

**COMMON PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION 2017-18****ENGLISH (CORE)****MARKING SCHEME****CLASS XII**

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 100

**I. On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option. (1x4 = 4)**

- (a) (iv) both (i) and (ii)
- (b) (iv) all the three.
- (c) (ii) resolve a conflict.
- (d) (i) humour comes from reconnecting with our inner child.

**Answer the following questions briefly: (1x6=6)**

- (e) The challenge for everyone is to become more aware of how to add humour, and when to avoid it. Too much humour, like too much spice often annoys others.
- (f) when we lose our sense of humour, we often get critical or defensive, and, we often get critical of ourselves for what was said, and how it was said.
- (g) To ensure that our humour is welcomed by others, we need to combine our humour with speaking clearly and listening effectively.
- (h) Successful individuals often use self-deprecating humour to humble themselves, without putting themselves down. These individuals understand that every person has strengths and weaknesses and that self-deprecating humour invites others to feel more confident and equal.
- (i) Humour that is perceived as insensitive often leads others to shut down, or become argumentative.
- (j) The writer believes that taking a risk and doing things differently is the key to creating humour.

(k) Find words from the passage which mean the same as each of the following: (1x2=2)

- (i) hinder
- (ii) perspective

**2. On the basis of your understanding of the above passage answer the questions given below with the help of options that follow: (1x2=2)**

- (a) (iii) They had been given 125 acres of land.

(b) (iv) both (i) and (iii)

**Answer the following questions as briefly as possible.**

**(1x6=6)**

(c) The stranger had come from beyond the Volga.

(d) The farmer had started working in the new settlement where the land was very fertile. Soon he had become rich enough to acquire six horses of his own.

(e) He went down the Volga on a steamer to Samara, then walked another three hundred miles on foot, and at last reached the place.

(f) The rate of land at the new settlement was fifty cents an acre.

(g) As autumn came on, Pahom began selling off his belongings. He sold his land at a profit, homestead and all his cattle, and withdrew from membership of the Commune.

(h) As soon as Pahom and his family arrived at their new abode, he applied for admission into the Commune of a large village. He stood treat to the Elders, and obtained the necessary documents.

(i) Find words from the passage which mean the same as each of the following. **(1x2=2)**

(i) sheaf

(ii) abode

### **3. Note Making**

**3**

TITLE: Recognising Stress

#### 1. Signs of stress

1.1. affect anyone, anytime

1.2. recognise ind. limit

#### 2. Causes of stress

2.1. internal and external environment

2.2. imbalance b/w demands and resources

#### 3. Symptoms of stress

3.1. aptitude and behavioural change

3.2. high b.p., indigestion, palpitation

3.3. excessive drinking, smoking or eating

3.4. depression, lethargy and weakness

3.5. mental instability, confusion and loss of memory

#### 4. Latest findings by WHO and HSPH

4.1. major killer by 2020

4.2. depression will increase

4.3. road accidents indicate psycho-social stress

4.4. ulcers, hypertension and sleeplessness become epidemic

## 5. Dealing with stress

### 5.1.responses to stress

#### 5.1.1.flight, fight, or flee

### 5.2.diet and food supplements medicines

### 5.3.herbal medicines

### 5.4.hobbies, relaxation techniques & dance

#### **Key to abbreviations**

Ind.	-	Individual
b/w.	-	Between
WHO	-	World Health Organization
HSPH	-	Harvard School of Public Health
b.p.	-	blood pressure
&	-	and

### **SECTION-B WRITING SKILLS 30 Marks**

#### **4. ADVERTISEMENT**

**Format**-1 mark

**Content** -2 marks

**Expression**-Grammatical accuracy, spellings-1 mark

#### **WANTED ACCOMMODATION**

##### **Suggested Value Points:**

Begin with Wanted

State the type of accommodation

Brief physical description

- Size, number of rooms, location, water/power supply, security and other features
- Rent expected
- Contact address, e-mail address, telephone number.

