

**Sheth C. N. Vidyalaya, Ambawadi, Ahmedabad**

**First Examination - 2013**

**Standard - 12 (Commerce)**

**Date : 26-9-2013**  
**Thursday**

**English**

**Time : 3 Hours**  
**Marks : 100**

**SECTION - A**

- **Read the following extracts and answer the questions given below them. (Q. 1 to 10) (10)**

Jill : I - I'm afraid we can't -

Jack : Why ever not ?

Jill : You see, I - I've already sent it off for something else. Nurse has just gone to post it.

Jack : Well, that's all right. Who have you sent it to ?

Jill : Dr. Martin.

1. Why does Jill say to Jack, "I'm afraid we can't" ?

2. To whom nurse has just gone to post cheque ?

Prevented from indulging in normal activities we become more observant of nature's ways. As I grew more observant I noticed all manner of insects living in my cell or in the little yard outside.

3. When do we become more observant of nature ?

4. Find out the words from the paragraph which means :

(A) involve (B) prison

The old man, in a thin, cracked voice requested Alan to let him arm. "I would love to help you, Sir", said Alan, for he knew he could easily make up what time he had lost by running when he left the old man.

5. Find out the sentence showing the willingness of Alan to help the old man.

6. Find the similar meaning of : weak

I felt sorry for this bright boy. Most of us send our children to tuitions, to coaching classes, buy them reference books and guides, and provide the best possible facilities for them without considering the cost. But it was different for Hanumanthappa of Rampura. He had excelled in spite of being denied some of the basic necessities of life.

7. What facilities for their studies do the students in urban areas get ?

8. Explain - 'But it was different for Hanumanthappa of Rampura'.

Since we were living near the edge of the jungle and it was quite possible. Actually we were the sole inhabitants of the Kadampuzha housing colony.

9. Find the word similar meaning of : only.

10. Find the similar meaning of : a dweller in a place.

- **Answer the following questions in about two or three sentences each. (Q. 11 to 12) (4)**

11. What is the motto of Aunt Jane's life ?

12. What are the writer's views on 'honesty'.

- **Write short-notes on any two of the following using the clues given in the brackets. (Q. 13 to 15) (6)**

13. Nehru's principle of 'Live and Let Live' in the prison :

[Points : Dehra Dun goal - never feel alone - enjoyed different insects etc. - not like bats - firm faith in the principle]

14. Alan's Father - a model parent :  
[Points : boosted up Alan - trained Alan - promised him - unfortunately, Alan could not play - his father greeted him]
15. Lifestyle of Jack and Jill :  
[Points : ambitious couple - living luxurious life - total income every week is six pounds - he brought many things - borrowed money - Aunt Jane disapproves - Jack took loan - Aunt Jane calls life style 'absurd'.]

**Section - B**

- **Read the following text and answer the questions given below it. (Q. 16 to 20) (5)**

There was a farmer, once, who was cross and surly and a very disagreeable man. Everyone who knew him disliked him. He was sure to make the most of whatever went wrong about him, and the poor offender always met with severe punishment. There was not a boy in all the neighbourhood who did not feel uncomfortable as he passed his gate; and the poor dog that barked at his geese, or the neighbour's rooster that crowed on his wall, was speedily visited either with the lash of his whip, or the shot from his gun.

16. How was the farmer ?
17. Why did people dislike him ?
18. "It was speedily visited either with the lash of his whip" - What did this statement show about farmer ?
19. Find the opposite of : (A) good mannered (B) comfortable
20. What did the dog do ?

- **Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions given below it. (Q. 21 to 25) (5)**

My enemy came nigh;  
And I  
Stared fiercely in his face :  
My lips went writhing back in a grimace.  
And stern I watched him with a narrowed eye.  
Then, as I turned away,  
My enemy,  
That bitter heart, and savage, said to me :  
- someday, when this is past :  
When all the arrows that we have are cast :  
We may ask one another why we hate ?

**Questions :**

21. What were the poet's feelings when he saw his enemy ?
22. What did the poet's enemy tell him ?
23. Why does the poet's enemy say, "We may ask one another why we hate" ?
24. Find out the synonymous words from the stanza :  
(A) near (B) twisting
25. Find out the opposites of :  
(A) soft (B) lovable heart

- **Read the following unseen text and answer the questions given below it. (Q. 26 to 30) (5)**  
The former president of our country Dr. Avil Pakir Jalaludin Abdul Kalam was born on October 15, 1931 in the temple town of Rameswaram in Tamilnadu. He has won a number of awards including India's highest civilian award, 'The Bharat Ratna', for his immense and valuable contribution to a scientific research and modernisation of defence technology. He is the first scientist after the later Homi Bhabha to receive this award. He wrote book named 'Wings of fire', 'India 2020' and 'Ignited Minds'.

