

**Modal Question paper**  
**2021-22**  
**English**  
**Class - 12**

Time : 3 hr 15 min

Max Mark- 100

**General Instruction**

1. The first 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question.
2. All questions are compulsory.
3. Marks are indicated against questions.

**Section-A-Reading**

Q-1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Today, when we pick up a daily newspaper, invariably find an increasing incidence of vandalism, fraud, theft, robbery, rape, child abuse, battered spouses, murders, hate crimes, genocide (now termed as "ethnic cleansing") along with a multitude of other senseless violent acts that have become disturbingly common. These are not the actions of people who like themselves.

The solution to a great many problems, whether personal, national or global, lies in improving our feelings about ourselves both as individuals and members of society. When the significance of good self-esteem is well understood and it achieves the prominence it deserves, a transformation will begin, for as the people will learn they are deserving of self-respect, their respect for others will automatically increase.

Most of our behaviour has been shaped by our parents, caregivers and authority figures who played an important part in our early upbringing and were responsible for crystallizing our ideas about ourselves and the world. While everyone has self-esteem, only a small percentage of us have high self-esteem. High self-esteem denotes that we accept ourselves unconditionally exactly as we are, we appreciate our value as a human being. When, on the other hand, we have low self-esteem, we believe that we have little intrinsic worth.

We believe our personal value is in direct proportion to the value of our accomplishments. If we cannot accomplish certain results, we tend to feel low about ourselves. Some of us try too hard and become workaholics and over-achievers. With few genuine feelings of self-worth, we try to create some and prove that we are somebody by our successes and achievements. Because our desire for perfection is so great, we tend to set unrealistic goals and place unreasonable demands on ourselves. Failing, rather than encouraging us to have more realistic aspirations, only leads to a mere punishing round of self-blame and a resolve to drive ourselves harder next time. If we do finally achieve our goals we are disappointed; despite everything we have done, we still feel empty inside.

Vulnerable to the opinions of others, we desperately try to gain their recognition and approval sometimes through risky and dangerous behaviour. Thus we are at the mercy of our emotions, instead of controlling them, we permit them to control us. Since we allow circumstances to influence our feelings, we are inclined to be moody. The insecurity we feel

as a result of devaluing ourselves makes us jealousy, envy and possessiveness. Fear makes us react with greedy and acquisitive, and feelings of self-hate. alternate with those of futility, unhappiness and depression.

Sound self-esteem is the basis for ALL self improvement. As human beings, our potential is limitless, our abilities inexhaustible, and the possibilities for creative and constructive changes are endless. But, we won't experience satisfactory progress towards our goals or make any lasting improvements unless we believe we deserve the good we want. Conditions in our lives will improve permanently only when we believe we are entitled to something better. So improving our self-esteem inwardly is the vital ingredient for improving our lives.

1. What is the importance of good self-esteem?
2. What is remarkable in high self-esteem?
3. What does sound self-esteem ensure?
4. Whom will conditions in our lives improve permanently?
5. Which word is the opposite of 'unimportant'?
6. The word which has similar meaning as 'essential' is

### **Section B-Writing**

Q-2. Write an article on any one of the following topics in about 100-150 words-

- a) Gender Discrimination In Society
- b) The State Education Today
- c) Festivals Of India

Q-3. Write a letter of complaint in 120-150 words.

On Teacher's Day, you read in a newspaper that privately owned and managed schools in small towns or even in the suburbs of metropolitan cities exploit their teachers by paying them just a fraction of their authorised salaries. This affects their performance in the classroom and thus the lives of their students. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the editor of a national daily raising your voice against such exploitation. Suggest ways to solve this problem. You are Navtej/Navita, 112, Taj Road, Agra.

or

You are Arman/Arpita of 14, M.G. Road, Pune. You had bought the text book, 'Vistas' for Class XII from a neighbourhood bookstore. After browsing through the book, you realized that a few pages were missing and the print overlapped on a few pages. Write a complaint

letter in 125-150 words to the manager, Dawn Books, Lawrence Road, Chennai requesting him for a replacement or refund.

### **Section C- Grammar**

Q-4) Choose the correct option to answer the following questions.