**(Due credit should be given for the economy of words used.)**

**OR**

#### **POSTER**

**Format**-1 mark

**Content**-2 marks

**Expression**- Grammatical accuracy, spellings-1 mark

##### **Suggested Value Points:**

- Title-suggestive/catchy
- Sketch/simple drawings
- Slogans,jingle or short verse
- Theme or subject
- Description of details associated with the theme
- Name of issuing authority/organisation

**5. (Note: No marks are to be awarded if only the format is given. Credit should be given to the candidates' creativity in presentation of ideas. Use of the both the traditional and the new format is permitted, However, mixing up of the TWO is not acceptable.)**

**Format**-1 mark

(Sender's address, date, receiver's address, subject heading, salutation, complimentary close)

**Content**-3 marks

**Expression**-2 marks

(Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings)-1

(Coherence and relevance of ideas and style)-1

**Suggested value points:**

(LETTER OF ENQUIRY)

- Eligibility
- Duration of the course
- Fee structure
- Procedure for applying/selection
- Facilities available
- Class size
- Job opportunities /placement
- Last date of applying

**OR**

**Suggested value points**

(LETTER PLACING ORDER)

- Reference to advertisement
- Information to be given: item ordered, brand name, quantity
- Requirements: discount, mode of payment, delivery date, attachments like DD etc.

## **6. ARTICLE**

**Format**-1 mark

Heading and Writer's Name

**Content**-4 marks

**Expression**-5 marks

Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings-2½

Coherence and relevance of ideas and style-2½

Introduction-Mention the status of the issue

Topic analysis

- Adolescence is nestled between childhood and adulthood
- Most precious periods of a person's life.
- Needs guidance and direction
- Gifted with valuables but no values
- Parents should spend time with children
- Children should feel secure

- Equip them to face competitive world
- They should feel free to share their problems

**OR**

## **REPORT**

**Format**-1 mark

Headline and Reporter's Name

**Content**-4 marks

**Expression**-5 marks

Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings-2½

Coherence and relevance of ideas and style-2½

Suggested value points:

Report should answer the questions:

- what-name of event and occasion
- where
- when-date and time
- purpose of the programme
- Chief Guest
- How-inaugural function
  - other activities held
- A comment on the quality of the programme

## **7. DEBATE**

**Format**-1 mark

-topic introduction, addressing the audience, mention for/against the motion

**Content**-4 marks

-use hints, addressing the issue, current situation, reasons in favour or against, possible suggestions

**Expression**-5 marks

Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings-2½

Coherence and relevance of ideas and style-2½

**OR**

## **SPEECH**

**Format** (opening address and conclusion)-1 mark

**Content** -4 marks

**Expression** -5 marks

Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings-2½

Coherence and relevance of ideas and style-2½

**Suggested value points:**

- Current situation-Selfish attitude is on the rise
- Importance of social service
- Opportunity to become active members
- Helps to acquire skills and knowledge
- Creates bond with people, increase social awareness and responsibility
- Suggestions to instil such an attitude among students

**SECTION- C-TEXT BOOKS & LONG READING TEXT (40)**

**8. (This question has been designed to test the students' understanding of the text and their ability to interpret, evaluate and respond to the questions on the given stanza. In other words, it attempts to test their reading comprehension ONLY.)**

**Value Points**

- (a) The poet stood a few yards away and looked at her mother's face again. (1)
- (b) She observed how wan and pale her mother had become. (1)
- (c) It refers to the poet's childhood fear of losing her mother or separation from her. (1)
- (d) Simile. The pale and dull visage of the mother has been compared to the late winter's moon. (1)

OR

- (a) The poet wants man to come to a state of stillness and silence and introspect on how his present choice is imparting his wellbeing in the long term. (1)
- (b) His advocacy of stillness shouldn't be mistaken for death. (1)
- (c) The phrase means having nothing to do with death. (1)
- (d) The poet means a period of total silence, no work and no disturbance. He visualizes a calm and quiet atmosphere where man is indulging only in introspection. (1)

**9. Short Answer type questions (Answer any Four).**

**3x4=12**

**Questions are to be answered in 30-40 words.**

**Distribution of marks:**

**Content:** 2 marks

**Expression:** 1 mark

(Deduct ½ mark for two or more grammatical /spelling mistakes)

a.

