

**Model Test Paper**  
**General English**  
**Class-XII**  
**(2024-25)**

**Time: 3 hours**

**MM: 80**

**SECTION: A (READING COMPREHENSION)**

**( 16 Marks )**

**1 (A): Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

**(10 × 1 = 10)**

Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, fondly remembered as the 'Missile Man of India', lived a remarkable life dedicated to science, education, and the betterment of his country. Born on October 15, 1931, in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu, Kalam came from humble beginnings, his father being a boat owner and imam of a local mosque. From a young age, Kalam showed a keen interest in science and mathematics, often spending hours experimenting and reading about the subject. After completing his education in aerospace engineering, Kalam joined the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and later the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). His contributions to India's missile technology earned him great acclaim, particularly for his leadership in the development of India's first indigenous satellite launch vehicle and ballistic missile systems. Beyond his scientific achievements, Kalam was a passionate educator and advocate for youth empowerment. He served as the 11th President of India from 2002 to 2007, during which time he continued to inspire millions with his vision of a developed India driven by technology and innovation. Throughout his life, Abdul Kalam remained deeply connected to his roots and his people, often encouraging young minds to dream big and work hard. His books, speeches, and interactions with students made him a beloved figure across India and beyond. Abdul Kalam passed away on July 27, 2015, leaving behind a legacy of scientific achievement, humility, and unwavering dedication to his country and its people. His life continues to inspire generations to strive for excellence and contribute positively to society.

- i) Which word in the paragraph means 'expired' ?
- ii) What message did Kalam give to the young minds ?
- iii) Which organization did Kalam join after completing his aerospace engineering ?
- iv) What was Kalam passionate about besides his interest in science ?
- v) For which specific contribution was Abdul Kalam greatly acclaimed?
- vi) What was Kalam's father's occupation ?
- vii) In which subjects did Kalam show his keen interest ?
- viii) What inspiration does the young generation get from the life of Abdul Kalam ?
- ix) How old was Kalam when he became the President of India ?
  - a) 85 years      b) 69 years      c) 60 years      d) 71 Years
- x) Which one of the following words is not a synonym of 'indigenous'?
  - a) local      b) foreign      c) native      d) domestic

**(B) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.**

**(6 × 1 = 6)**

There are in our country, as in other countries of the world, thousands of differently abled persons, such as those who are blind or deaf and dumb. In some cases, these persons may have been born blind or deaf, while in others, they may have gone blind or deaf as a result of some illness or

accident. You sometimes, hear people say of such handicapped persons, “It is the work of fate” or “It is the will of God”. Some even say, “They suffer the fruits of their own actions in the past. Even the parents of differently abled children often express such feelings and opinions, and they scarcely ever think of how they can help these unfortunate ones. This certainly is not the way to look at the problems of the differently abled. Whatever may be the cause of their suffering, we have got to treat the differently abled with sympathy and understanding. In many instances physically challenged children suffer from neglect and are left to themselves in their homes. This makes their life extremely sad and lonely. Our first duty is to make these children happier and less lonely by engaging them in different activities suitable for them. Secondly, we have got to educate these children and help them to live meaningful lives. We should secure benefits of education for them in schools intended for them. We ought to make them self-reliant by creating suitable employment opportunities for them. They will then have a sense of achievement. We will also feel satisfied that we have done our duty towards them.

i. How should we treat the differently abled children?

a) indifferently b) with sympathy c) ignore their loneliness d) ignore them

ii. According to the author, what is our first duty towards differently abled children?

a) to make them homeless b) to make them healthy

c) to make them happier and less lonely d) to make them run fast

iii. How do some children become differently abled?

iv. What makes the life of handicapped children sad and lonely?

v. Fill in the blank with a suitable word from the passage.

We must \_\_\_\_\_ these children with love and sympathy.

vi. Match the words in Column A with their meanings in Column B :

Column A

Column B

sympathy

companionless

lonely

feeling of pity and tenderness

nearly

## SECTION B

(Writing skills, Grammar and Translation)

( 27 marks )

2. Write a precis of the following paragraph in your own words and give a suitable title:- ( 4 )

Chandigarh is a city of attractions for tourists. One of the favourite places of all the tourists is the Sculpture Garden near Sukhna Lake which is spread over an area of 40 acres. After the name of its creator, it is named Nek Chand’s Rock Garden. Nek Chand started creating it secretly in his spare time in 1957. He spent first seven years mostly in collecting the waste material on his bicycle and recycling it in a hut made in the jungle. The garden was developed secretly by him, but it was accidentally discovered by the authorities in 1975. It was opened for public view in 1976. Every day, it is visited by hundreds of tourists who are mesmerized by the beautiful sculptures of soldiers, dancing women, animals, birds and cascading water-falls. A

characteristic feature of the Rock Garden is that all the sculptures are made of stone, recycled ceramics, industrial waste, broken household items like crockery, bangles, tubes, cycle parts, tiles and toilet fixtures, etc. Another interesting feature is that one has to pass through many doorways, archways and concrete lanes leading to courtyards and chambers. Nek Chand planned the layout of the garden based on the fantasy of a lost kingdom. Nowhere in the world do we see such a beauty created out of waste.

**3. Attempt any one of the following :**

**( 6 )**

Imagine you are Himalaya. You live at #867, Officer's Colony, Moga Road, Ferozepur. Write a letter to the Deputy Commissioner of your district, making out a case for the opening of a dispensary in your area.

**OR**

You are Rita. You live at #2009, Sector 9, Chandigarh. Write a letter to Editor of a newspaper expressing your views on the growing use of unfair means in the examination these days.

