Sample Question Paper for Practice Only
High School Examination-2026
Subject-English

Total No. of questions	Total Printed pages	Time	Maximum Marks
16	07	3 hours	75

Instructions: -

- All questions are compulsory.
- Marks are indicated in front of each question.

SECTION-A (READING)

Q.1- Read the following passage and answer the questions given below- **1×5=5**

The Great Wall of China is one of the most iconic structures in human history, stretching over 21,000 kilometers across northern China. Built over several centuries, its primary purpose was to protect Chinese territories from invasions, particularly from nomadic tribes in the north. Construction began in the 7th century BC, but the most well-preserved sections were built during the Ming Dynasty (1368–1644). The wall is made from various materials, including stone, brick, tamped earth, and wood, depending on the region's resources. Watchtowers were strategically placed for surveillance, communication, and defense, with soldiers stationed to guard vulnerable points. Contrary to the popular myth, the wall is not visible from space without aid, but it remains a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a symbol of Chinese resilience. Over the centuries, the wall also served as a means of controlling trade along the Silk Road and regulating immigration and emigration. Today, it attracts millions of tourists annually, standing as a reminder of China's rich history and engineering skill.

Questions:

i. Approximately how long is the Great Wall of China?

a) 2,100 km b) 21,000 km
c) 210 km d) 12,000 km

ii. What was the primary purpose of building the Great Wall?

a) to mark Chinese territory
b) to protect from northern invasions
c) to serve as a trade route
d) to connect cities

iii. What is a common myth about the Great Wall?

a) It was built in one year.
b) It is visible from space without aid.
c) It is made entirely of stone.
d) It has no watchtowers.

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iv. Besides defence, what other functions did the Great Wall serve?

a) controlled trade and regulated migration
b) stored grain and water
c) served as a royal palace
d) hosted sports events

v. Today, the Great Wall is a symbol of-

a) Chinese wealth
b) Chinese resilience and engineering skill
c) Modern military strength
d) Global unity

Q.2- Read the following passage and answer the questions given below- **1×5=5**

Ravi was late for work, weaving through the crowded street when something caught his eye— a small, worn leather wallet lying near a bus stop. He bent down and picked it up. Inside were a few bills, a bus pass, and an ID card belonging to a Mr. Sharma, an elderly man who lived only a few streets away. Ravi considered leaving it at a police station, but something urged him to return it personally. The building he found was old, with peeling paint and narrow stairs. When he knocked, the door opened to reveal a frail man with worry etched on his face. "My wallet!" Mr. Sharma exclaimed, relief flooding his voice. He explained that he had been searching for it all morning—it held not only his money but also photographs of his late wife, his most treasured possession. As Ravi handed it over, Mr. Sharma's eyes filled with gratitude. "You've returned more than just a wallet," he said softly. Ravi left with a lighter heart, realizing that small acts of honesty could leave deep imprints on someone's life.

Questions:

i. Where did Ravi find the wallet?

a) in a park b) near a bus stop
c) on his office desk d) in a shop

ii. What was not inside the wallet?

a) bills b) bus pass
c) photographs of Ravi's family d) ID card

iii. Why did Ravi decide to return the wallet personally?

a) He wanted to meet Mr. Sharma.
b) He had extra time .
c) He felt urged to do so.
d) He didn't trust the police.

iv. Why was the wallet so important to Mr. Sharma?

a) It had his bank cards.
b) It had photographs of his late wife.
c) It had gold coins.
d) It was a gift from his son.

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v. What realization did Ravi have at the end?

a) Helping others is a waste of time.
b) Honesty can deeply impact someone's life.
c) He should work for the police.
d) He should carry less money.

SECTION-B (WRITING)

Q.3 Read the following passage carefully and make notes on it. Also give a suitable title to it. **04**

Reading is one of the most enriching habits a person can develop. It is a gateway to knowledge, imagination, and emotional understanding. Through books, we are transported into worlds beyond our own, meeting characters, ideas, and perspectives that challenge and inspire us. Fiction allows us to experience emotions, dilemmas, and cultures that we may never encounter in real life, building empathy and creative thinking. Non-fiction, on the other hand, expands our factual knowledge, offering insights into history, science, philosophy, and countless other fields. In today's fast-paced digital era, where attention spans are shrinking, deep and focused reading is more important than ever. It improves vocabulary, sharpens critical thinking, and strengthens concentration. Reading also has therapeutic benefits—it reduces stress and can even improve mental health by providing an escape from daily pressures. Furthermore, it keeps the brain active, which helps prevent cognitive decline with age. Developing a reading habit does not require hours of free time; even 20–30 minutes a day can have a profound impact. Whether you choose novels, poetry, essays, or newspapers, reading is a lifelong companion that continues to enrich the mind and soul.

Q.4 You are Deepa /Deepak, studying in Govt. High School, Rajgarh, MP. Write an application to your principal for full fee concession. **04**

OR

You are Anam/Aman, residing at 152, Adarsh Nagar, Ratlam MP. Write a letter to your friend inviting him to attend the house warming ceremony of your house.

