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CLASS	:XII		TIME:	3 HRS		
SUBJE	SUBJECT:ENGLISH MM: 100			100		
GENE	ENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:					
a)	This paper is div	ided into three Sections A, B and C. All the sections are comp	ulsory.			
b)	Separate instruc	tions are given with each section and question, wherever ne	cessary.	Read these		
	instructions very	carefully and follow them faithfully.				
c)	Do not exceed t	ne prescribed word limit while answering the questions.				
		Section A (Reading)[30MARKS]				
Q1.	Read the following	g passage attentively and answer the questions that follow			12	
	Punctuality is a n	ecessary habit in all public affairs of a civilised society. With	out it no	thing could		
	ever be brought	to a conclusion; everything would be in a state of chaos.	. Only ir	a sparsely		
	populated rural community it is possible to disregard it. In ordinary living there can be some		n be some			
	tolerance of unpunctuality. The intellectual, who is working on some abstruse problem, has		oblem, has			
	everything coordinated and organised for the matter in hand. He is therefore forgiven if late for					
	the dinner party.	But people are often reproached for unpunctuality when thei	r only fa	ult is cutting		
	things fine. It is h	nard for energetic, quick-minded people to waste time, so t	hey are	tempted to		
	finish a job befo	re setting out to keep an appointment. If no accidents occ	cur on th	ne way, like		
	punctured tyres,	diversion of traffic, sudden descent of fog, they will be on t	ime. The	ey are more		
	often industrious	useful citizens than those who are never late. The over-punc	tual can	as much be		
	a trial to others	as the unpunctual. The guest who arrives half an hour too	soon is t	he greatest		
	nuisance. Some f	riends of my family had this irritating habit. The only thing to	do was	to ask them		
		our later than other guests. Then they arrived just when we				
	•	ng a train, it is always better to be comfortably early than				
		Although being early may mean wasting a little time, this wi				
		d have to wait an hour or so for the next one. And you avo				
	_	ry moment when the train is drawing out of the station and	_	_		
		harder situation is to be on the platform in good time for tra				
	•	u. Such an experience befell a certain young girl the first tim	e she wa	as travelling		
	alone.					
		tation twenty minutes before the train was due, since her pa		-		
	•	would be unforgiveable to miss it and cause the friends with v		0 0		
	•	wo journeys to meet her. She gave her luggage to a porter a				
		ror he said that she was two hours too soon. She felt in her ha	_			
		th her father had written down all the details of the journe				
		I that a train did come in the station at the time on the paper		• •		
	-	on water, not passengers. The girl asked to see a timetable, f	_			
		have made such a mistake. The porter went to fetch one ar				
		er, who produced it with a flourish and pointed out a micros	-			
		Il of the train at his station. This little 'o' indicated that the train came into the station. The girl, tears strea				
		owed to slip into the guard's van. But the station-master	_			
		n. And she had to watch that train disappear towards her de		-		
	was left behind.	i. And she had to watch that train disappear towards her de	estiliatio	ii wille sile		
		of your reading of the passage, answer the following question	ns hy cho	osing the		
	best of the choice		is by circ	JOSHIE THE		
		ing late for a dinner party is forgiven if he				
		rural background				
		tual, working on some abstruse problem			1X4=4	
		an industrious and useful citizen			·	
		nabit of arriving half an hour before time				
		rived at the station 20 minutes earlier				
		rents had instructed her likewise				
		ed to be there to see the train go off				
		er luggage to the porter				
	_	ed to slip into the guardroom				

(c) The 'o' in the timetable indicated ..... the train would not halt at that station ii. it was just stopover to pick up railway staff iii. the train only stopped for water iv. the station master could apply the rules (d) If you are catching a train, it is always better to be ..... late by a few minutes ii. on time always iii. early by a couple of hours iv. late by only a fraction of a minute 1.2 Answer the following questions briefly: 1x6=6 a) Why is punctuality necessary in a civilized society? b) What are the dangers of leaving the bare minimum of time for appointments? c) The over-punctual can as much be a trial to others as the unpunctual. Why? d) Why do energetic, quick-minded people arrive late for appointments? e) What instructions did the young girl get from her parents? Why had the girl to watch the train disappear towards her destination while she was left behind? 1.3 Find words from the passage which mean the same as: 1x2=2(a) blamed (para 1) (b) stubborn 10

Q2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

landmark as it offers breathtaking views of the city and the sea, from its top.