**(a) He was disappointed. He left the job. (Simple)**

- (a) Being disappointment, he left the job.
- (b) Being disappointed, he left the job.
- (c) He was disappointed and left the job.
- (d) Because of disappointed, he left the job.

**(b) A star is very hot. It is known as the sun. (Complex)**

- (a) The star which is known as the sun is very hot.
- (b) The star is very hot and known as the sun.
- (c) The star known as the sun is very hot.
- (d) Hot star is known as the sun.

**(c) He came to my house. He remained silent. (Compound)**

- (a) He came to my house and remained silent.
- (b) After coming my house he remained silent.
- (c) He came to my house but remained silent.
- (d) He remained silent to come my house.

**(d) He is not without hope for his success. (Affirmative)**

- (a) He is hopeful of his success.
- (b) He has hope for his success.
- (c) He is hopeful for his success.
- (d) He is very much hopeful for his success.

**(e) It is wished that you may get this post. (Exclamatory)**

(a) This is wished that you may get this post!

(b) It is a wish that you may get this post!

(c) May you get that post!

(d) May you get this post!

Q-5 a) Change any one of the following in indirect speech.

i) The Leader said, "Ladies and gentleman, I am happy to be with you."

ii) Shall we meet at the theatre ? " he said.

b) Combine any one of the following as directed.

i) She is telling a lie. It is clear.(complex sentence)

ii) The boy failed many times. He gave up his studies.(compound sentence)

c) Change anyone of the following as directed.

i) It is time to remain career conscious. (passive voice)

ii) No other flower is so sweet as the rose. (Supelative degree)

d) Correct any one of the following sentences.

i) He is eligible to the post.

ii) I asked him how did he come there.

e) Use any one of the following pairs of words in your own sentences to make difference in their meanings clear -

i) Peace-Piece

ii) Weather-Whether

Q-6) Translate the following passage in English -

विद्यार्थी जीवन में गाँधीजी को व्यायाम में रुचि नहीं थी। स्कूल बंद होते ही वे घर चले जाते थे और अपने पिताजी की सेवा करते थे। शनिवार को प्रातःकाल का स्कूल था। गाँधीजी को व्यायाम के लिए शाम के चार बजे स्कूल पहुँचना था। उनके पास घड़ी नहीं थी। बादलों के कारण सही समय ज्ञात न हो सका। गांधीजी उस समय स्कूल पहुँचे, जब अन्य छात्र अपने-अपने घर लौट चुके थे। दूसरे दिन प्रधानाचार्य ने रजिस्टर देखा तो गाँधीजी

को अनुपस्थित पाया। जब उनसे कारण पूछा गया तो उन्होंने जो हुआ था बता दिया। प्रधानाचार्य को उनकी बात पर विश्वास नहीं हुआ और गाँधीजी पर जुर्माना कर दिया गया। गाँधीजी दुखी हुए कि उन्हें झूठा समझा गया।

### **Section D- Literature**

Q-7) Answer the following questions in about 40 words each -

a) What had been put up on the bulletin-board.?

Or

What is Saheb looking for in the garbage drums.? Where is he and where has he come from.?

b) How is Mukesh's attitude to his situation different from that of his family.?

Or

Why was Douglas determined to get over his fear of water.?

Q.8. Answer **any one** of the following in about 80 words.

a) How did the episode change the plight of the peasants.?

b) How does the metaphor of the rattrap serve to highlight the human predicament.?

Q.9. Write the central idea of any one of the following poems

a) Keeping Quiet

b) My Mother At Sixty-Six

c) A Thing of beauty

Q.10. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each.

a) Why did the writer go to the coin dealer.?

Or

What preediction was made at the Tiger King's birth.?

b) What was the purpose of the visit to Antartica.?

Or

Why did messenger come to Dr. Sadao.?

Q.11. Answer **any one** of the following questions in about 80 words.

a) What are Geoff Green's reasons for including high school students in the Students on Ice expedition.?

b) How would you describe the behaviour of the Maharaja's minions towards him ? Do you find them truly sincere towards him or are they driven by fear when they obey him ? Do we find a similarity in today's political orde.?