Q.5 Write an essay on any one of the following topics (In about 150 words) - **05**

I. Importance of English

II. The Role of Science in Human Progress

III. Value of Games and Sports

IV. Computer and Mobile: Modern Need

OR

Write a paragraph in about 150 words on 'Importance of Trees'.

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Q.6 Look at the picture and write a paragraph in about 75 words. **03**

SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)

Q.7 Fill in the blanks choosing the correct alternatives given- (any five) **05**

(i) How ……. students are present today? (any/much/many)

(ii) I want to purchase …. H.M. T. watch. (a/an/the)

(iii) …. I take your pen? (Need/May/Must)

(iv) He has ……. many plays. (write/wrote/written)

(v) The meeting will be held …… Tuesday. (on/in/since)

(vi) He could not come to school ……. he was ill. (so/but/because)

(vii) Bhopal is larger ……. Gwalior. (from/to/than)

Q 8. Do as directed- (any five) **05**

(i) in the park/were playing/Children/football (Rearrange the words to make a meaningful sentence)

(ii) David has taken coffee. (Change into interrogative)

(iii) The teacher taught English. (Change the sentence into Present Indefinite Tense)

(iv) He is too weak to go to school. (Rewrite the sentence using 'so…that')

(v) The boy is my friend. The boy who has won the prize. (Combine the sentence using 'who')

(vi) If she does not come on time, the teacher will punish her.
Rewrite the sentence using 'unless' in place of 'if')

(vii) Seema writes a letter. (Change the sentence into passive voice)

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SECTION- D (TEXTBOOKS)

Q 9. Choose the correct answers: **04**

1. How much money did Lencho want?

(a) 100 pesos (b) 50 pesos
(c) 10 pesos (d) 70 peso

2. Where was the monthly accounts of the baker recorded?

(a) on the wall (b)in a diary
(c) on a paper (d) in a notebook

3. What was Gautama Buddha's childhood name?

(a) Sandeep (b) Siddhartha Gautama
(c) Sudheer Gautama (d) None of these

4. What did the crow shake on the poet?

(a) dust of soil (b) dust of snow
(c) dust of tree (d) dust of ash

Q.10 (A) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below- **03**

"On the lovely autumn day of 10 May 1994, I was accompanied by my daughter Zenani. On that day I was sworn in as the first non-white President of South Africa. The ceremonies took place in the Union Buildings amphitheater in Pretoria. Politician and dignitaries from more than 140 countries attended the ceremony, representing every continent of the world. For decades this had been the seat of white supremacy, and now it was the site of a government that represented all the people of South Africa, black and white. The air was charged with the energy of celebration and the hope for a new, just beginning.

Questions:

i. Who accompanied Nelson Mandela on 10 May 1994?

a) his wife b) his daughter Zenani
c) his son d) his friend Oliver Tambo

ii. Where did the inauguration ceremony take place?

a) Cape Town City Hall b) Johannesburg Stadium
c) Union Buildings amphitheater in Pretoria d) Nelson Mandela Square

iii. What was the historical significance of the location?

a) It was where South Africa gained independence from Britain.
b) It had been the seat of white supremacy, now hosting a government for all people.
c) It was the site of the first anti-apartheid protest.
d) It was Mandela's birthplace.

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(B) Read the following extract and answer the questions given - **03**

The fog comes
On little cat feet.
It sits looking
over harbour and city
on silent haunches
and then moves on.

Questions:

(i)Who is the poet of the poem "Fog"?

a) Robert Frost b) Carl Sandburg
c) William Wordsworth d) Emily Dickinson

(ii) What does the poet compare the fog to?

a) dog b) cat
c) A bird d) A cloud

(iii) How does the fog come, according to the poem?

a) quickly and noisily b) slowly and silently
c) with thunder and rain d) like a strong wind

Q.11 Answer the following questions in about 30 words- (any six) **2×6 = 12**

(i) What did Lencho hope for?
(ii) What does courage mean to Mandela?
(iii) What name did Anne give to her diary?
(iv) Why did the conductor call Valli as "madam"?
(v) What did Chubukov at first suspect that Lomov had come for ?
(vi) What does a 'jackfruit like appearance' mean?
(vii) Why was the young seagull afraid to fly?

Q.12 Answer the following questions in about 30 words (any two) **2×2 = 4**

(i) What happened to the house when the trees move out of it in the poem 'The Trees'?
(ii) Why does Amanda want to be an orphan?
(iii) What does 'ice' stand for in the poem? (Fire and Ice)

Q.13 Answer the following questions in about 30 words (any two) - **2×2 = 4**

(i) Why was Dr. Herriot worried about Tricki?
(ii) Why had Fowler wanted to meet Ausable?
(iii) What did Horace Danby steal every year ?

Q14. Answer the following question in about 75 words (any one) - **03**

(i) What message does the story 'A Letter to God' convey?
(ii) When her son dies, Kisa Gotami goes house to house. What does she ask for? Does she get it? Why not?

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Q15. Answer the following question in about 75 words (any one) - **03**

(i) What color is the young woman's hair? What does she say she can change it to? Why would she want to do so? (For Anne Gregory)

(ii) What is the theme of the poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo'?

Q16. Answer the following question in about 75 words (any one) - **03**

(i) How did the invisible man first become visible?

(ii) How did Richard Ebright's mother help him?

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