivy Green. She enjoyed the company of animals including the horses, dogs and chickens

(2) When Helen was around one and a half years old, she became very sick. She had a high fever and a bad headache for several days. Although Helen survived, her parents soon realised that she had lost both her sight and her hearing. She tried to communicate with the people around her. She had special motions she would use to indicate that she wanted her mom or her dad. However, she would also get frustrated. She realised that she was different, and it was extremely difficult to let others know what she needed. She would sometimes throw tantrums, kicking and hitting other people in anger. Soon Helen's parents realised that she needed some special help. They contacted the Perkins Institute for the Blind in Boston. The director suggested a former student named Anne Sullivan. Anne had been blind, but had her eyesight restored by surgery. Perhaps her unique experience would allow her to help Helen. Anne came to work with Helen on March 3, 1887, and became her helper and companion for the next 50 years.

(3) Anne began to teach Helen to use words. She would press the letters of words into Helen's hand. For example, she would put a doll in one of Helen's hands and press the letters of the word D-O-L-L into her other hand. She taught Helen a number of words. Helen would repeat the words by pressing them to Anne's hand. However, Helen still didn't understand that the hand sign had a meaning. Then one day Anne put Helen's hand into the water coming from the pump. Then she spelled out water into Helen's other hand. Something clicked in Helen's mind. She, finally, understood what Anne was doing. An entire new world opened up for Helen. She learned a number of new words that day. In many ways, it was one of the happiest days of her life.

(4) Next, Anne taught Helen how to read. Helen must have been very bright and Anne was an amazing teacher because soon Helen could read entire books in Braille. Braille is a special reading system, where the letters are made out of little bumps on a page. Imagine trying to learn how to read if you couldn't see or hear. It's truly amazing what Helen and Anne were able to accomplish. At the age of ten, Helen could read and use a typewriter. Now, she wanted to learn how to talk. She learned it from Sarah Fuller. Sarah was a teacher for the deaf.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above:

(A) According to paragraph 1, what activities did Helen Keller enjoy while growing up on her family's farm?

(B) What was the significance of Anne Sullivan's arrival in Helen Keller's life?

(a) She was a playmate for Helen.

(b) She helped Helen learn to use words and communicate.

(c) She was a famous author who wrote books for Helen.

(d) She was Helen's nurse during her illness.

(C) Read and complete the following sentence suitably:

The phrase "she realised that she was different" indicates that Helen became aware of her unique challenges and the difficulties she faced in expressing her needs. Choose the correct response from the two options to complete the sentence.

This realisation reflects a.....

(a) significant awareness of her limitations that motivated her to seek help

(b) lack of understanding about her condition that led to further frustration

(D) Complete the sentence appropriately with ONE characteristic.  
Helen would become angry sometimes as it was.....

(E) How does the author use the metaphor of Helen's "entire new world" opening up to describe her breakthrough in learning?

(F) Provide ONE textual evidence, why did the author say that Helen must have been a bright child.

(G) In the line, 'Anne began to teach Helen to use words,' what does the phrase 'teach Helen to use words' refer to?

(H) Complete the analogy with ONE word from paragraph

read: Braille: ..... : typewriter

- (a) communicate                      (b) comprehend                      (c) write                      (d) learn

(I) Why is it fair to say that the statement 'Anne had been blind, but had her eyesight restored by surgery from paragraph 2 highlights irony?

(a) It contrasts Anne's past experience of blindness with her unique ability to teach Helen, despite having regained her sight.

(b) It suggests that Anne's restored eyesight made her less capable of understanding the needs of someone who is blind.

(c) It highlights the unexpected difficulty of adjusting to teaching after having had her sight restored.

(d) It implies that having had her sight restored was a disadvantage in her role as Helen's teacher.

(J) Assess the potential benefits of Helen Keller's early ability to read and use a typewriter, as outlined in paragraph 4.

2. Read the passage given below.

(1) Tourism is travel for recreation, leisure, religious and family business purposes, usually for a limited duration. Tourism is commonly associated with transnational travel, but may also refer to travel to another location within the same country. The World Tourism Organisation defines tourists as people "travelling to and staying in places outside their usual environment for not more than one consecutive year for leisure, business and other purposes".

