

MP BOARD CLASS 12 PAPER 2016

ENGLISH (GENERAL)

SECTION 'A'

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

The Jataka Stories recount the many previous births of the Buddha in human and animal lives. In all there are 547 stories, originally told by the Buddha to his disciples. They were written down in Pali Language around 400 B.C. and absorbed into the Buddhist Canon not long ago after his death. The stories show the progression of his lives through many incarnations, gradually acquiring the wisdom, selflessness and thoughtfulness which eventually lead to enlightenment. In each birth he performed some meritorious deed to bring him spiritual progress. Here is one of his stories.

A hare once lived in the forest with his animal friends, the jackal, the otter and the monkey. The animal respected the hare as he was wise and gentle. One day he said that they should all fast and give whatever food they gathered to whoever needed it. So the monkey found ripe mangoes, the jackal found a Lizard and a pot of milk and the otter found a fish. But the hare could not find any food and vowed that if anyone is hungry, he would offer him his own body. His tremendous vow was heard by the earth herself, who told Sakka, Lord of the devas. He decided to test the hare.

Sakka entered the forest disguised as a beggar and asked hare for food. 'Please eat my body' the hare replied without hesitation.

So Sakka built fire and the hare willingly ran into the flames. Feeling no pain, he rose upto heaven. In gratitude Sakka drew an image of hare on the moon for everyone to see and remember the hare's selfless sacrifice.

Questions :

- (a) Jataka stories are related to the previous incarnations of 1
(i) Lord Krishna (ii) Mahaveer
(iii) Dattatreya (iv) Gautam Buddha.
- (b) The stories are written in Language. 1
(i) Sanskrit (ii) Pali
(iii) Prakrit (iv) Awadhi.
- (c) The wise animal was : 1
(i) Monkey (ii) Otter
(iii) Hare (iv) Jackal.
- (d) Sakka entered the forest in disguise of : 1
(i) a beggar (ii) a monk
(iii) a fakir (iv) a peasant.
- (e) The Jataka Stories contain stories. 1
(i) 547 (ii) 457
(iii) 754 (iv) 745.
- (f) Word 'previous' relates to : 1
(i) Present (ii) Past
(iii) Future.

- (g) Monkey found as food to be given to needy person. 1
 (i) Bananas (ii) Guavas
 (iii) Ripe mangoes (iv) Oranges.
- (h) The Jataka stories were written in 1
 (i) 400 A.D. (ii) 400 B.C.
 (iii) 420 A.D. (iv) 420 B.C.
- (i) What reward did Sakka give to hare for his self sacrifice. 2
 (j) What do the Jataka stories show ? 2

Ans. (a) (iv) Gautam Buddha, (b) (ii) Pali, (c) (iii) Hare, (d) (i) a beggar, (e) (i) 547, (f) (ii) Past, (g) (iii) Ripe mangoes, (h) (ii) 400 B.C., (i) Sakka rewarded hare for his self-sacrifice that Sakka drew an image of hare on the moon for everyone to see, (j) Jataka stories show the progression of Buddha through many incarnations gradually acquiring the wisdom, selflessness and thoughtfulness which eventually lead to enlightenment.

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

Laughter yoga makes a clear distinction between happiness and joy. Happiness is a conditional response of the mind which is totally dependent on the fulfillment of certain desires of mind by its very nature, it is related to how one's life had been in the past or how it will be in the future. It is not there in the present moment. The ironical and sad fact is that even if some dreams, goals or aspiration fulfilled happiness disappears quite quickly as the mind starts chasing new goal posts; a new job, a new house, a bigger car etc. On the other hand, joyfulness is the unconditional commitment to be happy each moment, to have fun for the moment despite the problems and challenges of life, no matter how insurmountable they seem to the mind. It is the promise that body makes to the mind to indulge in playfulness moment by moment and there by give relaxation to it. During these periods of playfulness triggered by the plethora of physical activities like dancing, singing, playing and laughing, psychological and biochemical changes take place within our body that gives us a sense of well being that completely alters a negative outlook towards life and its challenges replacing it with confident positive moment by moment.

Questions :

- (a) On the basis of reading the passage make notes on it and supply a title. 5
 (b) Prepare the summary of the passage. 3

SECTION 'B'

3. You are Ankit Gautam. You have found a school bag in the playground of your school. Prepare a "lost and found" notice. 5

Or

Prepare a poster on "say no to drugs."