- 1. With an abundance of beaches and sunshine, the state of Tamil Nadu is an attractive destination for tourists who come to India search of fun, frolic in the waves and to spend a languid hour on the sands. In addition, these tourists are now being lured to these destination with an additional
  - follow it up with prayers. 2. Easily amongst the most crowded beaches in Tamil Nadu is The Marina beach, Asia's longest beach too, two temples, one of them the 8th century Parthasarathy Temple boasts a majestic gopuram known as the Rajagopuram. The other site, Kapaleeshwar temple is a 7th century Dravidian temple close to the beach. It also has a lighthouse which has become an important

attraction, as every beach has a place of pilgrimage in its proximity, so visitors can go with flow and

- 3. Competing with Marina in the popularity stakes is Elliot's which is lovingly referred by locals as 'Bessie'. It is big business for trinket sellers and parrots whose owners claim to tell one's fortunes with the help of these birds. Besides, there are games and horse rides, making this place entertainment special. The nearby Velankanni Church and the Ashtalakshmi Temple could also be packed into this itinerary. The must-see destination at this beach is the Schmidt Memorial, erected in memory of a Dutch sailor who lost his life while saving a girl from drowning. This is also a prominent landmark and together with the haunted Broken Bridge, tourists have their fair share of tales to carry back home from their trip.
- 4. On the same circuit, the bustling temple town of Mamallapuram boasts fabulous beaches. The majestic Shore Temple looks out at the vast blue oceans and showcases 7th century Pallava architecture in all its splendour. One can spend a busy morning browsing through the shops that sell everything from sculptures to clothes, handicrafts, second-hand books, and lure the tourists with promise of rejuvenating massages, healing Ayurveda remedies and uplifting yoga postures. For those who plan to arrive there between December and March one can catch glimpses of the Mamallapuram Dance Festival, an annual feature here.
- 5. For those who would rather have a beach to themselves, then Tranqubar is the place to be. While there, one can do a quick inspection of the 17th century Fort Dansborg and then spend a leisurely hour at the museum itself. The ancient 14th century Shiva Temple in the vicinity is seeped with history and mythology. For beachcombers, there is scintillating variety of shells to be gathered and taken home as a keepsake.
- 6. Another beachside favourite among the devout is the Velankanni Beach better known for the Church of Our Lady of Health, located here. The architecture of the church is quite similar to the one at Lourdes in France and has earned it the sobriquet of 'Our Lady of the East'. One can also go to the dargah at Nagore, the Murugan Temple at Sikkal and the Sri Rangan Temple at Trichy. But the museum and the basilica are a complete draw by themselves for most visitors.

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	2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the	12_2			
	best of the choices.	1x2=2			
	(a) Tourists are being lured to visit Tamil Nadu with attractions of				
	(i) a place of pilgrimage				
	(ii) a place in the Sun				
	(iii) a follow- up of prayers				
	(iv) sun, frolic and visit to pilgrim spots (b) The longest beach in Asia is				
	(i) the Elliot Beach (ii) the Marina Beach (iii) Mamallapuram Shore (iv) Velankanni Beach				
	2.2 Answer the following questions briefly:				
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	(i) What are the temple attractions at Marina Beach? (ii) What is Elliot's?				
	(iii) what is the origin of the Schmidt Memorial?				
	<ul><li>(iv) Describe two characteristics of the Shore Temple.</li><li>(v) What are the attractions at the Trangubar Beach?</li></ul>				
	(vi) Which church is known as the church of 'Our Lady of the East'?				
	2.3 Find words from the passage which mean the same as :	1x2=2			
	(a) lazy (para 1) (b) timrtable of a holiday tour (para 3)	172-2			
Q3	1. Despite all the research, every one of us catches cold and most of us catch it frequently. Our				
Q3	failure to control one of the commonest of all ailments sometimes seems ridiculous. Medical				
	science regularly practices transplant surgery and has rid whole countries of such killing diseases				
	such as Typhus and the Plague. But the problem of the common cold is unusually difficult and much				
	has yet to be done to solve it.				
	2. It is known that cold is caused by one of a number of viral infections that affect the lining of the				
	nose and other passages leading to the lungs, but the confusing variety of viruses make study and				
	remedy very difficult. It was shown in 1960 that many typical colds in adults are caused by one or				
	the other of a family of the viruses known as rhinoviruses, yet there still remain many colds for				
	which no virus has as yet been isolated.				
	3. There is also the difficulty that because they are so much small that the bacteria which causes				
	many other infection, viruses cannot be seen with ordinary microscopes. Nor they can be				
	cultivated easily in the bacteriologist's Laboratory, since they only grow within the living cells of				
	animals or plants. An important recent step forward, however, is the development of the				
	technique of tissue culture, in which bits of animal tissue are enabled to go on living and to multiply				
	independently of the body. This has greatly aided virus research and has led to the discovery of a				
	large number of viruses. Their existences had previously been not only unknown, but even				
	unsuspected.				
	4. The fact that we can catch cold repeatedly creates another difficulty. Usually, a virus strikes only				
	once and leaves the victim immune to further attacks. Still we do not gain immunity from cold.				
	Why? It may impossibly be due to the fact that while other viruses get into the blood stream where				
	antibodies can oppose them, the viruses causing cold attack cells only on the surface or it may be				
	that immunity from one of the many different viruses does not guarantee protection from all the				
	others. It seems, therefore, that we are likely to have to suffer colds some time yet.				
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	(a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it in points only, using	5			
	abbreviations wherever necessary. Also, suggest a suitable title. (5)				
	(b) Write a summary of the above passage in not more than 80 words using the notes made.	3			
	Section B (Writing & Grammar) [30Marks]				
Q4	You are Alok/Aloka Sarma, a celebrated novelist. You have been invited by the literary club, KV	4			
	Dharapur, New Bongaigaon on Literature and Life. Write a formal acceptance to the Principal				
	within Word limit: 50				
	Or				
	Design a poster on 'Literacy for All'. (Word limit: 50)				
Q5	You are Naresh/ Nikita. You have just passed your senior secondary examination with very good	6			
'	percentage of marks. You are interested to become a mechanical engineer. Write a letter to				
	Rungta engineering College Bhilai (C.G.) and ask them to send you the prospectus for B. Tech. in				

