

**माध्यमिक शिक्षा परिषद, उत्तर प्रदेश द्वारा नवीन संशोधित पाठ्यक्रम पर आधारित**

**UP Board Exam Model Paper 2023**

**ENGLISH**

**Class 12**

**Time: 3 hr. 15 mins.]**

**[M.M.: 100]**

**General Instructions:**

- (i) *This paper is divided into four sections A, B, C and D.*
- (ii) *All the sections are compulsory.*
- (iii) *Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.*

**Section-A: Reading**

**1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

An old man being distressed by ceaseless quarrelling going on among his sons, one day he called them to him and showed them a bundle of sticks tied together, and asked if any one of them was strong enough to break them. First one and then another tried, but although they were all robust and hefty young men, they all failed. He then untied the bundle, and told them to break each stick separately. This they did easily and all the sticks were soon broken into pieces. Thus he taught them that united they would be strong but disunited they would always be weak.

- (a) Why was the old man sad?
- (b) What lesson did he teach his sons?
- (c) Explain the italicized portions.
- (d) Give a suitable title to the above passage.
- (e) Find the word from the passage which means:
  - (i) constant and unending.
  - (ii) upset or worried
  - (iii) large and heavy.

**Section-B: Writing**

**2. Write a composition/an article on any one of the given topics in 100-150 words:**

- (i) Position of women in India today.
- (ii) and World Peace.
- (iii) Clean and Green India Mission.

**3.** You are Kritika/Karan. Write a letter to the editor of a leading newspaper voicing your concern about the increasing number of drug users in our country. Using the notes given below, write your letter highlighting the dangers of this new age social evil.

**Section-C : Grammar**

**4. Do as directed in the brackets (i to iv):**

- (i) The teacher said to the student, "My son ! do not waste your time." (Change into indirect form of speech)
- (ii) He is poor. He cannot buy a flat. (simple sentence)
- (iii) The doctor came. The Patient had died. (complex sentence)
- (iv) Let me do this task. (into passive voice)

**(v) Correct the sentences:**

- (a) This is the best of the two.
- (b) All the furnitures was destroyed.
- (vi) Give synonyms of the following:
  - (a) attack
  - (b) determination
- (vii) Give antonyms of the following:
  - (a) defence
  - (b) prosperity
- (viii) Use the following in your own sentences to bringout the difference in meaning:
  - (a) Tail
  - (b) Tale
- (ix) Give one word for the following expression: Which cannot be corrected
- (x) Use any two of the following idoms/phrases in your own sentences so as to make their meaning clear:
  - (a) An axe to grind.
  - (b) Look into
  - (c) A red letter day

#### 5. Translate the following into English:

रणजीत सिंह को पंजाब का शेर कहा जाता है। वे हमारे देश के एक प्रसिद्ध योद्धा थे। उन्हें युद्ध में बड़ा आनन्द आता था। वे वीर पुरुषों का सम्मान करते थे तथा उन्हें पुरस्कार भी देते थे। वे ऐसे अच्छे राजा थे कि उनके सिपाही उनसे बहुत प्रेम करते थे और प्रसन्नतापूर्वक उनकी आज्ञा का पालन करने के लिए तैयार रहते थे। वे अपना सब कार्य नियत समय पर किया करते थे। यद्यपि वे स्वयं कट्टर सिक्ख थे, किन्तु उन्होंने कभी भी किसी को सिक्ख होने के लिए मजबूर नहीं किया। वे विद्वानों का बहुत सम्मान करते थे। उन्हें इतिहास और युद्ध से बहुत प्रेम था। वे अपने भाग्य के स्वयं निर्माता थे क्योंकि मरते समय उनके पिता ने एक छोटी जागीर छोड़ी थी। वे योग्य शासक थे और उनके राज्य में उनकी प्रजा सुखी थी। वे आदर्श शासक, कुशल प्रशासक एवं उच्च कोटि के देशभक्त थे।

#### Section-D Literature

6. Answer any two questions of the following in 30-40 words each:

- (i) How did Douglas make sure that he conquered the old terror?
- (ii) What is Saheb looking for in the garbage dumps? Where is he and where has he come from?
- (iii) How was the Champaran episode a turning point in Gandhi's life?

7. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100 words:

- (i) Mention the hazards of working in the glass bangles industry.
- (ii) How did Douglas find Y.M.C.A. swimming pool safe to swim?

8. Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow:

A thing of beauty is a joy for ever  
 Its loveliness increases, it will never  
 Pass into nothingness, but still will keep  
 A bower quiet for us, and a sleep  
 Full of sweet dreams, and health, and  
 quiet breathing.

- (i) What is the poetic creed of Keats? How does he express it?
- (ii) Why are beautiful things never forgotten?
- (iii) What blessings do the beautiful things offer us, according to the poet?

9. Write the Central Idea of one of the poems given below:

- (i) An Elementary School Classroom in a Slum.
- (ii) My Mother at Sixty Six.
- (iii) A Thing of Beauty.

10. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30-40 words each:

- (i) How does Jack Finny try to establish the reality of the Grand Central Station, New York?
- (ii) How was the hundredth tiger killed?
- (iii) Why has the 'Students on Ice' programme been so successful?

11. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100 words:

- (i) Do you think that the third level was a medium of escape for Charley? Why?
- (ii) What does Jack insist that it was the wizard that hit and not the mother?