

**Pre-board Exam 2017-18**  
**Class-10th**  
**Subject- English (General)**

M.M.-100

Section 'A' (Reading)

Time-3:00 hrs.

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

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 antonym of the word "rich" is. 1
- e) The word "inscribed" means ..... 1
  - i) to write
  - ii) to read
  - iii) to paint

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

An American enlisted himself in the Spanish Army. He did not know the Spanish language. The commander informed that the king would come on inspection after six months. The king usually asked three questions. "What is your age?" "Since when have you been in army?" and "are you satisfied with your lodging and boarding?" The commander taught him the answer and he practised them. As usual the king came on inspection. Looking at the new Soldier, he asked, "Since when have you been in my army?" "Sir, 25 years", replied the soldier. The king was taken aback. He asked him the second question. "Then what is your age?" "Sir six months", the soldier humbly replied. "Am I mad or you?" The king asked irritatingly. "Sir, both", was the quick answer.

**Questions:-**

- (i) What was the problem of the soldier? 1
- (ii) Which questions do the king usually ask? 1
- (iii) The soldier did not know ..... Language: 1
  - i. American
  - ii. Spanish
  - iii. English
  - iv. French
- (iv) The soldier replied that I am ..... year old. 1
  - i. 20
  - ii. 25
  - iii. 27
  - iv. 29
- (v) Why was the king surprised? 1

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

A young father was visiting an older neighbor. They were standing in the older man's garden and talking about children. The young man said, "How strict should parents be with their children?" The older man pointed to a string between a big, strong tree and a thin, young one. "Please untie that string," he said. The young man untied it, and the young tree bent over to one side. "Now tie it again, please," said the older man. "But first pull the string tight so that the young tree is straight again."

The young man did this. Then the older man said, "It is the same with children. You must be strict with them, but sometimes you must untie the string to see how they are getting on. If they are not yet able to stand alone, you must tie the string tight again. But when you find that they are ready to stand alone, you can take the string away."

**Questions:**

- a. Where was the man standing? 1
- b. What did the older man ask the young man to do with the string? 1
- c. With whom should the parents be strict sometimes? 1
- d. Find out the opposite of the word 'older', from the passage. 1
- e. Fill in the blank with the correct alternative: 1

When the young man untied the string, the young tree ..... to one side.

- i. fell down
- ii. bent over
- iii. stood straight

Section 'B' (Writing)

Q. 4. You are Monica Sharma, a student of class X Govt. Hr. Secondary School, Balaghat. Write an application to the Principal for character certificate. 06

Or

You are Lokesh, residing in 101, Professor Colony, Char Bagh, Indore. Write a letter to your friend Pratush inviting him to attend your elder sister's marriage.

Q. 5. Read the following passage carefully and do as instructed in (a) and (b) below the passage:

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There are many different kinds of musical instruments. They are divided into three main classes according to the way they are played. For example, some instruments are played by blowing air into them. These are called wind instruments. In some of these the air is made to vibrate inside a wooden tube and these are said to be of the woodwind family. The examples of this family are the flute, the clarinet and the bassoon. Other instruments are made of brass: the trumpet and the horn are the examples. There are also various other wind instruments such as the mouth organ and bagpipes.

Some instruments are played by banging or striking them. One obvious example is the drum, of which there are various kinds. Instruments like this are called percussion instruments.

The last big group of instruments is the ones which have strings. There are two main kinds of stringed instruments: those in which the music is made by plucking the strings and those where the player draws a bow across the strings. Examples of the former are the harp and the guitar and that of the latter are the violin and the cello. <http://www.mpboardonline.com>

(a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it in points using heading and sub-heading. 04

(b) Write a summary looking at the notes. 03

Q. 6. Write a paragraph in about 80 words on 07

"To make clean India" with the help of the verbal inputs given below:

- i. Cleanliness is based on our health.
- ii. To put the garbage in the dustbin.
- iii. To develop the habit of cleanliness.
- iv. Cleanliness is natural mission.
- v. Two hours in a week should be given in this mission.
- vi. Use of cotton bags only.
- vii. Awareness in the society.
- viii. Separate toilet for girls in schools.
- ix. Water available to maintain the cleanliness

Or

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

- i. My Hobby
- ii. Wonders of Science
- iii. Any interesting match
- iv. My best friend

Section- 'C' (Grammar)

