

Practice Question Paper- 2023

Set-B

Class-10

Subject-English

Time:3 hours

Total Marks:75

Instructions:

- (i) Read all the questions carefully.
- (ii) Read the instructions given with the questions before attempting them.
- (iii) Marks of each question are indicated against them.

**Section-A(Reading)**

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

Long ago in Mongolia there lived an emperor who feared growing old. One day, he saw an old man in the street. Upset at being reminded that someday, he too, would age, he ordered all the old people to leave his land. One day, a violent storm swept the kingdom. Nothing was safe from its fury. It roared into the palace and blew away the emperor's belongings, including his priceless golden pitcher. When the storm ended, the emperor ordered that the pitcher be found and brought back to him. People went in search of the pitcher. They saw it in a lake nearby. But no matter who tried, no one could get a grip on the pitcher. All they got was a handful of water. Yet it could be plainly seen, glittering and just below the water's surface!

**Questions:**

- I. The emperor was upset to see the old man because 1  
(a) it reminded him that he would grow old too.  
(b) it reminded him that he had to colour his hair.  
(c) it reminded him that he might fall ill.  
(d) it reminded him of his grandfather.
- II. The people saw the golden pitcher 1  
(a) in a pit nearby. (b) inside the palace. (c) in a lake nearby. (d) in a river nearby.
- III. The emperor's orders were that all the 1  
(a) old men should live in his land.  
(b) young men should stay in his land.  
(c) old men should leave his land.  
(d) children should leave his land.
- IV. What did the people who went to bring the pitcher get? 1  
(a) A handful of air. (b) The pitcher's handle. (c) A handful of water. (d) Nothing at all.
- V. The emperor feared 1  
(a) getting weak. (b) getting ill. (c) getting young. (d) getting old.

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

There are three main groups of oils-animal, vegetable and mineral. Great quantities of animal oil come from whales, those enormous creatures of the sea, which are the largest of the animals remaining in the world. To protect the whales from the cold of the Arctic seas, nature has provided them with a thick covering of fat, called blubber. When the whale is killed, the blubber is stripped off and boiled down. It produces a great quantity of oil which can be made into food for human consumption. A few other creatures yield oil, but none so much as the whale. The livers of the cod and halibut, two kinds of fish, yield nourishing oil. Both cod liver oil and halibut oil are given to sick children and other invalids who need certain vitamins. Vegetable oil has been known from very old times. No household can get on without it, for it is used in cooking. Perfumes may be made from the oils of certain flowers. Soaps are made from vegetable and animal product and the oils of certain flowers.

**Question:**

- I. The main source of animal oil is \_\_\_\_ 1  
(a) whale (b) sea weeds (c) fish (d) plants
- II. Vegetable oil is mainly used for \_\_\_\_\_ 1  
(a) Cooking (b) Making perfumes (c) Making soap (d) Making lubricants
- III. The ..... of fish yields nourishing oil. 1  
(a) stomach (b) eyes (c) liver (d) head
- IV. The thick protective covering of fat on a whale is called a- 1  
(a) cells (b) blubber (c) skin (d) Fins
- V. Write the noun form of the word 'protect' . 1

**3. Read the following passage carefully. Make notes and supply a suitable title: 4**

The heart is one of the most vital components of the human body. The heart of the human body has the continuous job to keep oxygen-rich blood flowing through the body. All the body's cells need a constant supply of oxygen, particularly in the brain. The brain cells live only four to five minutes after the oxygen is cut off and death comes to the entire body. Heart disease can result from damage to the heart muscles, the valves or the pacemaker. If the muscle is damaged, the heart is unable to pump properly. If the valves are damaged, blood cannot flow normally. Dr. John Gibbon of U.S.A. developed a machine in 1953 that could take over temporarily from the heart. Surgeons had the chance to repair or replace a defective heart. Many patients have had plastic valves inserted in their hearts when their hearts were faulty. Many people are now being kept alive with tiny battery-operated pacemakers.

**Section-B(Writing)**

4.You are Rachit Saxena studying in Govt. Higher Secondary School Bhind. Write an application to your principal for subject change. 4

Or

Write a letter to your father requesting him to send you Rs. 1000 to buy some books.

