

Set-3

**Class - X
2019-20
English
Sample Question Paper**

Time : 3 Hrs. 15 Minutes

M.M. : 70

General Instructions:

- (i) First 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question paper.
- (ii) This question paper is divided into two sections, A & B.
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- (v) Read the questions very carefully before you start answering them.

Section-A

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

The men who were governing Athens summoned Socrates to appear before them and to stand his trial. His friends begged him to escape or to hide until the storm had blown over. But Socrates was no coward. He knew that he had done nothing wrong and that he had only taught what he believed to be just, true and honourable and so he went to the court. His clothes and shoes were dusty and travel-stained. But everyone knew that a noble heart beat under the shabby garments.

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- i) Write the name of the lesson from which the above noted passage has been taken. Who is the author of the lesson? 2
- ii) Who summoned Socrates to appear before them and who requested Socrates to escape? 2
2. Answer one of the following questions in about 60 words. 4
- i) What quality of Yudhishtira pleased the Yaksha most?
- ii) Who was Socrates? What were his teachings?
3. Answer two of the following questions in about 25 words each: 2+2=4
- i) What was Lencho's problem? What was his only hope?
- ii) What did the Ganga remind Pandit Nehru of?
- c) Who is the creator of the universe? What has he created?
4. Match the words of List 'A' with their meanings in List 'B'. 4x1=4

List 'A'

List 'B'

Solitary

Ample

Abundant

Sufficient

Enough

Wife

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Consort

Lonely

5. Read the following piece of poetry and answer the questions given below it:

Honey, child, honey child, whither are you going?

Would you cast your jewels all to the breezes blowing?

Would you leave the mother who on golden grain has fed you?

Would you grieve the lover who is riding forth to wed you?

a) Write the title of the poem from which the above lines have been selected. Who is the poet of the poem? 1+1

b) Who is leaving the mother. Why will the lover be grieved? 1+1

6. Write the central idea of one of the following poems: 3

a) The Psalm of life

b) The Fountain

Or

Write four lines from one of the poems given in your text-book. (Do not copy out the lines given in this question paper).

7. Answer two of the following questions in about 25 words each: 2+2=4

a) Describe the important inventions made by Edison?

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- b) What happened to the palace and the fortress of Vikramaditya after his death?
- c) Who was Coubertin? What was his ideal?
8. Point out 'true' and 'false' in the following statements: 4x1=4
- a) Edison promised to give Americans electric light in two years.
- b) The first angel said to the king "Are you worthy to sit on the throne?"
- c) In 1936 the Olympic Games were held in America.
- d) Luz Long was an American.
9. Select the most suitable alternative to complete the following statements: 4x1=4
- a) Edison got a beating from his mother because:
- i) he had smashed the eggs and spoiled his shorts.
- ii) he had hatched the eggs.
- iii) he had eaten up all the eggs.
- iv) he had sold the eggs.
- b) The Vikram Samvat owes its origin to:
- i) Samudra Gupta
- ii) Ashok
- iii) Vikramaditya

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- iv) Chandra Gupta Maurya
- c) Luz Long was a real sportsman because:
 - i) he was tall and well built.
 - ii) he was German.
 - iii) his main object in games was not conquering but fighting well.
 - iv) he had won many medals.
- d) The Olympic record in the event of long jump at Berlin in 1936 was—
 - i) 26 feet 8.5 inches
 - ii) 26 feet $5\frac{5}{16}$ inches
 - iii) 26 feet
 - iv) 25 feet 7 inches

Section-B

10. Do as indicated against each of the following statements:
- (i) Gifted me red a friend my dress. 2
(Frame a correct sentence by re-ordering the words)
 - (ii) He deposited the money on the fee-counter. 2
(Change into Passive Voice)
 - (iii) The doctor said, "Don't worry, you will be fine in a few days." 2

