



**MBS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
SECTOR-11, DWARKA
PRACTICE PAPER
SESSION- 2019-20
ENGLISH
CLASS –XII**

Time allowed: 1 1/2 hours

Maximum Marks: 40

General Instructions:

- *Read all the questions carefully.*
- *Write neatly and legibly.*
- *Attempt all parts of the question together.*
- *All questions are compulsory.*
- *Marks for each question are indicated against it.*

SECTION: A: READING

8 Marks

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

We proud Indians of 21st century rejoice in celebrations when a boy is born, and if it is a girl, a muted or no celebrations is the norm. Love for a male child is so much so that from the times immemorial we are killing our daughters at birth or before birth, and if, fortunately, she is not killed we find various ways to discriminate against her throughout her life. Though our religious beliefs make women a goddess but we fail to recognize her as a human being first, we worship goddesses but we exploit girls. We are a society of people with double-standards as far as our attitude towards women is concerned; our thoughts and preaching are different than our actions. Let's try to understand the phenomenon of gender inequality and search for some solutions. 'Gender' is a socio-cultural term referring socially defined roles and behaviors assigned to 'males' and 'females' in a given society. In its social, historical and cultural aspects, gender is a function of power relationship between men and women where men are considered superior to women. Therefore, gender may be understood as a manmade concept. Gender Inequality, in simple words, may be defined as discrimination against women based on their gender. Women are conventionally considered by the society as weaker sex. She has been accorded a subordinate position to men. She is exploited, degraded, violated and discriminated both in our homes and in outside world. This peculiar type of discrimination against women is prevalent everywhere in the world and more so in Indian society. Extreme poverty and lack of education are also some of the reasons for women's low status in society. Poverty and lack of education derives countless women to work in low paying domestic service, organized prostitution or as migrant laborers. Women are not only getting unequal pay for equal or more work but also they are being offered only low skill jobs for which lower wages are paid. This has become a major form of inequality on the basis of gender.

Educating girl child is still seen as a bad investment because she is bound to get married

and leave her paternal home one day. Not only in education, in case of family food habits, it is the male child who gets all the nutritious and choicest foods while the girl child gets whatever is left behind after the male members have taken their meals or the food which is low in both quality and nutrition. And this becomes a major health issue in her later years. One of the main reasons for the high incidences of difficult births and anemia in women is the poor quality of food which a girl always gets either in her paternal home or in her inlaws as also is the excessive workload that they are made to bear from their early childhood. So the inequality or discrimination against women is at various levels in the society, either in home or outside home.

- 1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage make notes on it using recognizable abbreviations (min. 4) wherever necessary. Use a format you consider appropriate. Supply a suitable title. 4**
- 1.2 Write a summary of the passage in about 100 words. 4**

SECTION B: WRITING

- 2. You are Arjun / Anjna the pupil leader of Purnendu Memorial Public School. Draft a notice for your school notice board in not more than 50 words inviting the names of students who want to participate in the Dance Competition to be organized in aid of the victims of recent floods in Chennai due to heavy rains. 4**

Or

Saint Thomas Public School, Rohini, Delhi is looking for a receptionist for the school. Draft an advertisement on behalf of the manager to be published in the classified column of The Dilli Times giving necessary details in not more than 50 words.

- 3. You are Sanchit / Sanjana living at 305, Rajnagar Extention, Ghaziabad. You bought a washing machine from Ankit Electronics Ghaziabad. The washing machine developed a problem within a few days of purchase. Write a letter to the Sales Manager of the showroom complaining about the defect and asking for repair or a replacement. 6**

Or

You are Amar / Bhayna. Write an application in response to the following advertisement in a national daily. You consider yourself suitable and eligible for this post.

Applications are invited for the post of a Nursery teacher/PRT in HSS International School, Rajendra Nagar, Delhi. The candidate must have a minimum experience of 3 years of teaching at the primary and pre-primary level. The applicant must have a pleasant and energetic personality. She/he should be creative and adaptable. Attractive salary. Interested candidates should apply to the Principal with a detailed resume.

4. The craze about fast food and unhealthy eating habit are leading to obesity among the children. The new life style where they spend most of the time in watching TV or surfing on Internet is the another cause of obesity. Write a speech in 150-200 words on the topic “ Obesity among children- Causes and Prevention.” 10

Or

Over the past few years there has been a constant rise in coaching institutes and private tuition centers all over India. Write a debate in about 150-200 words either in favour or in against the motion “ Tuition at coaching centres is not essential”. You are Neha / Nikhil.

SECTION C: LITERATURE

12 Marks

5. **Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow:** 1x2=2
- I looked again at her, wan, pale as a late winter’s moon and felt that old familiar ache, my childhood’s fear, but all I said was, see you soon, Amma,
- a. Who looked pale and wan and why?
b. What was the speaker’s familiar ache?
6. But one day this man had fallen into a line of thought, which really seemed to him entertaining. He had naturally been thinking of his rattraps when suddenly he was struck by the idea that the whole world about him — the whole world with its lands and seas, its cities and villages — was nothing but a big rattrap. 1x4=4
- a. Who does “this man “ refer to in the first line?
b. What does “this man” compare the world to?
c. Did “this man” ever get trapped in the “big rattrap”?
d. Who did help “this man” get out of the rattrap?
7. **Answer any one of the following questions in 120-150 words.** 6
- Enumerate “An interview is a supremely serviceable medium of communication.”
Or
Why did Gandiji consider freedom from fear more important than legal justice for the poorpeasants of Champaran?