**4. Attempt any one of the following :-**

**( 3 )**

Explain the following Newspaper Headline in 15-20 words :

**BALI VOLCANO KEEPS AIRPORT CLOSED**

**OR**

You are Kuldeep. Write an e-mail to your colleague , Karan informing about the change in schedule of meeting with a client.

**5. (A) Translate any two of the following sentences into Punjabi/Hindi.**

**( 2 × 1 = 2 )**

- i. The guests will take food at home only.
- ii. The watchman did not bolt the door.
- iii. Don't make fun of the poor.

**(B) Translate any two of the following sentences into English:**

**( 2 × 1 = 2 )**

- (i) ਕੀ ਉਹ ਸਾਡੇ ਲਈ ਚਾਹ ਬਣਾਵੇਗੀ ?
- (ii) ਸਾਨੂੰ ਰੋਜ਼ ਸੈਰ ਕਰਨੀ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ।
- (iii) ਬਾਹਰ ਘੁਪ ਹਨੇਰਾ ਸੀ।

**6. Do as directed :**

**( 10 )**

(A) Fill in the blanks with suitable Determiners.

**( 3 × 1 = 3 )**

- (i) .....mother is a teacher.
- (ii) The cat drank all.....milk I had.
- (iii) She did not send me .....reply.

(B) Fill in the blanks as directed: (Use the words given in the brackets.) (2× 1 = 2)

(i) ..... (dance) is my passion. (Fill in the blank with a Gerund)

(ii) We eat ..... (live). (Fill in the blank with an Infinitive)

(C) Rewrite the given sentences as directed. (Any Two) (2 × 1 = 2)

(i) Rewrite the given sentence after removing 'too'.

He is too young to travel alone.

(ii) Change the degree of comparison.

Rose is the most beautiful flower.

(iii) Rewrite the given sentence using 'No sooner..... than'.

As soon as the sun rose, they left.

(D) Change the given sentences into Passive Voice. (Any Two) (2 × 1 = 2)

(i) A cruel boy killed the bird.

(ii) Did you wring out the clothes?

(iii) How do you know Sharda?

(E) Change the given sentence into Indirect Speech. (Any One) (1 × 1 = 1)

(i) He said to me, "What are you doing?"

(ii) She said, "What a lovely scene!"

### SECTION C (Literature Textbook)

(37 Marks)

#### 7. Objective type questions:

(10 × 1 = 10)

(i) How did the parent-teacher meeting end? (Hassan's Attendance Problem)

(ii) Fill in the blank.

The mechanic was ..... (In Celebration of Being Alive)

(iii) The Washington Post was a ..... (The March King)

a) Magazine b) newspaper c) journal d) None

(iv) Name the writer of the chapter, 'On Saying Please'.

(v) ..... was a millionaire. (Thinking Out of the Box Lateral Thinking)

(vi) Who is the writer of the chapter 'The Barber's Trade Union'?

(vii) State whether the following statement is True or False. (A Chameleon)

Pitchugin was walking after Otchumyelov.

(viii) What was the name of the gardener? (The School for Sympathy)

a) Harry b) Samuel c) Beryl d) Peter

(ix) Who was Jaswant Singh? (The Bull Beneath The Earth)

(x) How many siblings did Sulekha have ? ( Bholi )

8. (A) Read the following lines and answer the questions that follow: (any four) (4 × 1 = 4 )

Till the little ones, weary,  
No more can be merry;  
The sun does descend,  
And our sports have an end.  
Round the laps of their mothers,  
Many sisters and brothers,  
Like birds in their nest,  
Are ready for rest,  
And sports no more seen,  
On the darkening Green.

(i) Name the poem .

(ii) Name the poet .

(iii) Why has the echoing green become the darkening green?

(iv) Name the figure of speech used in the lines: ‘Many sisters and brothers,

Like birds in their nest,’

(v) Write the rhyme scheme of the last four lines of the stanza.

**OR**

Once upon a time, son,  
they used to laugh with their hearts  
and laugh with their eyes:  
but now they only laugh with their teeth,  
while their ice-block-cold eyes  
search behind my shadow.

(i) Name the poem.

(ii) Name the poet.

(iii) How did the people laugh in the past?

(iv) Explain: ‘They only laugh with their teeth’.

(v) Which Figure of speech is used in this line - ‘while their ice-block-cold eyes search behind my shadow’?

B) Give the central idea of one of the poems: (3)

i) On Friendship

ii) Prayer of the Woods

9. Answer **any three** of the following questions in about 20 to 30 words each : (3 × 2 = 6)

(i) Why was Hassan not noticed by the teacher in the class? During which days would Hassan show up in the class? ( Hassan's Attendance Problem)

(ii) Who were addressed as 'Demi Gods ' and why ? ( Ghadari Babas in Kalapani Jail )

(iii) How did the girl intelligently win? (Thinking Out of The Box: Lateral Thinking)

(iv) What were the good qualities of the conductor? (On Saying Please)

(v) What made the narrator repent and feel sorrowful? (The Story of My Life)

10. Answer **any two** of the following questions in 20 to 30 words (2 × 2 = 4)

(i)What was the real aim of Miss Beam's school? ( The School for Sympathy)

(ii) What was Datta's experience about his customers ? (The Gold Frame )

(iii)What type of woman was Chandu's mother ? (The Barber's Trade Union )

11. Answer **any one** of the following questions in 100 to 120 words: (5)

Explain in brief the conditions in which the two boys grew up ? (Two Gentlemen Of Verona )

**OR**

Draw a brief character sketch of John Philip Sousa. (The March King)

12. Answer **any one** of the following questions in 100 to 120 words: (5)

Justify the title of the story, 'A Chameleon'.

**OR**

Give a brief character sketch of Karam Singh's father ? (The Bull beneath the Earth )