

**MP BOARD CLASS 10 PAPER 2013**  
**ENGLISH (GENERAL) : CLASS X**

Time : 3 Hrs. ]

[M. M. : 100

Note : All questions are compulsory.

**SECTION 'A'**

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :

Yoga is the ancient system to keep a person fit in body and mind. It is basically a system of self-treatment. According to the 'Yogic' view, diseases, disorders and ailment are the result of some faulty ways of living bad habits, lack of proper knowledge and unsuitable food. The diseases are, thus, the resultant state of a sort of prolonged-malfunctioning of the body system. Since the root cause of a disease lies in the mistakes of the individual himself. The Yoga expert shows only the path and works no more than a counsellor. The 'Yogic' practice of treatment comprises three steps namely proper diet, proper yogic practice and proper knowledge of things about the self.

Questions :

- (a) Find out a word from the passage which means 'for a long time'. 1  
(b) The root cause of a disease lies in : 1  
(i) Mistakes of others  
(ii) Mistakes of physician  
(iii) Mistakes of individuals  
(c) What is Yoga ? 1  
(d) What are the main causes of diseases and disorders ? 1  
(e) What does a yoga expert do ? 1

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :

Alladin was a poor boy who found in an ancient tomb an old lamp, which he proudly took home. But he didn't know what a treasure he had found until he began to polish the lamp. As soon as he began rubbing it, a terrible Jinn appeared, who told him that he was the slave of the magic lamp and bound to do any task his lord and master wanted. When Alladin wished for anything, he was only to rub the lamp and Jinn would appear to carry out his wishes. The Jinn was good at his word, for he supplied Alladin with boundless wealth, built splendid palace in a moment, married him to the king's daughter and made him a Prince.

Questions :

- (a) What happened when Alladin rubbed the lamp ? 1  
(b) How did Alladin fulfill his wishes ? 1  
(c) What did Jinn tell Alladin ? 1  
(d) Find out a word from the passage which means—'very old'. 1  
(e) Jinn built.....for Alladin. 1  
(i) a house  
(ii) a palace  
(iii) a tomb.

3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :

Gandhiji's mother was a very sweet, kind and religious woman. She visited the temple daily, often taking her little son with her. She fasted frequently too. Once she made a

vow to eat only one meal a day for four months, and not to take even that one meal unless she had first seen sunshine. As she had made this vow in the rainy season, it was often difficult to see sunshine at all. Her children, who could not bear to think of their dear mother going without food all the twenty-four hours, would hand staring up at the sky, waiting to catch the first beams of the sun. As soon as a ray appeared, they would dash into the house and call their mother to come and see for herself. By the time she came out, the sun had often gone behind the clouds, again. "It does not matter", she would say cheerfully. "God does not want me to eat today", and back to her household tasks. In this way Gandhiji learnt, from his good mother how to penance cheerfully for love of God.

**Questions :**

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| (a) What kind of woman Gandhiji's mother was ?                                  | 1 |
| (b) What vow did Gandhiji's mother make ?                                       | 1 |
| (c) What did Gandhiji learn from his mother ?                                   | 1 |
| (d) Gandhiji's mother visited the temple daily, often with.....                 |   |
| (i) her husband   |   |
| (ii) her son.   | 1 |
| (e) Find out the word from the passage which is opposite in meaning to 'Cruel'. | 1 |

### SECTION 'B'

4. You are Jayshree Raut, a student of class Xth in M.L.B. Girls Hr. Sec. School, Seoni. Write an application to the Principal requesting him to grant you full fee concession. 6

*Or*

You are Ajay Gupta, residing in 54, Bank Colony, Lal Bagh, Jabalpur. Write a letter to your friend Mohit asking him to attend your elder brother's marriage.

