

Sample Question Paper

(2025-26)

English

Class X

Time: 3 hr 15 min

Max marks:70

General Instruction:

1. The first 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question paper.
2. All questions are compulsory
3. This question paper is divided in two parts- Part A and Part B
4. Part A consists of 20 multiple choice questions of one mark each that have to be answered on OMR Answer Sheet by darkening completely the correct circle with blue or black ballpoint pen.
5. For Part A read the question wise instructions and mark your answer on the given OMR Answer Sheet only. Do not erase, cut or use whitener on the OMR Answer Sheet after answering.
6. Part B consists of descriptive type questions of 50 marks.
7. Marks of the questions are mentioned against them.

Part A

Q 1-3: Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow-

Almost all creatures care for their young ones. Many animals play with their babies and show their love by touching and hugging them. Most animals clean, feed and protect their babies. Birds also teach their fledglings how to go about in the world as adults. A number of animals build homes for their young ones. Tailor birds and weaver birds, ants, wasps and bees are among nature's master designers engineers and architects.

(1) Which of the following is not called nature's engineers and architects? 1

A-weaver birds

B-tailor birds

C-goats

D-ants

(2) How do animals show their love with their young ones? 1

A-singing

B-by touching and hugging

C-enjoying

D-accompanying

(3) Which word means 'baby bird' in the following? 1

A-birds

B-fledglings

C-animals

D-ants

Q 4-8: Choose the correct option to answer the following: 1

(4) Every boy and every girl in the class today.

A-have present

B-are present

C-had present

D-is present

(5) He is worried examination. 1

A-on

B-in

C-of

D-about

(6) Rearrange the following words cluster to make a meaningful sentence: 1

Last/raining/it/been/has/night/since

A-It been since night last has raining.

B-It has been raining since last night.

C-Night has been last raining its since.

D-Been raining last night since it has.

(7) Which of the following word is misspelt? 1

A-acceptance

B-accept

C-acceptable

D-accepted

(8) He spent a lot of money on purchasing costly clothes. (Identify the word 'spent') 1

A-noun

B-verb

C-pronoun

D-adverb

Q 9-10: Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow:

The river, Kaveri, obtains its water from the hills and forests of Coorg. Mahaseer a large fresh water fish- abound in these waters, kingfishers dive for their catch, while squirrels and langurs drop partially eaten fruit for the mischief of enjoying the splash and the ripple effect in the clear water. Elephants enjoy being bathed and scrubbed in the river by their mahouts.

(9) Which river obtains its water from the hills and forests of Coorg? 1

A-Kaveri

B-Yamuna

C-Narmada

D-Tapti

(10) Which of the following is a large fresh water fish. 1

A-Kingfisher

B-Mahaseer

C-large turtle of Coorg

D-small fresh water turtle

Q 11-13: Choose the correct option to the answer the following questions:

(11) Lencho's house was situated... 1

A- in the middle of field.

B- in the corner of the garden.

C- on the top of a low hill in a valley.

D- on the top of a high hill

(12) Nelson Mandela had to spend..... years in prison. 1

A- twenty

B- thirty

C- twenty nine

D- thirty three

(13)The bakers musical instrument is specially made of 1

A- plastic

- B- iron
- C- bamboo stuff
- D- steel

Q 14-15: Read the given extract and choose the correct option to answer the following questions:

(I am an orphan, roaming the street.
I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet.
The silence is golden the freedom is sweet.)

- 14- Who does 'I' refer to in the above extract? 1
- A- father
 - B- poet
 - C- mother
 - D- Amanda
- 15- Which word is opposite of 'restriction' in the extract'. 1
- A- Orphan
 - B- Pattern
 - C- Freedom
 - D- Hushed

Q 16-20: Choose the correct option to answer the following questions:

(16) Which of the following is/are true with reference to the story 'A Triumph of Surgery' ? 1

- i- Mrs. Pumphrey was a poor lady
- ii- Tricki suffered because of overeating.
- iii- Tricki was a very active dog.
- iv- James Herriot was a veterinary surgeon.