(2) Tourism has become a popular global leisure activity. It can be domestic or international, with international tourism has both incoming and outgoing implications for a country's balance of payments. Today, tourism is a major source of income for many countries, and affects the economy of both, the source and the host countries. In some cases, it is of vital importance.

(3) Tourism suffered as a result of a strong economic slowdown during the late 2000s recession, between the second half of 2008 and the end of 2009, and the outbreak of the H1N1 influenza virus. It then slowly recovered; with international tourist arrivals surpassing the milestone of 1 billion tourists globally for the first time in history in 2012. International tourism receipts grew to US \$ 1.03 trillion in 2011, corresponding to an increase in real terms of 3.8% from 2010. In 2012, China became the largest spender in International tourism globally with US \$ 102 billion, surpassing Germany and the United States. China and emerging markets significantly increased their spending over the past decade, with Russia and Brazil as noteworthy examples.

(4) Tourism is an important, even vital, source of income for many countries. Its importance was recognised in the Manila Declaration on World Tourism of 1980 as "an activity essential to the life of nations because of its direct effects on the social, cultural, educational and economic sectors of national societies and on their international relations".

(5) Tourism brings in large amounts of income into a local economy in the form of payment for goods and services needed by tourists, accounting for 30% of the world's trade of services and 6% of overall exports of goods and services. It also creates opportunities for employment in the service sector of the economy associated with tourism.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above:

(A) Give two possible ways to support why it is likely that the survey mentioned could be beneficial.

(B) What would the following be classified as?

*To examine the impact of tourism on a country's balance of payments and how it affects both the source and host countries.*

Select the appropriate response.

(a) Primary purpose                      (b) Secondary objective

(c) Method of analysis                      (d) Research outcome

(C) What do tourism receipts indicate about the global tourism industry, according to the passage?

(D) Read the following:

The Tourism Organisation defines tourists as individuals traveling to places outside their usual environment for up to one year. The global tourism industry saw a significant boost when international tourist arrivals surpassed 1 billion in 2012. During the late 2000s, the industry faced challenges due to an economic slowdown and the H1N1 influenza outbreak. China emerged as the largest spender in international tourism by 2012.

Select the option that identifies the correct impact of these factors on the tourism industry.

- (a) The economic downturn and health crisis led to a steady decline in international tourism receipts, which did not recover.
- (b) The increase in international tourist arrivals and China's spending demonstrates a recovery and growth in global tourism after the economic and health crises.
- (c) The milestone of 1 billion tourist arrivals was achieved despite a continuous decrease in international tourism spending.
- (d) International tourism receipts fell by 3.8% from 2010 to 2011, indicating a decline in global tourism.

(E) Which of the following is the primary role of the World Tourism Organisation, as inferred from the passage?

- (a) Regulating tourism prices globally.
- (b) Defining the exact duration of tourist visits.
- (c) Promoting and regulating international tourism.
- (d) Managing the world's travel agencies.

(F) Analyse how might the late 2000s recession and the outbreak of H1N1 influenza have affected the tourism industry? Discuss the recovery process mentioned in the passage.

(G) Complete the following suitably

Tourism has become a popular global leisure activity. This may be due to.....

(H) Paragraph 3 includes the terms 'recession' and 'recovery'

Classify the following sentences as 'recession' or 'recovery':

Sentence 1: Tourism suffered due to the economic slowdown and the H1N1 outbreak, but it later saw a significant upturn, with international tourist arrivals surpassing 1 billion globally for the first time in history in 2012.

Sentence 2: Tourism suffered as a result of a strong economic slowdown during the late 2000s recession.

## SECTION-B

### CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

3. Attempt ANY ONE of the two, in about 50 words.

The Residents Welfare Society is organising a health and wellness camp to promote healthy living among residents. Write a notice informing the residents about the event in about 50 words. Put your notice in a box.

**OR**

You are the sports captain of St. Paul's School, Indore. Write a notice in not more than 50 words for the school notice board, informing students about an Inter School Hockey match to be played in your school. Invite them to watch and cheer up for the team. Put your notice in a box.

4 Attempt ANY ONE of the two, in about 50 words.

Your school, St. Peter's College, Agra, has organised a vaccination booth in the school playground to provide free vaccines against the Covid 19. Draft a formal invitation in not more than 50 words for the event, including all the details.