- The peddler didn't think kindly of the world and its people.
- It was like a rattrap to trap the people in. Riches or joys were just baits to tempt the people.
- They kept on circling around the bait and got caught in the dangerous snare.
- The world had been very unkind to him. So it gave him great pleasure to think ill of it.

b.

- Mukesh insists on being his own master.
- Has seen enough of the poverty, the dangers and the sub-human living conditions.

- His eyes, resourcefulness and determination to break free are admirable, even though his dream looms like a mirage, amidst the dust of streets.
- His positive attitude is so different from his family, which is struggling to survive the burden of the lineage.
- Wants to rebuild his destiny and not be a glass bangle maker.

c.

- Man is the creator of his woes. His own nature and actions make his life miserable. He faces miseries and pains.
- Some shape of beauty works wonders amid these sorrows and sufferings.
- Removes the pall of despondence over his dark spirits.

d.

- Aunt Jennifer is described as a terrified woman.
- Hard and bitter experiences of her married life lie heavy on her.
- Even after death she will still be crushed and oppressed
- Ordeals at the hands of her chauvinistic husband.

e.

- Jack caught in an ugly middle position physically, emotionally, mentally.
- Heard some furniture being moved but he did not go down to help Clare though he knew that she shouldn't move heavy things as she was six months pregnant.
- He visualized the woodwork as a cage and he felt caught in an ugly middle position.
- Extension of the story proved unfruitful and unpleasant for Jo, Jack and Clare.
- Jo wanted him to change the ending of the story. Clare complained that he had told a long story.
- Jack did not like women taking things for granted
- Was unable to break free from his childhood perceptions about his mother.

f.

- Judewin informed Zitkala-Za about cutting her long hair
- Was a blow to her and decided to struggle
- Zitkala –Za was made to believe that only unskilled warriors, who had been captured, had their hair shingled.
- Only mourners kept short hair
- Shingled hair by cowards

**10. (These questions have been designed to test the students' understanding of the text and their ability to interpret, evaluate and respond to the issues raised therein. Hence no particular answer can be accepted as the only correct answer. All presentations may be**

accepted as equally correct provided they have been duly supported by the facts drawn from the text. The important thing is that the students should be able to justify his/her viewpoint.)

**Distribution of marks:**

**Content:** 3 marks

**Expression:** 3 marks

Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings-1½

Coherence and relevance of ideas and style-1½

**Value points**

- Sophie, a school going girl ,lives in a dream world which has distant relation with the harsh realities of life.
- She has developed a romantic fascination for Danny Casey.
- Even Geoff cautions her that Casey is a celebrity. Yet she sits for hours imagining Danny Casey coming to her.
- As long as dreams and fantasy give us inspiration to achieve our aims, they are useful.
- One should not be allowed to make one behave ridiculously and become an object of contempt.
- They should be grounded in reality.

**OR**

- After his misadventure in the pool at the Y.M.C.A. Douglas realised that his fishing trips, canoeing, swimming and boating were over.
- He decided to engage an instructor to learn to swim and overcome his fear.
- Practised five days a week.
- On each trip some of the terror would seize him.
- After three months, the tension began to decrease.
- He taught him to put his face under water and exhale.
- He was able to shed part of the fear that seized him under water.
- He went to Lake Wentworth Triggs island. He swam two miles across the lake.

