

Set-3

**Class - X
2019-20
English
Sample Question Paper**

Time : 3 Hrs. 15 Minutes

M.M. : 70

General Instructions:

- (i) First 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question paper.
- (ii) This question paper is divided into two sections, A & B.
- (iii) All questions from both the sections are compulsory.
- (iv) Marks are indicated against each question.
- (v) Read the questions very carefully before you start answering them.

Section-A

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

The men who were governing Athens summoned Socrates to appear before them and to stand his trial. His friends begged him to escape or to hide until the storm had blown over. But Socrates was no coward. He knew that he had done nothing wrong and that he had only taught what he believed to be just, true and honourable and so he went to the court. His clothes and shoes were dusty and travel-stained. But everyone knew that a noble heart beat under the shabby garments.

- i) Write the name of the lesson from which the above noted passage has been taken. Who is the author of the lesson? 2
- ii) Who summoned Socrates to appear before them and who requested Socrates to escape? 2
2. Answer one of the following questions in about 60 words. 4
- i) What quality of Yudhishtira pleased the Yaksha most?
- ii) Who was Socrates? What were his teachings?
3. Answer two of the following questions in about 25 words each: 2+2=4
- i) What was Lencho's problem? What was his only hope?
- ii) What did the Ganga remind Pandit Nehru of?
- c) Who is the creator of the universe? What has he created?
4. Match the words of List 'A' with their meanings in List 'B'. 4x1=4

List 'A'

Solitary

Abundant

Enough

List 'B'

Ample

Sufficient

Wife

Consort

Lonely

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

Honey, child, honey child, whither are you going?

Would you cast your jewels all to the breezes blowing?

Would you leave the mother who on golden grain has fed you?

Would you grieve the lover who is riding forth to wed you?

- a) Write the title of the poem from which the above lines have been selected. Who is the poet of the poem? 1+1

- b) Who is leaving the mother. Why will the lover be grieved? 1+1

6. Write the central idea of one of the following poems: 3

- a) The Psalm of life

- 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) Describe the important inventions made by Edison?

- b) What happened to the palace and the fortress of Vikramaditya after his death?
 - c) Who was Coubertin? What was his ideal?
8. Point out 'true' and 'false' in the following statements: 4x1=4
- a) Edison promised to give Americans electric light in two years.
 - b) The first angel said to the king "Are you worthy to sit on the throne?"
 - c) In 1936 the Olympic Games were held in America.
 - d) Luz Long was an American.
9. Select the most suitable alternative to complete the following statements: 4x1=4
- a) Edison got a beating from his mother because:
 - i) he had smashed the eggs and spoiled his shorts.
 - ii) he had hatched the eggs.
 - iii) he had eaten up all the eggs.
 - iv) he had sold the eggs.
 - b) The Vikram Samvat owes its origin to:
 - i) Samudra Gupta
 - ii) Ashok
 - iii) Vikramaditya

- iv) Chandra Gupta Maurya
- c) Luz Long was a real sportsman because:
 - i) he was tall and well built.
 - ii) he was German.
 - iii) his main object in games was not conquering but fighting well.
 - iv) he had won many medals.
- d) The Olympic record in the event of long jump at Berlin in 1936 was—
 - i) 26 feet 8.5 inches
 - ii) 26 feet $5\frac{5}{16}$ inches
 - iii) 26 feet
 - iv) 25 feet 7 inches

Section-B

10. Do as indicated against each of the following statements:
- (i) Gifted me red a friend my dress. 2
(Frame a correct sentence by re-ordering the words)
 - (ii) He deposited the money on the fee-counter. 2
(Change into Passive Voice)
 - (iii) The doctor said, "Don't worry, you will be fine in a few days." 2

- (iv) Submit your notebooks after _____ the classwork. 2

(Use correct form of the verb 'finish' to fill in the blanks.)

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

He lives in a village _____ the river.

(into, across, besides)

- b) Complete the following sentence: 2

You can go home _____.

- c) Complete the spellings of the following words:

i) ad _ e _ t _ r _ $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$

ii) p _ a _ t _ c _

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

my grandmother said have some more food rupa and raghu.

12. Translate the following into English: 4

मैं आज सुबह से कुछ परेशान था। मेरा मनपसंद उपन्यास कहीं खो गया था। बहुत खोजने के बाद यह मुझे बड़े भाई साहब की मेज पर मिला। वह कल रात इसे पढ़ने के लिये ले गए थे।

13. Write a letter to your friend, sharing your views on how Yoga is helpful during exams. (Do not write your name and place). 4

OR

Write an application to the Principal of your school requesting him to organize a tour to some historical place. (Do not write your name and roll no.)

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) Problem of Pollution:

- Introduction
- Types of Pollution
- Causes of Pollution
- How to control Pollution

(b) Importance of Outdoor Games:

- Introduction
- Some outdoor games
- Benefits
- How to motivate children to Play outdoor games.

(c) Your Favourite Leader:

- Short Introduction of the Leader
- His/Her qualities

- His/Her contribution to the society
- Conclusion

15. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions set thereon:

Dolphins are regarded as the friendliest creatures in the sea and stories of them, helping drowning sailors have been common since Roman times. The more we learn about dolphins, the more we realize that their society is more complex than people previously imagined. They look after other dolphins when they are ill, care for pregnant mothers and protect the weakest in the community as we do. Some scientists have suggested that dolphins have a language but it is much more probable that they communicate with each other without needing words. Could any of these mammals be more intelligent than man? Certainly the most common argument in favour of man's superiority over them, that we can kill them more easily than they can kill us, is the least satisfactory. On the contrary, the more we discover about these remarkable creatures, the less we appear superior when we destroy them.

- i) What human qualities do dolphins possess, according to the passage? 3
- ii) Why do some people argue that man is superior to dolphins? 3
