

1-9 Read the passage given below and answer the questions.

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In 1567, when crown prince Pratap Singh was only 27, Chitor was surrounded by the Mughal forces of Emperor Akbar. Maharana Udai Singh ii decided to leave Chittor and move his family to Gogunda. Rather than capitulate to the Mughals. The young Pratap Singh wanted to stay back and fight the Mughals but the elders intervened and convinced him to leave Chittor, oblivious of the fact that this move from Chittor was going to create a history for all times to come.

Maharana Pratap was born on may 9th 1540 in Kumbhalgarh,Rajasthan. His father Maharana Udai singh ii and his mother was Rani Jeevant kanwar. Maharana Udai Singh ii ruled the kingdom of Mewar, with his capital at Chittor. Maharana Pratap was the eldest of 25 sons and hence given the title of crown prince. He was destined to be the 54th ruler of Mewar, in the line of the Sisodiya Rajputs. Rana Pratap took a vow to get back Chittor. A graet battle was fought at Haldighati. The great Mughals army under the command of famous general Mansingh and prince Salim fought Rana with his brave soldiers. Rana and his soldiers fought bravely but suffered heavy lose. And he with his family had to retire in the Jungle. They had almost nothing to eat. One day a cat took away the only loaf from the princess's hand. She began to weep. The sight moved the brave heart of Rana. He wept like a child.

Now he decided to send a letter to Akbar and to surrender before him. But just then his old and faithful minister Bhamashah come to him and placed all his wealth at his feet to get an army and fight with Akbar. The Rana accepted the offer and made an army. He captured many places but could not get back Chittor.

So, Rana made a vow not to sleep on the bed and under a roof till he got back to Chittor. So his descendants honour his name and vow even putting some Khusa grass under their beds. There is a class of Rajputs who still lead a wonderful life. They recently entered the city of Chittor under the command of Jawahar lal Nehru with great pomp and ceremony to settle and live there in the free India.

India is proud to Rana Pratap who never bowed his head before the mighty Akbar, the emperor. He suffered hardships with patience but never yielded to the force of Akbar. He was a true patriot.

Q1. Who was the king of the Mewar in 1567?

Q.2. What do you know about the birth of Maharana Pratap?

Q.3. Why was prince Pratap Singh given the title of crown prince?

Q.4. Where was the great battel fought?

Q.5. Who helped Rana to raice army again?

Q.6. Why is India proud of Maharana Pratap?

Find out words from the passage which mean:

Q.7. Not aware of something

Q.8. A formal and serious promise

Q.9. Surrendered before somebody/ something

Q.10. The state level football tournaments are currently being held in your school play ground . Your

school team is playing the final match next week. Being the sports secretary, draft a suitable notice in about 15 words. **5**

Q.11. Panchayat election dates have been declared. You visited some of election meeting. As a political correspondent prepare a report in 100 words. **6**

Q.12. Write a letter to editor of Rajasthan Patrika on the state of unemployment in the country , giving your suggestions. **6**

Q.13. Your school is going to organize a fairwell party for the students of class 12th . Prepare a speech in about one hundred words. **6**

Q.14. Read the extract given below and answer the questions. **4**

And then the lover

Sighing like furnace

With a woeful ballad

Made to his mistress eyebrow.

(i.) Which to things are compared here?

(ii.) What does the poet say about a lover?

Q.15. Answer any three of the following questions-(word limit=30-40words) **8**

(i.) Why is the poet searching for the rabbit? (The snare)

(ii.) What does the man do in his second span of life? (The seven ages of man)

(iii.) How can human life be perfect according to the poet?(The noble nature)

(iv.) Who is afraid and why?(The snare)

Q.16. Answer the following questions-(word limit=30-40words) **8**

(i.) Write the main hazards of stress. (How Yoga heals)

(ii.) How was mr. Lamb friendly with kids? (On the face of it)

(iii) Draw a character sketch on mrs. Malik.(A room 10*8)

(iv.) What are the major usages of water?(The water)

Q.17. Answer the following questions-(word limit-125 words) **8**

Mention the hazards of working in the glass bangles industry. (Lost spring)

Or

Describe the authors journey to Antarctica. (Antarctica)

Q.18. Sherlock was to be less intelligent than miss Irene Adler. Explain it.(Trouble in Bohemia) **8**