**OR**

You are Amit Kumar. Draft a formal reply to Mrs. and Mr. Saxena, accepting their invitation to celebrate this year's Holi with them at their residence. Do not use more than 50 words.

5. Attempt ANY ONE of the two, in about 120-150 words.

Write a letter to the editor of the 'Hindustan Times', New Delhi, highlighting the need to assess sports talent at a young age by sports teachers, coaches, etc., so that it does not go unrecognised. Thus, we shall have a large pool of young talented sports persons who can be groomed. You are Saksham/Sakshi Dave of 13-A, Jasola, New Delhi.

**OR**

You are Alka/Alpesh Rai, a resident of 21/3, Harikrishna Colony, Jamshedpur. You have seen an advertisement in the newspaper, 'Deccan Herald' for the post of Human Resource Manager at Geet Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Jamshedpur. Apply for the post with your complete bio-data.

#### Situation Vacant

Wanted a young energetic HR Manager for Geet Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Jamshedpur. The candidate must have a degree from a reputed college and a minimum three years' experience in the given field. Contact: Isha Singha, Manager, Geet Technologies Pvt. Ltd.: 98976XXXXXX

6. Attempt ANY ONE of the two, in about 120-150 words.

You are Vikas Sharma, Staff Correspondent for 'The National News'. Write a report on the car accident that killed six people. Use the given cues along with your own ideas to write the report in 120-150 words.

- Tragic road accident
- Bus collided with family car
- Roadways unkempt bus
- Drunk driver
- Anger in people

**OR**

You are Aisha Ahmed, a student in class XII. Write an article for your school magazine discussing the impact of extracurricular activities on students' personal development, the reasons why students should actively engage in them, and the advantages they offer. Use the given cues along with your own ideas to compose this article.

#### SECTION-C LITERATURE

7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two

Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth

Of noble natures, of the gloomy days,

Of all the unhealthy and o'er-darkened ways

Made for our searching: yes, in spite of all,

Some shape of beauty moves away the pall

From our dark spirits. Such the sun, the moon.

(A) What is the common theme represented in the extract?

(B) What does the imagery of 'some shape of beauty moves away the pall' primarily represent?

(a) The fleeting nature of beauty in a harsh world.

(b) The power of beauty to uplift the human spirit despite challenging circumstances.

- (c) The superficiality of beauty in addressing deeper issues.
- (d) The inability of beauty to affect the pervasive gloom of life.
- (C) Complete the sentence appropriately.

Some shape of beauty is an apt analogy for.....

- (D) Select the correct option from those given in brackets, to fill in the blanks.

The excerpt suggests that the speaker..... (views / ignores) beauty as a remedy for darkness and despair.

- (E) Read the assertion and the reason below, with reference to the given excerpt.

Assertion: Beauty is depicted as a persistent and positive force that contrasts with the gloom and suffering described.

Reason: The poet believes that darkness and suffering in life are inevitable and nobody can escape them.

Choose the correct option regarding their relationship.

- (a) Both the assertion and the reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
- (b) Both the assertion and the reason are true, but the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.
- (c) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
- (d) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.
- (F) How can the message in the excerpt, about the power of beauty to counteract despair, be applied in daily life?

**OR**

Driving from my parent's  
Home to Cochin last Friday  
Morning, I saw my mother,  
beside me,  
doze, open mouthed, her face  
ashen like that  
of a corpse and realised with  
Pain that she was as old as she  
looked but soon

- (A) Select the phrase that suggests the following:

The speaker's realisation about her mother's condition is a reflection on the harsh realities of aging.

- (B) What does the imagery of 'ashen like that of a corpse' NOT represent in the given extract?

- (a) The mother's vitality and youth                      (b) The mother's visible old age
- (c) The somber reality of aging                      (d) The poet's sense of sorrow

- (C) Select the correct option from those given in brackets, to fill in the blank.

The poet has used phrases like 'realised with pain' and 'her face ashen like that of a corpse' to emphasise the..... (reality/illusion) of aging and its impact.

- (D) Read the assertion and the reason below, with reference to the given extract.

Assertion: The speaker's realisation of her mother's aging reflects a

Broader commentary on the inevitability of life.

