

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
(2022-2023)

Std: 12th

Roll No:

Marks: 80

Date:...../...../2023

Sub: English

Time: 3 Hrs

Instructions:

(i) All questions are compulsory. There may be internal option(s).

(ii) Answers are to be written in complete sentences. One word answers or incomplete sentences will not be given credit.

(iii) Figures/Web-diagrams/Charts/Tables etc. should be drawn and presented completely with proper answers written as instructed.

(iv) Use of colour pens/pencils etc. is not allowed. Blue/Black pens are allowed.

(ACTIVITY SHEET)

SECTION I: PROSE

(Reading for comprehension, Language Study, Summary and Mind-Mapping)

Q.1 (A) Read the following extract and complete the activities given below:
(12 Marks)

A1. Choose:

(02)

a) Choose the statement from the following which appropriately gives 'the theme' of the extract:

- i. Lack of English speaking skill is always a hurdle in learning.
- ii. Self-esteem enables man to overcome the difficulties.
- iii. Senior students always find faults in their juniors.

b) Choose the statement from the following which gives 'the message' of the extract:

- i. We should neglect if anyone humiliates us.
- ii. English is important in learning.
- iii. We can overcome any problem with determination.

One day, I was sitting at my mess table in the hostel sipping tea when a senior guy came and sat on the chair adjacent to me. He was a convent educated guy with fairly sophisticated English- at least spoken or colloquial English. He was a bit arrogant and wanted to pull my leg. He tried to engage in some conversation with me and started pointing out errors in just about every sentence or everything that I said. After about 5 minutes he walked away after insulting me. I felt extremely humiliated and upset. As it is, I was feeling quite depressed and diffident and this incident was the last straw. I was almost broken. I felt out of place there and literally wanted to run away to Solapur that very moment. However, it was only my self-esteem which stopped me. Suddenly, a feeling of determination and strength came over me and gripped me. Despite hailing from Solapur, if I could be a rank holder in the school, college and IIT with many awards in Mathematics, there must be something right with me. Why should I give up? And that too for a silly and small thing like English? I was not to give up anymore, and I was determined to fight back.

As I climbed the stairs of my hostel room, my plan was ready in my mind. Normally most of us who are educated in vernacular languages such as Marathi, think in Marathi, before speaking in English, translate it in English and then somehow try to speak out these translated English sentences in an extremely awkward fashion. I had decided that I would do nothing of this sort. I wanted to achieve excellence. This urge to excel in anything that you try to do has been with me since the childhood. Whether I would succeed in this or not, I always set my aims high. In this case too, I wanted to speak excellent, elegant and fluent English.

The first thing I did was to start reading English newspapers and English novels. I studied etymology and phonetics and studied the roots of the words and how to pronounce them. I used to stand in front of the mirror and practice speaking, realizing my mistakes and correcting them myself all the time and improvising and improving day by day.

It took about 9-10 months by which time I started feeling quite confident about speaking in English at length with anybody. My fear had vanished and I started feeling at home in my hostel.

A2. Reason: **(02)**

a) The writer felt extremely humiliated and upset,
because.....

b) The writer's fear had vanished and he started feeling at home in his hostel,
because.....

A3. Interpretation: **(02)**

Describe how the writer, Achyut Godbole undertook the different steps to improve his English speaking skills and succeeded.

A4. Personal Response:**(02)**

“Speaking English fluently and confidently is important now-a-days.” Discuss.

A5. Vocabulary:**(02)**

Match the Adjectives in Column A with their meanings in Column B:

	A		B
i)	Sophisticated	a)	Shy and self-effacing
ii)	Arrogant	b)	Firm and strong-willed
iii)	Diffident	c)	Fair and handsome
iv)	Determined	d)	Unpleasantly proud
		e)	Smart and polished

A6. Language Study/ Grammar:

(i) Why should I give up?

(Make it ‘**Assertive Sentence**’)

(01)

Choose the correct answer from the following options:

- a) *Shouldn't I give up?*
- b) *I should give up.*
- c) *I should not give up.*
- d) *I must not give up.*

(ii) My fear had vanished and I started feeling at home in my hostel.

(Rewrite using ‘**When**’)

(01)

Choose the correct answer from the following options:

- a) *When my fear had vanished, I started feeling at home in my hostel.*
- b) *When my fear had vanished and I started feeling at home in my hostel.*
- c) *My fear had vanished when I started feeling at home in my hostel.*
- d) *I started feeling at home in my hostel and when my fear had vanished.*

Q.1 (B)- Language Study:**(04 Marks)**

B1- Do as directed/ Transformation of sentences:

1) Young children would not watch violent and sensual web-series.