Or

Draw a character sketch of M. Hamel (The last lesson)

Q.19. Answer the following questions-(word limit=30-40 words) **12**

(i.) Describe Madame Sofronie. (The gift of magi)

(ii.) Why did the parents tell the princes not to whistle ? (The svayamvara)

(iii) How was prince jung jung bahadur brought up? (The tiger king)

(iv.) Draw a character sketch of Najab? (Love a cross the salt desert)

PRE BOARD
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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE EXAMINEES:-

1. Candidates must write first their Roll Nos. on the question paper.
2. All the questions are compulsory.
3. Write the answer to each question in the given answer book only.
4. For questions having more than one part, the answers to those parts are to be written together in continuity.
5. This paper is divided into three sections A,B,C. All sections are compulsory.
6. Separate instructions are given for each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
7. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

Section A Reading I

1-9 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow

What is nature? There is a great deal of talk and endeavour to protect nature, the animals, the birds, the whales and dolphins, to clean the polluted rivers, the lakes, the green fields and so on. Nature is not put together by thought, as religion is, as belief is. Nature is the tiger-that extraordinary animal with its energy, its great sense of power. Nature is the solitary tree in the field, the meadows and the grove; it is that squirrel shyly hiding behind a bough. Nature is the river, not a particular river, whether the Ganga, the Thames or the Mississippi. Nature is all those mountains, snow-clad, with the dark blue valleys and range of hills meeting the sea. The universe is part of this world. One must have a feeling for all this, not destroy it, not kill for one's pleasure, not kill animals for one's table. We do must draw the line somewhere. If you do not eat vegetable, then how will you live? So one must intelligently discern.

Nature is part of our life. We grew out of the seed, the earth, and we are part of all that but we are rapidly losing the sense that we are animals like the other. Can you have a feeling for that tree, look at it, see the beauty of it, listen to the sound it makes; be sensitive to the little plant, to the little weed, to that creeper that is growing up the wall, to the light on the leaves and the shadows? One must be aware of all this and have that sense of communion with nature around you. You may live in a town but you do have tree here and there. A flower in the next garden may be ill-kept, crowded with weed, but look at it, feel that you are part of all that, part of all living things. If you hurt nature you are hurting yourself.

One knows all this has been said before in different ways but we don't seem to pay much attention. Is it that we are so caught up in our own network of problems, our own desires, our own urges of pleasure and pain that we never look around, never watch the moon? Watch it. Watch with all your eyes and ears, your sense of smell. Watch. Look as though you are looking for the first time. If you can do that, that tree, that blade of grass you are seeing for the first time. Then you can see your teacher, your mother and father, your brother and sister for the first time. There is an extraordinary feeling about that; the wonder, the strangeness, the miracle of a fresh morning that has never been before, never will be. Be really in communion with nature, not verbally caught in the description of it, but be a part of it, be aware, feel that you belong to all that, be able to have love for all that, to admire a deer, the lizard on the wall, that broken branch lying on the ground.

1. Why don't we pay much attention to the nature? 1
2. What is nature? 1
3. How is nature part of our life? 1
4. What will happen if we hurt nature? 1
5. **Nature is the tiger** . How? 1
6. How should we watch the moon? 1

Find out words from the passage which mean--

7. Make an attempt to do something. 1
8. An amazing or wonderful occurrence. 1
9. The sharing of thoughts and feelings. 1

Reading II

10-11 Read the passage given below and answer the questions

How often one hears children wishing they were grown up, and old people wishing they were young again. Each age has its pleasures and its pains, and the happiest person is the one who enjoys what each age gives him without wasting his time in useless regrets.

Childhood is a time when there are few responsibilities to make life difficult. If a child has good parents, he is fed, looked after and loved, whatever he may do. It is improbable that he will ever again in his life be given so much without having to do anything in return. In addition, life is always presenting new things to the child — things that have lost their interest for older people because they are too well-known. A child finds pleasures in playing in the rain, or in the snow. His first visit to the seaside is a marvellous adventure. But a child has his pains: he is not so free to do as he wishes as he thinks older people are : he is continually being told not to do things, or being punished for what he has done wrong. His life is therefore not perfectly happy.

