

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. The newspapers have taken the place of the Gita, the Bible and the Quran with the people. For them, the printed sheet is gospel truth. The fact throws a great responsibility on the editors and newswriters.
- ii. Newspapers are a powerful influence. It is the duty of the editors to see that no false report or report likely to excite the public is published in their newspapers. The editors and their assistants have to be extra careful about the news they give and the manner in which they dress it. In a state of independence, it is practically impossible for Governments to control the Press. It is the duty of the public to keep a strict watch on the newspapers and keep them on the right path. An enlightened public would refuse to patronize inflammatory or indecent newspapers.
- iii. Newspapers which indulge in untruth or exaggeration harm the cause they profess to espouse. I admit that there is enough untruth in enough newspapers to warrant action. But my experience is that no amount of public criticism will affect the policy of newspapers which make their livelihood by such policy. But I write this in no way to condone untruths in newspapers. I am quite clear that if newspapers weighed every word that is printed therein, we should have a speedier removal of abuses whether in the states or elsewhere.

QUESTIONS

1. The newspapers have taken the place of _____ .

- A. the Gita
- B. the Bible
- C. the Quran
- D. All of these

2. Who need to be extra careful about the news they give?

- A. the editors
- B. their assistants
- C. the public
- D. Both A and B

3. What is practically impossible for governments to control ?

- A. the leaders
- B. the public
- C. the press
- D. All of these

4. Who must keep a strict watch on the newspapers to keep them on the right path?

- A. the public
- B. news writers
- C. leaders
- D. doctors

5. Which word in paragraph two means the same as 'filthy or improper'?

- A. influence

B. assistant

C. patronise

D. indecent

6. Why is the newspaper a powerful experience for the people?

7. What is the duty of the editors?

8. How would an enlightened public react to indecent newspapers?

9. What is the writer's opinion about the effect of public criticism on the wrong policy of newspapers?

10. What does the word 'condone' mean in paragraph 3 ?

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

- i. It is physically impossible for a well-educated intellectual or brave man to make money the chief object of his thoughts: just as it is for him to make his dinner the principal object of his life. So all healthy-minded people like making money, ought to like it. And enjoy the sensation of winning it; but the main object of their life is not money; it is something better than money.
- ii. A good soldier, for instance mainly wishes to do his fighting well. He is glad of his pay-very properly so, and justly grumbles when you keep him ten years without it- still his main notion of life is to win battles, not to be paid for winning them.
- iii. So of the doctors. They like fees no doubt, ought to like them, yet if they are brave and well-educated, the entire object of their lives is not the fees. They, on the whole, desire to cure the sick, and if they are good doctors, and the choice were fairly put to them, they would rather cure their patient, and lose the fee than kill him and get it. And so with all other brave and rightly trained men: their work is first, their fee second — very important no doubt but still second.
- iv. But in every nation, as I said, there are vast numbers of people who are ill-educated, cowardly and more or less stupid And with these people just as certainly the fee is first and the work second.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who finds it difficult to make money the chief object of his thoughts?

2. What is the main notion of the life of a good soldier?
3. What happens when a soldier is kept ten years without his salary?
4. What is the objective of a good doctor?
5. For what kind of people the fee is first and the work second?
6. _____ is not the principal object of the life of all healthy people.
 - A. Dinner
 - B. Noble thoughts
 - C. Good Action
 - D. None of these
7. What does a good soldier wish to do?
 - A. to earn a lot of money
 - B. to do his fighting well
 - C. to win battles
 - D. Both B and C
8. What is not the entire object of the lives of good doctors?
 - A. fees
 - B. patient's recovery
 - C. patient's health
 - D. All of these
9. In paragraph number one, _____ means the same as 'goal'?
 - A. sensation
 - B. object

- C. principal
- D. impossible

10. In paragraph number 3, the antonym of healthy is _____.

- A. sick
- B. sound
- C. doctors
- D. patient

**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. There she _____ (hide)!

- A. is hiding
- B. hide
- C. hides
- D. has hidden

2. If he had driven fast, he _____ (catch) the thieves.

- A. had caught
- B. would have caught
- C. caught
- D. None of these

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

3. He is _____ European.

A. the

B. a

C. an

D. No article

4. _____ gift given by you is dear to me.

A. No article

B. The

C. A

D. An

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

5. raman and Rohit have not passed there BA yet

A. Raman and Rohit have not passed their ba yet.

B. Raman and Rohit have not passed their B. A. yet.

C. Raman and rohit have not passed their B.A. yet.

D. Raman and Rohit have not passed their b.a. Yet.

6. I bought a book titled Othello written by Shakespeare

A. I bought a book titled Othello written by Shakespeare?

B. I bought a book titled othello written by Shakespeare!

C. I bought a book titled Othello written by shakespeare.

D. I bought a book titled 'Othello' written by Shakespeare.

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

7. You _____ follow the law of your country.

A. could

B. must

C. need

D. will

8. I _____ work hard to win a scholarship.

A. should

B. would

C. can

D. must

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

9. Mother said to Pramila, "Avoid meeting bad girls."

A. Mother ordered Pramila that avoid meeting bad girls.

B. Mother advised Pramila to avoid meeting bad girls.

C. Mother told Pramila that avoid meeting bad girls.

D. Mother told Pramila to avoid meeting bad girls.

10. He said to me, "Whom does she want to contact?"

A. He told me whom she wanted to contact.

B. He asked me who she wants to contact.

C. He asked me whom she had wanted to contact.

D. He asked me whom she wanted to contact.

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

11. His joke made us _____ (laugh).

A. laughing

B. to laugh

C. laugh

D. having laughed

12. You need not _____ (run) fast.

A. running

B. to run

C. run

D. None of these

SECTION – C
(WRITING SKILL)

