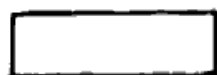


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# Annual Examination, 2026



**English**

**Class : 11**

**Time : 3 Hours 15 Mins.]**

**[M.M. : 100**

**Note:** (i) First 15 minutes are allotted for the candidates to read the question paper.

(ii) This paper is divided in to **four** sections : A, B, C and D

(iii) All questions are compulsory.

(iv) Marks are indicated against each question.

## **Section A: Reading**

**15 Marks**

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Discipline is absolutely necessary in life. It helps us to overcome our difficulties and makes us perform our duties well. Without discipline, there will be disorder and confusion. A team of players, for example, cannot succeed unless its members follow the discipline of the game. A country cannot progress unless its citizens are disciplined. In the army, discipline is essential; no army can win a battle without it. Discipline helps the students to achieve success in their studies. If they follow the advice of their teachers and parents, they are sure to succeed. In our lives, we must learn to obey the rules and regulations. This practice of obedience will help us a great deal.

- (a) Why is discipline absolutely necessary in life? 3  
(b) What would happen in the absence of discipline? 3  
(c) How does discipline help students? 3  
(d) Explain the meaning of the underlined word in the passage: 'confusion'. 3  
(e) What is the main idea of the passage? 3

## **Section B: Writing**

**20 Marks**

2. Write an article on **any one** of the following topics in about 100-150 words : 10

- (a) The Importance of Reading Books in Student Life.  
(b) Global Warming: A Serious Threat to Humanity.  
(c) Cleanliness Campaign in India.

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3. Write a letter to the District Magistrate (D.M.) of your district complaining about the frequent breakdown of electricity in your locality.

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**OR**

Write a letter to the Editor of a national newspaper expressing your concern over the increasing number of road accidents and suggesting ways to reduce them.

**Section C: Grammar****25 Marks**

4. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions: 10

- (a) The synonym of 'Keen' is:  
 (i) dull (ii) brave  
 (iii) sharp (iv) kind
- (b) The Antonym of 'Ancient' is:  
 (i) old (ii) new  
 (iii) modern (iv) past
- (c) Give one word for 'One who knows everything.'  
 (i) Omnipresent (ii) Omnipotent  
 (iii) Omniscient (iv) Omnivorous
- (d) 'To burn the midnight oil' means:  
 (i) to waste time (ii) to sleep late  
 (iii) to work very hard (iv) to light a lamp
- (e) The homophone of 'Site' is:  
 (i) sight (ii) citation  
 (iii) side (iv) cite

5. Change the following sentences as directed: 10

- (a) He said to me, "What are you doing here?"  
 (Change into Indirect Speech)
- (b) The teacher punished the naughty boys.  
 (Change into Passive Voice)
- (c) It is raining heavily. We cannot go to school.  
 (Combine into a Simple Sentence)
- (d) None but a brave man would do this.  
 (Change into Affirmative Sentence)
- (e) Correct the following sentence: 'I am better than him.'

6. Translate the following passage into English: 5
- हमारे देश में शिक्षा का बहुत महत्व है। यह ज्ञान का द्वार खोलती है और हमें एक बेहतर इंसान बनाती है। शिक्षा ही हमें अंधविश्वासों और रूढ़िवादी विचारों से मुक्ति दिलाती है। हमें अपने समाज और देश के विकास के लिए शिक्षित होना चाहिए। शिक्षा के बिना कोई भी राष्ट्र प्रगति नहीं कर सकता। इसलिए, सरकार को चाहिए कि वह हर बच्चे के लिए शिक्षा को अनिवार्य करे।

### Section D: Literature

4 Marks

7. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30-40 words each: 4 × 2 = 8
- What was the turning point in the friendship between the author and his grandmother?
  - What did the author, his wife and the crew feel when they first saw the island 'Ile Amsterdam'?
  - Who was Zahi Hawass and what was his role in the study of Tut's mummy?
8. Answer any one of the following questions in about 80 words: 7
- Write a brief account of the author's grandmother as portrayed in the lesson, 'The Portrait of a Lady'.
  - Give a detailed description of the destruction caused by the 'Wavewalker'.
9. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: 3 × 2 = 6

And who art thou? said I to the soft-falling shower,  
Which, strange to tell, gave me an answer, as (here translated):  
I am the Poem of Earth, said the voice of the rain,  
Eternal I rise impalpable out of the land and the bottomless sea,  
Upward to heaven, whence, vaguely form'd, altogether changed,  
and yet the same.

- Who is 'I' in the above lines?
- What does the rain call itself?
- Explain the phrase 'vaguely form'd'.

10. Write the central idea of **any one** of the following poems 4
- (a) A Photograph
  - (b) The Laburnum Top
  - (c) The voice of the Rain.
11. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30-40 words each: 4 × 2 = 8
- (a) What characteristics of Mourad are highlighted in the story 'The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse'?
  - (b) Why did the narrator of 'The Address' want to forget the address?
  - (c) Who was Ratna? Why did Ranga want to marry her?
12. Answer any one of the following questions in about 80 words: 7
- (a) Give a character sketch of the narrator's mother in the story 'The Address'.
  - (b) Discuss the theme of innocence and trust as depicted in the story 'The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse'.