When the young man starts to earn his own living, he becomes free-from the discipline of school and parents; but at the same time he is forced to accept responsibilities. He can no longer expect others to pay for his food, his clothes, and his room, but has to work if he wants to live comfortably. If he spends most of his time playing about in the way that he used to as a child, he will go hungry. And if he breaks the laws of society as he used to break the laws of his parents, he may go to prison. If, however, he works hard, keeps out of troubles and has good health, he can have the great happiness of seeing himself make steady progress in his job and of building up for himself his own position in society.

Old age has always been thought of as the worst age to be, but it is not necessary for the old to be unhappy. With old age should come wisdom and the ability to help others with advice wisely. The old can have the joy of seeing their children growing up around them; and perhaps best of all, they can, if their life has been a useful one feel the happiness of having coming through the battle of life safely and of having reached a time when they can lie back and rest, leaving others to continue the fight.

10. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it using headings and sub headings. 4
11. Write a summary of the passage and suggest a suitable title. 2

**Section B
(WRITING)**

Q.No. 12 You are Yashpal/Deepika studying in Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Ajmer. Your school is organising an educational tour to Mt. Abu. Draft a notice informing the students of class XII in about fifty (50) words. 4

OR

You are Sachin/Priyanka. You have received an invitation from your friend Mr. Vivek/Vinita to join his/her birthday party. But as you have an urgent work so you are unable to attend it. Write an informal reply to decline the invitation in about fifty (50) words.

Q.No. 13 You are Ajay/Anita studying in Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Dholpur. Your school has celebrated annual function recently. Write a report to be published in the school magazine in about 100 words. 7

OR

Write a factual description of a railway platform in about 100 words with the help of following inputs >

Plat form ticket hue and cry -----gathering -----honking noise of vendors -----whistling sound -----rushing.....long queues at the ticket windows.....book stall -----moving trains.

Q.No. 14 You are Sheetal/Shiva a student of a XII class. Your half-yearly exams are drawing near. People in your locality use loudspeakers till late night. So write an application to the district collector requesting him to ban the use of loudspeakers till late night during exam period. 7

OR

You are Rakesh/Rani. You have read an advertisement in the Rajasthan Patrika for the post of a cashier in HDFC Bank, Dholpur. Write an application to the Manager, Personnel with your C.V. or Resume.

Q.No. 15 You are Ramesh, The cultural secretary of your school. Prepare a welcome speech to be delivered for the guests at the inaugural session of the cultural festival of your school. Write it in about 100 words. 7

OR

Write an article to be published in The Indian Express in about 100 words on **DEMONITIZATION** and its impact:

16-17 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

And then the justice

In fair round belly with good capon lined

With eyes severe and beard of formal cut

Full of wise saws and modern instance,

And so he plays his part.

16. What physical features does a man have as the justice? 2
17. How does he play his part of justice? 2

OR

And I cannot find the place
Where his paw is in the snare
Little one! Oh, little one!
I am searching everywhere.

16. What attitude does the poet reflect from the line, Little one! Oh, little one!?
17. Where is his paw trapped in?
18. Answer any three of the following questions in 30-40 words each.
(A) What does the man do in his fourth span of life (The seven ages of man)
(B) What does hope kill? (The Hope) 2
(C) What do we learn from birds in the nature? (A Boy's Song) 2
(D) What symbols does the poet draw from nature? (The Noble Nature) 2
- 19-22 Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each:
19. Why did Mr. Malik agree to make the store a little bigger? 2
(A Room 10 x8)
20. Why did the dealer sell the drawing so cheaply to the narrator? 2
(Third Thoughts)
21. Why is cartisol good for our body? (How Yoga Heals) 2
22. How does purity help a man? (Purity is Power) 2
23. Answer the question in about 125 words.

What major steps can be taken in order to conserve water ? (Water) 7

OR

How did Mahatma Gandhi help Indian peasants? What did he want to create in them? (Indigo)

24. Answer the following question in about 125 words.

Project the salient features that Jim and Della had. (The Gift of The Magi) 7

OR

Narrate the values you learn from the lesson The Portrait of a Lady

25-28 Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each-

25. How did The Tiger King die? (The Tiger King) 2

26. Do you think the girl's answer is right? If Yes, why? 2

(The Guitar player)

27. Why did Gafur lose his temper and kill Mahesh? (Drought) 2

28. Why did Miss Irene Adler hide the letters and the photograph? 2

(Trouble in Bohemia)