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- (iv) Submit your notebooks after _____ the classwork. 2
(Use correct form of the verb 'finish' to fill in the blanks.)
11. a) Choose the correct preposition from the ones given below the sentence to fill in the blank: 2
He lives in a village _____ the river.
(into, across, besides)
- b) Complete the following sentence: 2
You can go home _____.
- c) Complete the spellings of the following words:
i) ad _ e _ t _ r _ $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$
ii) p _ a _ t _ c _
- d) Punctuate the following, using capital letters wherever necessary: 2
my grandmother said have some more food rupa and raghu.
12. Translate the following into English: 4
मैं आज सुबह से कुछ परेशान था। मेरा मनपसंद उपन्यास कहीं खो गया था। बहुत खोजने के बाद यह मुझे बड़े भाई साहब की मेज पर मिला। वह कल रात इसे पढ़ने के लिये ले गए थे।

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13. Write a letter to your friend, sharing your views on how Yoga is helpful during exams. (Do not write your name and place). 4

OR

Write an application to the Principal of your school requesting him to organize a tour to some historical place. (Do not write your name and roll no.)

14. Write a composition on one of the following topics in about 60 words. Points are given below for each topic to develop the composition: 6

(a) Problem of Pollution:

- Introduction
- Types of Pollution
- Causes of Pollution
- How to control Pollution

(b) Importance of Outdoor Games:

- Introduction
- Some outdoor games
- Benefits
- How to motivate children to Play outdoor games.

(c) Your Favourite Leader:

- Short Introduction of the Leader
- His/Her qualities

- His/Her contribution to the society
- Conclusion

15. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions set thereon:

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.

- i) What human qualities do dolphins possess, according to the passage? 3
- ii) Why do some people argue that man is superior to dolphins? 3

Set-2

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Section-A

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

It did not take Yudhisthira a moment to understand that these could be none other than the words of a Yaksha and guessed what had happened to his brothers. It took him no time to see a possible way of bringing them back to life. He said to the bodiless voice: "Please ask your questions".

- i) Write the name of the lesson from which the above passage has been taken. Who is the writer of this lesson? 2
- ii) What possible way did Yudhisthira find to revive his brothers? 2

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2. Answer one of the following questions in about 60 words. 4

a) Why does Nehru call the Ganga 'the river of India'?

b) Why have we been compared to a chain?

3. Answer two of the following questions in about 25 words each: 2+2=4

a) Why was Lencho sad?

b) What punishment was given to Socrates?

c) Why did Akbar and Tansen go to the Himalayas?

4. Match the words of List-A with their meanings in List-B. 4x1=4

List-A

List-B

(a) Mourn

Clearly

(b) Precious

Coming out

(c) Bulging

Express sorrow

(d) Vividly

Valuable

5. Read the following lines of poetry and answer the questions given below it:

Not gold, but only men can make

A people great and strong

Men who, for truth and honour's sake,

Stand fast and suffer long.

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- (a) Write the names of the poet and the poem from which the above lines have been taken. (2)
- (b) What qualities of nation loving people have been described in these lines? (2)
6. Write the central idea of one of the following poems:(3)
- a) The village song
- b) The Fountain

Or

Write four lines from one of the poems given in your text book. (Do not copy out the lines given in this question paper).

7. Answer two of the following questions in about 25 words each: $2+2=4$
- a) Why was Jesse Owens angry?
- b) Why was Edison dismissed from his job?
- c) What did the village boys find in the pastures?
8. Point out 'true' and 'false' in the following statements: $4 \times 1 = 4$
- a) The first Olympic games were held in Germany.
- b) Edison was an American scientist.
- c) The last angel was pleased with the king of Ujjain.
- d) Edison began to work on an electric lamp in 1880.

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9. Select the most suitable alternative to complete the following statements: 4x1=4

a) Jesse Owens walked over to Luz Long's room in the Olympic village:

- i) to thank him.
- ii) to talk to him about-Hitler.
- iii) to quarrel with him.
- iv) to get some more tips.

b) When the shepherd boy sat on the green mound:

- i) he disappeared.
- ii) he started behaving like an actual judge.
- iii) he fell down from it.
- iv) he flew away in the sky.

c) What was celebrated in 1929?

