

PRACTICE QUESTION PAPER (2023-24)

CLASS: X

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

Time: 3 Hours

M.M. : 80

General Instructions:-

- (i) The Question Paper contains four sections – Reading Skill, Grammar, Writing Skill and Literature.
 - (ii) Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
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SECTION - A

20Marks

(READING SKILL)

Q 1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (10)

- (i) Eiha Dixit is an eight-year-old girl from Meerut, Uttar Pradesh. She was born on September 29, 2012 to Kuldeep and Anjali. The young environmentalist planted a record 1,008 saplings on her fifth birthday. By the age of 6, she had already planted 2500 saplings and earned a place in the Asia Book of Record. Eiha was also awarded the "Bal Shakti Puraskar 2019" by the President of India for excellence in the field of social service.
- (ii) Eiha's father says that she had the courage to do something different from the very beginning. One day, Eiha was watching a cartoon on television that discussed the importance of plants and how they help the environment. Ever since the thought that plants help save the environment and combat pollution has remained in the little girl's mind. Then, when she saw the Prime Minister discuss plants on television, she insisted on planting a sapling. The family planted a lemon plant in their garden.
- (iii) Soon, Eiha began insisting on planting saplings regularly and her family obliged. Every Sunday, the family would plant saplings in the vicinity of their house. Her father would share it on social media, and slowly people started taking note of Eiha's work.
- (iv) Initially, people would notice and appreciate Eiha's efforts, but once the family started the "Green Eiha Smile Club" in 2018, children started joining Eiha in her endeavour. Today, Eiha and her club continue to plant saplings and encourage others to do so on occasions such as birthdays and weddings. "This is our last chance to save human civilization. Planting trees is the only way to do it, the more the better," says Eiha, who aims to become an IPS officer, and wishes to plant trees all her life.

Questions :

Q1. To which state does Eiha belong?

- A. M. P.
- B. U. P.
- C. Haryana
- D. Rajasthan

Q2. When was Eiha born?

- A. September 28, 2012
- B. September 13, 2012
- C. September 12, 2012
- D. September 29, 2012

Q3. How many saplings had Eiha planted by the age of six?

- A. 1500
- B. 2500
- C. 3000
- D. 4000

Q4. What was the name of the club started by the family of Eiha?

- A. Green Eiha Fairy Club
- B. Green Eiha Smile Club
- C. Green Eiha Smart Club
- D. Green Eiha Sensitive Club

Q5. Eiha aims to become an _____ .

- A. IAS
- B. IPS
- C. doctor
- D. teacher

Q6. With which Puraskar was Eiha awarded in 2019?

Q7. Which Idea remained in the mind of Eiha after watching a cartoon on television?

Q8. What would the family do every Sunday?

Q9. What does Eiha and her club encourage others to do on birthdays and weddings?

Q10. According to Eiha, how can human civilization be saved?

Q2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below. (10)

- (i) The proverb conveys to us that no man is free from mistakes or faults. None is infallible in this world. Before criticising others, we should first look into ourselves. To err is human. If we do not make mistakes, we shall rise to the level of godliness or divinity. At the same time, if we go on making mistakes only, we shall come down to the level of devilry. Both the possibilities are remote. A rational inference is that man is not totally free from mistake-making tendency. After all, he is human being but those who forgive men for their mistakes, are superhuman.
- (ii) It is a princely quality to forgive others. We must have a humanised and kind attitude towards others. We must rather think that we also may make mistakes. We ourselves are not divine or godly.
- (iii) Apart from it, man has always learnt through mistakes. If a man makes mistakes knowingly or deliberately, he is unforgivable. He rather deserves to be punished for the mistakes he has been committing deliberately and repeatedly. But if mistakes are made unknowingly or innocently, they should be forgiven and forgotten. It can be done only by a superman with divine virtues. Mercy is a godly quality and those who are merciful, are humanistic and altruistic.
- (iv) In the light of these arguments, one may ardently advocate for the proverb "To err is human, to forgive superhuman." When Christ was being crucified, he prayed to God. "Forgive them, they don't know what they are doing."

