

CLASS XII

General English (Model Test Paper)

For Differently Abled Students

2024-25

Time Allowed: Three hours

Theory: 80 marks

Part- A

48 marks

Q1. Objective Type Questions

I. Read the given passage and answer the questions given below: 4*2=8

John Dalton was an English Chemist whose atomic theory is the basis of Chemistry. Dalton could not distinguish red from green. In 1784, he was the first to describe colour blindness which came to be known as 'Daltonism'. The word is still used in French, Spanish and Russian. After his death, the scientists from London and Cambridge examined DNA from fragments of Dalton's eyes preserved, at his request, by the Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society, and have shown that he lacked the gene for making green pigment in the retina. Dalton who lived from 1766 to 1844 gave instructions for his eyes to be examined after his death. He had believed that the vitreous humour, the clear substance in the inner chamber of the eyes must, in his case, be tinted blue so that it absorbed red light. At the autopsy, no such blue tint was found. But from Dalton's perception of how he perceived light, scientists have concluded that he must have lacked the pigment in the retina that is sensitive to red light.

i. Which colours could not be distinguished by Dalton?

ii. What instructions did Dalton give regarding his eyes?

- (a) To be preserved at home.
- (b) To be examined after his death.
- (c) To be checked immediately.
- (d) To be kept in museum.

iii. French, Spanish and Russian languages still use the word 'Daltonism'.

(True/False)

iv. Match the words in column A with their meanings in column B:

A	B
described	shown
examined	explained
	checked

II. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:- $4*2=8$

One night, a man came to our house and told me, "There is a family with eight children. They have not eaten for days." I took some food and went out. When I finally came to the family, I saw the faces of those little children disfigured by hunger. There was no sorrow or sadness in their faces; just the deep pain of hunger. I gave the rice to the mother. She divided it in two and went out, carrying half the rice with her. When she came back, I asked her, "Where did you go?" She gave me this simple answer- "To my neighbour -they are also hungry." I was not surprised because poor people are generous but I was surprised that she knew they were hungry. As a rule, when we are suffering, we are so focused on ourselves that we have no time for others. We become selfish and self-centred. Having experienced the pangs of suffering, we should, rather, extend helping hands to the poor and the needy.

i. The faces of the children reflected

(a) sorrow	(b) joy
(c) hunger	(d) greediness

ii. The action of the mother shows:

(a) selfishness	(b) hatred
(c) gratitude	(d) love

iii. The faces of the children were disfigured by hunger. (True / False)

iv. Match the words in column A with their opposites in column B.

A	B
simple	hatred
generous	complicated
	selfish

III. Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow. $2*2=4$

Till the little ones, weary

No more can be merry.

The sun does descend

And our sports have an end.

Round the laps of their mothers
Many sisters and brothers,
Like birds in their nest,
Are ready for rest,
And sport no more seen,
On the darkening green.

(i) What do the words weary, descend, end and rest suggest?

(a) tiredness (b) last stage of human life (c) death

(ii) Birds, brothers, sisters and (rocks/mothers) take rest at the
end of the day

IV. Grammar

(A) Fill in the blanks using suitable Determiners. 2*2=4
i. person wants money.
ii. building is very old.

(B) Fill in the blank with an Infinitive. (Use the word given in the bracket.) 1*2=2
I like..... (read) story books.

(C) Rewrite the given sentence after removing 'too'. 1*2=2
He is too young to travel alone.
(a) He was so young that he could not travel alone.
(b) He is so young that he could not travel alone.
(c) He is so young that he cannot travel alone.
(d) He was so young that he cannot travel alone.

(D) Change the following sentence into Passive Voice. 1*2=2
Please shut the door.
(a) You are ordered to shut the door.
(b) You are requested to shut the door.
(c) You are warned to shut the door.
(d) You are ordered not to shut the door.

(E) Change the following sentence into Indirect Speech. 1*2=2
Mohan says, "I am busy now."
(a) Mohan says that he is busy now.
(b) Mohan says that he was busy now.
(c) Mohan says that he was busy then.
(d) Mohan says that he is busy then.

V. One line / One word answer. 4*2=8

- i. Where did Sudha Murthy work? (Hassan's Attendance Problem)
- ii. What did Philip love to play? (The March King)
 - (a) football (b) cricket
 - (c) baseball (d) volleyball
- iii. The Lesson, 'On Saying Please' is written by
- iv. How many dollars did Thomas borrow from the bank? (Thinking Out of the Box:Lateral Thinking)
 - (a) \$500 (b) \$2500 (c) \$5000 (d) \$1500

VI. One line / One word answer. 4*2=8

- i. What was the name of the girl in red? (The School for Sympathy)
 - (a) Millie (b) Julie (c) Beryl (d) Maria
- ii. Who was chasing the dog? (A Chameleon)
 - (a) Hryukin (b) Otchumyelov (c) Prohor (d) Mitrich
- iii. What price did Datta quote for the frame selected by his customer ? (The Gold Frame)
 - (a) ten rupees (b) seventeen rupees
 - (c) seven rupees (d) seventy rupees
- iv. Whom did Bishamber come to marry ? (Bholi)
 - (a) Bholi (b) Champa (c) Radha (d) Megha

PART B **19 marks**

Q2. Answer any one question in about 25-30 words. 3 marks

Why was Hassan not noticed by the teacher in the class ?

(Hassan's Attendance Problem))

or

What is the first requirement of civility ? (On Saying Please)

Q3. Answer any one question in about 25-30 words. 3 marks

What was the real aim of Miss Beam's school? (The School for Sympathy)

or

What news did the postman bring? (The Bull Beneath the Earth)

Q4. Answer any one question in about 35-40 words. 5 marks

Give a brief character sketch of Helen Keller. (The Story of My Life)

or

Write briefly, in your own words, about Ghadar party?

(Ghadari Babas in Kalapani Jail)

Q5. Answer any one question in about 35-40 words. 5 marks

Give a brief character sketch of Chandu. (The Barbers' Trade Union)

or

What impression do you get about Datta, the frame maker? (The Gold Frame)

Q 6. Write the central idea of any one of the poems in about 25-30 words. 3 marks

'On Friendship' or 'The Road Not Taken'

PART C **13 marks**

Q 7. Attempt any one of the following: 5 marks

Write a letter to the Deputy Commissioner of your district complaining about the insanitary conditions in your locality.

or

Write a letter to your School Principal, for issuing a school leaving certificate.

Q8. Write a Precis of the following paragraph in your own words : 5 marks

Speech is a great blessing, but it can also be a curse, for, while it helps us to make our intentions and desires known to our fellows, it can also, if we use it carelessly, make our attitude completely misunderstood. A slip of tongue, the use of an unusual or ambiguous word and soon, may create an enemy where we had hopes to win a friend. Again different classes of people use different vocabularies, and the ordinary speech of an educated man may strike an uneducated listener as showing pride. Thus, speech is not a gift to use likely without thought.

Q 9. Attempt any one of the following: 3 marks

Explain the following Newspaper Headline.

NAVY SAVES 55 LOST AT SEA

or

Write an email to your friend asking him to join you for dinner at your home on the weekend.