

**MP BOARD CLASS 10 PAPER 2015**  
**ENGLISH (GENERAL) : CLASS X**

Time : 3 Hrs. ]

*Note : All questions are compulsory.*

**SECTION 'A'**

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :  
'Prevention is better than cure' and it is recognized that the only way to get rid of malaria completely is to get rid of the mosquitoes which cause it. Malaria is always associated with damp and marshy land. This is not because the land is damp, but because the stagnant water is the breeding place of the mosquito, which begins its life as larva living in the water. Malaria does not frequently occur in the water. Malaria does not frequently occur in dry desert countries, because mosquitoes cannot breed there. The only way to destroy mosquitoes is to prevent their breeding in stagnant water. This can be done by draining all ponds and pools, and by keeping them covered in the breeding season with a thin layer of kerosene oil, which by depriving the larvae of air, kills them.

**Questions :**

- (i) In which place does malaria occur most ? 1  
(ii) How does a mosquito begin its life ? 1  
(iii) In what places malaria does not occur ? 1  
(iv) The.....is the breeding place of the mosquito. 1  
(a) flowing water (b) dry and desert  
(c) stagnant water.  
(v) Malaria does not occur in.....countries. 1  
(a) damp and marshy land (b) dry and desert  
(c) dirty water.

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :  
An American enlisted himself in the Spanish Army. He did not know the Spanish language. The commander informed that the king would come on inspection after six months. The king usually asked three questions. "What is your age ?" "Since when have you been in army ?" and "Are you satisfied with your lodging and boarding ?" The commander taught him the answer and he crammed them. As usual the king came on inspection. Looking at the new Soldier, he asked, "Since when have you been in my army ?" "Sir, 25 years", replied the soldier. The king was taken aback. He asked him the second question. "Then what is your age ?" "Sir six months", the soldier humbly replied. "Am I mad or you ?". The king asked irritably. "Sir, both", was the quick answer.

**Questions :**

- (i) What was the problem of the soldier ? 1  
(ii) Which questions do the king usually ask ? 1  
(iii) The soldier did not know.....language. 1  
(a) American (b) Spanish  
(c) English (d) French.  
(iv) The soldier replied that I am.....years old. 1  
(a) 20 (b) 25  
(c) 27 (d) 29.  
(v) Why was the king surprised ? 1

3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :  
Students who are very fond of reading books are often labelled by their companions as bookworms. The criticism generally comes from students who consider themselves better in sports. Students who shine in athletics or in some games consider that it is better to spend time and energy in a sports arena than in classroom or at a

reading desk. All the same they do envy their fellows who shine academically. Academic honour has a glamour which is unique. It is not to be denied that playing games is a useful activity, because it creates team spirit and also make the sportsmen healthy and vigorous. That is why games and sports are given so much importance in the curriculum of schools and colleges. But studies should not neglected and should be given due importance along with other activities connected with education. Let each type of activity have its own place in our daily routine. Then only we will have students both academically sound and physically fit. We want our education system to generate this energy among our youth.

**Questions :**

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| (i) Students who are very fond of reading books are often labeled by their companion as..... | 1            |
| (a) sports loving  | (b) studious |
| (c) bookworms.   |              |
| (ii) Why academically students are called bookworms ?  | 1            |
| (iii) Who envy their fellows who shine academically ?  | 1            |
| (iv) Why do we play games ?  | 1            |
| (v) .....honour has a glamour which is unique.   | 1            |
| (a) Academic   | (b) Sports   |
| (c) Creative.  |              |

**SECTION 'B'**

4. You are Lokesh Patel studying in Govt. Higher Secondary School, Bina. Write an application to your Principal to issue your transfer certificate. 6

*Or*

You are Harsh Gupta, residing in 15-133, Chaurai Road, Amarwara, Chhindwara. Write a letter to your friend Pushpendra to congratulate him on his brilliant success in High School examination.

