

**PRE-BOARD EXAMS QUESTION PAPER 2021-22**

**CLASS-12<sup>th</sup>**

**SUBJECT- ENGLISH**

**Time: 03:00 Hours**

**Maximum Marks: 80**

**SECTION-A (READING)**

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

**(1×10=10)**

Computers are capable of doing extremely complicated work in all branches of learning. They can solve the most complex mathematical problems or put a thousand unrelated data in order. These machines can be put to varied uses. For instance, they can provide information on the best way to prevent traffic accidents. They work accurately and at high speed. This whole process, by which machines can be used to work for us, has been called "automation". In future, automation may enable human beings to enjoy more leisure than they do today. Some years ago, an expert on automation, Sir Leon Bagrit, pointed out that it was a mistake to believe that these machines could think. There is no possibility that human beings will be controlled by machines. Though computers are capable of learning from their mistakes and improving on their performances, they need detailed instructions, they need detailed instruction from human beings to be able to operate.

Sir Leon said that in future computers would be developed which would be small enough to be carried in one's pocket. For instance, people going on a holiday could be informed about weather conditions. Car drivers can be given an alternative route when there is a traffic jam. A tiny translating machine will enable people who do not share a common language to talk to each other without difficulty or to read foreign publication. Computers will also be used in ordinary public hospitals. A doctor will be able to diagnose the nature of his patients' illness. Similarly, machines could be used to keep a check on a patient's health record and bring it up to date. Book-keepers and Accountants too, could be relieved of dull clerical work. Computers are the most efficient servant that man has ever had.

**Questions:-**

(i). which are the two main capabilities of computers?

- (a) various uses, provide information      (b) complicated work in all branches, put data in order  
(c) Work at high speed; prevent traffic accidents      (d) automation, save time and labour

(ii). What is automation?

- (a) The machine that can think  
(b) Machines that can improve on their performance

(c) Machines that can solve mathematical problems.

(d) The process by which machines can be used to work for us.

(iii). Computers can be used to \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) to find treatment for the patient's illness                      (b) to prescribe a medicine for the patient

(c) to diagnose the nature of patient's illness                      (d) to keep the patient in good mood

(iv). What is the basic limitation of computers?

(a) Computers lack thinking and taking independent decisions

(b) Computers can rule over human beings.

(c) Computers cannot improve learning from its mistakes .

(d) Computers to be able to work need detailed instructions.

(v). Which of the following is an antonym for the word 'disable' ?

(a) obtain      (b) prevent                      (c) enable                      (d) save

(vi). The verb form of the word 'alternative' is \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) alternate      (b) alternatively                      (c) late                      (d) elate

(vii). In future, \_\_\_\_\_ may enable human beings to enjoy more leisure than they today.

(a) automation                      (b) performance                      (c) instructions                      (d) improvement

(viii). Sir Leon Bagrit Said that in future, \_\_\_\_\_ would be developed which would be small enough to be carried in one's pocket.

(a) televisions      (b) computers                      (c) machines                      (d) calculators

(ix). which of the following words from the passage is a synonym of ' freed'?

(a) relieved      (b) captive                      (c) occupied                      (d) confine

(X). Which of the following is the antonym of the word 'simple'?

(a) complex      (b) easy                      (c) uncomplicated                      (d) quiet

**Q- 2. Read the following passage carefully and make notes on it, also give a suitable title.**

**(4)**

Dolphins are regarded as the friendliest creatures in the sea and stories of them helping drowning sailors have been common since Roman times. The more we learn about dolphins,

the more we realize that their society is more complex than people previously imagined. They look after other dolphins when they are ill, care for pregnant mothers and protect the weakest in the community, as we do. Some scientists have suggested that dolphins have a language but it is much more probable that they communicate with each other without needing words. Could any of these mammals be more intelligent than man? Certainly the most common argument in favour of man's superiority over them that we can kill them more easily than they can kill us is the least satisfactory. On the contrary, the more we discover about these remarkable creatures, the less we appear superior when we destroy them.

### SECTION-B (WRITING)

**Q-3. Ashima is going abroad on a foreign assignment for 5 years. She wants to sell her refrigerator, L.C.D.T.V., double bed and almirah. Draft an advertisement in about 50 words to be displayed on the housing society notice board. <https://www.mpboardonline.com> (4)**

Or

Design an attractive poster on 'Save Trees, Save Earth'.

**Q-4. You are Anand kumar Mishra, a resident of Preet Vihar, Chhatarpur. Write a letter to the collector of your district, telling him about nuisance of loudspeakers in your area. (4)**

or

Write a letter to your uncle thanking him for the birthday present he had sent for you. You are Hari Tiwari, residing at Harshwardhan Nagar, Bhopal.

**Q-5. Write an article on any one of the following topics in about 200 words. (4)**

- A. Physical Education in School.
- B. Hazards of Polythene Bags
- C. Importance of Games and Sports
- D. Corona -A Pandemic .

or

**You are Amita Dubey, using following inputs ,write a report in about 200 words on the accident you have recently witnessed.**

Verbal inputs:-

- . when and where
- . vehicle involved (car and bus)
- . scene of the accident
- . injured and hospitalized
- . Role of the police

### SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)

**Q-6. Fill in the blanks choosing the correct answer from the given options (any five)**  
**(1x5=5)**

- (i). His brother is \_\_\_\_\_M.L.A. (a, an, the)
- (ii). You should go to bed soon \_\_ we have to rise early tomorrow. (although /as/ but)
- (iii). He is good \_\_ English. (in/at/of)
- (iv). He did not buy \_\_\_\_\_apple. (some/ any/many)
- (v). No sooner did the boy see the cobra \_\_ he ran away. (and/then/than)
- (vi). You \_\_\_\_\_ not talk in the library. (can/will/may)

