

PAST QUESTION PAPERS

FOR

CLASS – X

YEAR – 2018

ENGLISH

Full Marks – 80

Pass Marks – 20

Time : Three hours

The figures in the right hand margin indicate full marks for the questions.

Answer the questions in your own words as far as practicable.

SECTION – A

(READING)

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

As material civilization advances and supply of avoidable goods and services increases, man's need correspondingly multiply. Advertising plays a key role in the never-ending process by stimulating the public's desire for certain products, and thereby promoting the sales thereof, until it has, in effect, created new needs, real or supposed, where there were none before. A familiar example is the motor car – once a rare and costly novelty, now a very common and relatively inexpensive necessity.

A product, service or commodity that the public needs, and knows needs tends, of course, to 'sell itself'. We might therefore assume that, in such cases advertising would be of minor importance. To some extent this is true. Meat-packers, vegetable and fruit growers and dairy operators spend less on advertising, for instance, than manufacturers of cigarettes, liquors, cosmetics, and other items of this type. On the other hand, the competition that exists between rival brands means that the suppliers of such basic necessities as food, clothing, and housing must advertise their wares to stay in the business. Significantly, the industry that spends most on advertising turns out a product which almost everyone considers a necessity; soap.

- (a) Complete the following statements :

- (i) Advertisement acts as a stimulus to _____ 1
- (ii) Manufacturers dealing in luxury must spend more time on _____ 1

- (b) Answer the following questions in *one* phrase/sentence each :

- (i) Why does human need to luxuries changed to necessities ? 1
- (ii) Why are many items of luxuries changed to necessities ? 1
- (iii) Why is there a keen competition between the rival brands ? 1

- (c) Answer the following question about 50 words :
Why is less advertisement needed for the sale of essential commodities ? 3
- (d) Find out words from the passage that have the same meaning as : 1+12=2
(i) the quality of being new (ii) products, article for sales.

**COURSE BOOK
(PROSE)**

2. Answer the following questions in *one* phrase/sentence each : 1x3 = 3
(a) What is the shape of Dzuko Valley ?
(b) When did Government of India honour Mary Kom Padma Shri Award ?
(c) Why do people love to be around Sunita Williams ?
3. Answer the following question about 30 words each : 2x3 = 6
(a) How was Sagol kangjei used in the past apart from being a popular game ?
(b) Why had Ramanujan more attachment to his mother than his father ?
(c) Why did Lakshmana Sastry summon the new teacher ?
4. Answer the following questions in about 50 words each : 3x2 = 6
(a) Why is the North-East India said to be a hot-bed of rich flora and fauna ?
(b) Why is tourism in Manipur become more important in view of India's Act East Policy ?

Or

Why is Moreh worth visiting ?

**SECTION – B
(WRITING)**

5. Write an essay on any **one** of the following topics in about 200 words using the outlines given : 7

(a) Fast Foods

[Outlines : Introduction – a good answer to fast moving life – its outcome – conclusion]

(b) Duties of Students

[Outlines : Introduction – duties towards themselves – duties towards society – conclusion]

(c) A little Learning is a Dangerous Thing

[Outlines : Introduction (its meaning) – why dangerous – why is it better than no learning at all – conclusion]

6. Sumitra of Kalinagar, Jiribam writes a letter to her brother, Sonny who is staying in the hostel of Gurucharand College, Assam advising him to study hard and avoid bad company. 5

Or

Write a letter to the Health Minister, Govt. of Manipur highlighting the problem that many patients die en-route before they can reach the hospitals. Give your suggestions and sign yourself as Naoboy of Chanchipur.

7. You have taken part in the inter-school debating competition Conducted by the Director of Education (s) on the topic 'School going children should be free from heavy school bag' and won the 1st prize. Write a report of this to be published in your School Magazine. You are Tomthin of Touthang High School. 4
8. Make notes of the important points of the following passage and write a summary using the notes : 3+3 = 6
- The test of a great book is whether we want to read it only once or more than once, Any great book we want to read the second time, and every additional time that we read it, we find new meanings and new beauties in it. A book that a person of education and good taste does not care to read more than once. It is probably not worth much. But we cannot consider the judgement of a single individual always right. The opinion that makes a book great must be the opinion of many. We may doubt the judgement of the single critic at times. But there is no question of doubt in regard to the judgement of generations. Even if we cannot at once perceive anything good in a book which has been admired and praised for hundred of years, we may be sure that by trying, by studying it carefully, we shall at last be able to feel the reason of this admiration and priase.
9. You are James, the cultural secretary Zenith Public School, Sugnu. Write a notice suitable for your school notice board giving details for participation of students in a Cultural Programme to be organised by your school. 3

SECTION – C

(GRAMMAR)

10. Rewrite the following sentences inserting appropriate determiners wherever necessary: 1+1 = 2

(a) eggs are rotten

(b) men are mortal

11. Fill in the blank with the correct modal verb of the following : 1
 (a) If I had the money, I _____ buy those books.
12. Change the voice of the following sentences. 1+1 = 2
 (a) Why did you sell your mobile phone ?
 (b) All the books are being returned by Chaoton.
13. Change the narration of the following sentences : 1+1 = 2
 (a) "I will meet you again", Radha laughed.
 (b) He said, "Happy Birthday".
14. Rewrite the following sentence using the correct form of the tense of the verb within brackets : 1
 He feels a hand (touch) his shoulder.
15. Transform the following sentences as directed : 1+1 = 2
 (a) With all his wealth, he is not satisfied.
 (Change into complex sentence without changing the meaning)
 (b) Mumbai is one of the biggest cities in India.
 (Change into superlative degree)

SECTION – D

(LITERATURE)

16. Answer the following questions in about 30 words each : 2x2 = 4
 (a) "What do you dress me in borrowed robes ?"
 Why did Macbeth say so when Ross saluted him as Thane of Cawdor ?
 Or
 "I can't find drinks for every who comes along"
 Why was Macbeth's life described thus ?
- (b) "My punishment is just; but oh, God, it is very hard."
 Why does the peasant once very poor change his attitude towards a poor peasant now ?
17. Answer the three of the following questions in about 30 words each : 2x3 = 6
 (a) "Thou art more lovely and more temperate" Why did Shakespeare say that his friend is more lovely and temperate than the summer ?

Or

'She shall be mine, and I will make

A lady of my own'

Why did the mother nature say so ?

- (b) "I am the daughter of the elements with winter conceived"
Explain the idea.

Or

'There but to do and die

Into the Valley of Death'

Explain the idea.

- (c) Why does the frog want to kill the nightingale ?

Or

Why does not the poet know about sun-set in your Poem 'A Day' ?

18. Answer the following questions in about 120 words :

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Why did Raicharan come to Anukul and admit that he had stolen the little master ?

Or

Why did Mathilde repent after ten years of hard life that if she had not borrowed that necklace

19. Answer the following question in about 120 words :

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Why was the Convict's heart filled with despair, hopelessness, bitterness and anger ?

Or

Why was the Convict eager to reach Paris and asked the Bishop to bless him before leaving