

# MP BOARD CLASS 10 PAPER 2016 ENGLISH (GENERAL) : CLASS X

Time : 3 Hrs. ]

Note : All questions are compulsory.

## SECTION 'A'

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :

Once on a lonely Island in the sea there lived three people, a wise old man named Prospero, his beautiful young daughter Miranda and their servant Caliban. Prospero and Miranda had come to the Island twelve years ago. When Miranda was only a baby, she hardly remembered having seen any human face except her father's. As for Caliban he looked hardly human; he was more like a fish than a man.

Prospero had another servant, a magic spirit named Ariel, whom he commanded by means of his magic. Before Prospero's arrival, lived on the Island, a witch called Sycorex; the ugly Caliban was her son. This witch had imprisoned Ariel in the heart of a pine tree and left him there when she died. Prospero found him and released him and he became Prospero's servant. Ariel carried out all Prospero's commands, whether it was to raise a storm in the sea or make thunder in the air.

Questions :

- (a) Miranda was the.....of Prospero. 1  
(i) daughter (ii) sister (iii) wife.
- (b) When did they come there ? 1
- (c) Who was Ariel ? 1
- (d) What did Ariel do ? 1
- (e) Find the opposite of "ugly" from the passage. 1

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

There seems to be a general opinion in this country that Sardar Patel was slightly of harsh and rough temperament. Men call him the "Iron Man of India". He was no doubt, an iron man in the sense that one could rely on him for strict and efficient administration. But as a man, to those who had the good fortune of coming into close contact with him, he was kind and concerned. However, it goes without saying that the Sardar had the great skill for organizing affairs. He knew the way of picking people and putting them in their proper places. Once he judged a man and found him correct, he trusted him fully and got him to do anything he wanted.

Questions :

- (a) What did people call Sardar Patel ? 1
- (b) What special skill did Sardar Patel have ? 1
- (c) For whom was he kind and considerate ? 1
- (d) One could rely on him for strict and efficient.....(choose the correct) 1  
(i) people (ii) work (iii) administration.
- (e) Find out the word from the passage which means : "Luck". 1

3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :

One day a wonderful plate made of gold fell from heaven into the court of a temple. These words were inscribed on the plate. "A gift from heaven to him who loves mankind the best". The priests invited people to the temple and told them about the gift from the heaven. All claimed that they loved mankind the best. Then each one got up and one by one narrated his own kind deeds but as soon as he touched the plate, it turned into lead. The richest man in the city got up and spoke about his charity. But as soon as he touched the plate, it turned to lead. A poor farmer was also present there. He did not know about the plate. he sat in a corner quietly. People called him. He bowed to the priests and touched the plate. It shone more brightly. The priest awarded the plate to the poor farmer.

Questions :

- (a) From where did the plate of gold fall ? 1
- (b) Who was awarded the plate ? 1
- (c) What happened when the richest man touched the plate ? 1
- (d) The noun form of the word "invite" is ..... 1

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- (e) The word "Inscribed" means .....  
 (i) to write (ii) to read (iii) to paint.

**SECTION 'B'**

4. You are Sanjay Shah studying in class X A in Govt. H.S.S. Ujjain. Write an application to your Principal requesting him to grant you 3 days' leave because you are sick. 6

Or

You are Nitesh, residing in 101, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, Indore. Write a letter to your friend Kushal inviting him to attend your elder sister's marriage.

5. Read the given passage and answer the questions below the passage :  
 Discipline is necessary in life. A man without discipline can achieve nothing worth while in life. Discipline is the very condition of progress, stability and strength. Discipline is necessary in all walks of human life. Without discipline there will be disorder and lawlessness in a civilised society. We cannot live without having some regards for the welfare of others. Respect for authority is the basis of discipline. Children must obey their parents. In schools and colleges, there must be discipline, otherwise education will suffer. We find discipline loses nothing but it wins a lot. Discipline helps us to safeguard our interests and restrains us from missing our liberty.

**Questions :**

- (a) Make notes on the contents of the passage and give a title also. 4  
 (b) Prepare a summary of the passage. 3
6. Write a paragraph in about 80 words on "Save Water" with the help of the verbal inputs given below : 7
- (i) Collect rain water on roof-top.  
 (ii) Store rain water in underground tanks.  
 (iii) Turn off taps while brushing teeth.  
 (iv) Collect water after washing fruits, vegetables and cereals for gardening.  
 (v) Do not overuse bore-well.  
 (vi) Wash vehicles and floor with water in a bucket.

Or

Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 200 words :

- (i) Science—a good servant but a bad master,  
 (ii) My hobby,  
 (iii) The festival you like most,  
 (iv) Value of Games,  
 (v) Importance of Trees.

**SECTION 'C'**

7. (A) Fill in the blanks by using the correct form of the verbs given in brackets (any five) : 5

- (i) They listened to the joke and ..... to laugh. (begin)  
 (ii) The moon ..... shine) brightly in the sky.  
 (iii) Kamini decided ..... alone. (to go/going)  
 (iv) ..... dogs seldom bite. (Bark/Barking)  
 (v) She ..... taught in this school. (has/have)  
 (vi) The student ..... in this ground daily. (play/plays/playing)

Ans. (i) began, (ii) shines, (iii) to go, (iv) Barking, (v) has, (vi) play.

