

JHARKHAND COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING, RANCHI

SECOND TERM EXAM

2021-2022

CLASS XII

ENGLISH CORE

MODEL QUESTION PAPER

Time: 1 ½ hours

set 2

Marks:40

General Instructions:

- i. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.
- ii. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper.
- iii. All parts of a question must be written together.
- iv. Answers of the questions must be in the context of the instructions give therein.

Section A

Read the following passage carefully:

The watermelon is thought to have originated in Africa's Kalahari Desert. Believe it or not, the first recorded watermelon harvest is believed to have occurred nearly 5000 years ago in Egypt and has even been depicted in Egyptian hieroglyphics on the walls of their ancient buildings. The fruit, which is actually a vegetable, a relative of the cucumber, was often placed in the burial tombs of kings to provide them nourishment in the afterlife. Today, this fruit has spread to different countries and can be found on all continents except Antarctica. The watermelon is a healthy, sweet and refreshing fruit.

Nutritionists have long appreciated the health benefits which the watermelon provides and the American Heart Association recently recognised watermelon's nutritional properties, giving it the 'heart healthy' seal of approval. Now research has shed new light on its potential health benefits. Lycopene, which is an antioxidant that may help reduce the risks of cancer and other diseases, is present in high concentration in watermelon. A study conducted by researchers at Harvard University found that men who ate lycopene rich diets of tomatoes and tomato products had lower risk of developing certain cancers, especially prostate cancer. Apart from lycopene, watermelon is a good source of Potassium, Vitamin C and Vitamin A. In China, physicians recommended the fruit to build body fluids, moisten the intestines and decrease thirst. It helps to detoxify the body and remove excess heat. This in turn, reduces the incidence of cancer sores, kidney and urinary infection, kidney stones and dysentery.

Naturopathic medicine uses watermelon seeds to relieve urinary pain and to facilitate passage of urine. The seeds help to soothe the kidney and the bladder, reducing inflammation.

Answer **any five** of the following questions:

2×5=10

1. When and where did the earliest recorded watermelon harvest take place?
2. Why was watermelon placed in burial chambers?
3. What is the opinion of the American Heart Association about the fruit?
4. What is the role of lycopene in this fruit?
5. What did Harvard University find in watermelon?
6. What medicinal properties of watermelon influenced Chinese physicians to recommend it?
7. For what are watermelon seeds used?

Section B

Answer **any two** of the following questions in not more than 100 words:

5×2=10

8. You are Karuna/ Karan, a student of class 12. Last day, during lunch break you misplaced your note book on chemistry lectures. You want to get it back. Write a notice for the school notice board.
9. Games and sports are not given as much importance in the country as is given to academics. Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily on the importance of sports and games and on the need to create awareness about it. You are Sunita / Sameer of 223/D, Main Road, Ranchi.
10. Last week on your way to school, you witnessed an incident of chain snatching near your school. A couple of senior students of your school chased the snatched, caught him and handed him over to the police. Write a report on this daring act for your school magazine. You are Amar /Amrita.

Section C

Answer **any five** of the following questions in not more than 50 words:

3×5=15

11. What did the peasants pay the British landlords as rent? What did the British now want?
12. What gift did the peddler leave for Edla and why was she happy to see it?
13. Did Sophie really meet Danny Casey? Why didn't Sophie want Jansie to know about her story with Danny?

14. What makes human beings love life in spite of troubles and sufferings, according to the poet of 'A Thing of Beauty'?
15. What is the 'childish longing ' the poet refers to in the poem 'A Roadside Stand'? Why is it vain?
16. When did Bama first come to know about the social discrimination faced by the people of her community?
17. What was the basic tale of all the stories told by Jack to his daughter, Jo?

Section D

Answer **any one** question in not more than 100 words:

5×1=5

18. Why did Derry wish to go back to Mr. Lamb?
19. What were the options that Sophie was dreaming of after school? Why does Jansie discourage her from having such dreams?