Reason: The imagery of the mother's ashen face conveys a sense of confusion.

Choose the correct option regarding their relationship:

- (a) Both the assertion and the reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
- (b) Both the assertion and the reason are true, but the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.

- (c) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
- (d) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.

(E) What message does the given extract highlight in the context of the changing dynamics within a parent-child relationship?

(F) Complete the sentence appropriately.

These lines highlight themes related to aging, mortality, emotional complexity, and the dynamics of.....

8. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two.

By the time I actually set foot on the Antarctic continent I had been travelling over 100 hours in combination of a car, an aeroplane and a ship; so, my first emotion on facing Antarctica's expansive white landscape and uninterrupted blue horizon was relief, followed up with an immediate and profound wonder. Wonder at its immensity, its isolation, but mainly at how there could ever have been a time when India and Antarctica were part of the same landmass.

(A) Complete the following suitably.

The passage suggests that the speaker is struck by a profound sense of.....

(B) The author states, "Facing Antarctica's expansive white landscape and uninterrupted blue horizon was relief" What is the most likely reason behind this statement?

(a) The speaker felt relief after finally arriving at her destination following an extensive and taxing journey.

(b) The speaker was excited by the bustling life and activity in Antarctica

(c) The speaker was relieved by the stark and calming contrast between the peaceful Antarctic environment and the chaos during her journey.

(d) The speaker was disappointed by the harsh conditions of Antarctica after a long journey.

(C) How does the author's sense of wonder about Antarctica's isolation and immensity underscore the significance of geological history in understanding the transformation of Earth's continents?

(D) Give one reason why the writing style of the extract can be called descriptive and reflective.

**OR**

Right at the start, it is imperative to disclose a matter of vital importance about the Tiger King. Everyone who reads of him will experience the natural desire to meet a man of his indomitable courage face-to-face. But there is no chance of its fulfillment. As Bharata said to Rama about Dasaratha, the Tiger King has reached that final abode of all living creatures. In other words, the Tiger King is dead.

(A) Complete the sentence appropriately.

The author's purpose in using foreshadowing, is to.....

(B) Select the suitable option to complete the following.

In the given extract, the author refers to the 'Mahabharata' to.....

(a) lighten the tone of the story by adding a comic detail.

(b) contrast the sublime epic with this banal story.

(c) bring a touch of seriousness to this story.

(d) locate this story in the age of the Mahabharata.

C) List any one emotion readers might feel when they learn that the Tiger King has reached "that final abode of all living creatures."

(D) In what way is the line, *will experience the natural desire to meet a man of his indomitable courage face-to-face* an example of satire?

9. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two.

Sophie's father was scooping shepherd's pie into his mouth as hard as he could go, his plump face still grimy and sweat - marked from the day. "She thinks money grows on trees, don't she, Dad?" said little Derek, hanging on the back of his father's chair.

Their mother sighed.

Sophie watched her back stooped over the sink and wondered at the incongruity of the delicate bow which fastened her apron strings. The delicate-seeming bow and the crooked back. The evening had already blacked in the windows and the small room was steamy from the stove and cluttered with the heavy breathing man in his vest at the table and the dirty washing piled up in the corner. Sophie felt a tightening in her throat. She went to look for her brother, Geoff.

(A) What was the writer's purpose in using the imagery of the "delicate-seeming bow and the crooked back"?

(B) Select the option that is closest to the phrase "blacked in the windows' mean?

(a) It was turning dark.

(b) The windows were dirty.

(c) The windows had a black film on them.

(d) Nothing appeared through the glass.

(C) Select the correct option from those given in brackets to fill in the blank.

The use of vivid imagery in describing the room and the family's state serves to highlight the speaker's..... (contentment/discomfort) with their domestic situation.

(D) What is reflected through the description of the family's domestic struggles and the cluttered room in the extract?

(E) Complete the following suitably.

The portrayal of Sophie's observation of her mother and the environment reveals two things about her feelings: first, her concern for her family's well-being, and second, her sense of.....

(F) What does the following line from the extract, showcase?

