

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)

1. India has launched an ambitious project, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, to provide primary education to all children. One of the major aims of the government has been to reduce the large number of drop-outs from the schools because it affects the economic development.

2. Various studies by different economists have shown that investment in education promotes economic growth. In any field, illiterate workers are unskilled and untrained; their general health is very poor. Literacy as well as education can create more productive labour force having enhanced knowledge and skills which ultimately tend to boost productivity both quantitatively and qualitatively.

3. Literacy in common people is also necessary for political stability in any country. Literacy increases the thinking power and understanding of the good or bad. When the people are literate, they can easily see through the cunningness of corrupt political leaders, thereby lessening the possibility of their being shortchanged by the latter.

4. Furthermore, educated folk tend to show a greater tendency towards fruitfully associating themselves with the establishment. With the increased participation rate of both men and women in local self-governance institutions, people can avail the opportunity to improve their local economic factors such as roads, electricity, etc.

QUESTIONS

1. What does the project 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan' aim to provide ?

- A. high education to all
- B. primary education to all

- C. mid-day meal to students
- D. books to students

2. What has been one of the major aims of the government?

- A. spread education among the underprivileged
- B. increase the number of drop-outs from the school
- C. reduce the number of drop-outs from the school
- D. achieve hundred per cent literacy in the country

3. What does the Investment in education promote?

- (a) physical growth
- (b) economic growth
- (c) general health
- (d) timely growth

4. What does literacy increase?

- A. thinking power
- B. understanding of good or bad
- C. rising prices
- D. Both A and B

5. Which word in paragraph number 3 means the opposite of 'illiterate'?

- A. necessary
- B. stability
- C. understanding
- D. literate

Q6. Which project has been launched by India to provide primary education to all children?

Q7. How can more productive labour force be created?

Q8. What is necessary for political stability in any country?

Q9. How is the general health of the unskilled and untrained workers?

Q10. Which word in paragraph number one means the same as 'decrease'?

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below : 10 Marks

1. Since he was a boy, Naveen Gulia had dreamed of joining the Paramilitary forces. So, after school he enrolled in the National Defence Academy and was accepted into the Indian Military Academy (IMA).

2. In 1995, Gulia fell while participating in infantry obstacle training at the IMA, crushing his spine and leaving him paralysed from the shoulders down. So severe were his

injuries that he spent two years in hospital, finally returning home in 1997, in a wheelchair.

3. Determined to use his mind if he could not use his body, Gulia completed a Masters in computer management and began teaching in a school. Gradually, he also rekindled his old passion for adventure sports. He started with just driving. Then he joined a flying club.

4. In 2004, Gulia made it to the Limca Book of Records as the only person to drive non-stop from Delhi to Marsimik La in Leh (Jammu & Kashmir), the highest motorable pass in the world. It took him 55 hours. Gulia also flies microlite aircraft, and paragliders. "The truth is, you become successful because of your difficulties, not despite them," he says.

QUESTIONS:

1. Whose life story has been depicted in the passage?
2. Where did Naveen Gulia get enrolled himself after school?
3. What does 'IMA' stand for?
4. In which year Naveen Gulia got paralyzed from the shoulders down?
5. In which subject did Gulia complete his master degree?
6. Since his boyhood, Gulia had dreamed of joining _____.
A. Air Force
B. Navy
C. Paramilitary Forces
D. All of these
7. How many years did Gulia spend in hospital after the accident?
A. 2 years
B. 3 years
C. 4 years
D. 5 years
8. When did Gulia make a record for the Limca Book?
A. 2005
B. 2004
C. 2003
D. 2001
9. How much time did Gulia take to drive non stop from Delhi to Leh?
A. 60 hours
B. 50 hours
C. 70 hours

D. 55 hours

10. According to Gulia, which thing makes a person successful?

- A. health
- B. money
- C. difficulties
- D. luck

**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. Diwali _____ (celebrate) every year with great zeal.

- A. celebrates
- B. is celebrated
- C. was celebrated
- D. is celebrating

2. By the time she was sixteen, she _____(become) a great singer.

- A. becomes
- B. has become
- C. had become
- D. None of these

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

3. He bought _____ Alsatian dog.

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

4. _____ Bible gives me a lot of peace and wisdom .

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

c. Choose the correct **punctuated sentence**.

5. The ramayana is the holy book of the hindus

- A. The Ramayana is the holy book of the Hindus?
- B. The Ramayana is the holy book of the hindus.
- C. the Ramayana is the holy book of the Hindus.

D. The Ramayana is the holy book of the Hindus.

6. leela said have you any small bangles.

