

**CAREERS360**

**Manipur Board 12th**  
**English**  
**QUESTION PAPER**  
**2019**

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**ENGLISH**

Full Marks : 100

Pass Marks : 33

Time : Three hours

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

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

**SECTION – A**  
**(PROSE)**

1. *Answer the following question in about 100-125 words:*

(a) “Quietly and efficiently the crew went about their duties.”

Describe how the officers of the Titanic tried to save the passengers from the shipwreck.

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*Or*

(b) “I didn’t know I would have to pay such a heavy price.”

How was the happy world of Rajen destroyed?

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2. *Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each:*

(a) Why does Hazlitt say that ‘Grace in women’ is important in man ?

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(b) “Women and Children first”.

How far had it been obeyed on the sinking Titanic ?

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(c) Why did the children who had bought kites ten years ago from Mahmood not visit him any more ?

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- (d) Why had Akash to be brought home from the boarding school when he was about ten ? 2
- (e) "We all saw the lever turn" .  
What did the friends of the Time Traveller see just after the lever of the model Time machine was turned over? 2
- (f) "I'll fasten the front door."  
Why should Mrs. Slater fasten the front door? 2

### (POETRY)

3. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow.

(a) Verse, a breeze 'mid blossoms strying  
Where Hope clung feeding, like a bee-  
Both were mine! Life went a-maying  
With Nature, Hope and Poesy,  
When I was young!

- (i) What is verse compared to? 1
- (ii) What is hope compared to? 1
- (iii) What does the phrase 'Life went a-maying mean'? 1
- (iv) Name one thing that the poet enjoyed when he was young. 1

*Or*

(b) We can spare  
The splendour of your lamps; they but eclipses  
Our softer satellite. Your songs confound  
Our more harmonious notes: the thrush departs  
Scar'd and th' offended nightingale is mute.

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| (i)   | Who are 'we' referred to here?               | 1 |
| (ii)  | Which natural objects do the lamps eclipse ? | 1 |
| (iii) | What disturbs the harmonious notes?          | 1 |
| (iv)  | Name the bird which flies away in fear?      | 1 |

4. Answer **any three** of the following questions in about 30-40 words each.

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| (a) | Why does Wordsworth say that the skylark is 'All independent of the leafy spring ?         | 2 |
| (b) | "The prize we sought is won"<br>How is the prize won?                                      | 2 |
| (c) | Why does the soldier think that 'some corner of a foreign field' will be forever England ? | 2 |
| (d) | Why did the poet compare the snake with a king in exile'?                                  | 2 |

### (SUPPLEMENTARY READER)

5. Answer the following questions in about 100-110 words.

- (a) "For her he would cross the salt desert" !

Narrate how Najab Hussain crossed the difficult Rann of Kutch and brought Fatimah to India. 7

*Or*

- (b) "Of all who give gifts these two were the wisest."

Justify O. Henry's remark at the end of his story 'The Gift of the Magi'. 7



6. *Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each.*

- (a) Why is 'behaviour change' important in combating HIV infection ? 2
- (b) Why did Charlie not tell anyone of his plan of going to Canary Island ? 2
- (c) Why should an arrested person be brought before a Magistrate within twenty four hour of his arrest ? 2
- (d) Write the significance of the 44th Amendment Act of the Indian Constitution. 2

## **SECTION – B (READING)**

7. *Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :*

Many great inventions are initially greeted with ridicule and disbelief. The invention of the airplane was no exception. Although many people who heard about the first powered flight on December 17, 1903 were excited and impressed, others reacted with peals of laughter. The idea of flying an aircraft was repulsive to some people. Such people called Wilbur and Orville Wright, the inventors of the first flying machine, impulsive fools. Negative reactions however, did not stop the Wrights. Impelled by their desire to succeed, they continued their experiment in aviation.

Orville and Wilbur Wright had always had a compelling interest in aeronautics and mechanics. As young boys they earned money by making toys. Later, they designed a newspaper-folding machine, built a printing press, and operated a bicycle-repair shop. In 1896 when they read about the death of Otto-Leienthal, the brothers' interest in flight grew into a compulsion.