*"Sophie felt a tightening in her throat as she observed her surroundings."*

(a) suffocated

(b) happiness

(c) curiosity

(d) relief

**OR**

H. G. Wells in an interview in 1894 referred to 'the interviewing ordeal', but was a fairly frequent interviewee and forty years later found himself interviewing Joseph Stalin. Saul Bellow, who has consented to be interviewed on several occasions, nevertheless once described interviews as being like thumbprints on his windpipe. Yet despite the drawbacks of the interview, it is a supremely serviceable medium of communication.

(A) What does Saul Bellow's description of interviews as 'thumbprints on his windpipe' reveal about his feelings towards being interviewed?

(B) Select the correct option from those given in brackets to fill in the blank. The line, "*Yet, despite the drawbacks of the interview, it is a supremely serviceable medium of communication*" can be best classified as (a fact / an opinion)

(C) Complete the following with a suitable reason.

Interviewees like H. G. Wells and Saul Bellow continue to participate in interviews because .....

(D) How would you describe the overall tone of the author towards interviews in this passage?

(E) What is implied by the description of interviews as 'the interviewing ordeal' in the excerpt?

(a) Interviews are an enjoyable and effortless activity .

b) Interviews are seen as a challenging experience.

(c) Interviews are a rare and exciting opportunity for most individuals.

(d) Interviews are considered a form of entertainment and leisure.

(F) What can be drawn from the last lines of the extract?

- (a) Conclusion            (b) Contrast    (c) Similarity    (d) Comparison

10. Attempt ANY FIVE of the following six questions, in 40-50 words.

(A) Interpret what can be inferred from Saheb's name in the story "Lost Spring", carries a deep meaning that ironically contrasts with his actual circumstances.

(B) How does the author's writing style in the story "Poets and Pancakes", with its use of vivid words and phrases, create detailed imagery of the places the characters visit? How might the reader's experience differ if the author had employed less descriptive language?

(C) Identify an instance in the story when the ironmaster discovers the rattrap seller's true identity. How does this instance affect the mood, of the story?

(D) What factors contribute to the message of the poem 'Keeping Quiet and how do they relate to the idea of stillness and silence?

(E) What does the belief in some primitive cultures that taking a photographic portrait steals a person's soul possibly signify?

(F) What factors were instrumental in William Douglas's eventual overcoming of his fear of water, and how did each contribute to his transformation?

11. Attempt ANY TWO out of the three questions given below, in 40-50 words each.

(A) Discuss the significance of the themes of compassion and duty in "The Enemy".

(B) Interpret the significance of Bama's experience in illustrating the importance of education and awareness in addressing discrimination and social injustice.

(C) Answer the question in the context of the following lines from "The Third Level" "

*"I turned into Grand Central from Vanderbilt Avenue, and went down the steps to the first level, where you take trains like the Twentieth Century. Then I walked down another flight to the second level, where the suburban trains leave from, ducked into an arched doorway heading for the subway--- and got lost. That's easy to do. I've been in and out of Grand Central hundreds of times."*

Explain Charley's escape from reality. Answer in 40 words.

12. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in 120-150 words.

Imagine you are Pablo Neruda, the poet of "Keeping Quiet".

What advice might you offer to Robert Frost, the poet of "A Roadside Stand", in the context of promoting understanding?

Pen down your advice, in a letter to Frost.

You may begin the way:

Dear Robert

I recently read your poem, "A Roadside Stand," and.....

You may end this way:

I hope this advice is helpful to you. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to support you.

Warmly,  
Pablo Neruda.



**OR**

How do the perspectives of the children in 'The Last Lesson' and the children in 'Lost Spring' contrast with those of the adults in their respective stories in terms of their experiences and views on education and opportunity?

13. In the story 'The Tiger King', an astrologer makes a prediction about the fate of the Tiger King.

Imagine you are the Maharaja of Pratibandapuram. Write a diary entry expressing your thoughts and feelings about the astrological prediction made about your life and your plan to defy it.

You may begin this way:

9 January, 19XX, Saturday,

5 p.m.

Dear Diary,

Today, I want to share something that has been on my mind for a long time. You see, the astrologers made a prediction about my life.....

**OR**

Discuss how Derry's encounter with Mr. Lamb in the garden reflects his thoughts and feelings about his appearance and personal challenges. How do these reflections reveal his internal struggles and growth? Provide specific details from Derry's imagined diary entry to support your analysis.