

Sample Question Paper

(2024-2025)

Subject: English
Class 10th

3 Hours

Time
M.M:80.

General Instructions.

1. The question paper contains four sections

(a) Reading Skill (20 Marks)

(b) Grammar (10 Marks)

(c) Writing Skill (10 Marks)

(d) Literature (40 Marks)

2 Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part

Section A

Reading Skill 20 Marks

Q-1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. (10)

(1) Unsafe water kills more people each year than do war and all other forms of violence combined. Meanwhile, our drinkable water sources are finite: less than 1 per cent of the Earth's fresh water is actually accessible to us. Without action, the challenges will only increase by 2050, when global demand for fresh water is expected to be one-third greater than it is now.

(2) Water is uniquely vulnerable to pollution. Known as a "universal solvent", water is able to dissolve more substances than any other liquid on Earth. Water pollution is the release of substances into subsurface groundwater or into lakes, streams, rivers, estuaries, and oceans to the point where substances interfere with beneficial use of the water or with the natural functioning of ecosystems. In addition to the release of substances, such as chemicals, trash, or microorganisms, water pollution may also include the release of energy, in the form of radioactivity or heat, into bodies of water. The key causative of water pollution in India are urbanization, deforestation, industrial effluents and agricultural run-offs with the use of insecticides and pesticides. The other causes are social and religious offerings in water bodies and the use of detergents and fertilizers.

(3) Water pollution can have disastrous consequences on the ecosystem. Furthermore, toxic chemicals can travel through the food chain and get into our bodies, causing diseases and

death

(4) There is no single or simple answer to stop the water pollution crisis. However, there are many solutions to prevent water pollution, both in our daily lives and within industries. They are wastewater treatment, reducing plastic waste and water conservation. In addition to this, we must have water-efficient toilets, stormwater management and ozone wastewater treatment.

(5) Some of the major causes of water pollution are: oil pollution, oil spill, septic tank water parks, intensive farming, pesticides, swimming, industrial waste, household waste, water storage tanks, nuclear waste etc.

Questions

(a) What is known as "universal solvent"?

(b) Select the appropriate option to fill in the blank. Water is uniquely vulnerable to.....

(i) season. (ii) pollution. (iii) water bodies. (iv) extreme weather conditions

(c) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from paragraph 2

vulnerable: resilient:: artificial: ,.....(Here resilient is the opposite of vulnerable)

d) From the paragraph 5, identify two causes of water pollution in our homes.

(e) Water pollution can have disastrous consequences on,.....

(i) the ecosystem. (ii) Weather conditions. (iii) unexpected rainfall. (iv) flash floods

(f) One of the solutions of preventing water pollution.....

(i) building industries near water bodies

(ii) water conservation and reducing plastic waste

(iii) avoiding swimming

(iv) reducing farming

(g) Define water pollution.

(h) How can religious rituals pollute water bodies?

(i) How much Earth's fresh water is accessible to us?

(i) 70 per cent (ii) 90 per cent (iii) 1 per cent. (iv) None of the above

(j) Select the suitable title for the passage

(i) Water pollution -A Concern (ii) Unsafe water -A Menace

(iii) Water -A Universal Solvent. (iv) Industrialization

Q.2 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. (10)

(1) Though more than a decade has passed since the E-waste (Management and Handling) Rules came into effect in May 2012, their implementation is still in a nascent stage, at least in Varanasi, one of the major cities of Uttar Pradesh. In fact, the state ranks among the 10 largest e-waste generating states in India.

(2) The e-waste Rules 2011 mandate for safe disposal of electronic and electrical wastes through private bodies. According to the UPSPCB official, it is mandatory for the municipal corporation to provide a site to the private firm for proper disposal of e-waste. The site for this purpose has been made available in Ram Nagar area, he said. The E-waste (Management and Handling) Rules 2011 also suggest that it is the responsibility of the municipal corporation to ensure that e-waste, if found to be mixed with municipal solid waste, is properly segregated, collected and is channelized to either authorized collection centre or dismantler or recycler.

(3) The Research Unit of Rajya Sabha has compiled a comprehensive report on e-waste in India. According to the report, there are ten states that contribute up to 70 per cent of the total e-waste generated in the country, while 65 cities generate more than 60 per cent of the total e-waste. Among the ten largest e-waste generating states, Maharashtra ranks first followed by Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Delhi, Karnataka, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Punjab.