A. leela said, "Have you any small bangles?"

B. Leela said, "Have you any small bangles?"

C. Leela said, "Have you any small bangles."

D. Leela said, "Have you any small bangles"?

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

7. We _____ leave for Goa in the morning.

A. dare

B. must

C. need

D. shall

8. If he had money, he _____ buy a car.

A. should

B. would

C. can

D. must

e. Choose the most suitable option showing the transformation of following **simple sentences into complex sentences** using adjective clauses.

9. I want to talk to this man.

A. This is the man who I want to talk.

B. This is the man to whom I want to talk.

C. This is the man I want to talk.

D. This is the man why I want to talk.

10. He was born in this city.

A. This is the city how he was born.

B. This is the city when he was born.

C. This is the city where he was born.

D. This is the city that he was born.

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

11. ___ (Gamble) is a crime.

A. Gamble

B. to gamble

C. Gambling

D. Having gambled

12. It is easy ___ (advise) others.

A. advise

B. to advise

- C. advising
- D. None of these

SECTION – C
(WRITING SKILL)

10 Marks

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

- (i) Write a letter to your friend congratulating him on his success in the examination.
- (ii) Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper complaining against poor supply of water in your locality.

Q5. Attempt anyone of the following: (5)

- (i) You are Neha, a student of 10th class. You attended an NSS camp recently. Write a report in about 40 words for your school magazine about the same.
- (ii) Suppose you are Rohit. Your friend Naman wants to know about your school library. Write down the conversation between you and your friend.

SECTION - D
(LITERATURE)

40 Marks

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

'Paper has more patience than people'. I thought of this saying on one of those days when I was feeling a little depressed and was sitting at home with my chin in my hands, bored and listless, wondering whether to stay in or go out. I finally stayed where I was, brooding; Yes, paper does have more patience and since I'm not planning to let anyone else read this stiff-backed notebook grandly referred to as a diary, unless I should ever find a real friend, it probably won't make a bit of difference.

QUESTIONS:

1. Name the chapter.
2. Who does 'I' refer to here?
3. Who does have more patience than people ?
4. Who does the phrase 'stiff backed notebook' refer to here?
5. Which word in the passage means the same as 'sad'?

Or

Mij and I remained in London for nearly a month. He would play for hours with a selection of toys, ping-pong balls, marbles, rubber fruit, and a terrapin shell that I had brought back from his native marshes. With the ping-pong ball he invented a game of his own which could keep him engrossed for up to half an hour at a time.

QUESTIONS:

1. Name the chapter from which the passage has been taken.
2. With which things would Mij play for hours?
3. With which thing Mij invented a game of his own?
4. Who was Mij?
5. What does the word 'engrossed' mean here?

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

- (i) Why is 10th May 1994 important for South Africa? (Long Walk to Freedom)
- (ii) How did the woman in control room react when the writer asked about another aeroplane? (The Black Aeroplane)
- (iii) Describe the wildlife of Coorg. (Coorg)
- (iv) Why did Lomove want to get married? (The Proposal)

Q8. Attempt any one of the following questions :**(6)**

'Lencho had deep and indomitable faith in God'. Elaborate this statement.

Or

'The Sermon at Benares' is about a universal truth of life. Discuss.

Q9. Attempt any one of the following stanzas :**(5)**

Though to distinguish beasts of prey
A novice might nonplus,
The Crocodile you always may
Tell from the Hyena thus:
Hyenas come with merry smiles;
But if they weep they're Crocodiles.

QUESTIONS:

- (1) What does The phrase 'beasts of prey' mean?
2. Name the poem and the poet.
3. For a novice what would be difficult?
4. How do hyenas come?
5. How would you identify a crocodile?

Or

Belinda was as brave as a barrel full of bears,
And Ink and Blink chased lions down the stairs,

Mustard was as brave as a tiger in a rage,
But Custard cried for a nice safe cage.

QUESTIONS:

1. Name the poem and the poet.
2. How much brave is Belinda described?
3. How much brave are Ink and Blink described?
4. How much brave is Mustard described?
5. For what did Custard always cry ?

Q10. Attempt any two of the following questions :

(2 X 3 = 6)

- i. Which things can destroy the world according to Robert Frost? (Fire and Ice)
- ii. What is the theme of the poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo'?
- iii. Why did the poet not offer the boy money to buy another ball? (The Ball Poem)
- iv. How is the night described in the poem 'The Trees'?

Q11. Attempt any two of the following questions :

(2 X 3 = 6)

- (i) Had Anil really forgiven Hari Singh? Support your answer with evidence
- (ii) Why did Mrs. Hall believe that the house was haunted?
- (iii) Write a short note on the role of Richard's mother in his success?
- (iv) Why did Bholi refuse to marry Bishamber Nath ?

Q12. Attempt any one of the following questions :

(6)

Describe the bond between Mrs. Pumphrey and her pet dog Tricki?

or

Matilda was an example of vanity. Comment.