

KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA CHOPAN

Times allowed: 3hrs

English Core 12

M.M:100

First PreBoard

All the questions are compulsory.

Your answer should be to the point, try to follow the word limitations:

Section A: Reading SECTION

Read the passage given below and then answer the questions that follows:

12marks

In spite of all the honours that we heaped upon him, Pasteur, as has been said, remained simple at heart. Perhaps the imagery of his boyhood days, when he drew the familiar scenes of his birthplace, and the longing to be a great artist, never wholly left him. In truth he did become a great artist, though after his sixteenth year he abandoned the brush for ever. Like every artist of worth, he put his whole soul and energy into his work, and it was this very energy that in the end wore him out. For to him, each sufferer was something more than just a case that was to be cured. He looked upon the fight against hydrophobia as a battle, and he was absorbed in his determination to win. The sight of injured children, particularly, moved him to an indescribable extent. He suffered with his patients, and yet he would not deny himself a share in that suffering. His greatest grief was when sheer physical exhaustion made him give up his active work. He retired to the estate at Villeneuve Etang, where he had his kennels for the study of rabies, and there he passed his last summer, as his great biographer, ValleryRadot, has said, "practicing the Gospel virtues."

2 "He revered the faith of his fathers," says the same writer, "and wished without ostentation or mystery to receive its aid during his last period."

3 The attitude of this man to the science he had done so much to perfect can be best summed up in a sentence that he is reputed once to have uttered, concerning the materialism of many of his contemporaries in similar branches of learning to his own: "The more I contemplate the mysteries of Nature, the more my faith becomes like that of a peasant."

4 But even then in retirement he loved to see his former pupils, and it was then he would reiterate his life principles: "Work," he would say, "never cease to work." So well had he kept this precept that he began rapidly to sink from exhaustion.

5 Finally on September 27, 1895, when someone leant over his bed to offer him a cup of milk, he said sadly: "I cannot," and with a look of perfect resignation and peace, seemed to fall asleep. He never again opened his eyes to the cares and sufferings of a world, which he had done so much to relieve and to conquer. He was within three months of his seventy-third birthday.

6 Thus passed, as simply as a child, the man whom the French people were to vote at a plebiscite as the greatest man that France had ever produced. Napoleon, who has always been considered the idol of France, was placed fifth.

7 No greater tribute could have been paid to Louis Pasteur, the tanner's son, the scientist, the man of peace, the patient worker for humanity.

1.1 Answer the following questions:

- a. Even accolades and honours did not change the simple man that Pasteur was. Why? 2 marks
- b. How did Pasteur view those who suffered from diseases? 1 mark
- c. How did Pasteur engage himself in the estate? 2 mark
- s d. What advice did he always give to his pupils? 2 marks
- e. How did France, the country of his birth, honour this great scientist? 2 marks

1.2 Find the words from the passage which mean the same as: 3 marks

- a. To give up (para 1)
- b. People belonging to the same period (para 3)
- c. Vote by the people of the country to decide a matter of national importance (para 6)

Question 2. Read the passage given below: 8 marks

Residents of the BhirungRaut Ki Gali, where UstadBishmillah Khan was born on March 21, 1916, were in shock. His cousin, 94-year -old Mohdidrish Khan had tears in his eyes. Shubhan Khan, the care-taker of Bismillah's land, recalled : "Whenever in Dumaraon, he would give rupees two to the boys and rupees five to the girls of the locality". He was very keen to play shehnai again in the local Bihariji's Temple where he had started playing shehnai with his father, Bachai Khan, at the age of six. His original name was Quamaruddin and became Bishmillah only after he became famous as a shehnai player in Varanasi. His father Bachai Khan was the official shehnai player of Keshav Prasad Singh, the Maharaja of the erstwhile Dumaraon estate, Bismillah used to accompany him. For Bishmillah Khan, the connection to music began at a very early age. By his teens, he had already become a master of the shehnai. On the day India gained freedom, Bismillah Khan, then a sprightly 31 year-old, had the rare honour of playing from Red Fort. But Bishmillah Khan won't just be remembered for elevating the shehnai from an instrument heard only in weddings and naubatkhanas to one that was appreciated in concert halls across the world. His life was a 5 ENGLISH CORE - XII testimony to the plurality that is India. A practicing Muslim, he would take a daily dip in the Ganga in his younger days after a bout of kusti in BeniaBagaAkhada. Every morning, Bishmillah Khan would do riyaz at the Balaji temple on the banks of the river. Even during his final hours in a Varanasi hospital, music didn't desert Bishmillah Khan. A few hours before he passed away early on Monday, the shehnai wizard hummed a thumri to show that he was feeling better. This was typical of a man for whom life revolved around music. Throughout his life he abided by the principle that all religions are one. What marked Bishmillah Khan was his simplicity and disregard for the riches that come with musical fame. Till the very end, he used a cycle rickshaw to travel around Varanasi. But the pressure of providing for some 60 family members took its toll during his later years.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations where necessary.