5. Write an Essay on any one of the following topics in about 150 words.

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- (i) Festivals of India
- (ii) Blessings of Science
- (iii) My Aim in Life
- (iv) My Favourite Game

Or

Write a paragraph on any one of the following in about 150 words

- (i) Online Education
- (ii) Covid-19

6. On the basis of the picture given below, write a short paragraph about the importance of trees.

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### Section-C (Grammar)

7. Fill in the blanks: (Any five)

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- (i) There is not \_\_\_\_\_ water in the pool. (some/any/many)
- (ii) His father is \_\_\_\_\_ MLA. (a/an/the)
- (iii) Bhopal is larger \_\_\_\_\_ Gwalior (from/to/than)
- (iv) The report was ----- last week.( write/wrote/written)
- (v) I have been here----- Monday. (since/for/to)
- (vi) Look----- you leap.( after/ before/with)

8. Do as directed:(Any five)

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- (i) If she does not come on time, she will miss the train. (Rewrite the sentence using 'unless' in place of 'if')
- (ii) He has taken tea. (Make interrogative)
- (iii) Ishaan agreed to dance with us. (Make negative)
- (iv) He is rich. He is not happy. (Combine the sentences using 'yet')
- (v) The garden has lovely flowers. The garden is in front of my house.(Combine using 'Relative Clause')

(vi) I haven't seen Mohan since six years. (Correct the sentence)

**Section-D(Textbooks)**

**9. Answer the following questions:**

- (i) What did Lencho think of the post office employees? 1  
(a) rude (b) proud (c) bunch of crooks (d) unhelpful
- (ii) According to Nelson Mandela, what is courage? 1  
(a) triumph over love (b) triumph over fear  
(c) triumph over poverty (d) triumph over selfishness
- (iii) Amanda wants to be an orphan----- 1  
(a) to feel the condition of an orphan  
(b) to enjoy the freedom that an orphan has  
(c) to avoid going to school  
(d) to play with orphan children
- (iv) What is the colour of the ramparts of the young lady? 1  
(a) Golden (b) Honey (c) Silver (d) Brown

**10. (a) Read the following extract from the prose and answer the questions given below:**

He wandered for seven years and finally sat down under a peepal tree, where he vowed to stay until enlightenment came. Enlightened after seven days, he renamed the tree the Bodhi Tree (Tree of Wisdom) and began to teach and to share his new understandings. At that point he became known as the Buddha (the Awakened or the Enlightened). The Buddha preached his first sermon at the city of Benares, most holy of the dipping places on the river Ganges; that sermon has been preserved and is given here. It reflects the Buddha's wisdom about one inscrutable kind of suffering.

**Questions:**

- (i) Which of the following has similar meaning to the word 'Buddha'? 1  
(a) The wise one  
(b) The enlightened one  
(c) The intelligent one  
(d) The clever one
- (ii) Where did he vow to stay until his enlightenment came? 1  
(a) his palace  
(b) under a peepal tree  
(c) under a banyan tree  
(d) under a tree
- (iii) The lesson tells us about Buddha's sermon at Benaras. It was his \_\_\_\_\_ sermon. 1  
(a) last (c) second (d) Not mentioned

**B. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below:**

The fog comes  
on little cat feet,  
It sits looking  
over harbour and city  
on silent haunches

and then moves on

**Questions:**

(i) Who has written the above poem? 1

(a) Sylvia Plath (b) Robert Frost (c) Carl Sandburg (d) Robert Burns

(ii) The poet compares the fog with: 1

(a) clouds (b) city (c) cat (d) dog

(iii) How does the fog arrive and depart? 1

(a) loudly (b) silently (c) quickly (d) happily

**11. Answer the following questions (30 words): (Any six) 2×6= 12**

(i) How did the rain change? What happened to Lencho's fields?

(ii) What twin obligations does Mandela mention?

(iii) What tells you that Anne loved her grandmother?

(iv) What is the baker called in Goa? What did the bakers wear in Portuguese days?

(v) Why didn't Valli get off the bus at the bus station?

(vi) What happened when the box was opened in Mijbil the Otter?

(vii) "The sight of the food maddened him." What does this suggest? What compelled the young seagull to finally fly?

**12. Answer the following questions (30 words): (Any two) 4**

(i) In the poem 'Dust of Snow', what does the poet say has changed his mood?

(ii) In the poem 'The Ball Poem', what does "in the world of possessions" mean?

(iii) What happens to the house when the trees move out of it?

**13. Answer the following questions (30 words): (Any two) 4**

(i) Why did Mrs. Hall find the scientist eccentric?

(ii) Why was Bholi's father worried about her?

(iii) What did Hari get from Anil in return for his work?

**14. Who does Lencho think has taken the rest of the money? What is the irony in the Situation? (in about 75 words) 3**

Or

Give a pen portrait of Goan village baker.

**15. What does the poet say the boy is learning from the loss of the ball? Explain in your own words. (in about 75 words) 3**

Or

What is the central idea of the poem 'Fire and Ice'?

**16. In the end of the lesson, Mrs. Pumphrey says "This is a triumph of surgery." Why? (in about 75 words) 3**

Or

What was the cause of Matilda's ruin? How could she have avoided it?