

2017 [ANNUAL]  
MATRIC EXAMINATION

Roll No. of Candidate:-.....

**SUBJECT: ENGLISH**

Total Questions: 18

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[Time: 03 Hrs. 15 Minutes]

[Full Marks: 100]

**Instructions:**

1. *Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*
2. *Figures in the right hand margin indicate full marks.*
3. *All questions are compulsory.*
4. *While answering the candidate should adhere to the word limit as far as practicable.*
5. *15 minutes of extra time have been allotted for the candidates to read the questions.*

## SECTION – A

**Q.1** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below in your own words: – **[4×3=12]**

Abraham Lincoln was born in 1809. He was a self made man. His father was a poor farmer. Abraham worked fast as a wood-cutter. But he wanted to make progress in life. He learnt how to read and write. He got a job as clerk. Then he was a store – keeper and then a post master. He studied law in his spare time. He became a lawyer. He took up politics. Soon he was well known as an orator. In 1860 he made a famous speech against slavery. At that time slaves were kept in the Southern states of America. The same year he was elected President of the United States. He was a great and good man. He was the greatest American President.

**Questions :-**

- (i) When was Abraham Lincoln born?
- (ii) What was the occupation of his father?
- (iii) What about he made a famous speech in 1860?
- (iv) Name the first president of the United States.

**Q.2** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below in your own words: – **[4×2=8]**

MAHADEVI VERMA (1907-1987) was a leading poetess of the Chhayavaadi School of Poetry in Hindi. She was also a well known story writer and editor of the

famous Hindi Weekly 'Chand'. Some of her important works include 'Deep Shikha', 'Yama', 'Nihar', 'Shrinkhala Ki Kadiyan' and 'Mera Pariwar'. She was the recipient of Mangal Prasad Prize, Bharat Bharti Award and the Jnanpith Award along with Padma Bhushan. She was elected fellow of the Sahitya Akademi.

Questions :-

- (i) What was the life period of Mahadevi Verma?
- (ii) What was her famous Hindi weekly?
- (iii) Name her important works.
- (iv) Who was elected fellow of the Sahitya Akademi?

**SECTION - B**

Q.3 Write a letter to your friend about ambition of your life.

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**OR**

Write an application to your headmaster requesting him to issue a transfer certificate because of your father being posted at other place.

Q.4 Write a paragraph on any one of the following in about 80 words:-

[1×4=4]

- (i) Postman
- (ii) Your class teacher
- (iii) Importance of newspaper.
- (iv) Your hobby

## OR

Prepare a report on your visit of a historical place.

## SECTION - C

Q.6 Do as directed

[4×1=4]

- (i) He wrote a letter. (Change into passive voice)
- (ii) Can a human nature change? (Change into assertive)
- (iii) What a piece of work is man! (Change into assertive sentence)
- (iv) Birds do not fly as fast as an aeroplane. (Change into comparative degree)

Q.7 Fill in the blanks with appropriate form of verbs given in the brackets -

[4×1=4]

- (i) I saw there \_\_\_\_\_ a lion in the forest. (was, were)
- (ii) I \_\_\_\_\_ learnt it there. (has)
- (iii) Bread and butter \_\_\_\_\_ my usual breakfast. (is, are)
- (iv) All news \_\_\_\_\_ good news. (is, are)

Q.8 Change the following sentences into indirect form of speech:-

[3×1=3]

- (i) The teacher said, "The earth moves around the sun."
- (ii) Mohan said to Sita, "What is your name?"
- (iii) The doctor said to the patient, "Take medicine on time."