5. Read the following passage carefully and do as instructed in (a) and (b) below the passage :

There are many different kinds of musical instruments. They are divided into three main classes according to the way they are played. For example, some instruments are played by blowing air into them. These are called wind instruments. In some of these the air is made to vibrate inside a wooden tube and these are said to be of the woodwind family. The examples of this family are the flute, the clarinet and the bassoon. Other instruments are made of brass : the trumpet and the horn are the examples. There are also various other wind instruments such as the mouth organ and bagpipes.

Some instruments are played by banging or striking them. One obvious example is the drum, of which there are various kinds. Instruments like this are called percussion instruments.

The last big group of instruments are the ones which have strings. There are two main kinds of stringed instruments : those in which the music is made by plucking the strings and those where the player draws a bow across the strings. Examples of the former are the harp and the guitar and that of the latter are the violin and the cello.

**Questions :**

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| (a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it in points using heading and sub-heading. | 4 |
| (b) Write a summary looking at the notes.   | 3 |
6. Write a paragraph in about 80 words on "To Make Clean India" with the help of the verbal inputs given below : 7
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| (i) Cleanliness is based on our health.                  |  |
| (ii) To put the garbage in the dustbin.                  |  |
| (iii) To develop the habit of cleanliness.               |  |
| (iv) Cleanliness is a national mission.                  |  |
| (v) Two hours in a week should be given in this mission. |  |

- (vi) Use of cotton bags only.
- (vii) Awareness in the society.
- (viii) Separate toilet for girls in schools.
- (ix) Water available to maintain the cleanliness.

Or

Write an essay in 200 words on any one of the following topics :

- (i) My Hobby,
- (ii) Wonders of Science,
- (iii) Any Interesting match,
- (iv) My best friend.

### SECTION 'C'

7. (A) Fill in the blanks by using the correct form of the verbs given in brackets (any Five) : 5

- (i) Mohan was very tired, so he ..... to bed early. (go)
- (ii) When we reached the cinema hall, the film had ..... (begin)
- (iii) Malini felt tired. She ..... in the pond since morning. (swim)
- (iv) ..... the news, he felt disappointed. (Read, Reading)
- (v) This is very light box. You ..... lift it. (can, could)
- (vi) I used to ..... in the river when I was young. (swim, swimming)

Ans. (i) went, (ii) begun, (iii) has been swimming, (iv) Reading, (v) can, (vi) swim.

(B) Choose the correct words from brackets and fill in the blanks (any five) : 5

- (i) He is ..... honest man. (a, an, the)
- (ii) The student said, "Sir ..... I drink some water please ?" (may, can, might)
- (iii) He was absent ..... he was sick. (while, because, during)
- (iv) You have to wait ..... the signal is green. (until, during, while)
- (v) Distribute the money ..... Ram and Mohan. (among, between)
- (vi) He has been waiting for the bus ..... morning. (for, since)
- (vii) Mohan met his friend ..... he was on holiday. (during, while, since)

Ans. (i) an, (ii) may, (iii) because, (iv) until, (v) between, (vi) since, (vii) while.

8. Do as directed (any five) : 5

- (i) They play cricket in the play ground. (Change into interrogative)
- (ii) I do my home work. (Change into negative)
- (iii) My father went to Bhopal yesterday. (Make a question beginning with "Where")
- (iv) It is raining. (Change into present perfect tense)
- (v) the/won/have/we/match. (Rearrange the words to make a meaningful sentence)
- (vi) My grand-mother is very weak. She cannot walk. (Combine above sentence using (so ..... that))
- (vii) (a) The two friends found a pot.  
(b) The pot contained a thousand gold muhar. (Combine the above sentence using "which")

9. Translate any five sentence into English : 5

- (i) वर्षा हो चुकी थी।
- (ii) वे सुबह से नदी में तैर रहे हैं।
- (iii) वह मेरी सहायता करेगा।
- (iv) दादी माँ कहानी सुना रही थीं।
- (v) मैं अंग्रेजी बोल सकता हूँ।
- (vi) वह अपना गृह कार्य कर चुका है।
- (vii) आपकी उम्र कितनी है ?