(Replace the modal auxiliary showing ‘**advice**’)

(01)

Choose the correct answer from the following options:

- a) *Young children will not watch violent and sensual web-series.*
- c) *Young children could not watch violent and sensual web-series.*
- d) *Young children should not watch violent and sensual web-series.*
- c) *Young children may not watch violent and sensual web-series.*

2) Ovi said to Mohit, "I haven't seen our friends since the last week".

(Change it into 'Indirect Speech')

(01)

Choose the correct answer from the following options:

- a) *Ovi said to Mohit that I haven't seen our friends since the last week.*
- b) *Ovi told Mohit that she hadn't seen their friends since the previous week.*
- c) *Ovi told to Mohit that she hadn't seen their friends since the previous week.*
- d) *Ovi told Mohit that she hasn't seen their friends since the last week.*

3) Search his room and you will find the clue.

(Make it 'Complex')

(01)

Choose the correct answer from the following options:

- a) *If you searched his room, you would find the clue.*
- b) *If you search his room, you found the clue.*
- c) *If you search his room, you will find the clue.*
- d) *If you searched his room, you will have found the clue.*

B2- Spot the error:

(01)

Spot the error in the following sentence and rewrite it:

The 22nd FIFA World Cup will took place in Qatar.

Q.2 (A) Read the following extract and complete the activities given below:

(12 Marks)

William Shakespeare has rightly said, "Give many thy ears but few thy tongue". Listening is indeed an art which needs to be cultivated. Most of us merely hear and don't listen.

According to the dictionary, the word 'listen' means 'to hear with thoughtful attention'. However, many a time a friend may be confiding his innermost secrets to us, but our thoughts wander away. We don't pay attention to his words. Though we may seem to be listening to him; we are in fact, miles away, lost in another world. Many of us may not be able to recall what someone said even 5 minutes back. One reason why people are so inattentive today might be that they are becoming increasingly self-centered. Egocentrism and selfishness make people interested only in themselves and their lives, as a result they are not even interested in listening to others.

In conversation, listening plays a crucial role. A good conversationalist is also a good listener. Unfortunately, more often than not, we are only interested in hearing the sounds of our own voices. The art of conversation consists as much in listening politely, as in talking agreeably. Being properly heard builds up your self-confidence and helps to boost your self-image.

This does not – of course mean that you only listen silently, and do not take part in the conversation at all. This may make the other person feel that you are not interested in his talk or are bored at all. An occasional nod or a brief statement like ‘I understand’ and ‘yes, go on’ reassures the person that you are paying attention to what he is saying.

Today, listening seems to have become a forgotten art. Perhaps the problem begins at home. Everybody is too engrossed in the TV serials or mobile phones to bother to listen to the other family members. Dinner-time is spent in silence, eyes glued to the TV. Even if someone tries to talk, he is immediately silenced. As a result, no one really listens to views, aspirations, dreams or fears of the family members. This is a dangerous trend and we must avoid it.

A1. True or False: (02)

State whether the following sentences are true or false.

Correct the false sentences-

- i. Today people are becoming increasingly self-centered.
- ii. Family members at dinner-time do chat with each other.
- iii. Now a day’s people are only interested in hearing the sounds of their own voices.
- iv. Listening is not an art.

A2. List: (02)

Make a list of our reactions when a friend confides his secrets to us..

- (i).....
- (ii).....
- (iii).....
- (iv).....

A3. Inference/ find out: (02)

‘Listening plays a crucial role in conversation’. Explain.

A4. Personal Response: (02)

Write in 50 words, how we can build a healthy relationship with our family members and others.

A5. Vocabulary:**(02)**Match the words in Column A with their ANTONYMS in Column B:

	A		B
i)	polite	a)	safe
ii)	interested	b)	unimportant
iii)	dangerous	c)	discourteous
iv)	crucial	d)	critical
		e)	ignorant

A6. Language Study/ Grammar:(1) Being properly heard builds up your self-confidence.**(Identify the tense used in the sentence)****(01)****Choose the correct answer from the following options:**

- a) *Simple Future Tense*
- c) *Simple Present Tense*
- d) *Future Perfect Tense*
- c) *Past Continuous Tense*

(2) We are only interested in hearing the sounds of our own voices.**(Make it a 'Rhetorical Question')****(01)****Choose the correct answer from the following options:**

- a) *Aren't we only interested in hearing the sounds of our own voices?*
- b) *Are we only interested in hearing the sounds of our own voices?*
- c) *Do we have only interest in hearing the sounds of our own voices?*
- d) *Weren't we only interested in hearing the sounds of our own voices?*

Q.2. (B) Summary:**(03 Marks)****Write a brief summary of the above extract with the help of the points given below and suggest a suitable title:**

Points- Listening----meaning---self-centered---crucial role of listening----conversation at home----trend.