(4) Globally, about 20-50 MT of e-waste is disposed of each year, which accounts for 5% of all municipal solid waste. A report of the United Nations predicted that by 2030 e-waste from old computers would jump by 400 per cent on 2007 levels in China and by 500 per cent in India. Additionally, e-waste from discarded mobile phones would be about seven times higher than 2007 levels and, in India, 18 times higher by 2030. Such prediction highlights the urgent need to address the problem of e-waste in developing countries like India where the collection and management of e-waste and the recycling process is yet to be properly regulated.

(5) E-waste releases many toxic substances that are serious health hazards. Unless suitable safety measures are taken, these toxic substances can critically affect the health of employees and others in the vicinity - who manually sort and treat the waste - by entering their body through respiratory tracts, through the skin, or through the mucous membrane of the mouth and the digestive tract. Therefore, the health impact of e-waste is evident. There is no doubt that it has been linked to the growing incidence of several lethal or severely debilitating health conditions, including cancer, neurological and respiratory disorders, and birth defects.

Questions

(a) What does the E-waste (Management and Handling) Rules 2011 suggest?

(b) What provision has the E-waste(Management and Handling) Rules 2011 been made for disposal of electronic and electrical wastes?

(c) After segregation, the e-waste should be -----

(i) reused. (ii) reduced. (iii) recycled. (iv) resold

(d) By 2030, e-waste from old computers would jump by ----- per cent on 2007 level in India

(i) 300. (ii) 400 (iii) 500. (iv) 600

(e) Find the word from the passage which means the same as "surroundings". (paragraph 5)

(f) What does the Research Unit of the Rajya Sabha 's report reveal?

(g) When did the E-waste (Management and Handling) Rules come into effect?

(h) The toxic substances enter the body through.....

(i) respiratory tracts (ii) skin (iii) digestive tract (iv) all of these

(i) The implementation of e-waste rules is still in a nascent stage which means.....

(i) completely developed stage (ii) not yet fully developed stage

(iii) is an unknown stage. (iv) both (i) and (iii)

(j) Find the word from the passage which is the opposite of "safe". (paragraph 5)

(i) incidence (ii) Critically (iii) lethal (iv) mucous

Section - B

Grammar.

10 Marks

Q.3 Attempt any ten of the following. questions.

(10*1=10)

(A) Fill in the blanks with correct form of the verb

(1) The Geeta says,"Honesty.....(be) the best policy."

(i) Has (ii) was(iii) is (iv) are

(2) I.....(tear) up the letter after I had read it

(i) was torn (ii) is torn (iii) torn (iv) had torn

(B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate article

(1)..... Mount Everest is the highest peak in the world

- (i) a (ii) an (iii) the (iv) No article

(2) We should help.....needy

- (i) a (ii) an (iii) the (iv) no article

(C) Punctuate the following

(1) ram said to me his brother is an mla

- (i) Ram said to me his brother is an mla.
(ii) Ram said to me his brother is an M.L.A.
(iii) Ram said to me, "His brother is an M.L.A."
(iv) Ram said to me, "his brother is an M.L.A."

(2) wow you are an amazing character

- (i) Wow, you are an amazing character!
(ii) Wow! you are an amazing character.
(iii) Wow! You are an amazing character.
(iv) Wow, You are an amazing character!

(D) Change the following sentences into indirect speech.

(1) You said, "I am doing my work."

- (i) You said that you are doing your work.
(ii) You said that you were doing your work.
(iii) You asked that I was doing my work.
(iv) You said that I am doing my work.

(2) My teacher said, "India became free on 15th August 1947."

- (i) My teacher said that India became free on 15th August 1947.
(ii) My teacher said that India had become free on 15th August 1947.
(iii) My teacher said that India had been become free on 15th August 1947

(iv) My teacher said that India has become free on 15th August 1947.

(E) Fill in the blanks with suitable modals

(1) He worked hard so that he.....pass.

(i) will (ii) should (iii) can (iv) might

(2) Candidates..... answer all questions.

(i) must (ii) need (iii) ought (iv) can

(F) Fill in the blanks with correct non- finite form of verb

(1) I was made(.play) football.

(i) play (ii) playing (iii) played (iv) to play

(2) Let him(.sing) a song.