5. Read the following passage carefully and do as instructed in (a) and (b) below the passage :

If you make a mistake have the moral courage immediately to acknowledge your error and put it right. Mistakes do very little harm if they are acknowledged without delay and corrected before they have had the time to do any damage. Let them remain unattended and they may do untold harm both to the task in hand and to your reputation. Contrary to general belief, nobody despises a person who has the moral courage to admit that he is in the wrong and is immediately prepared to make good the errors. What can you say to a man who admits, "I beg your pardon. You are quite right and I am quite wrong. Please let me set the matter right now immediately before it has done any harm." Would you despise a man like that ? Then why not emulate him ? But here let me tell you, nobody likes such a fool as a man who is trying to keep his end up by desperate lying when he is in the wrong and everyone knows it.

**Questions :**

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| (a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it in points, using heading and sub-heading. | 3 |
| (b) Write a summary of the above passage.   | 3 |
| 6. Write an article on 'Save Water' with the help of the verbal inputs given below (about 80 words) :             | 8 |
| (i) Collect rain water on roof-top.   |   |
| (ii) Store rain water in underground tanks.   |   |
| (iii) Turn off taps while brushing teeth.   |   |
| (iv) Collect water after washing fruits vegetables and cereals for gardening.                                     |   |





There was Muslim Fakirs, Hindu Dasalans who roamed the countryside singing devotional songs, Yellamma Jogathis who appeared holding the image of Goddess Yellamma over their heads, poor students and invalid people.

We never had too much cash in the house and the only help my grandfather could give these people was in the form of rice. People who receive help do not talk too much. They would receive the rice, smile and raise their right hand to bless us.

**Questions :**

- (a) The meaning of the word 'alms' is : 1  
(i) rice (ii) donation  
(iii) devotional songs.
- (b) The only help to the needy people was in the form of : 1  
(i) cash (ii) clothes  
(iii) rice.
- (c) Writer of this lesson is : 1  
(i) Sudha Murty (ii) W. M. Ryburn  
(iii) Minakshi G. Jain.
- (d) What do people do after receiving help ? 2

11. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions below it :

Tcheriviakoff was terribly confused. He smiled idiotically and began watching the opera again. He looked at the stage, but no longer left happy. Anxiety was beginning to trouble him. During the next interval, he approached General Brizjaloff and murmured, 'I sneezed on Your Excellency, excuse me. You see, I ..... did not do it to..... .'

**Questions :**

- (a) From which lesson has this extract been taken ? 1
- (b) What did Tcheriviakoff say to General Brizjaloff ? 2
- (c) Find out a word from the extract which means 'doubted'. 1
- (d) Tcheriviakoff began watching the opera. He was feeling ..... 1  
(i) happy (ii) anxious  
(iii) sad.

12. Describe how the three revolutionaries embraced death for the cause of India's freedom.

*Or*

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How did the old merchant come to know that his younger son was clever than the elder ?

13. Why did Pratap Singh call Bhama Shah the 'Saviour of Mewar' ? 4

*Or*

What was Pratap Singh's reaction after listening to Bhama Shah's view ?

14. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions :

O you that are so strong and cold,  
O blower, are you young or old ?  
Are you a beast of field and tree,  
Or just a stronger child than me ?

**Questions :**

- (a) Name of the poem is ..... 1
- (b) 'beast' means : 1  
(i) fruit (ii) flower  
(iii) animal.

- (c) Which are rhyming words ? 1  
(i) strong and cold (ii) tree and me  
(iii) young and old.
15. Describe the advantages of being close to nature than being busy reading books. 3  
*Or*  
Why does the poet want God to light the lamp ?
16. What happens when the poet looks at the children playing ? 2  
*Or*  
Who is greater than a king ?
17. Where do the window open ? 2  
*Or*  
What does the poet say about the memories of the dead people ?
18. Why did Gandhiji travel in third class ? How do you like the reply of Gandhiji to men and women ? 7  
*Or*  
Who founded the Red Cross Society and what is the aim of it ?
19. Why was the boy happy all the day ? 2  
*Or*  
How does a mosquito begin its life and where ?
20. Why did the woman save somebody else's child instead of her own ? 2  
*Or*  
What is the first requirement of good etiquette ?
21. What are the children doing on shinging day ? 2  
*Or*  
Who was Ashoka ?
22. What hardship do children face at home ? 2  
*Or*  
What kind of friends are hard to find ?
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