26. 'The Bharat Ratna' was India's \_\_\_\_\_ award.
27. When was Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam born ?
28. Which awards has he won ?
29. How many books did he write ?
30. Find the similar meaning of : extremely large.

- **Read the following passage and write a summary. Give a suitable title to it. (5)**

Ang Dorjee was standing outside. No one else was about. Ang Dorjee was going to climb without oxygen. But because of his feet would get very cold. He thus wanted to avoid long exposure at heights and a night at the summit camp. He had therefore to either get to the peak and back to the south col the same day or abandon the attempt.

He was keen to start immediately and asked if I would like to go with him. Going to the top from the south col and back in a day would be strenuous and tough and there was the risk of Ang Dorjee turning back if his feet got too cold. I, however, had full confidence in Ang Dorjee as well as in my stamina and climbing capability. Besides no one else was ready to move at that time.

#### Section - C

32. Rajdeep V. Joshi, 204/A, Shanti Niwas, Pink Avenue, Shahibag, Ahmedabad - 380004; writes a letter to the Municipal Commissioner, Complaining about the bad roads in his area. (7)
33. Vikas Nayak writes a report on a seminar organized by his school on the topic - "Importance of English Language in modern world". (5)

- **Write on Essay on any one of the following in about 150 words : (Q. 34 to 35) (8)**

34. T.V. & Its Educational Value

[Points : most wonderful invention - enriches knowledge - useful programmes - varieties of different programmes - entertain - human values - conclusion]

35. The Great Man I Admire

[Points : Name - sphere of work - qualities - contribution to nation or society - reason for your admiration - compliments - conclusion]

#### Section - D

- **Read the following information and write about 8 sentences based on it : (4)**

Name	Age	Height	Hair	Looks	Past time / Hobbies	Occupation
Kaushal	40	5'-5"	Short Grey	Slim and Handsome	Chess	Dentist
Vishal	28	6'	Long Black	Good Looking	Music	Anchor

37. mayank Patel, from 401/A, Shumbham Apts., Near Tarang Party Plot, Satellite, Ahmedabad - 380015.  
writes an application for the post of a computer programmer to Shrey Computers Pvt. Ltd., 4, Labdhi Vikram, Behind Dharnidhar Derasar, Vasna, Ahmedabad - 380 007. (6)  
the Municipal Commissioner, Complaining about the bad roads in his area.
- **Rewrite the following paragraph correcting the underlined words. (Q. 38 to 47) (5)**  
The name of Nana Sahid will never (38) be remembered buy (39) the people for (40) free India. He was one of the greater (41) patriots and fighters in (42) the freedom of India. He adopt (43) sun (44) of Peshwa Baji Rao whose (45) is (46) pensioner of a (47) British government.
  - **Turn the following conversation into indirect form of narration. (4)**  
“Let’s go to my uncle’s house,” said Bhumika  
“Why do you want to go there ?” asked Geeta.  
“I have to give him this bag.”  
“My brother is going that side. You can send this bag with him.”

#### Section - E

- **Fill in the blanks with the appropriate forms of verbs given in the brackets. (Q. 49 to 53) (5)**  
(49) (realise) his mistake, Anshul felt greatly sorry. He thought that he (50A) not (50B) (must + insult) his friend but he could not manage it that time. He (51) (abuse) him just because his friend (52) (Refuse) to go with him to a movie. His friend had no genuine reason for the refusal. So Anshul had used bad words for him. He felt that he (53) (A) not (53) (B) (Should + illtreat) his friend.
- **Complete the following sentences using the words given in the brackets. (Q. 54 to 59) (6)**  
54. Roopali worked so hard \_\_\_\_\_. (get, first rank)  
55. The peon talks with the parents \_\_\_\_\_. (as if, principal)  
56. The wider the road \_\_\_\_\_. (easy, drive)  
57. Very few poems are \_\_\_\_\_. (famous, William Words worth’s “Daffodils”)  
58. Harshil broke the toy \_\_\_\_\_. (buy, China)  
59. Vaishali is too stupid \_\_\_\_\_. (solve, sum)
- 60. **Combine the following sentences and make on meaningful sentence. (3)**  
Mohanbhai is old.  
He is unable to work.  
He is so proud.  
He need not beg.
- **Rewrite the following text by replacing the underlined words with those given in the brackets. Make necessary changes (Q. 61 to 63) (3)**  
There in no empty boast (61) for Rahul to squeeze through (62) the tight corner (63) without any trouble.  
[Come out successfully from, critical situation, nothing wrong]
- **Rewrite the following paragraph filling in the gaps using the proper forms of words given in the brackets : (Q. 64 to 67) (4)**  
Some people 64 (complaint) about 65 (depress). One of the reason of this 66 (order) is one’s being over 67 (sense).