(i) singing (ii) to sing (iii) sing (iv) sung

Section-C

Writing skill

10 Marks

Q.4 Attempt any one of the following

(5)

You are Raj/ Rani of House no -78, Model Town, Write a letter to your friend congratulating him on winning a scholarship

or

Write an application to the Principal of Government Model Sanskriti Senior Secondary School, Mahendergarh requesting him to grant you full fee concession this year because your family suffered a huge loss in their business

Q.5 Attempt any one of the following.

(5)

(i) Friendship is the union of two souls.It is based on mutual love and trust.It is a blessing to have a good friend.Write a paragraph about your best friend with the help of given stimulus.

Notes: Mohan..... best friend..... joined school..... belongs..... noble family.....fond

of reading..... good at studies..... hard-working and intelligent..... teachers.....high opinion of him..... discipline..... open nature..... honest..... not.....a bookworm..... takes part in games..... loves gardening and reading books.....very sincere

(ii) You are the Principal of Government Model Sanskriti Senior Secondary School Mahendergarh. The post of PGT English is lying vacant in your school. Draft a suitable advertisement under "Situation Vacant" column of a local daily for the same post.

Section D

(Literature)

40 Marks

Q.6 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (5)

That night was a sorrowful one

"All our work, for nothing."

"There 's no one who can help us."

"We'll all go hungry this year."

But in the hearts of all who lived in that solitary house

In the middle of the valley, there was a single hope:

help from God.

(a) Why was that night a sorrowful one?

(b) What was the single hope?

(c) Name the chapter and its writer

(d) Complete the statement:

"All our work, for nothing" means that.....

(e) Find the word from the passage which is the opposite of " spirited".

or

When I returned, there was an appalling spectacle. There was complete silence from the box, but

from its airholes and chinks around the lid , blood has tricked and dried.I whipped off the lock and tore open the lid, and Mij, exhausted and blood spattered, whimpered and caught at my leg.

- (a) Why did the narrator keep Mij into a box?
- (b) Why was the narrator prompted to open the box?
- (c) Name the chapter and its writer.
- (d) Find the word from the passage which means" quickly took off"
- (e) What did Mij do when the box was opened?

Q.7 Attempt any two questions. (2x3=6)

- (a) What 'twin obligations ' does Mandela mention? (b)
- (b) What made the woman in the control centre look at the narrator strangely?
- (c) 'The tiger never brushed his teeth 'Why does the author say so?
- (d) Why does the conductor call Valli 'madam'?

Q.8 How did the young seagull make his first flight ? (6)

or

One should understand that human beings are mortal and no one can escape Share two key opinions from what you learnt from the lesson 'The Sermon at Benares'

Q.9 Attempt any one from the given stanzas (5)

The way a crow

Shook down on me

The dust of snow

From a hemlock tree

Questions:

- (a) Where was the poet?
- (b) What has the crow done?
- (c) What kind of a tree is hemlock?
- (d) Name the poem and its poet.

(e) What is the rhyme scheme of these lines?

or

My head is full of whispers which tomorrow

will be silent. Listen . The glass is breaking

The trees are stumbling forward

Into the night. Winds rush to meet them.

The moon is broken like a mirror,

its pieces flash now in the crown of the tallest oak.

Questions:

(a) Why are trees stumbling forward ?

(b) How does the poetess describe the moon?

(c) What is the poetic device in the line 'The moon is broken like a mirror ' ?

(d) Which word from the poem is similar in meaning to 'loose one's balance ' ?

(e) Name the poem and its poet.

Q. 10 Attempt any two of the following

(2×3=6)

(a) What does the tiger in the zoo do at night?

(b) How does the tiger terrify the villagers?

(c) 'Money is external ' .What does the poet mean by this expression?

(d) How did the pirate react when the dragon attacked him?

Q.11 Attempt any two of the following.

(2×3=6)

(a) Why does Mrs Pumphrey think the dog's recovery is "a triumph of surgery"?

(b) What was Hari Singh's (the thief)opinion about making friends ?

(c) Horace Danby was good and respectable --- but not completely honest.Explain.

(d) Who was Jaffers and why was he sent for?

Q.12 ' Education is considered the most important tool for empowering women in society.It plays an important role in social and cultural development.' Prove this statement in the light of

the story 'Bholi'.

(6)

or

' Sometimes your intelligence help you to save you in a difficult situation than your physical strength '.Elaborate this statement with reference to the story ' The Midnight Visitor '