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FIRST PREMINARY EXAMINATION 2012-13  
ENGLISH PAPER – I [TYPE-B]

STD: XII  
DATE: 27/9/12  
SESSION: I

MM: 100  
TIME: 3HRS

*(Three half hours)*

*(Candidates are allowed additional 15 minutes for only reading the paper.  
They must NOT start writing during this time.)*

*Attempt all four questions.*

*The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [ ].*

*All working including rough work should be done on the same sheet as the rest of the answer.  
(You are advised to spend not more than 50 minutes on Question 1, 40 minutes on Question 2, 30  
minutes on question 3 and 1hour on question 4.)  
(You should begin each answer on a fresh page.)*

Question 1.

Write a composition (in approximately 450-500 words) on any one of the following topics. [30]

- (a) Giving homework is an age old tradition. Do you see its relevance in today's educational system?
- (b) Bravery
- (c) All people and cultures have their heroic figures. Some are real legends. Some endure the test of time, others disappear. Why do you need them?
- (d) Describe how one of the important crops in our country is grown, harvested and used.
- (e) Describe some of the opportunities for young people who want to take up career in industry or commerce.
- (f) Write an original short story dealing with the following situation: the consequences of a 'white lie'.

**Question 2.**

You are a newspaper reporter. Yesterday's bandh (blockade) in the city was organised by the White Flag Party to protest against the price rise. Write a report for your newspaper in not more than 300 words. You may include the following points. [20]

Day and date-a band was called against the price rise-from early morning, workers of the White Flag Party moved around in all parts of the city-they forced shopkeepers to shut their shops and asked taxi and auto drivers to stay off the roads- they stoned buses that were carrying passengers to their work places-even ambulances were not allowed to move causing great inconvenience to patients being rushed to hospitals-school and colleges remained closed- the whole city bore a deserted look. In some cases police lathi charged rowdy party workers. In the afternoon procession was taken out by the party to the main streets of the city-the bandh was over by 7 in the evening.

**Question 3**

Q3. Answer sections (a), (b) and (c)

(a) In each of the following items, sentence A is complete, but sentence B is not. Complete sentence B making it as similar in meaning as possible to sentence A.

Complete sentence B in each case [10]

1. A: If you want to be a good musician you must practice at least eleven hours a day.  
B: You have to practice.....
2. A: We used to climb a mountain before breakfast so the early physical training was no hardship  
B: We were.....
3. A: As soon as the moon came up, they started on their journey.  
B: No sooner.....

4. A: Though it was a cloudy day, the temperature was 44<sup>0</sup>C.  
B: Despite being....
5. A: She was a tall girl, so she could reach the top of the door.  
B: Being .....
6. A: Just as they returned home, the downpour began.  
B: Hardly.....
7. A: Bacteria are too small to be seen with the naked eye.  
B: So small.....
8. A: I have not ever seen so large a tree as the Redwood.  
B: Never ....
9. A: Unless you pay attention during classes, you will not understand when you revise at home.  
B: If ....
- 10.A: The boys in the club demonstrated how to grow plants in pots.  
B: How.....

(b) In each of the following pairs of sentences there are two blanks, each of which can be filled in by a word. Fill in each blank with a word which is appropriate.

(Do not write the sentence.)

[05]

1. (i) Can she take-----the additional responsibility?  
(ii) She will take-----the new job in January.
2. (i) He decided to walk-----the market looking at everything.  
(ii) You cannot walk-----a busy street. You have to run.
3. (i) She's a good cook but she won't give-----her trade-secrets.  
(ii) Skunks give-----a terrible scent when they are afraid.
4. (i) You had better be prepared for them to turn-----your application, if you can't answer their interview questions.  
(ii) I forgot to turn-----my assignment in time.
5. (i) The poor villagers shared the bags of grain-----themselves.  
(ii) The two classmates can share the book-----themselves

(c ) In the following exercise, fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets. (Do not copy the passage but write in correct serial order the word appropriate in the blank space):

[05]

Women's roles in the family (1)(change)-----in modern day society. They and their husbands (2)(be)-----partners both inside the home and outside it. No longer (3)(be)-----there any sharp distinction between so-called a man's work and a women's work. Both happily (4)(share)-----the work with regard to their mutual convenience and not by the dictates of society. However, many men still (5)(like)-----to enjoy the best of both the worlds. They (6)(feel)-----quite happy to get the extra income and also to have an interesting wife sharing their burden of bringing up the children. Apart from that they also (7)(demand)-----all the attention at home that men(8)(get)-----over the centuries. But among the younger generation attitude (9)( change)-----and soon the equitable distribution of family labour (10)(be)-----an accepted fact of life.

#### Question 4

**Read carefully the passage given below and answer the questions (a) (b) and (c) that follow:**

[30]

[1] Rules are made to avoid chaos and confusion in our social life. If students are permitted to attend any class like, it will be impossible to **run** colleges. Hence at the beginning of every session, a time table is framed and every student has to attend his classes accordingly. Likewise the inhabitants of a city are told that they will keep to the left of a road or will walk on the footpaths meant exclusively for the pedestrians. For if they are allowed

to walk to anywhere on the road they like the result will meet with terrible accident and their observance is essential for the maintenance of order in society. Hence the insistence on discipline which means the observance of rules. Our life is so complicated that without discipline it is impossible to continue it. A queue in front of a ticket window is a happy **sign** of the smooth working of the social life. In its absence tickets will be obtained at the **cost** of physical injury. If we give up the common discipline of forming queues, how difficult it would be to board trains and buses and how many injured persons will be hourly admitted to the hospitals. The physically weak will never think of undertaking a journey by bus or railway train for fear of serious injury or even death.

[2] The **strength** of weakness of a nation can be judged by the presence or absence of discipline in the normal life of its people. Discipline is the national virtue of great people. Free people lead a disciplined life while slaves are waiting in discipline. The ancient Spartans observed strict discipline in their life. They gave their boys rigorous training in endurance. They wiped them periodically, so that they might develop the power of bearing physical torture.

Every Spartan was expected to show the utmost discipline in the National Assembly. A story goes that once a Spartan, while attending a session of the National Assembly suddenly fell ill. He fainted and died where he was sitting but he did not interrupt the proceedings of the Assembly by asking the other members to take him out. Discipline of the type is the sign of the greatest national strength. With their remarkable discipline and self control the Spartans were able to prove themselves invincible.

(a) (i) Given below are five words. Find the words which have a similar meaning in the passage: [4]

(i) allowed (ii) residents (iii) complex (iv) obedience

(ii) For each of the words given below, write a sentence of at least ten words using the same word unchanged in form, but with a different meaning from what it carries in the passage: [4]

(1) Run, (2) Sign, (3) Cost, (4) Strength

(b) Answer the following questions as briefly as possible in your own words: [10]

- (1) What does the author say about rules? [2]  
 (2) What will happen in the absence of discipline? [2]  
 (3) How does the author explain the importance of discipline in natural life? [3]  
 (4) What does the author say about ancient Spartans? [3]

(c) Using material from paragraph 1 and 2 describe in not more than 100 words, the importance of rules and discipline. *You will be required to:* [6+6]

(i) list your ideas and points

(ii) write your points in the form of a connected passage.