

**GURU GOBIND SINGH PUBLIC SCHOOL /SEC-'B'**  
**SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT FOR PRE BOARD**  
**SESSION-(2018-19)**  
**CLASS-X**

**SECTION – A (READING)**

**1. Read the passage given below :**

India is on the path of greatness. But where will this greatness come from ? Is it only the government of a country that can lead it to greatness ? Is it only the political leaders that can shape the future of a nation ? No. The true greatness of any nation lies in its people.

There is capability for greatness in every citizen of the land. For the true owners of our nation are its citizens. The government is only the guardian of the nation and is ready to serve the people of the country. This is what a true democracy should be like. However, for a true democracy to succeed, the citizens have to play a larger role and fulfill their duties towards the nation.

The most famous line from the US President John F Kennedy's inaugural address is, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country".

What is this but a call for citizens to rise to the occasion and do their duty ?

In a true democracy, people get the leaders they deserve. If we simply sit in our drawing rooms and debate the quality of leadership this country has, we will achieve nothing. We have to play an active role in creating a new type of leadership because it is we, the people, who own the nation.

We can achieve this kind of leadership firstly by educating the youth of the country which is of supreme importance. Second, parents need to teach their children the importance of obeying laws. Children need to learn and be encouraged to express their talents and skills and consider themselves as the real strength of their nation. We need to encourage new ideas and creativity.

Whether you start a small business, write an article, teach a child, shop at local stores, not pollute your environment, participate in cleanliness drives, create a work of art, volunteer for some social cause or another similar effort, you are performing your duty as a citizen. You are contributing to the consciousness of the community development and this will begin the process of change. Considering that most young people spend most of their time at school or at work, it is also important for teachers and employers to inculcate a sense of duty in the hearts and minds of young people.

Answer any eight of the following questions briefly

- (a) Where does the true greatness of any nation lie ?
- (b) What is the role of the government ?
- (c) What did the US President say in his inaugural address ?
- (d) How can a true democracy develop ?
- (e) How can we achieve good leadership ?
- (f) How can children consider themselves as the real strength of their nation ?
- (g) When do you perform your duty as a citizen ? Write any one activity.
- (h) Who should inculcate a sense of duty in the children ?
- (i) How can you perform your duty as citizen?

## **2. Read the passage given below.**

(1) It is an indisputable fact that the world has gone too far with the innovation of new technologies such as mobile phones, the internet and so on, due to which people are able to tour the cosmos virtually sitting at one place using their smart devices or other technological gadgets. Though mobile internet access is oftentimes hurried and short, it can still provide common internet features like alerts, weather data, emails, search engines, instant messages, and game and music downloading.

(2) Due to the easy access of smart phones, communication has been very effective and instant. People are able to convey their message all around the globe to their loved ones without spending hefty sums of money. Adults are always fond of such gadgets and they always welcome and adopt such new technology readily. Further, young people have been able to broaden their minds and improve their skills by doing research on the Internet. For instance, they use smart phones to look up any new word they come across. As we know that most of the universities have online teaching provision and smart phones assist the students to complete their assignments on time.

(3) The mobile phone has been a lifesaver for a lot of people in case of an emergency. Likewise, use of smart phones can be of vital importance in preventing crimes in the society by providing information to the security forces in time.

(4) Nonetheless, for the young the use of mobile phone can be like an addiction and they can misuse it. Young people are also prone to getting involved in undesirable activities on the Internet. This might have adverse effect on their academic performance. Therefore, young people should always be monitored and made aware of its bad outcomes.

(5) Also a major contributor to its popularity is the availability of prepaid or pay as you go services from a phone shop or an online store. This allows subscribers to load text or airtime credits to their handsets by the use of their credit cards, debit cards or by buying a prepaid card from the network they subscribe to. This plan also doesn't commit a particular customer to a contract. If prepaid card is not that appealing to you, then you can opt to subscribe using the pay by month plan.

### **2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each :**

- (i) How are smart phones helpful in communication ?
- (ii) What are the benefits of mobile phones for the young generation ?
- (iii) How can mobile phones be considered 'lifesavers' ?
- (iv) Mention any two demerits of mobile phones.
- (v) How is a prepaid card useful to mobile phone users ?

