

**CAREERS360**

**MANIPUR BOARD HSLC  
ENGLISH  
2016**

**QUESTION PAPER**

2016

ENGLISH

Full Marks – 80

Pass Marks – 20

Time : Three hours

*The figures in the right hand margin indicate full marks for the questions.*

*Answer the questions in your own words as far as practicable.*

**SECTION – A**

**(READING)**

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

All-round development of man is the true aim of education. It should train not only the head, but also the hands and the heart. But our present system of education has miserably failed to achieve this aim. It suffers from many grave defects.

The present system of education was founded by the British for their own convenience. Lord Macaulay was the father and all founder of this system. He wanted to produce clerks to help the British in running their administration.

**Contd.**

Today, the English have gone but the same old system of education still continues. We are free but we are still slavishly following the system evolved by the British. This system of education has many defects. It must be changed and overhauled.

The greatest defect in our present system of education is that it is too theoretical. An educated man has only bookish knowledge. He knows nothing about practical things. He finds his education has not made him fit to do any useful work for his society.

The present system of education does not teach us the dignity of labour. A student is not taught or trained to do things with his hands. Manual or physical labour finds no place in education. Educated young men are fit only to be clerks in offices. They look down upon manual labour. They consider it below their dignity to work with their hands in the fields or factories.

(a) Complete the following statements :

- (i) The aim of education is \_\_\_\_\_. 1
- (ii) The present system of education produces man who has  
\_\_\_\_\_. 1

(b) Answer the following questions in *one* phrase/sentence each :

- (i) What, according to the writer, shall be done to achieve the aim of education ? 1

- (ii) Why did Lord Macaulay introduce the present system of education in India ? 1
- (iii) Why do educated men look down upon manual labour ? 1
- (c) Answer the following question in about 50 words : 3
- Why does the writer say that the present education system has many defects ?
- (d) Find out words from the passage that have the same meaning as : 1×2=2
- (i) serious
- (ii) copying exactly without thought.

## COURSE BOOK

### (PROSE)

2. Answer the following questions in *one* phrase / sentence each : 1×3=3
- (a) Why are human beings responsible in most cases of pollution ?
- (b) What was Mary Kom's first medal in the international level ?
- (c) What, according to M. K. Gandhi, should be regarded as a sign of imperfect education ?

3. Answer the following questions in about 30 words each : 2×3=6
- (a) What had made Ramanujan one of the world's greatest mathematical geniuses ?
  - (b) Why was the young teacher summoned by Lakshmana Sastry ?
  - (c) Why is the Shwedagon Pagoda important to the Buddhists ?
4. Answer the following questions in about 50 words each : 3×2=6
- (a) How did the pony play an important part in the development of the kingdom of Manipur ?
  - (b) Why should tourism be promoted in Manipur ?

**SECTION – B**  
**(WRITING)**

5. Write an essay on *any one* of the following topics in about 200 words using the outlines given : 7
- (a) The Importance of Newspaper :  
[ Outlines : Introduction – what newspaper provides – mirror of public opinion and its responsibility – conclusion ]
  - (b) Co-curricular activities educate more than classroom teaching :  
[ Outlines : Introduction – classroom teaching only academic – co-curricular mould in all aspects – talent search of students in others – conclusion ]

(c) Drug abuse :

[ Outlines : What is drug abuse – how do young people take to drugs  
– who shall be responsible – what shall be the solution – conclusion ]

6. You are Susie of Imphal. Write a letter to your friend Amica Sarma of Allahbad expressing dissatisfaction with the rampant corruption which, in another way, discourages hard-working students. Reproduce the probable form of the letter. 5

Or

You are Tomchou, Principal, Korou Elite Academy, Imphal. Write a letter to the Director of Education(s), Government of Manipur requesting to issue 30 (thirty) pairs of desks and benches along with 5 (five) white boards as some of the desks/benches are broken and now the number of students has also increased. Further, request him to inspect the school for its infrastructure. Reproduce the probable form of the letter.

7. Write a report to be published in the newspaper about an incident in which the army while checking a vehicle coming from Morch found drugs worth Rs.15 lakhs along with two foreign made pistols. Two women passengers were arrested and they confessed that they were just carriers. Further investigation was on. Prepare the report. Sign yourself as X. 4
8. Make notes of the important points of the following passage and write a summary using the notes : 3+3=6

A leader should make his men want him. He should make his people accept him freely, willingly and eagerly. He should influence their thinking, shape their ideas and direct their actions to achieve the required objective.

An aspiring leader should, as a rule, avoid finding faults with others. He should never categorically and dogmatically declare that another individual

13. Change the narration of the following sentences : 1+1=2
- (a) He said, "If I am free I will come round and see you this evening."
- (b) The father said, "Let him do whatever he likes."
14. Rewrite the following sentence using the correct form of the verb within bracket : 1
- He went out half an hour ago and \_\_\_\_\_ (not return) till now.
15. Transform the following sentences as directed : 1+1=2
- (a) Preservation of freedom is not so easy as to win it.  
(Use the comparative degree)
- (b) When the spring advances, the swallows appear.  
(Change the subordinate clause into an absolute phrase)

**SECTION – D**  
**(LITERATURE)**

16. Answer the following questions in about 30 words each : 2×2=4
- (a) "What a thunderclap these words were to me."  
Why were the words like 'a thunderclap' to the little Franz ?
- Or*
- "His life was vain and useless, like a little candle."  
Why was Macbeth's life described thus ?
- (b) "My punishment is just ; but oh, God, it is very hard."  
Why does the Bishop feel so ?

17. Answer any three of the following questions in about 30 words each:

2 X3=6

(a) "Shall I compare thee to a Summer's day?"

Why is Shakespeare doubtful to compare 'a summer's day' with the pleasantness of his nobleman friend?

(b) "I am the daughter of the elements with winter conceived;

To whom Spring gave birth;"

Explain the idea.

(c) "The burnt-out ends of smoky days."

What is the significance of the imagery?

(d) "And the frog observed them glitter

With a joy both sweet and bitter."

Why is the frog's joy 'both sweet and bitter'?

18. Answer the following question in about 120 words:

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"Your son will be a judge someday."

Does the prediction come to be true? Justify your answer.

Or

Write the significance of the title "The Diamond Necklace".

19. Answer the following question in about 120 words:

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Write a brief note on the theme of the play "The Bishop's candlesticks".

Or

Discuss the role of Persome in the life of Bishop.