QUESTIONS:

1. What should we do before criticizing others?
2. What will happen if we do not make mistakes?
3. What kind of attitude should we have towards others?
4. What should be done to a man who makes mistakes knowingly?
5. What did Christ pray to God when he was being crucified?
6. From which things, no man is free?
 - A. mistakes
 - B. faults
 - C. Both A and B
 - D. Neither A nor B
7. Through which thing man has always learnt something?
 - A. mistakes
 - B. money
 - C. health
 - D. All of these

8. What kind of people are those who are merciful ?
A. humanistic
B. altruistic
C. Both A and B
D. Neither A nor B
9. Which word in the passage means the same as 'support' ?
A. infallible
B. advocate
C. humanised
D. forgive
10. When does a man become unforgivable?
A. When he makes mistakes deliberately.
B. When he makes mistakes innocently.
C. When he makes mistakes unknowingly
D. When he helps somebody with money.

**SECTION – B
(GRAMMAR)**

10 Marks

Q3. Attempt any ten sentences from the given items. (10 X 1 =10)

a. Choose the correct **form of verb** from the given choices :

1. _____ you not (take) your breakfast yet?

- A. did not take
- B. have not taken
- C. are you not taking
- D. None of these

2. It _____ (hail) outside for half an hour.

- A. was hailing
- B. is hailing
- C. have been hailing
- D. has been hailing

b. Choose the correct **article** from the given choices :

3. He is _____ artist.

- A. the
- B. a
- C. an
- D. No article

4. _____ Water is necessary to survive.

- A. No article
- B. The
- C. A
- D. An

c. Choose the correct **punctuated sentence** from the given choices :

5. reema said to her mother where are you going

- A. Reema said to her mother: Where are you going.
- B. Reema said to her mother, "Where are you going?"
- C. Reema said to her mother, "where are you going?"
- D. Reema said to her Mother, " where are you going, "

6. Alas he is ruined

- A. Alas! He is ruined?
- B. Alas, he is ruined.
- C. Alas! He is ruined.
- D. Alas? He is ruined.

d. Choose the correct **modal** from the given choices :

7. He _____ dance for hours in his childhood.

- A. could
- B. can
- C. need
- D. will

8. He _____ rather break than stoop.

- A. should
- B. would
- C. can
- D. must

e. Choose the sentence showing correct **indirect speech** from the given choices :

9. Rohit has said, " I cannot displease my friend."

- A. Rohit has said that I cannot displease my friend.
- B. Rohit has said that he could not displease his friend.
- C. Rohit has said that he cannot displease his friend.
- D. Rohit has said that he could not displease my friend.

10. He said to her, "Do you want to go home?"

- A. He asked her if she wanted to go home.
- B. He asked her if she wants to go home.
- C. He told her that she wanted to go home.
- D. He asked her does she want to go home.

f. Choose the correct **non-finite** from the given choices.

11. This medicine is pleasant _____ (take).

- A. to take
- B. taking
- C. take
- D. having taken

12. Raman is fond of _____ (play) cricket.

- A. to play
- B. playing
- C. play
- D. having played

SECTION – C
(WRITING SKILL)

10 Marks

Q4. Attempt any one of the following : (5)

- (i) Your father had sent to you a beautiful gift on your birthday from New York. Write a letter to him expressing your feelings of love and admiration for him. You are Sapna/ Mudit living at D-30, Saraswati Kunj, Chennai.
- (ii) You are Kamal/ Kamala, a student of Vohra Public School, Faridabad, Haryana. The toilets of your school are very dirty. Write an application to your principal drawing his attention and pointing out the foul smell emitting out of the toilets.

