

**Model Test Paper**

**Class : 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Subject : English**

**2024-25**

**Time Allowed : 3 Hours**

**M.M. 80**

**Q. 1. Answer the following MCQ's by selecting the correct option.**

**(16x1 = 16)**

- (i) "Paper has more patience than people" whose comment is this ?
  - a) Leslie Norris
  - b) Vikram Seth
  - c) Annie Frank
  - d) Anton Chekov
- (ii) What was Bholi's real name ?
  - a) Sulekha
  - b) Sudekha
  - c) Champa
  - d) Shanti
- (iii) "He had never known to refuse food, he would tackle a meal at any hour of the day of night" Who is the "he" mentioned here?
  - a) Tiger, The cat
  - b) Turner, The cub
  - c) Tricki, The dog
  - d) Toto, the monkey
- (iv) Who collected and sent money to 'Lencho'?
  - a) Postman
  - b) Postmaster
  - c) Neighbour
  - d) God
- (v) According to 'Robert Frost' "Fire and Ice" represent.
  - a) Anger and indifference
  - b) Gold and money
  - c) Hot and cold things
  - d) Desire and hatred
- (vi) Why did Lomov think of marrying Natalya Seganovna?
  - a) Lomov found Natalya as suitable wife for him.
  - b) Both of them were lovers.
  - c) He wanted to own the Oxen Meadows.
  - d) To repay her father's debt.
- (vii) How did thing –Tank want to invade the Earth?
  - a) Before dinner
  - b) Before breakfast
  - c) In the evening
  - d) Before lunch
- (viii) DNA is the substance in the nucleus of a cell that controls...
  - a) Blueprint
  - b) Information
  - c) Heredity
  - d) Identity
- (ix) He said, "I have been a great mentor." Change into indirect speech.
  - a) He said that he had been a great mentor.
  - b) He said that he was a great mentor
  - c) He exclaimed that he was a great mentor.
  - d) He said that he has been a great mentor.

- (x) The guard asked, "who are you"?
- The guard asked who he was.
  - The guard asked me who he was.
  - The guard asked me who he was
  - The guard asks who I was.
- (xi) Change the following sentence from Active voice to Passive voice.  
His uncle treats him well.
- He was well treated by his uncle.
  - He will be well treated by his uncle.
  - He is well treated by his uncle.
  - He used to be well treated by his uncle.
- (xii) I Saw him leaving the house. Choose the correct passive form of this sentence.
- He had been seen leaving the house.
  - He was seen to be leaving the house.
  - Leaving the house he was seen by me.
  - He was seen leaving the house by me.
- (xiii) The Children \_\_\_\_\_ in the field now.  
*(Fill in the blank with correct use of tense)*
- Has played.
  - Are playing.
  - Plays.
  - Will had played.
- (xiv) It \_\_\_\_\_ raining since morning when you rang me up.  
*(Fill in the blank with the correct use of tense)*
- Have been
  - Has been
  - Is
  - Was
- (xv) Fill in the blank with correct modal verbs.  
\_\_\_\_\_our king live long!
- Should
  - Will
  - Must
  - May
- (xvi) Choose the proper non-finite to complete the following sentence.  
This book is worth \_\_\_\_\_
- Read
  - To read
  - Reading
  - Has reading

#### SECTION –B (Reading)

**Q.2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the question that follow:**

**(10 Marks)**

1. Walking is a great source of pleasure to us besides being beneficial for health. Once we leave the crowded streets of a city and go out for a walking tour away from the mad world, we really feel free. The open air has a bracing effect on the mind. The congestion of the city, the uproar and tumult, the intolerable noise of traffic, the hectic daily routine, all these are forgotten and the mind is at ease. We then feel like running, leaping, singing and laughing. We travel merrily mile after mile in the company of friends and associates.

2. Hiking takes us in the midst of nature. The sight of waterfalls, of flowers, streams, trees and bushes is pleasing. A connect is established between us and nature. (Various sounds of nature, like the murmur of brook or the song of a bird, acquire a new meaning and significance to us.)

3. You enjoy the beauty of nature. Minute observation like a snake casting its slough, a mouse peeping out of its hole, a squirrel leaping about on the branches of a tree, a bird flying past us, all these are noticed and they arouse our interest. We have no business worries, no fear of examination, no anxiety about the home. We have leisure to stand, to walk and talk. It is more thrilling and pleasurable to hike in a mountainous region than in the plains. The excitement of climbing up to the top of a hill, the adventure of coming down a slope, the grandeur of sunset behind a mountain-All these sights lend a rare charm and interest to our journey.

