

Sample Question Paper
English : 2019-20
Class - X

Time : 3 Hrs. 15 Min.

M.M. : 70

Note : First 15 minutes are allotted to the students for reading the question paper.

Instructions:

- (i) This question paper is divided into two sections, A & B.
- (ii) All questions from the two the sections are compulsory.
- (iii) Marks are indicated against each question.
- (iv) Read the questions very carefully before you start answering them.

Section-A

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it:

It did not take Yudhisthira a moment to understand that these could be none other than the words of a Yaksha and guessed what had happened to his brothers. It took him no time to see a possible way of bringing them back to life. He said to the bodiless voice: "Please ask your questions".

- i) Write the name of the lesson from which the above passage has been taken. Who is the writer of this lesson? 2
- ii) What possible way did Yudhisthira find to revive his brothers? 2

2. Answer one of the following questions in about 60 words. 4

- a) Why does Nehru call the Ganga 'the river of India'?
- b) Why have we been compared to a chain?

3. Answer two of the following questions in about 25 words each: 2+2=4

- a) Why was Lencho sad?
- b) What punishment was given to Socrates?
- c) Why did Akbar and Tansen go to the Himalayas?

4. Match the words of List-A with their meanings in List-B. 4x1=4

List-A

List-B

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| (a) Mourn | Clearly |
| (b) Precious | Coming out |
| (c) Bulging | Express sorrow |
| (d) Vividly | Valuable |

5. Read the following lines of poetry and answer the questions given below it:

Not gold, but only men can make
A people great and strong
Men who, for truth and honour's sake,
Stand fast and suffer long.

- (a) Write the names of the poet and the poem from which the above lines have been taken. (2)
 - (b) What qualities of nation loving people have been described in these lines? (2)
6. Write the central idea of one of the following poems:(3)
- a) The village song
 - b) The Fountain

Or

Write four lines from one of the poems given in your text book. (Do not copy out the lines given in this question paper).

7. Answer two of the following questions in about 25 words each: $2+2=4$
- a) Why was Jesse Owens angry?
 - b) Why was Edison dismissed from his job?
 - c) What did the village boys find in the pastures?
8. Point out 'true' and 'false' in the following statements: $4 \times 1 = 4$
- a) The first Olympic games were held in Germany.
 - b) Edison was an American scientist.
 - c) The last angel was pleased with the king of Ujjain.
 - d) Edison began to work on an electric lamp in 1880.

9. Select the most suitable alternative to complete the following statements: 4x1=4

a) Jesse Owens walked over to Luz Long's room in the Olympic village:

- i) to thank him.
- ii) to talk to him about-Hitler.
- iii) to quarrel with him.
- iv) to get some more tips.

b) When the shepherd boy sat on the green mound:

- i) he disappeared.
- ii) he started behaving like an actual judge.
- iii) he fell down from it.
- iv) he flew away in the sky.

c) What was celebrated in 1929?

- i) The silver Jubilee of the invention of gramophone.
- ii) The birth centenary of Edison.
- iii) The Silver Jubilee of the invention of electric bulb.
- iv) A grand ceremony to honour the President of the United States.

d) The angels took the judgment seat to :

- i) the sea

- ii) the sky
- iii) a secret underground place
- iv) another kingdom

Section-B

10. Do as indicated against each of the following statements:

(i) was great palace this king a beautiful by built. 2
(Frame a correct sentence by re-ordering the words)

(ii) I bought a new book on Thursday. 2
(Change into Passive Voice)

(iii) My mother said, "It is always good to be honest." 2
(Change into indirect speech)

(iv) She _____ the room before the guest came? 2
(Use correct form of the verb 'clean' to fill in the blank)

11. a) Choose the correct preposition from the ones given below the sentence to fill in the blanks: 2

The little boy fell _____ a deep well.
(down, into, on)

b) Complete the following sentence: 2

Do not waste time _____.

c) Complete the spellings of the following words:

i) d _ c _ s _ _ n $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$

ii) _ pl _ n _ i _

d) Punctuate the following, using capital letters wherever necessary: 2

mohan's father said to him you should work hard for exams.

12. Translate the following into English: 4

प्रकृति एक जीवित शक्ति है। यह अपने शांत और सुंदर रूप में हमारे चारों ओर विद्यमान है। जब हम प्रकृति के नियम तोड़ते हैं, यह उग्र हो जाती है। प्रकृति का संरक्षण और सम्मान करना हमारा नैतिक दायित्व है।

13. Write an application to the Librarian of your School to purchase some new English dictionaries. (Do not write your name and roll no.) 4

OR

Write a letter to your sister who lives in Kolkata, asking her to come home for a picnic to nearby places, next month. (Do not write your name and place).

14. Write a composition on one of the following topics in about 60 words. Points are given below for each topic to develop the composition: 6

(a) My favourite Festival

- Introduction
- Why and when is it celebrated?
- How is it celebrated?
- Why do you like it?

(b) A Birthday Party

- Whose birthday party was it?
- When and where was it celebrated?
- Food and fun activities.
- Conclusion

(c) Importance of Mobile phones:

- Introduction
- How is it useful in our daily life?
- What do you use it for?
- How to stop its misuse?

15. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

A shabbily dressed man once went to a pet shop. There he saw a cage having four little birds inside. He kept on gazing at the birds. He went to the shopkeeper and said, "How much for this cage with birds?" "Just eight hundred rupees" said the shopkeeper. The man took out some crumpled notes and counted. He had only seven hundred

thirty rupees. He said to the shopkeeper, "This is all I have but I need this badly. Can I have it?" The shopkeeper thought for a while then agreed to sell it to the man. The man handed over the money to the shopkeeper, took the cage and opened the tiny gate. The little birds inside flew away instantly. The surprised shopkeeper asked him, "Why did you waste all your money when you had to set them free?" The man said, "Never mind sir, I had been imprisoned for no crime for the last three years. The precious thing I just bought, has given these bits of paper a little worth."

- i) Why was the shopkeeper surprised to see the man's behaviour? 3
- ii) Why did the man set the birds free? What do the underlined portions mean here? 1+2