	Mechanical Engineering, along with the criteria for admission, fee structure, hostel facilities and duration of the course. (6 marks)				
	Or				
	You purchased a new refrigerator last month from M/s. Umang Electronics Dibrugarh. But it is				
	not functioning properly from day one and causing one problem or the other. Write a letter of				
	complaint to the seller categorically pointing out the glitches and asking to them replace the item				
	at the earliest.				
Q6	'Down to Earth', an environmental awareness magazine is going to organise a marathon for	10			
	school students to propagate the 'Clean Your City Campaign'. As the secretary of your school Eco				
	Club, write a speech in about 150-200 words to be delivered in the morning assembly urging the				
	students to participate in the marathon and be a part of the campaign. (10 marks)				
	'Internet has spoiled the originality of thought of the present Generation'. Write a debate in				
	about 150-200 words either for or against the motion.				
Q7	Your School Assam Rifles School was the venue for the Regional Sports Meet 2016. Write a report	10			
Q/	of the same to be published in your school magazine in about 150-200 words. (10 marks)	10			
	Or				
	Arti/ Anuj is the cultural secretary of D. B. Senior Secondary School Ambala and is involved as a				
	student volunteer in 'The Adult Literacy Drive'. He/ She has to write an article on 'The Need for a				
	Literate Nation'. Write the article in about 150-200 words.				
	Section C (Literature) [40 Marks]				
Q8	8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:	1X4=4			
~	standing a few yards				
	Away, I looked again at her, wan,				
	Pale as a late winter's moon and felt that old				
	Familiar ache, my childhood's fear,				
	but all I said was, see you soon. Amma				
	all I did was smile and smile.				
	(a) Why is the mother compared to a late winter's moon?				
	(b) What does that old Familiar ache refer to?				
	(c) Who is 'her' in the line 2 ?				
	(d) What is the figure of speech used in the last line?				
	Or				
	Far far from gusty waves these children's faces.				
	Like rootless weeds, the hair torn round their pallor;				
	The tall girl with her weighed down head. The paper-				
	seeming boy, with rat's eyes. The stunted unlucky heir				
	Of twisted bones, reciting a father's gnarled disease,				
	His lesson from his desk.				
	(a) What does the poet mean when he says Far far from gusty waves?				
	(b) Why does the poet refer to the children as rootless weeds?				
	(c) Why is the head of the tall girl weighed down?				
	(d) What do you understand by the phrase a father's gnarled disease?	24 12			
Q9	9. Answer any four of the following in 30-40 words:	3x4=12			
	(a) What is the lament of the young men of Firozabad? Why do they find it difficult to overcome their difficulties?				
	(b) What was the tramp's reaction to the kindness shown by Edla to him? What light does this throw on human nature?				
	(c) What was the 'thunderclap' the narrator received as M. Hamel began the lesson?				
	(d) What did the hunters decide to do when they realized that the tiger was not dead and why?				
	(e) How and why did Dr. Sadao stop the bleeding of the injured man on the beach? What				
	dilemma did Dr. Sadao and his wife have to face soon after?				
	(f) What was Roger skunk's problem? How did he get rid of it?				
Q10	10. Answer the following in 120-150 words:	6			
~-0	Douglas's tremendous effort eventually helped him not only to get over the after-effects of a				
	Childhood experience of terror but also helped him draw a larger meaning from the experience.				
	Comment.				
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	Or	
	"For the children it is wrapped in wonder, for the elders it is a means of survival". What kind of	
	life do the ragpickers of Seemapuri lead?	
Q11	11. Answer the following in 120-150 words: (6 marks)	6
	Should a doctor abide by the Hippocratic oath or differentiate between friend and enemy? In	
	view of the profession, should an individual confine his field of work to the boundary of a nation	
	or become a universal man? Express your views with reference to the lesson 'The Enemy' in	
	which Dr. Sadao accepted a wounded soldier from an enemy country and helped him make his	
	safe return to the frontiers of Japan	
	Or	
	How does the story 'Should Wizard hit Mommy' end? Why does Jo insist on a different ending?	
	Do you support her?	
Q12	Describe the incident that occurred in the Jolly cricketers	6
Q13	Describe the circumstance that led to the unveiling of Griffin's invisibility	6

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