Q.9 Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions (any four):-

[4×1=4]

- (i) He is \_\_\_\_\_ the garden. (in, into)
- (ii) Varanasi is \_\_\_\_\_ the bank of the Ganges. (on, upon)
- (iii) Once \_\_\_\_\_ a time there lived a king. (on, upon)
- (iv) The tiger was killed \_\_\_\_\_ Ram. (by, with)
- (v) He cried out \_\_\_\_\_ fear. (in, from)

Q.10 Translate any five of the following into English –

[5×1=5]

- (i) हरि कहाँ गया है ?
- (ii) सब्जी मावेगी ।
- (iii) वह तुम्हारा भाई है ।
- (iv) वह तेरा जानता है ।
- (v) बीरा नहीं रो रही थी।
- (vi) सूरज पूरब में उगता है।
- (vii) राम कब लौटेगा ?
- (viii) पेड़ के ऊपर कौवा है।

Q.11 Read the extract carefully and answer the following questions .

[5×1=5]

Isaac Newton was a great scientist. He was born in 1642 and died in 1727. He discovered the Law of Gravitation. It was the falling of an apple in his garden that set him thinking. He was trying to find why the earth went around the sun and the moon around the earth. He asked himself, "Why does an apple fall to the earth?" This led him to his great discovery. He also made many other discoveries. Newton was a very learned man but he was very gentle and polite.

Questions –

- (i) Who was Isaac Newton?
- (ii) Who discovered the law of gravitation?
- (iii) What was the theme which inspired him thinking?
- (iv) When was Isaac Newton born and died?
- (v) What made him the greatest scientist in the world?



**Q.12** Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow - [5×1=5]

Dhanpat Ray (1880-1936) born in Varanasi on July 31, 1880 was a prolific writer of both Hindi and Urdu. He changed his pen name to 'Premchand' after his book 'Soje Vatan' was banned by the then British Government. He wrote about the realities of life and the various problem faced by the common man in a turbulent society. He focused chiefly on rural India and the exploitation faced by a common villager at the hands of priests, land lords, loan sharks, etc. He also emphasised on the unity of Hindus and Muslims. Some of his well known works are Godan, Gaban, Pratigya, Karma - bhoomi, etc.

**Questions -**

- (i) When and where Premchand was born?
- (ii) Give the name of Premchand's book which was banned by the British Government?
- (iii) What he wrote about?
- (iv) What did he focus on chiefly?
- (v) Give the names of famous books written by Premchand.

**Q.13** Answer any one of the following in about 80 words-

[1×6=6]

- (i) What did the narrator do with the wounded squirrel?
- (ii) Peace, freedom and democracy are essential for human being. Do you agree? Give your own opinion.
- (iii) Enumerate the traits of the old woman.

**Q.14 Answer any two of the following questions in about 30 words each -**

**[2×2=4]**

- (i) In which situation does the writer find himself in the cinema?
- (ii) What does the narrator do on Saturday and Sunday?
- (iii) How would Gillu inform that he was hungry?
- (iv) Why did Alexander Aris accepted the Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of his mother?

**Q.15 Read carefully the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow -**

**[4×1=4]**

"Happy the man whose wish and care.

A few paternal acres bound

Content to breathe his native air

in his own ground".

Questions –

- (i) Who has composed this poem?
- (ii) Who is a happy man?
- (iii) Who does the pronoun 'his' in the third line of the first stanza refer to?
- (iv) What is the theme of the first stanza of this poem?

**Q.16 Answer any two of the following questions in about 40 words –**

**[2×3=6]**

- (i) What are the birds scared of? Explain.
- (ii) How does a polythene bag pollute our environment?
- (iii) Do you think that the Koel symbolises true love?

Q 17 Answer any one of the following questions .

[1×2=2]

- (i) What were the terms and conditions of bet? Do you think them proper?
- (ii) The work style of Mr. Gessler was unique. Why?

Q 18 Answer any two of the following questions

[2×2=4]

- (i) What did the banker do to kill the lawyer?
- (ii) Name some particular diseases which are caused due to, hunger and so others?
- (iii) Who was Mr. Gessler? How did the author know him?
- (iv) Do you think young children should also have rights to attend the party especially if it is designed for adults? Why and how you decide.