

JHARKHAND COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING, RANCHI

SECOND TERM EXAM

2021-2022

CLASS XII

ENGLISH ELECTIVE

MODEL QUESTION PAPER

Time-1 ½ Hrs

Set 3

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 given therein.

Section A

Read the following passage carefully and answer **any three** from questions 1-4.

2x3=6

Many of us believe that 'small' means 'insignificant'. We believe that small actions and choices do not have much impact on our lives. We think that it is only the big things, the big actions and the big decisions that really count. But when you look at the lives of all great people, you will see that they built their character through small decisions, small choices and small actions that they performed every day. They transformed their lives through a step-by-step or day-by-day approach. They matured and nourished their good habits and chipped away their bad habits, one step at a time. It was their small day-to-day decisions that added up to make tremendous difference in the long run. Indeed, in matters of personal growth and character-building, there is no such thing as an overnight success.

Growth always occurs through a sequential series of stages. There is an organic process to growth. When we look at children growing up, we can see this process at work: the child first learns to crawl, then to stand and walk, and finally to run. The same is true in the natural world. The soil must first be tilled, and then the seed must be sowed. Next, it must be nurtured with enough water and sunlight, and only then it will grow, bear fruit and finally ripen, and be ready to eat.

- 1) What do many of us believe?
- 2) What is 'organic process of growth'?
- 3) What do we learn from the lives of the great people?
- 4) How does growth occur?

Read the following poem carefully and answer **any two** from questions 5-7.

2x2=4

On the door step of the temple
under the hot sun
I see her every day.
Her hands and feet are
withered like limbs of the dead tree.
Her eyes tired of searching
“for rays of hope
and sunk deep like cause
in a rock.
Neither they receive light
nor give it.
Her three yard sari
has torn in thirty places
Her body has absorbed
sixty years of dirt
her knotty matted hair
is the abode of worm and lice
Here and there some black teeth
Stand as guards in her open mouth.
The lines on her face
have spread far and deep
like the crow’s feet.
Raising her shaking hands
with hope in her eyes
she looks at me
and an electric current
joins together our two hearts.
Time goes back fifteen years,
her face changes, her eyes twinkle!
When she smiles, her teeth dazzle!
In that one magic moment
I see the image of my dead mother!

- 5) What does the poet see every day?
- 6) What does the poet compare the old woman’s hands and feet?
- 7) What did the poet think when she looked at him?

Section B

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

5x2=10

- 8) Write an essay on 'Importance of the Internet'.
- 9) Write a composition on 'The Value of Books'.
- 10) You have witnessed a road accident where there is a loss of three lives. As a press reporter, write a report for publication. Sign as Rahul/Rashmi.

Section C

Answer **any five** of the following questions in about 50 words.

5x3=15

- 11) What was the conflict between Tao Ying and her son in the story, 'One Centimetre'?
- 12) Is the poet's attitude a representation of how the average Indian feels both towards human violence and nature's fury? Give reasons to support your view.
- 13) What makes the depiction of a crumbling village house so authentic in the poem, Blood?
- 14) How do the 'trees in their autumn beauty', 'dry woodland paths', 'October twilight', 'still sky' connect to the poet's own life?
- 15) What are some of the flaws of the world of film-making today?
- 16) Give instances from the poem 'Trees' that shows that great poetry is a result of close observation of natural phenomena.
- 17) What childhood memories does the author recollect in 'Film-Making' that had a bearing on his later involvement with film-making?

Section D

Note: Answer either **Group-A** or **Group-B**

Group-A

Attempt **any one** of the following questions in not more than 100 words.

5x1=5

- 18) Meenakshi is a typical Indian housewife-loving, submissive and practical. Discuss.
- 19) Attempt a character sketch of Margayya.

Group-B

Attempt **any one** of the following questions in not more than 100 words.

5x1=5

- 20) Describe the tiger's life at the Mempi hills.
- 21) Discuss R.K. Narayan's teasing wit and insight into human nature in 'A Tiger for Malgudi'.