- i) The silver Jubilee of the invention of gramophone.
- ii) The birth centenary of Edison.
- iii) The Silver Jubilee of the invention of electric bulb.
- iv) A grand ceremony to honour the President of the United States.

d) The angels took the judgment seat to :

- i) the sea

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- ii) the sky
- iii) a secret underground place
- iv) another kingdom

Section-B

10. Do as indicated against each of the following statements:

(i) was great palace this king a beautiful by built. 2

(Frame a correct sentence by re-ordering the words)

(ii) I bought a new book on Thursday. 2

(Change into Passive Voice)

(iii) My mother said, "It is always good to be honest." 2

(Change into indirect speech)

(iv) She _____ the room before the guest came? 2

(Use correct form of the verb 'clean' to fill in the blank)

11. a) Choose the correct preposition from the ones given below the sentence to fill in the blanks: 2

The little boy fell _____ a deep well.

(down, into, on)

b) Complete the following sentence: 2

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Do not waste time _____.

c) Complete the spellings of the following words:

i) d _ c _ s _ _ n 1/2+1/2=1

ii) _ pl _ n _ i _

d) Punctuate the following, using capital letters wherever necessary: 2

mohan's father said to him you should work hard for exams.

12. Translate the following into English: 4

प्रकृति एक जीवित शक्ति है। यह अपने शांत और सुंदर रूप में हमारे चारों ओर विद्यमान है। जब हम प्रकृति के नियम तोड़ते हैं, यह उग्र हो जाती है। प्रकृति का संरक्षण और सम्मान करना हमारा नैतिक दायित्व है।

13. Write an application to the Librarian of your School to purchase some new English dictionaries. (Do not write your name and roll no.) 4

OR

Write a letter to your sister who lives in Kolkata, asking her to come home for a picnic to nearby places, next month. (Do not write your name and place).

14. Write a composition on one of the following topics in about 60 words. Points are given below for each topic to develop the composition: 6

(a) My favourite Festival

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- Introduction
- Why and when is it celebrated?
- How is it celebrated?
- Why do you like it?

(b) A Birthday Party

- Whose birthday party was it?
- When and where was it celebrated?
- Food and fun activities.
- Conclusion

(c) Importance of Mobile phones:

- Introduction
- How is it useful in our daily life?
- What do you use it for?
- How to stop its misuse?

15. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

A shabbily dressed man once went to a pet shop. There he saw a cage having four little birds inside. He kept on gazing at the birds. He went to the shopkeeper and said, "How much for this cage with birds?" "Just eight hundred rupees" said the shopkeeper. The man took out some crumpled notes and counted. He had only seven hundred

thirty rupees. He said to the shopkeeper, "This is all I have but I need this badly. Can I have it?" The shopkeeper thought for a while then agreed to sell it to the man. The man handed over the money to the shopkeeper, took the cage and opened the tiny gate. The little birds inside flew away instantly. The surprised shopkeeper asked him, "Why did you waste all your money when you had to set them free?" The man said, "Never mind sir, I had been imprisoned for no crime for the last three years. The precious thing I just bought, has given these bits of paper a little worth."

- i) Why was the shopkeeper surprised to see the man's behaviour? 3
- ii) Why did the man set the birds free? What do the underlined portions mean here? 1+2

Set-1

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Section-A

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

The Ganga especially is the river of India, beloved of her people, round which are interwined her racial memories, her hopes and fears, her songs of triumph, her victories and her defeats. She has been a symbol of India's age-long culture and civilization, ever-changing ever-flowing, and yet ever the same Ganga. She reminds me of the snow covered peaks and the deep valleys of the Himalayas, which I have loved so much and of the rich and vast plains below, where my life and work have been cast.

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- i) Write the name of the lesson from which the above noted passage has been taken. Who is the author of the lesson? 2
- ii) Why is the Ganga beloved of the Indian people? 2
2. Answer one of the following questions in about 60 words. 4
- i) Who received the letter and how did he help Lencho?
- ii) How can we fill our country with the light of good citizenship?
3. Answer any two of the following questions in about 25 words each: 2+2=4
- a) Why did Yama take the form of Yaksha?
- b) Who was Socrates? Where did he live?
- c) Why was Mardana unhappy?
4. Match the words of List-A with their meanings in List-B. 4x1=4

List-A

Sacred

Rescue

Destroyed

Precious

List-B

Ruined

Valuable

Holy

Save

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5. Read the following lines of poetry and answer the questions given below it:

Ever in motion,
Blithesome and cheery,
Still climbing heavenward,
Never a weary;

- a) Write the title of the poem from which the above noted lines of poetry have been taken. Who is the poet of the poem? 2
- b) Each of the above four lines describe a particular quality of the fountain. Mention them. 2
6. Give the central idea of any one of the following poems: 3
- a) The Village song
- b) The Nation Builders

Or

Write four lines from one of the poems in your text book. (Donot copy out the lines given in this question paper).