Lelienthal, a pioneer in hang-Gliding, had controlled his gliders by shifting his body in the desired direction. This idea was repellent to the Wright brothers, however, and they searched for more efficient methods to control the balance of airborne vehicles. In 1900 and 1901, the Wrights tested numerous gliders and developed controlled techniques. The brothers' inability to obtain enough lift power for their gliders almost left them to abandon their efforts.

After further study, the Wright brothers concluded that the published tables of air pressure on curved surfaces must be wrong. They set up a wind tunnel and began a series of experiments with model wings. Because of their efforts, the old tables were replaced by the first reliable figures for air pressure on curved surfaces. This work, in turn, made it possible for the brothers to design a machine that would fly. In 1903 the Wrights built their first plane. They even designed and built their own source of propulsion- a lightweight gasoline engine. When they started the engine on December 17, 1903, the aeroplane pulsated wildly before taking off. The plane managed to stay aloft for 12 seconds, however and it flew 120 feet.

- (i) What were peoples' reaction when they heard about the first powered flight ? 2
- (ii) Who was the pioneer in hang-gliding and how did he manage his machine for desired direction ? 2
- (iii) How did the Wright brothers correct their fly-machine to get enough lift power? 3
- (iv) What had happened when the brothers started the engine of their aircraft ? 2



(v) Find out the word from the passage which have the same meaning as the following:

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| (a) | to give harsh comments                 | 1 |
| (b) | done suddenly without planning         | 1 |
| (c) | to be filled with activity or feeling. | 1 |

8. *Read the following passage and give your answer as directed:*

Machines have, in fact, become the slaves of modern life. They do more and more work that human beings do not want to do themselves. Think for a moment of the extent to which machines do work for you. You wake, perhaps to the hoot of a siren by a machine in a neighbouring factory. You wash in water brought to you by the aid of machinery, heated by machinery and placed in basins for your convenience by a machine. You eat your breakfast quickly cooked for you by machinery, go to school in machines made for saving leg labour. And if you are lucky to be in a very modern school, you enjoy cinema where a machine teaches you or you listen to lesson broadcast by one of the most wonderful machines. So dependent has man become on machines that a certain writer imagines at time when machines will have acquired a will of their own and become the master of men, doomed once more to slavery.

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| (a) | Make notes of the main points in the passage. | 4 |
| (b) | Develop the main points into a summary.       | 4 |

### **SECTION – C** **(ADVANCE WRITING SKILLS)**

9. (a) Hotel Yaiphaba, a three-Star Hotel in Imphal wants a lady receptionist for the hotel. Write an advertisement for the publication in the newspaper giving necessary details. 5



*Or*

- (b) Mr. Ramesh of Sagolband wants to invite his friend Mr. Dinesh of Wangkhei to a dinner party in his home. Write an informal invitation on behalf of Mr. Ramesh. 5
10. (a) Suppose you are Lamjingba, a social worker. Write a brief report of the partial failures of crops due to draught in August-September last year in Manipur in about 125-150 words. 9

*Or*

- (b) Give a factual description of the scene of the Examination Hall on the first day of the Examination in about 125-150 words. Put your name as James. 9
11. (a) Write a letter to the Director, Health Services, Government of Manipur complaining about the long absence of doctors in the Primary Health Centre of your locality. Put your name as Wilson of Kamjong. 9

*Or*

- (b) Order some text books of Class-XII through V.P.P. from S. Chand & Co. New Delhi. Put your name as Sharma, proprietor, Imphal Book Store. 9
12. (a) Mr. Kipgen was asked to make a speech on the topic 'The Value of Games and Sports' write the speech for him in about 200-230 words. 12



*Or*

- (b) Suppose you are Tomba, a regular article contributor of a newspaper. Write an article on the topic "If Manipur is Free from Bandh and General Strikes" in about 200-230 words. 12

*Or*

- (c) Write an essay on the following topic in about 200-230 words:  
"The Importance of Newspaper in our daily life". 12  
[Outlines: What is it — its role in present society — different kind of news for our daily needs — conclusion].
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