4. We walk along a zigzag motor road or cut across a mountain path in the search of adventure. We may have bright sunny weather or might get caught in a shower of rain. We may look below us into the yawning chasm or up at the mountain peak. The feeling of unlimited freedom makes our hearts leap with joy.

5. Hiking is one of the healthiest sports. It ensures a complete escape from the urgent and busy activities of life and therefore gives solace to our brain. It regains its lost energy and is able to do twice as much work as before.

6 The fresh air, beautiful mountains, majestic trees, chirping sound of birds make one's mind and soul at peace with nature.

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| (i)   | What is a great source of pleasure to us ?   | 1 |
| (ii)  | Complete the following with a phrase:<br>The various sounds of nature acquire.....   | 1 |
| (iii) | Infer one reason for the following based on information in paragraph?<br>A contact is established between us and nature.   | 2 |
| (iv)  | Give one reason why it is a pleasure to hike in the mountains than in the plains.  | 2 |
| (v)   | How does hiking gives solace to our brain  | 1 |
| (vi)  | List any two examples of minute observations you make while on a hike.   | 2 |
| (vii) | Substitute the word "leap with joy" with one word similar in meaning in the following sentence from the passage- The feeling of unlimited freedom makes our hearts leap with joy. (exult/charm/regain) | 1 |

**Q3 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (7 Marks)**

There are numerous health problems in shanty towns. Firstly, because the sites are illegal the government does not provide piped water. As a result, drinking and bathing water; are usually dirty and this causes diseases such as dysentery, typhoid and hepatitis, as well as skin and eye diseases. Secondly, houses are often overcrowded and have poor air circulation. This makes it easier to catch diseases like flu, TB and diphtheria were infection enters through the throat. Thirdly there are no drains, sewers or rubbish collection services. The resulting pools of stagnant water and heaps of household waste attracts rats and insect/ which can pass on diseases.

The government could do a lot to solve these problems. For example, they could supply clean, piped water to individual houses or, at least, to neighbourhoods. This would make drinking water safe and reduce infections. In addition, the authorities could provide householders with building materials to improve their conditions and educate about the importance of ventilation. Lastly, the city council could construct drains and provide a rubbish collection service to reduce the risk of infections spread by rats and insects.

If the government took these steps, the result would be a safer, healthier environment. Furthermore, the improvements would also lead to increased employment opportunities in areas such as construction, plumbing and rubbish disposal. It is time for politicians to come to the aid of the people who elected them!

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| (i)   | What problems are faced by illegal shanty towns?   | 2 |
| (ii)  | How can water be made safe for drinking?   | 1 |
| (iii) | What steps should be taken by the city?  | 1 |
| (iv)  | Who has to play a great role to solve the problems of shanty towns?                          | 1 |
| (v)   | How does overcrowding of houses pose problems?   | 1 |
| (vi)  | What employment opportunity would be created for creating a safer and healthier environment? | 1 |

### Section-C (Writing)

- Q4** You are Ramesh Kumar/Radhika Kumari studying in Arya School Kullu. Write to the Principal your school requesting him /her for the remission of fine. **(6 Marks)**

Or

**Write a letter to your sister Rashmi, describing your visit to some historical building. You are Seema living at Pratibha Hostel, Bal Bharti, Una.**

- Q5** Write a paragraph on anyone of the following topics: **(6 Marks)**

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| (a) Environment Pollution | (b) Morning walk        |
| (c) Himachal Pradesh      | (d) An Indian Festival. |

- Q6** You are Vibha Mahajan, Head Girl of G.S.S.S. Shimla. Draft notice for the House- Captains to attend meeting with the Vice-Principal for the allocation of duties for maintain discipline in the school. **(5 Marks)**

Or

**Write a brief not on the need to save every drop of water.**

### Section-D (Literature)

- Q7** Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: **(5 Marks)**

After half an hour the strange black aeroplane was still there in front of me in the clouds. Now there was only enough fuel in the old Dakota's last tank to fly for five or ten minutes more. I was starting to feel frightened again. But then he started to go down and I followed through the storm.

Suddenly I came out of the clouds and saw two long straight lines of lights in front of me. It was a runway! An airport. I was safe! I turned to look for my friend in the black aeroplane, but the sky was empty. There was nothing there. The black aeroplane was gone. I could not see it anywhere.