7. Answer any two of the following questions in about 25 words each: 2+2=4
- a) Who was Edison and why is he famous?
- b) What special qualities did Vikramaditya possess?

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- c) When and where were the first Olympic Games held?
8. Point out true and false in the following statements: 4x1+4
- a) Edison bought toys with the pocket money his father gave.
- b) Jesse owens was an Amrrican Negro.
- c) The judgment-seat of Vikramaditya was made of Iron.
- d) Luz Long was jealous of Jesse Owens.
9. Select the most suitable alternative to complete the following statements: 4x1=4
- a) Edison was fond of :
- i) telling stories
 - ii) playing games
 - iii) making experiments
 - iv) flying kites
- b) King Vikramaditya is famous for his:
- i) justice and learning
 - ii) injustice and learning
 - iii) honesty
 - iv) affection
- c) The guilty trembled before Vikramaditya because:

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- i) he was very cruel
 - ii) he was unjust
 - iii) he was intelligent enough to discover their guilt.
 - iv) he looked very fearful.
- d) The important thing in Olympic games is—
- i) earning money
 - ii) winning
 - iii) a tour to a foreign country
 - iv) taking part

Section-B

10. Do as indicated against each of the following statements:

- (i) Honesty the policy best is. 2
(Frame a correct sentence by re-ordering the words)
- (ii) He teaches us English everyday. 2
(Change into Passive Voice)
- (iii) He said to me, "You are not looking well". 2
(Change into indirect speech)
- (iv) Do you _____ your teacher? 2
(Use correct form of the verb obey)

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11. a) Choose the correct preposition to fill in the blanks.
He has been reading magazine_____morning. 2
(since, for, from)
- b) Complete the following sentence: 2
Walk properly, lest _____.
- c) Complete the spellings of the following words:
i) in_e__igent $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$
ii) Kn_wl__ge
- d) Punctuate the following, using capital letters
wherever necessary: 2
rupa said to the teacher may i come in madam
12. Translate the following into English: 4
एक ईमानदार व्यक्ति सदैव न्याय और सच्चाई के पथ का
अनुसरण करता है। वह कभी किसी को धोखा नहीं देता है।
ईमानदारी सच्चे सुख व शान्ति का स्रोत है। उसके लिये,
ईमानदारी ही सबसे उत्तम नीति है।
13. Write an application to the Principal of your college
requesting him to grant you leave for six days as you
have to attend the marriage of your sister. (Do not
write your name and roll no.) 4

OR

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Write a letter to your younger brother advising him to work hard at his studies so that he may get a first class.

14. Write a composition on one of the following topics in about 60 words. Points are given below for each topic to develop the composition: 6

(a) An Ideal Teacher

- (i) His/her name, dress, appearance.
- (ii) His/her behaviour
- (iii) His/her method of teaching
- (iv) His/her qualities
- (v) Conclusion

(b) My Favourite Book.

- (i) Name of the book and the author
- (ii) Theme of the book
- (iii) Its language and style
- (iv) Reasons for liking it
- (v) Conclusion

(c) A Journey by Train:

- (i) When and Why was journey performed
- (ii) The scene at the platform
- (iii) The scene inside the coach
- (iv) Main stations midway

(v) Conclusion

15. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions set thereon:

Mother Teresa was a great lady. She is known all over the world. She helped the poor and the needy. She served the sick and homeless. She was born in August, 1910 in Yugoslavia but she made India her home and lived in Kolkata. She started a home for the orphans. She named it "Nirmal Hridaya". She looked after the sick poor and downtrodden. She even set up homes for lepers who were shunned by even their own families. She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. She was given the 'Bharat Ratna' also.

- i) What did Mother Teresa do for the orphans? 3
- ii) What awards were given to her? 3
