

ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH – IX & X

DESIGN OF QUESTION PAPER

Weightage to different forms of questions:

Unit	Details of Topics/Sections	Types of questions	No. of questions	Marks	Total Marks
Unit I – Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One unseen passage of 300 words - One literary piece/poem 	MCQ/	3	3x1=3	10
		SAI	1	1x2=2	
		MCQ/	3	3x1=3	
		SAI	1	1x2=2	
Unit II – Writing and Applied Grammar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two writing items in about 100-150 words, i.e. a newspaper report, article, story writing, dialogue. - Grammar section will assess grammar items in context. - 	LA II	2	2x6=12	12
		SA I	4	4x2=8	8
Unit III – Literature	Prose/Poetry	MCQ	8	8x1=8	35
		SA I	3	3x2=6	
		SA II	4	4x4=16	
		LA I	1	1x5=5	
	Drama/Fiction	MCQ	2	2x1=2	15
		SA I	2	2x2=4	
		SA II	1	1x4=4	
		LA I	1	1x5=5	

Sl. no.	Forms of questions	Marks for each question	No. of questions	Total marks
1.	MCQ	1	16	16
2.	SA-I	2	11	22
3.	SA-II	4	5	20
4.	LA-I	5	2	10
5.	LA-II	6	2	12
	Total		36	80

Weightage level of questions:

Sl.no.	Level	Percentage	Marks
1.	Easy	25	20
2.	Average	60	48
3.	Difficult	15	12
	Total	100	80

Scheme of options:

Internal choice shall be provided in:

- i. 2(two) questions of 4 marks.
- ii. 1(one) question of 5 marks.
- iii. 2(two) questions of 6 marks.

Note:

1. Minimum 10% of the marks will be of Higher Order Thinking Skills (HOTS)/ Competency Based Questions.

Sample Question Paper 2023
ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH - X

Total marks: 80

Time: 3 hours

General instructions:

- i) *Approximately 15 minutes is allotted to read the question paper and revise the answers*
- ii) *The question paper consists of 21 questions. All questions are compulsory.*
- iii) *Internal choice has been provided in some questions.*
- iv) *Marks allocated to every question are indicated against it.*

N.B: Check that all pages of the question paper are complete as indicated on the top left side.

Unit – I (Reading)

1. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:

The villager has customarily been very conservative in his attitude and approach. He is reluctant to change his traditional way of thinking and doing things. His attitude in many respects is, 'Home-made is best.' For instance, most cattle farmers in the village prefer to feed their cows and buffaloes with a home-made mix comprising local oil-cakes like mustard of cotton seed, pulses etc. It takes numerous visits, hard convincing, daily trials and experiments to convince the rural cattle farmers that compound feeds, scientifically formulated, improve the yields of milk, without any increment costs. The age-old values and attitudes take a long time to change. The villager has traditionally been a believer in the philosophy of 'karma' or 'fate'. He has found it more convenient to blame his misfortunes on karma and fate. Many of the antiquated attitudes, value-system and outlook are changing, due to improved levels of awareness and education. However the rate of change is sluggish. Attitudes that have fossilized over the centuries, do take time to change.

On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions:

- a. What is bringing about a change in the attitudes and value-system of the villager?

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Choose the correct option from the alternatives given:

3x1=3

- b. What is the normal attitude and approach of a villager?

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| i. Pessimistic | iii. Conservative |
| ii. Modern | iv. Up-to-date |

- c. What method of feeding the cattle does the villager prefer?

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| i. Company based | iii. Scientific method |
| ii. Home-made | iv. Experimental method |

- d. What values and attitudes take a long time to change?

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| i. Pre-historic | iii. Medieval |
| ii. Current | iv. Ancient |

2. Read the poem and answer the questions that follow:

I wish I had a dragon
With diamond studded scales,
With claws like silver sabers,
And fangs like silver nails,
A dragon fierce and faithful,
Always ready by my side,
A dragon to defend me
Or take me for a ride.
I wish I had a dragon
With eyes of shining gold,
Who breathed a plume of fire
Whenever it was told,
A dragon so ferocious
It might frighten Frankenstein,
But not a lazy dragon
Who sleeps all day...like mine! (Shel Silverstein)

On the basis of your reading of the poem, choose the correct answer: 3x1=3

- a. What kind of dragon does the poet wish to have?
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| i. A lazy dragon | iii. A loyal dragon |
| ii. A gentle dragon | iv. A violent dragon |
- b. What is the synonym for the word, 'fierce'?
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| i. Indifferent | iii. Non-violent |
| ii. Brutal | iv. Meek |
- c. Which line in the poem says that the poet wants a fire-breathing dragon?
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| i. Fangs like silver nails | iii. Who breathed a plume of fire |
| ii. With eyes of shining gold | iv. Who sleeps all day |

Write true or false: 4x½=2

- d. The poet wishes for a lazy dragon.
e. The poet wishes for a dragon with diamond studded scales.
f. The poet wishes for a dragon that can fly.
g. The dragon's eyes should be shining silver.

Unit – II (Writing and Applied Grammar)

3. a. Write an Article in about 100-150 words on 'Women Empowerment'.

Or

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- b. You are a journalist with the daily newspaper, 'Times of India.' You were at a gas filling station when you saw armed robbers who fired at the manager and ran away with a bag full of money. Write a newspaper Report in about 150-200 words.

4. a. Write a story in about 150-200 words about a boy who loves to prank others- but has learnt a valuable lesson.