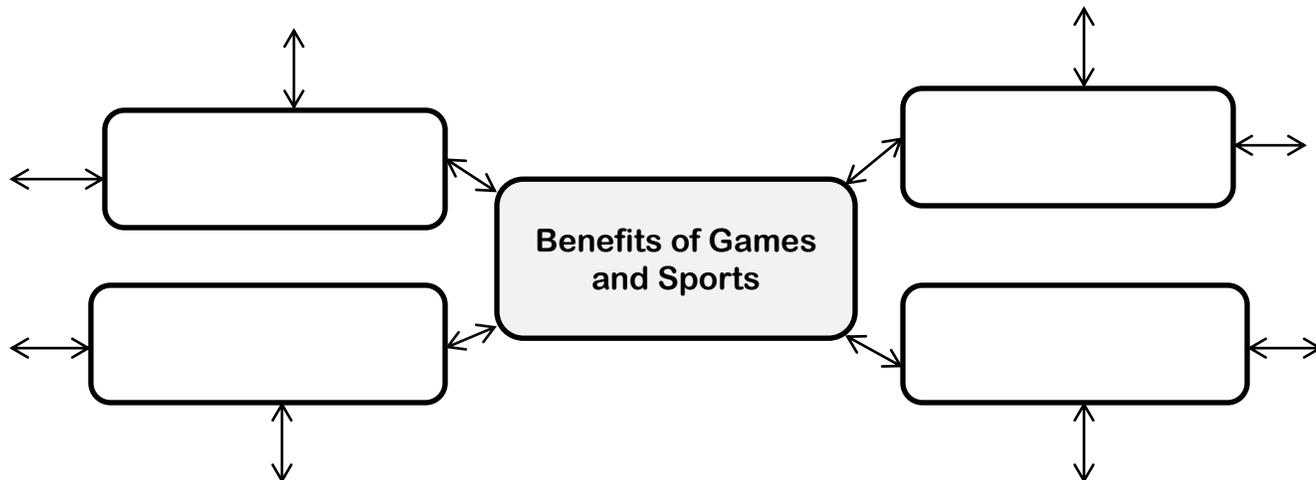
Q.2. (C) Mind-Mapping:

(03 Marks)

Develop a 'Mind-Mapping' frame/design about the 'Benefits of games and sports'

You can take the help of the following points in order to develop each of them into further branches:

(Fitness and stamina, team spirit and sportsmanship, group behaviour, will to win.)



SECTION II: POETRY AND APPRECIATION

Q.3 (A)- Read the following extract and complete the activities given below:
(10 Marks)

MONEY

When I had money, money, O!
I knew no joy till I went poor;
For many a false man as a friend
Came knocking all day at my door.

Then felt I like a child that holds
A trumpet that he must not blow
Because a man is dead; I dared
Not speak to let this false world know.

Much have I thought of life, and seen
How poor men's hearts are ever light;
And how their wives do hum like bees
About their work from morn till night.

So, when I hear these poor ones laugh,
 And see the rich ones coldly frown
 Poor men, think I, need not go up
 So much as rich men should come down.

When I had money, money, O!
 My many friends proved all untrue;
 But now I have no money, O!
 My friends are real, though very few.

-William H. Davies

A1. Pick out and complete:

(02)

Pick out the lines from the poem which mean the following:

One is done for you-

Sr No.	Meaning of the lines	Lines from the poem
i.	The poet could not tell the world about what he knew.	"I dared not speak to let this false world know"
ii.	Poor men are happy and content with their lives.	"....."
iii.	The poet thinks that it is necessary for the rich to become poor.	"....."
iv.	The poet found that his big circle of friends were all fake.	"....."
v.	When the poet was rich, many false friends took advantage of his richness.	"....."

A2. Interpretation:

(02)

a) Friends came knocking all day at the poet's door

because.....

b) The poor ones laugh

because.....

A3. Personal Response:**(02)****'Money does not mean everything in life'.**

Justify the statement by giving examples. You may take help of the following points:

- Money can't give you eternal happiness.
- Art, music and literature can give you an unending happiness.
- Money is short-lived.
- Money can't purchase happiness and contentment.