Q. 7. A. Fill in the blanks by using correct words from the brackets: (any five) 05

- i. She is thinking of ..... a car. (buy/buying)
- ii. My younger brother used to ..... tennis in his childhood. (play/playing)
- iii. Her father is ..... M.L.A. (a/an/the)
- iv. Work hard ..... you will fail. (or/but/so)
- v. She ..... caught in this school. (has/have)
- vi. The student ..... to school daily. (go/goes)

**B. Choose the correct word from the brackets and fill in the blanks: (any five) 05**

- i. I could not go to school yesterday ..... I was not well. (because/until/unless)
- ii. The student has been suffering from fever ..... three days. (for/since/from)
- iii. Distribute the money ..... Ram and Shyam. (among/between)
- iv. He has invited ..... to his birthday party. (they, them, their)
- v. Will you please give me ..... money? (any/some)
- vi. .... I come in sir? (may/can)

**Q. 8. Do as directed. (any 5) 05**

1. My grandmother is very weak, she cannot walk. [Combine above sentence using (so.....that)]
2. He is playing cricket. (change into negative)
3. If you work hard, you will succeed (rewrite using 'unless')
4. It rained heavily yesterday. (change into past perfect tense)
5. Mr. David lives in Mumbai. (make a question beginning with 'where')
6. Have/we/work/done/our. (rearrange the words to make a meaningful sentence)

**Q. 9. Translate any 5 sentences into English. 05**

1. बारिश हो रही है।
2. मेरी कक्षा में पचास विद्यार्थी हैं।
3. गीता और राधा मित्र हैं।
4. ईमानदारी अच्छी नीति है।
5. मेरे पास दस किताबें हैं।
6. वह मेरी सहायता करेगा।

**Section 'D'**

**Q. 10. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below it:**

Mamta has been studying in a small school in the nearby town till then, as her parents could not afford to send her to any one of the public schools in the city. It was only because of the scholarship she had won from a trust that it had been possible for her to join this reputed convent school. Being away from home, in a hostel, she yearned for some friends, but till now most of the girls had refused to accept a small town girl as their friend. Most of the girls in the school came from rich families, They treated her as unwelcome guest who was too low in status by their standards.

**Questions:-**

- (a) Mamta had been studying in a ..... 1
  - (i) Big school
  - (ii) Famous old school
  - (iii) Small school
- (b) From which lesson this extract has been taken? 1
  - (i) The new player in the team.
  - (ii) The tribute.
  - (iii) One step Ahead
- (c) Mamta could not join any public school because ..... 1
  - (i) She was weak in studies.
  - (ii) Her parents could not afford to send her to school.
  - (iii) She could not get scholarship.
- (d) Why did the girls in the school avoid Mamta's company? 2

**Q. 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 sleepers. He has an olive complexion and black piercing eyes. I was struck by his irresistibly almost childlike 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 do 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) The meaning of the word 'attempt' is: 1  
(i) Effort  
(ii) Job  
(iii) Source

- (b) The writer of this lesson from which the extract has been taken is 1  
(i) Minakshi G. Jain  
(ii) A.P.J. Abdul Kalam  
(iii) Sudha Murthy

- (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

- Q. 12. A. What was the duty of little boy?** 3

Or

How did Subuddhi prove himself innocent at last?

- B. What did the three revolutionaries do while going towards the place of execution?** 3

Or

What were the qualities of Subuddhi and Kubuddhi?

- Q. 13. Who was Bhama Sah? Describe his qualities.** 4

Or

Describe the qualities of Maharana Pratap.

- Q. 14. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions given below it:** (1x3=3)

Change my darkness to thy light, lord!

Change my darkness to thy light,

And my evil into good.

Touch me but once and I will change.

All my clay into thy gold.

**Questions:**

- a. 'Darkness' in the stanza stands for .....

(i) Night (ii) Ignorance (iii) Lord

- b. 'Light' stands for .....

(i) Electricity (ii) Ignorance (iii) Knowledge

- c. The poet who wrote the poem is .....

- Q. 15. Where do the windows open?** 03

Or

Who takes the kite high?

- Q. 16. Answer any two of the following questions in 20 words:** 2x2=04

a. Who is greater than a king?

b. What can the forest teach us?

c. What happens when the poet looks at the children playing?

- Q. 17. Answer any three of the following questions in 30 words:** 3x3=09

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?

- Q. 18. Answer any two of the following in 30 words each:** 2x3=6

a. What is the main goal of our education system?

b. What did Ashoka do?

c. Why did Gandhiji travel third class?