2.2 Make a summary of the above passage in not more than 80 words using the notes made and also suggest a suitable title.

Section B: Advanced Writing Skills 30 marks

Q.3 Aryan International School is looking for an accountant for the school. Write an advertisement on behalf of the administrative officer in the classified columns of the local newspaper giving necessary details. Draft the advertisement in not more than 50 words.**4 marks**

OR

Suman/Suresh has cleared the Pre-Medical Pre-Dental entrance examination. The family is elated at the achievement and they decide to have a get-together for all friends. Draft an informal invitation for the get-together.

Q.4. You are Rahul, the Head boy of D.A.V Public School, and Delhi. Recently your school hosted the Regional Level CBSE Science Exhibition. Write a report of this event for your school newsletter in about 125 words. **6 Marks**

Or

The International Book Fair was inaugurated by the Chairman of Children's Book Trust, Dr. Kumar. The theme this year was Illustrated Works of Children. You are Akshay/Akanksha a class XII student of A.K. International School Mathura. You visited the exhibition and were impressed with the range of books on display. Write a Report in about 125 words

. Q.5. You are Naresh/Neetu. Recently, you came across a newspaper report on the burning of a young woman as her parents could not meet the dowry demands. You feel that even after 60 years of independence we have not really progressed as a nation. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper expressing your views and also giving suggestions to improve the status of women in Indian Society.

Or

10 marks

You come across the following advertisement in a national daily. You consider yourself suitable and eligible for the post. Write an application in response to the advertisement. Applications are invited for the post of a Nursery teacher in a reputed school of Delhi. The candidate must have at least 5 years experience of teaching tiny-tots. The applicant must have a pleasant personality. He/she should be creative and innovative. Attractive salary. Interested candidates should apply to The Principal, AKS International, Indrapuram, New Delhi within 10 days with detailed resume.

6. Some colleges conduct entrance test for admission to under-graduate courses like English (Hons.) and Journalism (Hons.). Do you think that the entrance test is the right method of selecting

students? Write an article in about 150-200 words. You are Rohan/Rachita, a student of class XII at A.P. International School Agra.

OR

Computer games and video games have become popular with children today. As a result outdoor games seem to have no place in their life anymore. You are Satish/Sakshi. You had the opportunity of playing Hide-n-Seek when you visited your cousins in a small town. You decide to write an article on your experiences about the joys of playing outdoor games for the school magazine. Write the article in 150-200 words. **10 marks**

Section C Textbooks

Q.7. Read the passage given below and answer the following questions: 3 marks

They do not fear the men beneath the tree;

They pace in sleek chivalric certainty.

- a. Are Aunt Jennifer's tigers real? Give reasons for your answer.
- b. Why do the tigers not fear the man beneath the tree?
- c. Which figure of speech is used here and show it.

7.b. A thing of beauty is a joy for ever Its loveliness increases, it will never Pass into nothingness; but will keep A bower quiet for us. **3 marks**

- a. 'A thing of beauty is joy for ever'. Explain.
- b. Why does a beautiful thing 'pass into nothingness'?
- c. .What does poet mean by 'a bower quiet for us'.

Q.8 Answer any five of the following questions in about 30-40 words. 2*5= 10 marks

1. According to Pablo Neruda, what is it that human beings can learn from Nature?
2. Why does Spender call Shakespeare wicked and the map a bad example?
3. What kind of ordeals is Aunt Jennifer surrounded by?
4. What is the significance of the parting words of the poet and her smile, in My Mother at Sixty-six?
5. For Franz, what was much more tempting than going to school and why?
6. Mention any two hazards of working in the glass bangles industry.

Q.9. Answer the following in about 125-150 words. 10 marks

Franz's attitude towards school as well as towards M. Hamel changes when he comes to know about the takeover of his village by Prussians. Do you agree ? Discuss with reference to the The Last Lesson.

9.b How did the Chamaparan episode prove to be a turning point in Gandhiji's life? Explain with the reference to the text, Indigo. **8 marks**

Q.10 Who is Griffin and how he become the Invisible man? **8 Marks**

Q.11 Ambition If not checked can cloud the judgement of the person and bring his doom.

Justify the statement in the light of the novel" The Invisible Man". **8 marks**