**Q-7. Do as directed (any five)**  
**(1x5=5)**

- (i). Sonia did her duty (Change into Negative)
- (ii). He is so weak that he cannot stand. (Rewrite the sentence using 'too...to')
- (iii). If you do not work hard, you will fail. (Rewrite using 'unless' in place of 'if')
- (iv). The man had not come for two days.  
The man brings potatoes. (Combine the sentences using a relative clause)
- (v). This news surprises me. (Change the voice)
- ( v). I/had/exam/a lot of / during / time. [Rearrange the words to make a meaningful sentence

### SECTION-D (TEXT BOOK)

**Q- 8. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below.**  
**(1x5=5)**

Once upon a time there was a man who went around selling small rattraps of wire. He made them himself at odd moments, from the material he got by begging in the stones or at the big farms. But even so, the business was not especially profitable, so he had to resort to both begging and petty thievery to keep body and soul together. Even so, his clothes were in rags, his cheeks were Sunken, and hunger gleamed in his eyes.

Questions :-

- (i). From which lesson has the above lines been taken?

(a) Indigo (b) The Third Level (c) The Enemy (d) The Rattrap

(ii). Which of the following is the antonym of the word 'Petty' ?

(a) Small (b) of little importance (c) petit (d) major

(iii). What does the Phrase 'keep body and soul together' mean ?

(a) stay alive (b) stay optimistic (c) stay pessimistic (d) stay alone

(iv) Who is author the author of the chapter.

(a) Louis Fischer (b) William Douglas (c) Pearl S. Buck (d) Selma Lagerlof

(v) Which of the following is the synonym of the word 'gleamed'

(a) Sparkle (b) dull (c) dark (d) ugly

**Q- 9. (A) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below .  
(1x3=3)**

Driving from my parent's home to Cochin last Friday morning,

I saw my mother, beside me

Doze open mouthed her face ashen like that

Of a corpse and realized with pain

Questions:-

(i) The poetess is driving on which day?

(a) Monday (b) Friday (c) Sunday (d) Saturday

(ii) Who is sitting beside the poetess

(a) her Mother b. her Sister (c) her daughter (d) her friend

(iii) What is the name of the poem ?

(a) Keeping Quiet (b) A Thing of Beauty (c) My Mother at Sixty-Six (d) A Roadside Stand

**(B) Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow. (1x4=4)**

The Shokalskiy had managed to wedge herself into a thick white stretch of ice between the peninsula and Tadpole Island which was preventing us from going any further. The captain decided we were going to turn, around we did, we were all instructed to climb down the gangplank and walk on the ocean. So there we were, all 52 of us, kitted out in Gore-Tex and

glares, walking on a stark whiteness that seemed to spread out forever. Underneath our feet was a metre-thick ice pack, underneath that, 180 meters of living, breathing salt water.

Questions :-

(i). How many students were the part of 'students on ice' programme ?

- (a) 52                      (b) 54                      (c) 56                      (d) 58

(ii). What did the captain instruct to do ?

- (a) To go and swim                      (b) To collect the water  
(c) To Climb down the gang plank                      (d) To walk on the water

(iii). What is Gore-tex ?

- (a) Tax paid to government                      (b) A Teflon Fabric  
(c) Fabric that makes the skin fairer                      (d) Peninsula and tadpole Island

(iv). Underneath our feet was \_\_\_\_\_thick ice pack, ?

- (a) A Meter                      (b) Two Meter                      (c) Three Meter                      (d) Four Meter

**Q- 10. Answer the following questions in about 30 words (any 5)                      (2x5=10)**

(i). What had been put up on the Bulletin -Board ?

(ii). What makes the city of Firozabad famous ?

(iii). Why was Douglas determined to get over his fear of water ?

(iv). List the places that Gandhi visited between his first meeting with Shukla and his arrival at Champaran .

(v). Who, in today's world, is our chief source of information about personalities?

(vi). Why did the peddler decline the invitation? <https://www.mpboardonline.com>

(vii). What is Sahab looking for in the garbage dumps?

**Q- 11. Answer the following questions in about 30 words-[any three]**

**(2x3=6)**

(i). Why has the mother been compared the "late winter's moon?"

(ii). What does the poet want for the children of the slums?

(iii). What will counting up to twelve and keeping still help us to achieve?

(iv). List the things of beauty mentioned in the poem "A thing of Beauty"?

(v). What was the plea of the folk who had put up the road side stand?

**Q- 12. Answers the following questions in about 30 words-[any two]**

**(2x2=4)**

- (i). What did the Royal infant grow up to be?
- (ii). Who was Dr. Sadao ? Where was his house?
- (iii). What do you think was Jo's problem?

**Q- 13. Answers the following questions in about 75 words [any two]  
(3x2=6)**

- (i). How did Mr. Hamel pay tribute to the French language ?
- (ii). What could be the reasons for the migration of people from villages to cities?
- (iii). Write the qualities of a good leader.

**Q-14. Write the Answer of any one of the Following questions in about 75 words  
(3x1=3)**

What is the "sadness" that the poet refers to in the poem " keeping quiet?"

Or

What is the 'childish longing' that the Poet refers to? Why it is in vain?

**Q- 15. Write the Answer of any one of the Following questions in about 75 words  
(3x1=3)**

Why is Antarctica the place to go to, to understand the earth's Present, Past and Future?

or

What are the way in which Mr. Lamb tries to overcome his feelings?

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