- (B) Choose the correct words from brackets and fill in the blanks (any five) : 5

- (i) It was ..... accident that she fell down. (a, an, the)  
 (ii) He has invited ..... to his birthday party. (they, them, their)  
 (iii) Will you please give me ..... money ? (any, some)  
 (iv) I don't know ..... he will come or not. (what, whether)  
 (v) late/he/come/would/Harish/that/told/me.

(Rearrange to make a meaningful sentence)

- (vi) ..... I come in Sir ? (May, Can)

Ans. (i) an, (ii) them, (iii) some, (iv) whether, (v) Harish told me that he would come late, (vi) May.

8. Do as directed (any five) : 5

- (i) I believe in God. (Make negative)  
 (ii) (a) Rajesh does not know.  
 (b) He can solve the problems. (Combine the pair of sentence with "How")

- (iii) He will take admission in an arts college. (Frame a question beginning with "Where")
- (iv) My friends go to school. (Rewrite using 'Simple past tense')
- (v) They are playing cricket. (Change the voice)
- (vi) He is too poor to pay the fees. (Rewrite the sentence using "so.....that")

9. Translate any five sentence into English : 5

- (i) वर्षा हो रही है।
- (ii) ईमानदारी सबसे अच्छी नीति है।
- (iii) मेरे पास दो किताबें हैं।
- (iv) क्या तुम मेरी मदद कर सकते हो ?
- (v) वे एक घंटे से मैच खेल रहे हैं।
- (vi) वह कहाँ गया था ?
- (vii) छत पर बन्दर है।
- (viii) शिक्षक हमें नहीं पढ़ा रहे थे।

**SECTION 'D'**

10. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below it :  
 Once more the brave boy made up his mind. He would not be a cripple. He would walk. But unfortunately from the waist down, he had no motor ability. His thin legs just dangled there, all but lifeless. Ultimately, he was released from the hospital. Everyday his mother would massage his little legs, but there was no feeling, no control, nothing. Yet his determination that he would walk was as strong as ever. This determined young man, Dr. Glenn Cunningham, ran the world's fastest mile !

Questions :

- (a) The word in the passage similar in meaning to "disable" is..... 1
  - (i) dangle (ii) cripple (iii) determination.
- (b) What had caused the disability to the boy ? 1
  - (i) He suffered an accident while crossing the road
  - (ii) A truck ran over him
  - (iii) He got burnt.
- (c) By what name do we know the boy ? 1
  - (i) Mahatma Gandhi (ii) Roger Bannister (iii) Glenn Cunningham.
- (d) How did the mother help the boy to overcome his disability ? 2

11. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below it :

I met Swami Shivanand— a man who looked like a Buddha, wearing a snow-white dhoti and wooden slippers. He had an olive complexion and black piercing eyes. I was struck by his irresistible, almost child-like smile and gracious manner. I introduced myself to the Swamiji. My Muslim name aroused no reaction in him. Before I could speak any further, he inquired about the source of my sorrow. He offered no explanation of how he knew that I was sad and I did not ask. I told him about my unsuccessful attempt to join the Indian Air Force and my long-cherished desire to fly. He smiled, washing away all my anxiety almost instantly.

Questions :

- (a) Who was looking like Buddha ? 1
  - (i) Rabindranath Tagore (ii) Swami Shivanand
  - (iii) A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.
- (b) The meaning of the word "attempt" is : 1
  - (i) effort (ii) job
  - (iii) source.
- (c) The writer wanted to join : 1
  - (i) Indian army (ii) Indian Air Force
  - (iii) Indian Navy.
- (d) What was the writer struck by ? 2

12. Answer the following questions.

- (a) What were the qualities that helped Mamta become indispensable for the team ? (30 words) 3

Or

How did Subuddhi prove himself innocent at last ? (30 words)

(b) What did Mahatma Gandhi say on the death of Bhagat Singh ? 3

Or

What was the reaction of Babuli's wife when she heard about division ?

13. Why did Pratap Singh call Bhama Shah the 'Saviour of Mewar' ? 4

Or

Give a character-sketch of Maharana Pratap.

14. Read the following extract from a poem carefully and answer the questions.

Oh ! Anger is an ugly thing,  
And spoils the fairest face,  
It cometh like a rainy cloud,  
Upon a sunny place.

Questions :

(a) Anger is compared to..... 1

(i) fairest of face (ii) rainy cloud (iii) snowy place.

(b) What does anger do to a face ? 1

(i) It snatches away the charm of the face  
(ii) It makes the face shine like sun  
(iii) It washes the face with water.

(c) What does a rainy cloud do to a snowy place ? 1

(i) It makes the place more pleasant  
(ii) It obstructs the sun light and causes darkness  
(iii) It causes anger.

15. Where and why does the poet want god to light the lamp ? 3

Or

How does the poet compare his heart with that of children ?

16. Answer the following questions in 20 words each (any two) : 4

(a) How does the wind work ?  
(b) What can the forest teach us ?  
(c) What should be a proper replacement for old tradition ?

17. Answer any three of the following questions in 30 words each : 9

(a) What did Alfred Nobel introduce ?  
(b) In what places does Malaria occur ?  
(c) What is the aim of Red Cross Society ?  
(d) What do we need for our highways ?

18. Answer any two of the following questions in 30 words each : 6

(a) Why did the woman save somebody else's child instead of her own ?  
(b) What was the problem of the soldier ?  
(c) What is the main goal of our education system ?