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| (i)   | Name the chapter these lines have been taken from. | 1 |
| (ii)  | What was still there after half an hour?           | 1 |
| (iii) | Why did the writer start to feel frightened again? | 1 |
| (iv)  | What did he see when he came out of the clouds?    | 1 |
| (v)   | Could the writer see the black aeroplane?          | 1 |

Or

Marriage gifts are meaningless without the sweet bread known as the bol, just as a party or a feast loses its charm without bread. Not enough can be said to show how important a baker can be for a village. The lady of the house must prepare sandwiches on the occasion of her daughter's engagement. Cakes and bolinhas are a must for Christmas as well as other festivals. Thus, the presence of the baker's furnace in the village is absolute essential.

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| (i) | Name the chapter and the writer. | 1 |
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- (ii) What makes marriage gifts meaningless? 1
- (iii) When does a party or a feast lose its charm? 1
- (iv) What has the lady of the house to do on the occasion of her daughter's engagement? 1
- (v) What is must for Christmas? 1

**Q.8 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (4 Marks)**

He stalks in his vivid stripes,  
The few steps of his cage,  
On pads of velvet quiet,  
In his quiet rage.

- (i) Where is the tiger at present? 1
- (ii) Which word in the stanza may also mean "graphic" or 'picturesque'? 1
- (iii) Why is the tiger in "quite rage"? 1
- (iv) Name the poem and poet. 1

Or

It ever you should go by chance  
To jungles in the east;  
And if there should to you advance  
A large and towmy beast,  
If he roars at you as you're dyin,  
You'll know it is the Asian Lion.....

- (i) What does the poet mean by 'Jungles in the East'? 1
- (ii) What are main features of Asian Lion? 1
- (iii) What happens when the lion roars? 1
- (iv) Which word in the extract is synonym of 'to move forward'? 1

**Q.9 Answer any two of the following questions: (2.5x2=5Marks)**

- (i) How was the poet's mood in the poem "Dust of Snow" and what brought a sudden change in it?
- (ii) What does "in the world of possessions" mean?
- (iii) Is Amanda an orphan? Why does she say so?
- (iv) Where are the trees in the poem? Explain.

**Q.10 Describe Lencho's qualities in the light of his faith in God. Do you have faith in God like Lencho? Was Lencho's reaction towards post office employee's right? (4 Marks)**

Or

**Do you agree with Anne when she says that teachers are the most unpredictable creature on earth? Rationalise.**

Or

**Who was Valli? What was her overwhelming desire?**

**Q.11 Which twin obligations, according to Nelson Mandela, does every man have in life? How could a man not fulfil these obligations in a country like South Africa? (4 Marks)**

Or

**What things does Mig do which tell you that he is an intelligent, friendly and fun-loving animal who needs love?**

Or

**Write in brief the character-sketch of Lomov?**

**Q.12** "Excess of everything is bad" comment in the wake of Mrs.Pumphrey's love for Tricki. (4 Marks)

Or

Though an intelligent scientist, Griffin did not work for the welfare of society, comment.

**Q.13** "Hobbies are a stepping stone to innovative ideas" Elaborate with reference to " The Making of a Scientist". (4 Marks)

Or

Describe Bholi's experience on her first day at school.

**Marks Distribution**

**English**

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**Section-A :- 16 Marks**

- Q1. Multiple Choice Question = **16 Marks**  
a) First Flight = 04 Marks  
b) Footprints without feet = 04 Marks  
c) Grammar = 08 Marks

**Section-B :- (Reading) 17 Marks**

- Q2. Unseen Passage = 10 Marks  
Q3. Unseen Passage = 07 Marks

**Section-C:- (Writing) 17 Marks**

- Q4. Application/Letter writing = 06 Marks  
Q5. Paragraph Writing = 06 Marks  
Q6. Notice Writing/Article Writing/  
Note Writing = 05 Marks

**Section-D:- (Literature) 30 Marks**

First Flight = 22 Marks (Q7 to Q11)

Foot Print without feet = 08 Marks (Q12 & Q13)

- Q7. Seen passage = 5 Marks  
Q8. Extract from Poetry = 4 Marks  
Q9. Question Answers from Poetry = 5 Marks  
Q10. & Q11 (from First Flight) = (4+4)8 Marks  
Q12. & Q13 (from Foot Prints Without Feet) = (4+4)8 Marks