

SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER FOR PRACTICE ONLY
HIGH SCHOOL EXAM 2025
SUBJECTS- ENGLISH

Total Questions	Total Printed Page	Time (Hours)	Maximum Marks
16	06	03:00	75

Instructions: All questions are compulsory.

Marks are shown with each question

SECTION A (READING)

Q.1 Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it. (1x5=5)

Discipline must be enforced early in life. Discipline at home makes for the future greatness of a boy. It forms his character and makes him a good citizen. The child who is allowed to have his own way becomes way ward. A child whose habits have been disciplined and who has been taught to rise early, attend to his lesson properly, take physical exercise at a proper time and avoid things that are injurious, will grow up to be a useful member of the society. The spoilt child who has been allowed to run his own course will show vice in younger days. His parents would wish that he had not been born at all.

Questions:

- i) What does discipline do for child?
 - a) forms character and makes him a fit citizen
 - b) makes child dull
 - c) makes him strong
 - d) makes him way-ward
- ii) What evils does a child pick up when he is allowed to do what he likes ?
 - a) make himself happy
 - b) catch cold and fall ill
 - c) becomes a way ward
 - d) develop discipline in him
- iii) What are good habits?
 - a) running in the sun
 - b) playing all the time
 - c) avoid things that are injurious
 - d) exposing himself to cold
- iv) Which of the following is the appropriate title for the above text ?
 - a) Importance of Discipline
 - b) Importance of Physical Exercise
 - c) Importance of Daily Routine
 - d) Importance of Nature

v) What does 'spoilt' mean ?

a) greatness

b) injurious

c) destroyed

d) disciplined

Q.2 Read the passage and answer the following questions.

(1x5=5)

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 of 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 big charity. But as soon as he touched the plate it turns to lead. A poor farmer was also present there. He did not know about the gift. 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:

i) From where did the plate of gold fall ?

ii) Who was awarded the plate ?

iii) What happened when the richest man touched the plate ?

iv) The noun from the verb 'invited' is

v) The word 'inscribe' means -

a) to carve

b) to read

c) to paint

d) to write

SECTION B (WRITING)

Q.3 Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:

(4)

Spiders are men's friends. The spiders are among our best friends. They destroy many harmful insects, including some of our worst enemies. There are the insects that devour crops, cause diseases both to us and to farm animals and torment our skins. Spiders do not have specific insects, which they prey on. They kill and eat whatever insects are available, though they do not usually prey on the large ones.

There are two main groups of spiders: the weaving spiders and the hunting spiders. These two groups differ in various ways. The weavers have bigger spinnerets (those parts of the body from which the silk comes out) and their legs are generally much longer, with special claws at the end. The hunting spiders (which do not spin webs) have smaller spinnerets and strong thicker legs. They have better eye sight than the weavers but the weaver's sense of touch is more developed and they are highly evolved than the hunters.

- a) Make notes on the basis of your reading using recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary.
- b) Give a suitable title.

Q.4 You are Alok Sharma, a student of Class X-A in Govt. Higher Sec. School, Rajgarh. Write an application to the Principal of your school requesting him to issue you books from the School Book-Bank. (4)

OR

You are Ritik /Ritika, live in Indore. Write a letter to your friend inviting him /her on your birthday party.

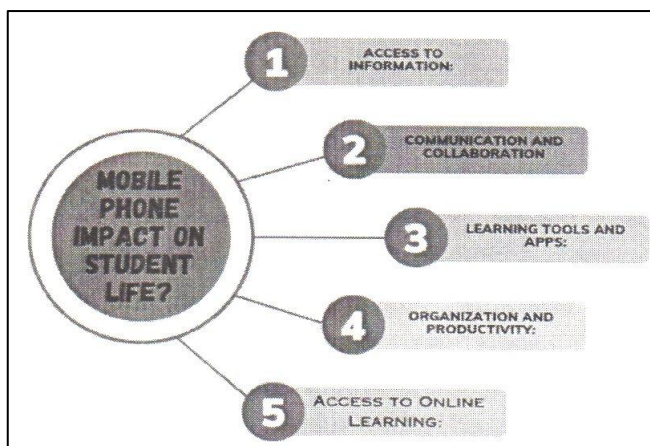
Q.5 Write an essay on the any one of the following topics in about 150 words. (5)

- a) Value of Games and Sports b) Importance of English
- c) Science and Man d) Freedom of Press

OR

Write a paragraph in about 150 words on 'Online Education'.

Q.6 On the basis of the picture given below, describe the impact of mobile on students (in about 75 Words) (3)



SECTION – C (GRAMMAR)

Q.7 Fill in the blanks choosing the correct alternative given in the bracket.