**2.2 On the basis of your reading of the passage, fill in the following blanks with appropriate words/phrases.**

(i) Mobile internet can provide access to \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) Grown-ups should \_\_\_\_\_ the use of new technology by the young people.

**2.3. Find out the words that mean the same as under:**

(i) invention (para 1)

(ii) unfavourable (para4)

**SECTION B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR )**

**Q3 .You are Apoorva/Arpit. You bought a refrigerator from Ganesh Electronics and electricals, Gandhi Marg, Nagpur. It does not function properly. Write a letter to the Sales Manager of the shop, complaining about the defect and asking for immediate replacement or repair, as necessary.**

**Q4. You are Hardeep singh .you have completed class X from a small town of Himachal Pradesh ,where not many facilities are available. Your friend has shown you an advertisement about a coaching centre for IIT-JEE. Write a letter to the Director of Surya Coaching centre asking for more details.**

**Q5.You are Prabhu Kumar/Parvati of I7E, Ravi Dass Road, Kochi. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the editor of a newspaper about the nuisance caused by loudspeakers in the city during examination days drawing attention of the concerned authorities to the problem.**

**Q6. Write a letter to the Sales Manager,MMS Books ,Ashok Vihar, Delhi placing order for books that you need for educational purpose.You are Sanjeev/Sanjana ,12/CA,Model Town Kurukshetra.**

**Q7. Write a short story in 150 – 200 words on the basis of the hints provided :**

The doorbell rang. Sunil opened the door. At first he could not recognise the tall and well-dressed man who stood before him. Then the man spoke and all of a sudden .....

**Q8. Write a short story in 150 – 200 words on the basis of the hints provided :**

Ram very excited – match started – he, best player – about to start batting – suddenly injured – very upset – used will power – overcame the problem and won.

**Q9.Read the passage given below and fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow :**

Alaska's size (a)\_\_\_\_\_ climate make transportation (b) \_\_\_\_\_ challenge. Long ago, sledges pulled (c) \_\_\_\_\_ dog teams were the best way to travel (d) \_\_\_\_\_ native people.

(a)(i)or (ii) and (iii) as (iv)along with

- (b) (i) an            (ii) the            (iii) a            (iv) for  
 (c) (i) by            (ii) with            (iii) of            (iv) beside  
 (d) (i) by            (ii) to            (iii) for            (iv) with

**Q10. Choose the best word from the options given below and complete the following passage.**

On 10th November 1910, Leo Tolstoy suddenly decided to renounce (i) \_\_\_\_\_ home. He was accompanied (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ his daughter (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ his doctor. He left his house (iv) \_\_\_\_\_ the middle of the night. He reached next day (v) \_\_\_\_\_ the monastery of Uptina and spent the night there writing an article. On 12th, he reached the Convent where his sister, Marie had been staying as a nun. He (vi) \_\_\_\_\_ his sister that he would like to live in the convent if no pressure was used.

- (i) (a) his            (b) her            (c) its            (d) out  
 (ii) (a) of            (b) from            (c) with            (d) by  
 (iii) (a) of            (b) through            (c) and            (d) through  
 (iv) (a) at            (b) on            (c) from            (d) to  
 (v) (a) of            (b) to            (c) by            (d) into  
 (vi) (a) scolded (b) replied (c) referred (d) told

**Q11.** The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line against which a blank has been given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number as given in the example.

	<b>Error</b>	<b>Correction</b>
<b>The road to success is no a bed of roses.</b>	<b>e.g. no</b>	<b>not</b>
Only those who wade on hazards and hurdles	(a) _____	_____
can achieve successful. Set yourself clear goals	(b) _____	_____
and define precisely what you wants to do.	(c) _____	_____
Goals provide direction for your behavior	(d) _____	_____
and guide your actions or thoughts. Specific goals	(e) _____	_____
are better than general ones. Let every parts	(f) _____	_____
of your body is full of that idea. Winners do not	(g) _____	_____
do different things, they does things differently.	(h) _____	_____

**Q 12.** In the following paragraph one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing words in any four lines of the given paragraph, along with the words that come before and the words that come after it in the space provided. 1