10 Marks

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

(i) You are Renu/Rohan. You purchased a T.V. set from Capital Electronics. However after a month, the T.V. set stopped working properly. The volume could not be adjusted and the screen kept going back. Write a letter of complaint to the Manager of the store asking them to send a technician and if required replace the T.V. set since it was within warranty period.

(ii) You are Swati/Sohan, living at Sewa Sadan, Sector 90, Gurugram. Your streets and roads get waterlogged during the monsoon season every year. Write a letter to the editor 'The Times of India' highlighting the problems and suggesting measures to control the problem.

Q5. Attempt any one of the following:

(5)

(i) You are a businessman. You need a personal driver for your Honda City car. Draft a suitable advertisement.

(ii) You are Taruna, head girl of Geeta Bharti Senior Secondary School, Karnal. Your school celebrated 'Environment Protection Week' recently. Write a report about the same giving necessary details.

**SECTION - D
(LITERATURE)**

40 Marks

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

(5)

That day had come about through the unimaginable sacrifices of thousands of my people, people whose suffering and courage can never be counted or repaid. I felt that day, as I have on so many other days, that I was simply the sum of all those African patriots who had gone before me. That long and noble line ended and now began again with me. I was pained that I was not able to thank them and that they were not able to see what their sacrifices had wrought.

QUESTIONS:

1. Name the chapter from which the passage has been taken.
2. Which day has been referred to in these lines?
3. Whom does Mandela remember on the day of inauguration?
4. What was it that pained the writer?
5. Which word in the passage means 'done' or 'achieved'?

Or

At last the darkness of the night reigned everywhere. And she considered the fate of men, that their lives flicker up and are extinguished again. And she thought to herself, "How selfish am I in my grief! Death is common to all; yet in this valley of desolation there is a path that leads him to immortality who has surrendered all selfishness."

QUESTIONS:

1. Give the name of the chapter.

2. Who does 'she' refer to in the given passage?
3. Why was Kisa Gotami sad?
4. What realisation came to Kisa Gotami?
5. Which word in the passage means 'stopped burning'?

Q7. Answer any two of the following questions : (2 X 3 = 6)

- (i) Why did Lencho call the raindrops new coins? (A Letter to God)
- (ii) Why did the narrator act like an obedient child? (The Black Aeroplane)
- (iii) What was the place of a baker in the childhood of the writer? (A Baker from Goa)
- (iv) Which sights moved Siddhartha Gautama to see the path of enlightenment? (The Sermon at Benares)

Q8. Attempt any one of the following questions : (6)
Write a pen portrait of Anne Frank.

Or

What do you know about Coorg and its people?

Q9. Attempt any one of the following stanzas : (5)
(I am an orphan, roaming the street.

I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet.

The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet.)

QUESTIONS :

1. Name the poem and the poet.
2. Who is 'I' in these lines?
3. What does Amanda want to become here?
4. What kind of a girl is Amanda?

5. How is silence described here?

Or

"But I can get a hair-dye And set such colour there,
Brown, or black, or carrot,
That young men in despair
May love me for myself alone
And not my yellow hair. "

QUESTIONS:

1. Who is the speaker of these lines?
2. What colour can she give to her hair ?
3. Why does she want to change the colour of her hair?
4. Name the poem and the poet.
5. Which word in the stanza means the opposite of 'hope'?

Q10. Attempt any two of the following questions :

(2 X 3 = 6)

- (i) What changed the mood of the poet? (Dust of Snow)
- (ii) How does the poet describe a chameleon? (How to Tell Wild Animals)
- (iii) What is the main idea of the poem 'The Trees'?
- (iv) Who was Custard and how did he look? (The Tale of Custard the Dragon)

Q11. Attempt any two of the following questions :

(2 X 3 = 6)

- (i) Why did Mrs Pumphrey make a frantic call to Mr Herriot? (A Triumph of Surgery)
 - (ii) What do you think is the meaning of the phrase 'Honour among Thieves'?
- (A Question of Trust)

(iii) What curious episode occurred in the study room? (Footprints without Feet)

(iv) For what unusual reasons is Bholi sent to school? (Bholi)

Q12. Attempt any one of the following questions : (6)
What idea do you form of Ausable from your study of the story 'The Midnight Visitor'?

Or

'Richard Ebright had all the ingredients required for the making of a scientist'. Elaborate