Q5. Attempt any one of the following : (5)

- (i) You are the general manager of a leading industrial concern. You need a chartered accountant for your office. Write an advertisement in not more than 50 words to be published in the Times of India, New Delhi under the classified.
- (ii) Write a paragraph on 'Value of Trees'.

SECTION - D
(LITERATURE)

40 Marks

Q6. Do any one of the passages given below and answer the questions that follow. (5)

My father, the most adorable father I've ever seen; didn't marry my mother until he was thirty-six and she was twenty-five. My sister, Margot, was born in Frankfurt in Germany in 1926. I was born on 12th June, 1929. I lived in Frankfurt until I was four. My father

emigrated to Holland in 1933. My mother, Edith Hollander Frank, went with him to Holland in September, while Margot and I were sent to Aachen to stay with our grandmother.

Questions:

1. Name the chapter from which the passage has been taken.
2. Who does 'my father' refer to here?
3. Where did the grandmother live?
4. When was Anne Frank born?
5. What was the name of Anne Frank's mother?

Or

Our elders are often heard reminiscing nostalgically about those good old Portuguese days, the Portuguese and their famous loaves of bread. Those eaters of loaves might have vanished but the makers are still there. We still have amongst us the mixers, the moulders and those who bake the loaves. Those age-old, time-tested furnaces still exist. The fire in the furnaces has not yet been extinguished.

1. Name the chapter and its writer.
2. Whom do the elders remember nostalgically?
3. Who are referred to as the makers?
4. Which time-tested things still exist?
5. Which word in the passage means the same as 'disappeared'?

Q7. Answer any two of the following questions :

(2 X 3 = 6)

- (i) Why did the postmaster send money to Lencho? (A Letter to God)
- (ii) What tells you that Anne loved her grandmother ? (From the Diary of Anne Frank)
- (iii) What happened when the box was opened? (Mijbil the Otter)
- (iv) What happens to Lomov when he is in an excited state? (The Proposal)

Q8. Attempt any one of the following questions :

(6)

What legends are associated with the origin of tea?

(Tea from Assam)

Or

Write a character sketch of Natalya.

(The Proposal)

Q9. Attempt any one of the following stanzas :

(5)

Some say the world will end in fire

Some say in ice.
From what I've tasted of desire
I hold with those who favour fire.

Questions:

1. Name the poem and the poet.
2. What does fire stand for in these lines?
3. What does ice stand for in these lines?
4. Which figure of speech is used in the first two lines?
5. What is the rhyme scheme used in the stanza?

Or

The pirate gaped at Belinda's dragon,
And gulped some grog from his pocket flagon,
He fired two bullets but they didn't hit,
And Custard gobbled him, every bit.

Questions:

1. Name the poem and its poet.
2. Who was Custard?
3. What did the pirate do on seeing the dragon?
4. How many bullets did the pirate fire on Custard?
5. Who ate every bit of the pirate?

Q10. Attempt any two of the following questions :

(2 X 3 = 6)

- (i) Describe the state of a tiger in the zoo? (A Tiger in the Zoo)
- (ii) What is the central idea of the poem 'The Ball Poem'?
- (iii) Where are the trees in the poem? What do their roots, leaves and twigs do? (The Trees)
- (iv) Describe the four pets of Belinda. (The Tale of Custard the Dragon)

Q11. Attempt any two of the following questions :

(2 X 3 = 6)

- (i) Why is the writer tempted to keep Tricky on as a permanent guest? (A Triumph of Surgery)
- (ii) Why was Fowler disappointed on meeting Ausable? (The Midnight Visitor)
- (iii) How did Richard Ebright's mother help him to become a great scientist? (The Making of a Scientist)
- (iv) Why was Sulekha nicknamed Bholi? (Bholi)

Q12. Attempt any one of the following questions :

(6)

Who is the real culprit in the story 'A Question of Trust'?

or

How did the necklace change the life of Matilda? (The Necklace)