

# ENGLISH

(First Language)

Standard XII

## PLEDGE

India is my country.  
All Indians are my brothers and sisters.  
I love my country and I am proud of its rich and varied heritage.  
I shall always strive to be worthy of it.  
I shall respect my parents, teachers and all my elders and treat everyone with courtesy.  
I pledge my devotion to my country and its people.  
My happiness lies in their well-being and prosperity.

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It shall be the duty of every citizen of India : \*

- (a) to abide by the Constitution and respect its ideals and institutions, the National Flag and the National Anthem;
- (b) to cherish and follow the noble ideals which inspired our national struggle for freedom;
- (c) to uphold and protect the sovereignty, unity and integrity of India;
- (d) to defend the country and render national service when called upon to do so;
- (e) to promote harmony and the spirit of common brotherhood amongst all the people of India transcending religious, linguistic and regional or sectional diversities; to renounce practices derogatory to the dignity of women;
- (f) to value and preserve the rich heritage of our composite culture;
- (g) to protect and improve the natural environment including forests, lakes, rivers and wild life, and to have compassion for living creatures;
- (h) to develop the scientific temper, humanism and the spirit of inquiry and reform;
- (i) to safeguard public property and to abjure violence;
- (j) to strive towards excellence in all spheres of individual and collective activity so that the nation constantly rises to higher levels of endeavour and achievement;
- (k) to provide opportunities for education by the parent or the guardian, to his child or, as the case may be, ward between the age of six and fourteen years.

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