

अर्द्ध वार्षिक परीक्षा सत्र - 2016-17

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विषय : English Compulsory

कक्षा - XII

समय : 3.15 घंटा

पूर्णांक : 70

**General Instructions :**

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. Write you roll no. on your won question paper.
3. For questions having more than one part the answer to those parts are to be written together in continuity.
4. All sections A, B and C are compulsory to attempt.
5. Write answers of all questions in your answer book only.

**Section - A (Reading)**

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 1×9

Narendra Damodar Das Modi was born on 17 September 1950 at Vadnagar in Mehsana District of Gujrat. He is the first Prime Minister of India who was born just after the independence of India. Narendra Modi was sworn in as Prime Minister on 26 May 2014 at the Rastrapati Bhavan. His swearing in ceremony was a first of its kind. He invited all SAARC leaders to attend the ceremony. The leaders who attended the ceremony were Prime Minister of Pakistan Nawaz Sharif, Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa, Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai, Bhutan Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay, Nepal Prime Minister Sushil Koirala, Maldives President Abdulla Yameen, Speaker of Bangladesh Shirin Sharnin Chaudhary and Prime Minister Navin Ramgoolam of Mauritius. He was the third of the four children. His father Damodardas Mulchand Modi used to run a tea stall at Vadnagar railway station. Narendra Modi used to help his father in selling tea. The name of his mother is Heeraben. At the age of eight he joined RSS (Rastriya Swayam Sevek Sangh). He left home at the age of 17. He became RSS pracharak. He returned home after two years. He graduated in Political Science from Delhi University through Distance Education in 1978. He post-graduated in Political Science from Gujrat University in 1983. On 7th October 2001 Modi was appointed the Chief Minister of Gujrat. Modi served as the Chief Minister of Gujrat for the four terms (2001-2002, 2002-2007, 2007-2012, 2012-2014.)

As for modi, he is a vegetarian, he is workaholic and an introvent. He has a frugal lifestyle. He writes poems but in Gujarati. As a student he was an average student but a keen debater who had an interest in theater. As a speaker he is known as a crowd puller. He is the most net savvy political leader of India.

The BJP decided to cash in the growing popularity of Modi. So in September 2013, BJP announced Modi as the Prime Minister candidate for the 2014 Lok Sabha polls. Narendra Modi and his party won the 2014 general election with a land slide victory.

- (i) Why was his swearing-in ceremony a first of its kind ?
- (ii) How did he help his father ?
- (iii) What is his qualification ?
- (iv) When did he join RSS ?
- (v) Who came to join swearing-in ceremony from Pakistan ?
- (vi) What is the quality of Narendra Modi as a speaker ? Choose from the passage the words that means
- (vii) Overwhelming majority.
- (viii) In ward looking.
- (ix) The normal standard.

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

Today's woman is a highly self-directed person, alive to the sense of her dignity and the importance of her function in the private domestic domain and the public domain of the world of work. The constitution of India has conferred on woman equal rights and opportunities-political, social-educational and of employment-with men.

The role of woman in a society is very important. Women's education is the key to a better life in the future. Society would progress only if the status of women is respected and the presence of an educated woman in the family would ensure education of the family itself.

Women's education has not received due care and attention from the planners and policy makers. The national commission for women has rightly pointed out that even after so many years of independence, women continue to be treated as the single largest group of backward citizens of India.

- (i) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it using headings and sub-headings.
- (ii) Write a summary of the passage and suggest a suitable title.

### Section - B (Writing)

3. Prepare a poster to encourage people to keep their city clean and green.

OR

You are looking for a one-room set on rent near your school. Write an advertisement giving essential details. Don't forget to mention the amount of rent you are ready to pay.

4. An N.G.O. is going to organise a Free Eye Operation Camp in your locality. Compose a report in about 100 words.

OR

Your friend has been issued an ATM card for the first time. Give instructions to him for operating it for various purposes in about 100 words.

5. Write a letter of complaint to a defective watch company about the watch received from them.

• OR

Govt. Hr. Sec. School Bundi requires guest faculty to teach English. You are a post graduate in English with B.Ed. an eligible candidate for the post mentioned Draft an application.

6. Computer education is the need of the present time. Write an article on this topic within 100 words.

OR

Write a speech on the harmful effects of 'POLYTHENE'.

### Section-C (Textual Questions)

7. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

A thing of beauty is a joy forever  
Its loveliness increases; it will never  
Pass into nothingness, but will keep  
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep  
Full of sweet dreams, and health and  
quiet breathing.

- (i) What kind of sleeps does a thing of beauty provide us ? 1½  
(ii) What are the different blessings of beautiful things ? 1  
(iii) Pick out the word from the extract which means 'always'. 1

OR

The little old house was out with a little new shed in front at the edge of the road where the traffic sped. A roadside stand that too pathetically pled. It would not be fair to say for a dole of bread.

- (i) What was built at the edge of the road ? 1½  
(ii) What would be unfair ? 1  
(iii) Find out the word from the extract which means 'donation or charity'. 1

8. Answer any three of the following question in 30-40 words each. 1½×3=4½

- (i) How is a thing a beauty a joy forever according to the poet ? (A thing of beauty)  
(ii) What does the poet want the people to do instead of fighting wars.

(Keeping Quiet)

- (iii) What type of promises are made to the poor ? What is the result ?

(A Roadside Stand)

- (iv) What is the central theme of the poem ?

(Aunt Jennifer's Tigers)

9. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each. 1½×4=6
- (i) What had been put up on the bulletin board ? (The last lesson)
  - (ii) Mention any two hazards of working in the glass bangles industry. (Last Spring)
  - (iii) In today's world is our chief source of information about personalities ?
  - (iv) Which country did Danny Carey play for ? (Going Places)

10. Answer the following questions in about 125 words. 6
- Why should child labour be eliminated and how ? (Last Spring)

OR

How do you say that Gemini Studios was the favourite haunt of poets ? (Poets and Pancakes)

11. Answer the following questions in about 125 words. 6
- The modern world is full of insecurity, fear war, worry and stress, What are the ways in which we attempt to overcome them ?

OR

In what way did Zitkala-Sa rebel to save her hair from being shingled ?

12. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each. 1½×4=6
- (i) How did the author travel to Antanctica ? (Journey to the End of the Earth)
  - (ii) What will DR sadao and his wife do with the man ? (The Enemy)
  - (iii) What is the state of Derry's mind due to his burnt face ? (On the Face of it)
  - (iv) What entries did the invigilator ask Evans to fill up ? (Evens Tries An O-level)