A4. Poetic Devices:**(02)****Complete the following table:**

Stanza	Rhyming Scheme	Rhyming Words
Stanza- 01	1)
Stanza- 02	1)

A5. Poetic Creativity:**(02)**

Compose your own four poetic lines on 'FRIENDSHIP'.

Q.3 (B)- POETIC APPRECIATION:**(04 Marks)****Write an appreciation of the following poem considering the given points:****Father Retuning Home**

My father travels on the late evening train
 Standing among silent commuters in the yellow light
 Suburbs slide past his unseeing eyes
 His shirt and pants are soggy and his black raincoat
 Stained with mud and his bag stuffed with books
 Is falling apart. His eyes dimmed by age
 Fade homeward through the humid monsoon night.
 Now I can see him getting off the train
 Like a word dropped from a long sentence.
 He hurries across the length of the grey platform,
 Crosses the railway line, enters the lane,
 His chappals are sticky with mud, but he hurries onward.

 Home again, I see him drinking weak tea,
 Eating a stale chapati, reading a book.

He goes into the toilet to contemplate
Man's estrangement from a man-made world.
Coming out he trembles at the sink,
The cold water running over his brown hands,
A few droplets cling to the greying hairs on his wrists.
His sullen children have often refused to share
Jokes and secrets with him. He will now go to sleep
Listening to the static on the radio, dreaming
Of his ancestors and grandchildren, thinking
Of nomads entering a subcontinent through a narrow pass.

-Dilip Chitre

- a) About the poem / poet / title
- b) Theme / gist
- c) Poetic devices / language / style
- d) Special features / value / message
- e) Your opinion about the poem

SECTION III: WRITING SKILLS

Q.4 (A) Complete the activities as per the instructions given below:
(04 Marks)

Attempt any ONE of the following:

(1) Drafting a Virtual Message:

Read the following telephonic conversation between Mr. Kishor Pawar and Mrs. Shinde:

Mr. Kishor Pawar: Hello, may I speak to Dr. Shinde?

Mrs.Shinde: He is not at home, May I know who is speaking?

Mr. Kishor Pawar: Yes, I am Mr. Kishor Pawar. My brother has been having a severe headache since yesterday. Since this morning he has also developed a high fever. I would be grateful if Dr. Shinde could come over to our place to examine my brother.

Mrs.Shinde: Yes off course. Please let me note down your address.

Mr. Kishor Pawar: It is A-302, Adarsh CHS Ltd, Vasai (W).

Mrs.Shinde: I will convey your message as soon as he returns.

Mr. Kishor Pawar: Thank You!

Since Mrs. Shinde had to leave for her school where she teaches, she wrote down a message for Dr. Shinde and left it on the table.

Draft that message without adding any new information.

OR

(2) Statement of Purpose:

You wish to join the Institute of Fashion Designing in London after your 12th Standard. You have a keen interest in fashion and have attended many fashion shows. You have also completed a certificate course in tailoring and worked as an apprentice in a reputed tailoring establishment. Prepare an **SOP** to be sent along with your application.

OR

(3) Group Discussion:

Ram, Gopal, Rohini and Ashwini are participating in a group discussion. The evaluator has given them a topic

"THE BAD EFFECTS OF SOCIAL MEDIA ON TEENAGERS".

Write their views in the form of dialogue.

You may begin like this:

Evaluator: You have all been given a few minutes to think on the topic "The Bad Effects of Social Media on Teenagers" You may now begin your discussion.

Ram:

Rohini:

Gopal:

Ashwini:

Q.4- (B) Complete the activities as per the instructions given below:

(04 Marks)

Attempt any ONE of the following:

(1) E-Mail:

Imagine you are an in-charge of a social organization and you want to organize a "TREE PLANTATION" drive at a rural place. Draft an E-mail in a proper format to be sent to the concerned authorities asking for the necessary permission. Give all details specifying the scope and importance of this event.

OR

(2) Report Writing:

Your college NES Jr. College, Vasai recently organized a drive on "CLEANLINESS CAMPAIGN" on Vasai Beach. Prepare a report on this event.

OR

(3) Interview Questions:

Imagine that you are a reporter; you have to interview a distinguished personality in **sports**. With the help of the given table and points draft questions on the given fields associated with the personality.

(Do not change the sequence of the questions)

Name of the interviewee (distinguished personality)	Mr./Mrs.....
Area of Success/Reputation	
Date/Venue/Time	
Duration of Interview	
Question based on	Questions
1. Early life	
2. Interests	
3. Education	
4. Memorable Moments	
5. Idols	
6. Accomplishments	
7. Target/Goals	
8. Suggestion/message	

Q.4- (C) Complete the activities as per the instructions given below:
(04 Marks)

Attempt any ONE of the following:

(1) Speech Writing:

You wish to take part in the Elocution Competition in your college, one of the topics there in is 'BLOOD DONATION'. Prepare a speech on it in about 100 -150 words.