(Any five)

(1x5=5)

- i) Her uncle is MLA. (a , an , the)
- ii) His grandmother died cancer. (from, than of)
- iii) The train had left the station before we there.
(reach , reached, had reached)
- iv) Walk carefully you will fall down. (or , and , but)
- v) There are flowers in this garden. (many , much , any)
- vi) We to respect our elders (should, ought , must)

Q.8 Do as directed. (any five)

(1x5=5)

- i) Unless he invites me, I won't attend the party. (rewrite the sentence using 'If ')
- ii) They have made it. (change into past continuous tense)
- iii) She is too tired to work. (rewrite the sentence using 'so that')
- iv) He cut his finger. (change into negative sentence)
- v) Anuj is playing chess. (change into passive voice)
- vi) The boy is my best friend. The boy is standing in the corner.
(combine the sentences using 'who')

SECTION D (TEXT BOOKS)

Q.9 Answer the following questions:

(1x4=4)

- i) The bakers are known in Goa as
 - a) packer
 - b) pader
 - c) kabai
 - d) bread bangle
- ii) Lencho called post office employees a
 - a) a pack of thieves
 - b) a bunch of crooks
 - c) a team of players
 - d) a group of actors
- iii) What food did the seagull's mother get for it ?
 - a) insect
 - b) crab
 - c) prawn
 - d) fish
- iv) Anne Frank called her diary
 - a) Margot
 - b) Young girl
 - c) Kitty
 - d) Grandma

Q.10 (A) Read the following extract from the prose and answer the questions given below : (1x3=3)

But for Valli, standing at the front door was every bit as enjoyable as any of the elaborate games other children played. Watching the street gave her many new unusual experiences. The most fascinating thing of all was the bus that travelled between her village and the nearest town. It passed through her street each hour, once going to the town and once coming back. The sight of the bus filled each time with a new set of passengers, was a source of unending joy for Valli.

Questions:

- i) What was Valli's favourite pastime ?
 - a) standing at the front door b) standing at the back door
 - c) standing at the park d) standing at the balcony
- ii) The source of unending joy for Valli was to watch
 - a) old passengers b) new passengers
 - c) children playing in the park d) villagers
- iii) The bus passed through her street each hour. (True / False)

(B) Read the lines carefully & answer the questions given below them (1x3=3)

If strolling forth, a beast you view,
Whose hide with spots is peppered,
As soon as he has leapt on you,
You'll know it is the Leopard.
I will do no good to roar with pain,
He'll only lep and lep again.

Questions:

- i) From which poem have the above lines been taken ?
 - a) How to Tell Wild Animals b) A Tiger in the Zoo
 - c) The Ball Poem d) The Fog
- ii) Which animal has been described in the above lines ?
 - a) lion b) tiger
 - c) leopard d) panther
- iii) What does the word 'beast' mean ?
 - a) bird b) insect
 - c) animal d) creeper

Q.11 Answer the following questions : (30 words) (Any six) (2x6=12)

- i) What did Lencho hope for ?
- ii) What compelled the young seagull to finally fly ?
- iii) What twin obligations does Mandela mention ?
- iv) Why did Anne want to keep a diary ?
- v) What are the elders in Goa nostalgic about ?
- vi) Where is Coorg situated ?
- vii) What did Mij do to the box ?

Q.12 Answer the following questions (30 words) (any two) (2x2=4)

- i) According to Frost, what are the two different views about the end of the world?
(Fire and ice)
- ii) How does the fog come ?(The Fog).
- iii) What does the poet compare their branches to , in the poem ‘The Tree ‘?

Q.13 Answer the following questions (30 words) (any two) (2x2=4)

- i) Who is the real culprit in the story ‘A Question of Trust’?
- ii) Why is Bholi’s father worried about her ?
- iii) Why had Fowler wanted to meet Ausable ?

Q.14 Answer the following questions in about 75 words. (3)

Describe the narrator’s experience as he flew the aeroplane into the storm.

Or

What does Kisa Gotami understand the second time that she failed to understand first time ? Was this what the Buddha wanted her to understand ?

Q.15 Answer the following question in about 75 words. (3)

What is theme of the poem ‘A Tiger in the Zoo’ ?

Or

Write the central idea of the poem ‘Amanda’.

Q.16 Answer the following question in about 75 words. (3)

In the end of the lesson, Mrs. Pumphery says “ This is a triumph of surgery.”
Why?

Or

How did the invisible man first become visible in the story ‘Foot prints without Feet’ ?