- A- Only (ii)
 - B- Only (ii) and (iv)
 - C- Only (i), (ii) and (iv)
 - D- All of the above
- 17- What did Hari Singh actually want from Anil? 1
- A- Money
 - B- Work
 - C- Home

- D- Eatables
- 18- What does Horace Danby like to collect? 1
- A- Jewels
- B- Books
- C- Keys
- D- Painting
- 19- What was the age of Bholi when Mangla was married? 1
- A- Five years old
- B- Seven years old
- C- Ten years old
- D- Twenty years old
- 20- "I want to know what you have been doing to my chair upstairs" who said this statement in the story 'Footprints without Feet'? 1
- A- Scientist
- B- Landlord
- C- Mrs. Hall
- D- Constable

PART B

Reading-

Q1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Just as it is vital for parents to live their own lives as fully as possible and to deepen their understanding to themselves to the utmost, so it is important for teachers and educators to do the same. When children go to school their teachers become during school hours, substitute for their parents. The children transfer to the teacher some of the feelings they have for their parents and are influenced in their turn by the personalities of the teachers. This mutual relationship is of more importance than any teaching method, and a child's ability to learn is continually hampered if the relationship is unsatisfactory. Again, if teachers really want to be educators, to help children to develop into satisfactory men and women, and not simply to stuff them with knowledge, they will only be really successful if they themselves have sound personalities. No amount of preaching, however well done, no principles however sound, no clever technique of mechanical aids can replace the influence of a well developed personality.

A- What is important for teachers and educators?

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- B- What happens if the relationship between a teacher and a child is unsatisfactory? 2
- C- "When children go to school, their teachers become, during school hours, substitutes for their parents". What does this statement suggest? 2
- D- Which word means 'tolerable' in the passage? 1

Writing

Q2. You are Ankita/Ankit from Kanpur. Your friend has invited you to spend your holidays with her/ him. Write to her/him about your inability to do so. 4

OR

You are Rohit/Renu from Prayagraj. Write an application to the librarian of your school to purchase some new English dictionaries.

Q3. Write a paragraph in about 80-100 words on 'The Importance of Outdoor Games' on the basis of the points given below. 6

Importance of outdoor games, some outdoor games, benefits, effect on the life.

OR

Write an article on 'A Retirement Party' in about 80-100 words, keeping in mind the following points.

- i) Whose Retirement party it was
- ii) Time and place
- iii) Description
- iv) Celebration
- v) Your experience

Grammar

Q4. a) **Change the following into indirect speech. 2**

He said, "It has been raining since morning."

b) **Change the following into passive voice. 2**

The children sang the national anthem.

c) **Punctuate the following sentence 2**

kumud said to his friend why had you not come to school yesterday

d) **Translate the following into English- 4**

वृक्ष हमारे देश की अमूल्य निधि हैं। वृक्ष हमें केवल ईंधन व फल ही नहीं देते बल्कि वे हमें इमारती लकड़ी भी देते हैं। वृक्ष वायु प्रदूषण को रोकते हैं। हमें अनावश्यक रूप से वृक्षों को नहीं काटना चाहिए।

Literature

Q5. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each.

- a) What quality of Lencho impressed the postmaster? How did he decide to help him? 3

OR

“The sight of food maddened him” What does this suggest? What compelled the young seagull to finally fly?

- b –What were the sights that moved Buddha? 3

OR

What did Rajvir see during his car journey to Dhekiabari?

Q6. Answer any one of the following in about 60 words: 4

- a) How did the bus conductor receive Valli?
b) Why does Anne Frank want to keep a diary?

Q7. Mention some characteristics of any two animals from the poem ‘How to Tell Wild Animals’. 3

OR

Write four lines of any poem prescribed in your syllabus. (Do not copy the lines given in the question paper)

Q8. Write the central Idea of any one of the following poems (in about 40-50 words) 3

- a) A Tiger in the Zoo
b) The Trees
c) For Anne Gregory

Q9. Answer any one of the following in about 30-40 words: 3

- a) What extraordinary things happen at the inn in the story ‘Foot Prints Without Feet’?
b) Mention any two characteristics of Ausable that differentiate from Max.

Q10. Answer any one of the following in about 60 words? 4

- a) If you get an opportunity to work like Richard Ebright on projects and experiments which field would you like to work on and why?
b) Describe the central character of the story ‘The Necklace’ in detail.