## SECTION 'D'

10. Read the following extract carefully and answer the question given below it :  
Mamta has been studying in a small school in the near by town till then, as her parents could not afford to send her to any one of the public schools in the city. It was only because of the scholarship she had won from a trust that it had been possible for her to join this reputed convent school. Being away from home, in a hostel, she yearned for some friends, but till now most of the girls had refused to accept a small town girl as thir friend. Most of the girls in the school came from rich families. They treated her as unwelcome guest who was too low in status by their standards.

**Questions :**

- (a) Mamta had been studying in a ..... . 1  
(i) big school (ii) famous old school  
(iii) small school.
- (b) From which lesson this extract has been taken ? 1  
(i) The New player in the Team. (ii) The Tribute  
(iii) One Step Ahead.
- (c) Mamta could not join any public school because ..... . 1  
(i) She was weak in studies.  
(ii) Her parents could not afford to send her to school.  
(iii) She could not get scholarship.
- (d) Why did the girls in the school avoid Mamta's company ? 2

11. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below it :  
Usually my elder brother does not write to me. He does not need anything from me. He has never sought a token from me in lieu of his concern for me as an elder brother. In those days when I was a student, the only thing that he enquired about was my well being. During my stay at home, he would catch fish for me from the pond behind our house and would ask his wife to prepare a good dish, for I loved fish. When the catch was scanty, the dish would be prepared exclusively for me. He would say to his wife : "You must make the dish as delicious as possible, using mustard paste for Babuli." Even now, he is the same man with same tone of love and compassion. Nothing has changed him-his seven children, father, mother, cattle, fields, household responsibilities. He is the same my elder brother.

**Questions :**

- (a) Name of the lesson from which the extract has been taken is : 1  
(i) The Tribute (ii) The Torch Bearer  
(iii) The Pot of Gold.
- (b) My ..... brother does not write to me. 1  
(i) younger (ii) cousin  
(iii) elder.
- (c) Find out the word from extract which means "small in quantity or size". 1
- (d) When elder brother caught the fish; what would he say to his wife ? 2

12. Answer the following questions about 30 words : 3

- (a) What was the duty of the little boy ?

*Or*

What did Mahatma Gandhi say on the death of Bhagat Singh ?

- (b) Why did Dr. Kalam go to Delhi ? 3

*Or*

Why did Babuli give the paper slip to his elder sister-in-law ?

13. Who was Bhama Shah ? Describe his qualities. (in 60 words) 4

Or

Describe the qualities of Maharana Pratap ?

14. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions given below it :

Change my darkness to Thy light, Lord !

Change my darkness to Thy light,

And my evil into good.

Touch me but once and I will change,

All my clay into Thy gold.

Questions :

- (a) 'Darkness' in the stanza stands for..... . 1  
(i) Night (ii) Ignorance.  
(iii) Lord.
- (b) 'Light' stands for..... . 1  
(i) Electricity (ii) Ignorance.  
(iii) Knowledge.
- (c) The poet who wrote the poem is..... . 1
15. Where do the windows open ? 3

Or

Who takes the kite high ?

16. Answer any *two* of the following questions in 20 words : 4  
(a) Who is greater than king ?  
(b) Why does the poet want his reader to leave their book ?  
(c) What are the things suggested by the poet that we should leave ?
17. Answer any *three* of the following questions in 30 words each : 9  
(a) What does Red-cross Society do ?  
(b) What is the inevitable burden for a child ?  
(c) What is the main goal of our educational system ?  
(d) What was Napoleon's motto ?
18. Answer any *two* of the following questions in 30 words each : 6  
(a) What is the first requirement of good etiquette ?  
(b) What did Ashoka do ?  
(c) What was the question of the American women ?
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