4. With the help of the points given below produce a write-up on the NSS Camp : 6

- (i) NSS Camp in Rampur Village,
- (ii) 100 Volunteers,
- (iii) Planting of trees,
- (iv) Cleaning of drains,
- (v) Adult literacy classes.

Or

With the help of the words given produce a write-up on "Value of Games" :

- (1) Necessary of life,
 - (2) Removes monotony,
 - (3) Make our body healthy,
 - (4) Learning good habits,
 - (4) Development quality and brotherhood.
5. Write a letter to the Post Master of your area complaining against the postman of your area. 6

Or

Write an application to your principal requesting him to issue a character certificate.

6. Write a letter to your friend congratulating him on his grand success. 6

Or

Write a letter to your friend advising him to celebrate Diwali without crackers.

7. With the given input produce a write-up on 'Grow more Trees' : 7

- (1) Importance of trees,
- (2) Usefulness of trees,
- (3) To survive in life trees are necessary,
- (4) Useful for animals and birds shelter,
- (5) Protection and development of our trees.

Or

Write an essay on any one of the following topics :

- (1) Importance of newspaper
- (2) Computers in our daily life
- (3) Science in daily life
- (4) Importance of games and sports
- (5) The festival you like most.

SECTION 'C'

8. Objective Questions : 5

- (i) I have seen lot of places.
 - (a) a (b) an
 - (c) the (d) no article.
- (ii) The boy the bird.
 - (a) catch (b) catches
 - (c) catches.
- (iii) knowledge is very dangerous.
 - (a) Few (b) Little
 - (c) A little (d) A few.

- (iv) I think it rain today.
 (a) may (b) might
 (c) can't.

- (v) There are precious books in the library.
 (a) some (b) any
 (c) much (d) a little.

Ans. (i) no article, (ii) catches, (iii) A little, (iv) may, (v) some.

9. Do as directed (Any five):

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- (i) His brother sold all the gold. (Make question with 'How much')
 (ii) I know the boy. (Change into passive voice)
 (iii) (a) The boy is my brother.
 (b) He is wearing a red cap.

(Combine the sentences in relative clause)

- (iv) He is so weak that he cannot walk. (Rewrite using 'too—to')

- (v) The child cried for milk. (Change into past continuous tense)

- (vi) He gets salary.
 He starts spending it. (Combine using 'No sooner—than')

SECTION 'D'

10. Read the following extract and answer the questions given below :

(A) Teach me to listen lord
 To those far from me
 The whisper of the hopeless
 The plea of the forgotten
 The cry of the anguished

Questions :

- (a) A word similar in meaning to the word 'hear' : 1
 (i) pear (ii) listen
 (iii) peep.
 (b) The opposite word of near is : 1
 (i) far (ii) clear
 (iii) fear.
 (c) Give the name of the poem from which these lines have been taken. 1

(B) Can I admire the statue great,
 When living men starve at its tree,
 Can I admire the parks green tree,
 A roof for homeless misery ?

Questions :

- (a) Name the poet : 1
 (i) Sri Aurvindo (ii) W.H. Davies
 (iii) William Rands (iv) Anonymous.
 (b) Give the meaning of the word 'starve' : 1
 (i) die of hunger (ii) labour hard
 (iii) work comfortably (iv) live happily.

(c) Why does the poet say that he cannot admire the great statue ?

Or

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Give noun form of 'admire'.

11. Answer any *two* of the following questions :

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- (a) Why does the poet regard earth a friend ?
- (b) Who are the people far from us ?
- (c) What are the two meanings of the word 'cricket' ?
- (d) What kind of life does the poet find in the woods ?

12. Answer the following questions (any *seven*) :

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- (a) What disability did Mini have ?
- (b) What is the best way to disarm hostility ?
- (c) When do we experience inner peace ?
- (d) What does the brain consist of ?
- (e) What was the topic of discussion at Dabney's ?
- (f) What are comfort zones ?
- (g) How was the bird fed ?
- (h) Who was Swami Arvasu ?
- (i) What did Birju see when he peeped into the hut ?

13. What are natural laws ? How do they affect our lives ?

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Or

In which area India will become a global leader ?

14. Answer any *four* of the following questions :

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- (a) What are distilled books like ?
- (b) What makes a team whole ?
- (c) What are the benefits of meditation ?
- (d) Where is Chitrakoot situated ?
- (e) Why must we take risk ?
- (f) What do you understand by 'spiritual Guru' ?

15. Write the central idea of poem "Risks".

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Or

Summarize the poem 'A Psalm of Life'.