

## PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION – 2080 (2024)

Grade: XII

SCIENCE

F.M.: 75

Time: 3:00 hrs.

COM. ENGLISH (ENG. 0041)

P.M.: 30

*Candidates are required to give their answer in their own words as far as practicable. The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

*Attempt all questions.*

### I. Read the following text and complete the tasks that follow.

Today's woman is a highly self-directed person, alive to the sense of her dignity and the importance of her functions in the private domestic domain and the public domain of the world of work. Women are rational in approach, careful in handling situations and want to do things as best as possible. The Fourth World Conference of Women held in Beijing in September 1995 had emphasized that no enduring solution of society's most threatening social, economic and political problems could be found without the participation and empowerment of the women. The 1995 World Summit for Social Development had also emphasized the pivotal role of women in eradicating poverty and mending the social fabric.

The Constitution of India had conferred on women equal rights and opportunities political, social, educational and of employment with men. Because of oppressive traditions, superstitions, exploitation and corruption, a majority of women are not allowed to enjoy the rights and opportunities bestowed on them. One of the major reasons for this state of affairs is the lack of literacy and awareness among women. Education is the main instrument through which we can narrow down the prevailing inequality and accelerate the process of economic and political change in the status of women.

The role of women in a society is very important. Women's education is the key to a better life in the future. A recent World Bank study says that educating girls is not a charity, it is good economics and if developing nations are to eradicate poverty, they must educate the girls. The report says that the economic and social returns on investment in education of girls considerably affect the human development index of the nation. 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. Education and empowerment of women are closely related.

Women's education has not received due care and attention from the planners and policymakers. The National Commission for Women has rightly pointed out that even after 50 years of independence, women continue to be treated as the single largest group of backward citizens of India. The role of women in overall development has not been fully understood nor has it been given its full weight in the struggle to eliminate poverty, hunger, injustice and inequality at the national level. Even when we are at the threshold of the 21st century, our society still discriminates against women in matters of their rights and privileges and prevents them from participating in the process of national and societal progress.

The educational system is the only institution which can counteract the deep foundations of inequality of sexes that are built in the minds of people through the socialization process. Education is the most important instrument of human resource development. Educational system should be used to revolutionize the traditional attitudes and inculcate new values of equality.

### A. Insert **NOT MORE THAN FOUR WORDS** in the blank spaces: [5×1=5]

- The crucial role of women is observed in ..... the social fabric.
- Education functions as the ..... which the prevailing inequality can be eliminated.
- An investment in education of the girls considerably affects the ..... of the nation.
- Even when we are ..... the 21st century, women are still deprived of their rights and privileges.
- Education should be used to transform the ..... and construct new values of equality.

### B. Find the **OPPOSITES** of the following expressions in the above text: [5×1=5]

- seized or took hold of something suddenly or forcibly (Para 2)
- non-essential (Para 1)
- reduce or slow down (Para 2)
- ④ disadvantages (Para 3)
- to validate some opinions (Para 4)

**C. Give very short answers to the following:**

[5×1=5]

- How is a woman projected in the above text?
- What did the Fourth World Conference of Women suggest?
- What is not a charity according to the World Bank?
- Describe the role of education in the elimination of the inequality of sexes.
- Provide a meaningful title to the text.

**2. Give short answers to the following questions:**

(2×5=10)

- What does the poet mean by 'the awakening age'?
- Why does the speaker prefer the present to the past? (I Was My Own Route)
- Sketch the character of Monsieur Duran. (Facing Death)
- How does Laxminarayan outsmart Rana Bahadur? (The Bull)
- After reading the story, what inferences can you make about contemporary Chinese economic and social system? (My Old Home)

**3. Give long questions:**

(2×5=10)

- 'Money determines the relationship between characters in this play'. Elaborate this statement with examples from the play. (Facing Death)
- Discuss the late eighteenth-century Nepali society as portrayed in terms of the relation between the king and his subjects as portrayed in the play. (The Bull)
- Do you think the Government of Nepal should address the demands of NRNs looking for dual citizenship? Give your opinion. [7]
- Write a letter to a business organization overseas describing the prospects of investing in the tourism industry of your local place. [8]
- Write an article for a national daily on "The Status of Women in Nepali Society." [10]

**7. Follow the instructions of the parentheses and do likewise:[10×1=10]**

- We stayed in a (luxurious/five star/new) hotel in Dubai. (Rewrite the sentence by putting the adjectives in the correct order)
- Why do you sneer ..... me? (Fill in the blank with appropriate preposition)
- I recognized him because I saw him before. (Correct the mistake in the sentence)
- Nelson Mandela joined the ANC in the 1930s. He was a student then. (Join the sentence using Relative Pronoun)
- He was not included in the team ..... his knee injury. (Fill in the blank with an ideal connective)
- This time next week, I ..... (ski) in Switzerland! (Fill in the blank with the correct form of verb)
- the father/the window/not going to open (Make a passive sentence using the clues)
- There was a great need ..... volunteers at the site of the crash. (Fill in the blank with the right preposition)
- Would Swastika open the window? (Change the sentence into Passive Voice)
- "Where have you been these days?" she spoke on the telephone. (Change the sentence into Indirect Speech)

**8. Do as instructed:**

[5×1=5]

- Which type of instrument is a 'tambourine'?
  - Stringed
  - Wind
  - Percussion
  - None of the above
- Which sound does the underlined letter in 'young' represent?
  - /v/
  - /f/
  - /j/
  - /r/
- The synonym of the word 'scrutiny' is:
  - appreciation
  - examination
  - entertainment
  - religious ritual
- A/An ..... person is extremely or excessively particular, exacting, or meticulous in taste or standards.
  - arrogant
  - finicky
  - sympiotic
  - modest
- Based on the pronunciation, find the odd word from the given list of words.
  - Fowl
  - Bowl
  - Growl