OR

(2) Compering:

Imagine that you are a compere for the 'TEACHERS' DAY' celebration on 5th September. Prepare a script for compering the programme/ function in about 100-150 words with the help of the points given below:

**Introduction- a brief introduction of the function*

**Welcome Speech*

**Speech of the various students/faculties*

**Vote of thanks*

OR

(3) Expansion of Ideas:

Expand the following idea in about 100-150 words with the help of the point given below:

“Friends- A Real Treasure”

- ◆ Need and spice of life.
- ◆ Real share and care.
- ◆ Commitment and inspiration.
- ◆ Need of very moment.

Q.4- (D) Complete the activities as per the instructions given below:
(04 Marks)

Attempt any ONE of the following:

(1) Book Review:

Write a review of any book of your choice with help of the following points:

- Title and writer of the Book
- Subject/Story
- Language/Style/Presentation
- Message

OR

(2) Blog Writing:

Write a blog in a proper format on the 'THE ILL-EFFECTS OF RAGGING' in about 100-150 words with the help of the points given below:

- *The ragging-introduction
- *The trauma faced by the victims
- *misbehavior under the name of ragging
- *Solutions for this ill thing.

OR

(3) Appeal:

Prepare an appeal on the topic 'Keep Your City/ Village Clean- Do Not Spit' in about 100-150 words with the help of the points given below:

- ▶ how spitting spreads germs
- ▶ unhygienic and repulsive habit
- ▶ makes the roads/villages/cities dirty
- ▶ Add your own points.

SECTION IV: LITERARY GENRE- NOVEL

Q.5 (A)- Complete the activities as per the instructions given below:

(04 Marks)

A1) Match the type of the novel given in column 'A' with its information given in column 'B': **(02)**

	A		B
<i>i)</i>	Picaresque Novel	<i>(a)</i>	Bears more than one layers of meaning
<i>ii)</i>	Historical Novel	<i>(b)</i>	Speculative Fiction
<i>iii)</i>	Allegorical Novel	<i>(c)</i>	Adventures of an eccentric protagonist
<i>iv)</i>	Utopian Novel	<i>(d)</i>	Set in an earlier period than of the writing

A2) Choose the correct alternative and rewrite:

(02)

i) Eighteenth century gifted mankind with.....

- a) Drama and poetry
- b) Novel and drama
- c) Poetry and novel
- d) Novel and periodical essays

ii) The industrial revolution gave birth to.....

- a) Poor Class
- b) Middle Class
- c) Rich Class
- d) High Class

iii) A Novel is relatively a.....

- a) a short narrative fiction
- b) a long narrative fiction
- c) a fiction of moderate length
- d) a lengthy story

iv) Gothic novel contains

- a) Terror and supernatural.
- b) Mystery and thriller.
- c) Horror and haunted buildings.
- d) All of the above.

Q.5- (B) Complete the activities as per the instructions given below:

(04 Marks)

B1) Write a short note on the event which took place on 15th November in Greenslade School. **(02)**

B2) The senior students presented their class report more confidently than the junior students. Give reasons. **(02)**

Q.5- (C) Complete the activities as per the instructions given below:

(04 Marks)

C1) Give a brief character sketch of any ONE of the following characters: (02)

- (a) Phileas Fogg
- (b) Aouda
- (c) Detective Fix
- (d) Jean Passepartout

C2) Select/Choose:

(i) Select from the following the two places in India that are not mentioned in the extract of the novel: (01)

- (a) Bombay (now, Mumbai)
- (b) Allahabad
- (c) Chennai
- (d) Calcutta (now, Kolkata)

(ii) Choose the appropriate reason from the following for Phileas Fogg starting his journey around the world: (01)

- (a) Fellow members bet Fogg.
- (b) Fogg bets his fellow members.
- (c) Fogg wants to marry Aouda.
- (d) Fogg committed robbery.

Q.5- (D) Complete the activities as per the instructions given below:

(04 Marks)

D1) Write in 50 words the brief theme of the extract (novel) 'The Sign of Four' (02)

D2) Give Reasons: (02)

(a) Miss Morstan plans to meet Sherlock Holmes

because.....

(b) Miss Morstan received a pearl every year

because.....

***** *Best of Luck !!!* *****