

**Bhavan's Tripura Vidyamandir**

1<sup>ST</sup> Periodic Assessment - (2024-2025)

**Class: - 12**

Time :- 2 Hours

Name of the Student:

**Subject :- English**

Total : - 50 Marks

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**Reading Section - 12 Marks**

**Q1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 12**

1. Cardamom, the queen of all spices, has a history as old as the human race. It is the dried fruit of a herbaceous perennial plant. Warm humid climate, loamy soil rich in organic matter, distributed rainfall and special cultivation and processing methods all combine to make Indian cardamom truly unique in aroma, flavor, size and it has a parrot green color.

2. Two types of cardamom are produced in India. The first type is the large one, which has not much significance as it is not traded in the future market. It is cultivated in north-eastern area of the country. The second type is produced in the southern states and these are traded in the future market. These are mainly cultivated in Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. As per the future market rules, only 7 mm quality was previously traded in exchanges. But later, it relaxed its norms and now 6 mm quality is also traded in the exchanges.

3. Cardamom is an expensive spice, secondly to saffron. Indian cardamom is known in two main varieties: Malabar cardamom and Mysore cardamom. The Mysore variety contains leaves of cineol, limonene and hence is more aromatic. India is the world's largest producer and exporter emerged as the leading producer and exporter of cardamom.

4. The main harvest season of cardamom in India is between August-February. Cardamom reaches at yielding stage two years after the plantation. The primary physical markets of cardamom are Kumily Vandenmodu, Jhekkady, Puliarmala in Kerala and Bodynaikkaur and Cumbum in Tamil Nadu.

5. Kerala is the main producer of cardamom and contributes upto 60% in total production. Karnataka produces around 25% of the total production of cardamom. Ooty is the main producer of cardamom in Tamil Nadu and contributes around 10-15% of the total production. Besides India, Guatemala also produces around 1,000-2,000-ton cardamom per year. Due to low quality of cardamom from Guatemala, it remains available at cheaper rates.

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions by choosing the correct option.**

**1x12=12**

1. **Mysore variety contains leaves of :**
  - (a) Limonene
  - (b) Cineol
  - (c) Both (a) and (b)
  - (d) None of these
2. **Indian Cardamom is:**
  - (a) Poor in quality
  - (b) Average in quality
  - (c) Better in quality
  - (d) None of these
3. **Guatemala produces cardamom :**
  - (a) More but poor in quality
  - (b) Less but good in quality
  - (c) More and good in quality
  - (d) Less and poor in quality
4. **Main harvest season of cardamom in India is :**
  - (a) August-February
  - (b) August-March
  - (c) November
  - (d) February-April
5. **Cardamom reaches at its yielding stage in :**
  - (a) Immediately after plantation
  - (b) Depends upon the plantation
  - (c) One year after plantation
  - (d) Two years after plantation
6. **India produces cardamom of :**
  - (a) One type
  - (b) Two types
  - (c) Three types
  - (d) None of the above
7. **Which of the following is the variety of Indian cardamom?**
  - (a) Malabar cardamom
  - (b) Mysore cardamom
  - (c) Both (a) and (b)
  - (d) None of the above
8. **Which of the following production of cardamom produces by Karnataka?**
  - (a) 25%
  - (b) 10%
  - (c) 15%
  - (d) 60%
9. **Find the synonym of the word 'distributor' given in the passage 3.**
  - (a) Expensive
  - (b) Known
  - (c) Producer
  - (d) Exporter

10. **The synonym of the word ‘fragrance’ given in the passage 3.**

- (a) Aroma
- (b) Variety
- (c) Contain
- (d) Hence

11. **Find the antonym of the word ‘crudeness’ from para 1**

12. **Find the antonym of the word ‘meaningless’ from para 2**

### **Writing Section – 10 Marks**

**Q2.** Write an informal invitation to your friend inviting him/her to the Silver Wedding anniversary of your parent’s giving details of the date, time and venue. You are Kaana/Kaani. (50 words) **4**

**Q3.** You are Singham/Singhami Jain from 27B, Lajpat Nagar, Delhi. You want to work as a Marketing Manager for a reputable company in Indore. Send a Job application to the Public Relations Officer of Impetus Private Limited in Indore in 125-150 words. Attach a suitable biodata. **6**

### **Literature Section – 28 Marks**

**Q4. Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow:** **1x4=4**

*Therefore, on every morrow, are we wreathing  
A flowery band to bind us to the earth,  
Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth  
Of noble natures, of the gloomy days,  
Of all the unhealthy and o’er darkened ways  
Made for our searching: yes, in spite of all,  
Some shape of beauty moves away the pall  
From our dark spirits.*

**1. In which of the following options can the underlined words be replaced with ‘despondence’?**

- A) The man paced about the room showing
- B) A chat with a close friend can take away our
- C) I was in jitters, seeing the boy trapped in the trench.
- D) Being dogged is what led him to negotiate the challenges.

**2. Pick the option that is NOT an example of ‘unhealthy and o’er darkened ways.’**

- A) A person who is egoistic and looks down upon others.
- B) A person who seeks God’s help for all his problems.
- C) A person who uses evil ways to deceive others.
- D) A person who is corrupt and manipulative.

**3. Pick the option that enumerates what 'noble natures' would include.**

1. selflessness
2. insensitivity
3. enthusiasm
4. aggression
5. meticulousness
6. judiciousness

A) 1, 4 and 5

C) 2, 4 and 5

B) 2, 3 and 6

D) 1, 3 and 6

**4. Based on the poem, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.**

**Statement 1:** *The earth without the beautiful things is a place full of despair and unpleasantness.*

**Statement 2:** *The ornate band created by human beings; ushers hope in their lives.*

A) Statement 1 is true but Statement 2 is false.

B) Statement 1 is false but Statement 2 is true.

C) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 can be inferred.

D) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 cannot be inferred.

**Q5. Answer the following questions in 40-50 words**

**2x6=12**

- a) How did the Tiger King make up the shortfall of tigers in his kingdom?
- b) What do you learn about Umberto Eco's distinctive style in his doctoral dissertation?
- c) Why do the people who run the roadside stand wait for the squeal of brakes so eagerly?
- d) According to Zitkala-Sa what does 'eating by formula' mean?
- e) Why is the Englishman's visit to the Gemini Studios referred to as an unexplained mystery?
- f) "He could read our minds". Who said this and in what context?

**Q6. Answer any one of the following questions in 120-150 words:**

**6**

The story *The Tiger King* is a satire on the conceit of those in power. How does the author employ the literary device of dramatic irony in the story?

**OR**

It may take a long time for oppression to be resisted but seeds of rebellion are sown early in life. Do you agree that injustice in any form cannot escape unnoticed even by the children?

**Q7. Answer any one of the following questions in 120-150 words:**

**6**

How does humor and satire enliven the account of the events and personalities at Gemini Studios as portrayed by Asokamitran in '*Poets and Pancakes*'?

**OR**

Freedom from fear was more important than legal justice for the poor. Justify the statement in the light of *Indigo*.