**11. Distribution of marks:**

**Content:** 3 marks

**Expression:** 3 marks

Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings-1½

Coherence and relevance of ideas and style-1½

**Value points**

- Derry suffers from a tremendous sense of inferiority complex due to his burnt face.
- He allows himself to be alienated from the world.
- Derry is withdrawn and defiant. He doesn't trust people.
- He thinks that no one will ever love and kiss him except his own mother.

- On the other hand, Mr.Lamb doesn't allow his physical disability to come in his way. He accepts life as it comes.
- He has a positive attitude towards life, things and people. He doesn't find solace in escapism. Children tease him by calling 'Lamey-Lamb', but he doesn't mind it.
- One of his legs was blown off in the war. But he is full of life and enjoys it at his best.
- He enjoys sitting in the sun, reading books and growing weeds and flowers.

**OR**

- Sadao and his wife Hana remained in a state of conflict for quite a long time.
- They wanted to throw a wounded man again into the sea.
- If they gave shelter to him in their house they could be arrested.
- Handing him over to the police, would have meant throwing to the jaws of death.
- Ultimately, the duty of a doctor overpowered their petty considerations.
- The servants revolted at the idea of serving a white man.Hana herself washed the wound. Dr Sadao had decided to operate on Tom.
- Thus love for humanity and the ethics of a doctor won over petty racial considerations.

**12. Distribution of marks:**

**Content:** 3 marks

**Expression:** 3 marks

Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings-1½

Coherence and relevance of ideas and style-1½

**Value points**

- Griffin believed that invisibility would give him everything.
- He sacrificed all morals and respect for humanity in his quest for invisibility.
- He did achieve the impossible by his tenacity and hard work.
- He had never been able to anticipate the crippling disadvantages of being invisible.
- Then he strove to reverse the experiment and live normally.
- Finally, he was driven mad by the effects of his self-imposed isolation.
- He wished to impose a reign of terror but failed miserably.
- He was beaten to death by a mob of navvies.
- Thus a gifted and dedicated scientist met a tragic death because he threw morals and conscience to the wind.

**OR**

- For fifteen years, Silas's gold serves as a substitute for his lost faith.
- But Silas has wasted his love on something that has no capacity to reciprocate. Unlike his lost faith, Silas's love of his money is simply a desire and is devoid of any spirituality.
- A life of faith, as exemplified by Dolly Winthrop, is one in which actions are a manifestations of belief.

- According to Dolly, religious faith is intimately associated with a faith in one's neighbours, and the church is seen as responsible for the poor and the needy.
- Silas's money, on the other hand, removes him away from the world and shuts him up in the isolation of his cottage.

**13. Distribution of marks:**

**Content:** 3 marks

**Expression:** 3 marks

Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings-1½

Coherence and relevance of ideas and style-1½

**Value points**

- Dr. Kemp continued his own studies in hopes of being admitted to "the Royal Fellows."
- He had promised to help Griffin with food and shelter but when he heard Griffin's narrative of his life hitherto he came to the conclusion that Griffin was homicidal.
- He decides that Griffin needs to be turned over to the law.
- Kemp is also a calm and composed person in the town once the final attack begins.
- He runs to escape from Griffin, but as soon as Griffin catches him, he has the presence of mind to turn the capture around.
- He realizes that even though Griffin is invisible, he is injured, and, ultimately, dead.

**OR**

- Dolly is the wheelwright's wife who helps Silas with Eppie.
- She is a kind, patient woman who aids Silas greatly.
- When Silas starts caring for Eppie, Dolly advises him how to care for a child.
- Later, she becomes Eppie's godmother and Silas's trusted advisor in religion and life.
- Silas goes to seek her advice whenever he has a problem, whether it concerns Eppie's welfare or his past.
- Dolly makes him see that he should trust the world. She represents Raveloe's community spirit and has real concern for others. She is not a stereotyped character. Through her discussions with Silas, she comes across as a convincing personality, slow in thought but steady in faith.

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