Or

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- b. Elina is a very quiet and shy student in your class. Introduce yourself to Elina and begin a conversation with her. Talk about sports, hobbies and other activities.
5. **Fill in the blanks with the correct Degrees of Comparison:** **2x1=2**
Mimi is very ____ (intelligent). She is the ____ among her siblings (young).
6. **Change the Voice of the following sentences:** **2x1=2**
a. Mechanics repair cars.
b. The football trophy was won by the Blue House.
7. **Fill in the blanks with suitable Conjunctions:** **4x½ =2**
I went to the park ____ my friends. We played every game there ____ now I am really tired ____ I don't mind the tiredness ____ I have had a lovely day.
8. **Complete the sentences as directed in the brackets:** **2x1=2**
a. I will meet you _____ 10 o'clock. (Fill in the blank with the correct Preposition)
b. She looks as if she is sick. (Underline the Adverb Clause in the sentence)

Unit – III (Literature)

9. **Choose the correct answer from the alternatives given:** **10x1=10**
- i. How many minutes does it take for Toshi and his friends to reach the road?
a. 5-6 minutes
b. 6-7 minutes
c. 7-8 minutes
d. 8-9 minutes
- ii. *'A flock of sheep that leisurely pass by
One after one; the sound of rain, and bees' (To Sleep)*
What does the poet, Wordsworth mean by '*leisurely*'?
a. Running together
b. One after the other
c. Swiftly
d. Slowly
- iii. Where is the house situated in '*The Ambitious Guest*'?
a. In the notch
b. Top of a mountain
c. In a safe place
d. Near the river
- iv. What did Anne Frank receive from Peter on her fifteenth birthday?
a. A book
b. Candy
c. Flowers
d. A handkerchief
- v. What breaks forth from the heart when old words die out in the poem, '*Closed path*'?
a. Creativity
b. New melodies
c. New country
d. God's will

- vi. "Good luck to him" muttered Pasteur." (Man against Virus)
Who is 'him' that Pasteur is referring to here?
a. Roux
b. Paul Bert
c. Ecole Normale
d. Louis Washkansky
- vii. 'If you don't know how to fix it, please stop breaking it.'
What does Severn Suzuki claim that the adults are breaking?
a. The government
b. The business
c. The ecological balance
d. The bicycles
- viii. What is the tone of the poem, 'Prayer of the Meek'?
- a. Desperate
b. Fearful
c. Melancholic
d. Pious
- ix. What does the laughter of old folks reveal?
- a. Release in death
b. Forgive life
c. Positive attitude
d. Triumph over sadness
- x. Do you think the Diary is an accurate portrayal of all the residents of the Secret Annex?
- a. Yes, Anne Frank was a smart girl and a good judge of human nature.
b. Anne kept to herself a lot, so maybe the diary isn't perfectly accurate.
c. The representation of the other residents included Anne's biases and prejudices against them.
d. The isolation of hiding in a small space forced all the residents to get to know each other very well.

Answer the following questions in about 20-25 words:

5x2=10

10. What were Anne's plans for revenge on Mr. Dussel and why was the plan abandoned? (*The Diary of Anne Frank*)
11. What did Dr. Bernard's father believe about suffering? (*In Celebration of Being Alive*)
12. What are the soft sounds imagined by Wordsworth in his attempt to sleep? (*To Sleep*)
13. What did the poet see in his weakness? (*Closed Path*)
14. What, according to Anne Frank is wrong with her mother?

Answer the following questions in about 40-45 words:

$$5 \times 4 = 20$$

15. a. Why is Severn's future in danger? What does she want from parents? (2+2=4)
Or
b. How did the mechanic boy get injured? (*In Celebration of Being Alive*)

16. a. *"Mr. Koophuis is out of the hospital. But his stomach won't give him a moment's peace- he had to go home again today because it is still troubling him."*
- i. Why was Mr. Koophuis in the hospital? (1)
 - ii. How long did he stay at the hospital? (1)
 - iii. How did he respond to the sickness? (2)

Or

- b. How does Anne describe the eight residents of the Annex?
17. *'I wasn't born yet when they frequented our village. I missed such an exciting time in history by about five years.'* (*Fragrance of the Gods*)
- i. Who is Toshi referring to as *'they'*? (1)
 - ii. What are the things that Toshi missed in the *'exciting time'*? (3)
18. Based on your understanding of the poem, *Old Folks Laugh*, what can you say about the attitude of the old people?
19. *'Cleanse the bloodstain from hands that killed,
Wipe the spot of hell from hearts that hate
Take up this tangled strand of dark confusion'* (*Prayer of the Meek*)
- i. Who is the poet talking about? (1)
 - ii. What does the *'spot of hell'* mean? (1)
 - iii. What is the *'dark confusion'* the poet is talking about? (2)

Read the lines and answer the questions that follow:

20. a. *'The sooner it gets there, the sooner it has an effect.'* (*Man against Virus*)
- i. What is Pasteur referring to? **1**
 - ii. How did Pasteur and Roux help *'it'* to *'get there'* sooner? **2**
 - iii. Why is it the sooner, the more effective? **2**
- Or**
- b. *'It is strange, wife, how his talk set my head running on things that are pretty certain never to come to pass.'* (*The Ambitious Guest*)
- i. What did the stranger talk about? (2)
 - ii. How did the father wish to die? (3)
21. What are the similarities between Anne and Peter? In what way do these reasons contribute to them becoming closer? **3+2=5**