	<b>word before</b>	<b>word missing</b>	<b>word after</b>
Most the people	<b>most</b>	<b>of</b>	<b>the</b>
are annoyed passwords. <b>i.e</b>	(a) _____	_____	_____
They have many remember.	(b) _____	_____	_____
On any given day are	(c) _____	_____	_____
bound forget them.	(d) _____	_____	_____
This creates difficulties the people.	(e) _____	_____	_____

**Q13. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences :**

- (a) coloured bus / children / we saw / full of / a yellow / excited /
- (b) they were / we guessed / on the / planetarium / way / to the /
- (c) part / this / study tour / of their / was /
- (d) are/ Indian temples / store house/ a / Indian art / of
- (e) temple architecture / form an / sculpture and painting / of / essential part

**Q14. Read the following dialogue between a mother and her son. Complete the paragraph that follows by filling in the gaps appropriately.**

*Marie:* Did you see my new umbrella ? Isn't it fine. ?

*Tony:* Yes, it is! Did you buy it from the Mall ?

*Marie :* No, your father has brought it for me.

Marie asked her son Tony (a)\_\_\_\_\_ and she wanted to know (b)\_\_\_\_\_.  
Tony agreed and asked his mother (c)\_\_\_\_\_. His mother replied in negative and added that (d)\_\_\_\_\_.

### **SECTION' C'(LITERATURE AND LONG READING TEXT)**

**\*Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :**

**Q15. But speak all good you can devise of Caesar,**

And say you do it by our permission;

.....

- (a) Identify the speaker.
- (b) Who is being granted permission ?
- (c) What is the speaker afraid of ?
- (d) What opinion do you form of the speaker ?

**Q16. "You must make your public happier :**

Give them something, sharper, snappier.

We must aim for better billings."

- (a) Identify the speaker of the above lines.
- (b) Who does 'we' refer to ?
- (c) What must be done for 'better billings' ?
- (d) What trait of the speaker's character is revealed through the above lines ?

**Q17. And know it now : the senate has concluded**

To give this day a crown to mighty Caesar.

If you shall send them word you will not come,

Their minds may change.

- (a) Who is the speaker ?
- (b) What has the senate concluded to give mighty Caesar ?
- (c) what was the motto of the speaker ?
- (d) what was the effect of his words on the listener?

Q18.

'That was my idea !' said Sebastian excitedly. 'If only it would go a bit faster .....

- (a) Where was Sebastian when he spoke these words ?
- (b) What was his idea, and what was he referring to ?
- (c) Why did the idea not succeed ?
- (d) who is the listener of the above line?

**Q19. And so, I missed my chance with one of the lords of life  
And I have something to expiate  
A pettiness**

- (a) Why is the poet's action called a 'pettiness'?**
- (b) What is there for the poet to expiate?**
- (c) Why is the snake called the 'lord of life'?**
- (d) Which figure of speech is used in the above line?**

**\* Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each :**

- Q20. In the story "Shady Plot", why did Helen appear in bits and pieces?
- Q21 .What will Shakespeare's friend realize when he rises on the Day of Judgment?
- Q22. Why does the author say that Louisa Mebbin had a "protective elder sister attitude towards money" ?
- Q23. How do we know that Michael's father was fascinated by computers ?
- Q24. How long does the poet glorify the power of poetry?
- Q25. How can you say that the mariners were fickle minded ?

**\* Answer the following in 100-200 words :**

Q26. "Patol Babu, Film Star," by Satyajit Ray emphasizes the valuable contribution of a mentor in changing a negative mind-set into a positive one. Describe how Mr. Pakrashi's advice helps Patol Babu in performing his role.

Q27. Time humbles even the greatest of the great. One should cultivate the quality of humility. Describe how time has reduced the mighty Ozymandias to nothing.

**\* Answer the following question in 200-250 words :**

- Q28. Describe Ms. Sullivan's teaching methods ?
- Q29. How did Helen Keller get out of the traumatic experience of 'Frost King' ?
- Q30.** What do you know about Mr. Keith as Helen Keller's teacher ?
- Q31. Write a character sketch of Dr. Alexander Graham Bell?

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