

CBSE Class 12 English

Question Bank



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Class 10th

English

Section A

Reading Comprehension _____ **(15 Marks)**

A. Seen Comprehension poetry passage **(5Marks)**

EXTRACT 1

Q 1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

But presently up spoke little dog Mustard,
I'd have been twice as brave if I hadn't been flustered,
And up spoke Ink and up spoke Blink,
We'd have been three times as brave, we think,
And Custard said, I quite agree
That everybody is braver than me.

(a) The dog feels lack of confidence because

- (i) of the entrance of the pirate
- (ii) of the confusion
- (iii) of the other animals' bravery.
- (iv) of the dragon's bravery

(b) Who spoke after Mustard?

- (i) Custard and Ink (ii) Ink and Blink (iii) Custard and Blink (iv) Ink and Mustard

(c) According to Custard, he was:

- (i) unheroic (ii) brave (iii) crazy (iv) bold

(d) Total number of animals mentioned in this stanza are:

- (i) Two (ii) Three (iii) Four (iv) Five

(e) Who is Mustard?

- (i) Confident dog (ii) brave dog (iii) both a&b (iv) None of the above

EXTRACT 2

Q 2. Read the extract and fill in the blanks with appropriate words to complete the meaning.

How many loved your moments of glad grace,
And loved your beauty with love - false or true,
But one man loved the pilgrim soul in you,
And loved the sorrows of your changing face.

The lines quoted above have been taken from the poem "When You Are Old", written by a great modern Irish poet named W. B. Yeats. The poem is a love lyric expressing a)_____ conception of love. The given stanza of four lines has rhyming scheme b) _____. It is addressed to the poet's c)_____. The poet tells his beloved that his love is spiritual. His love is the 'pilgrim soul' in her. His love is different from that of those lovers of hers who love her physical beauty. They will stop loving her when she grows d)_____. The poet believes that his love will never end and his beloved will come to know the real worth of his e)_____ when she grows old.

EXTRACT 3

Q 3. Read the extract given below and select the right option for the MCQs given at the end.

Look there, in that smithy;
Its red oven, fierce flames,
The padlocks are already opening their mouths
And each fetter is skirting around.

- a) The literal meaning of the word 'smithy' here is:
i) Smiths ii) Blacksmith iii) Oven maker iv) none
- b) Padlocks have metallic bar of shape
i) U ii) V iii) I iv) T
- c) What word means 'a chain or shackle for feet'
i) Smithy ii) padlock iii) fetter iv) skirting
- d) Synonym of fierce is
i) Fearful ii) bold iii) ferocious iv) none
- e) The oven is red because of

- i) the metal ii) red cloth iii) blood iv) flames

EXTRACT 4

Q 4. Read the extract given below and fill the blanks with appropriate words to complete the meaning.

Lord! You are my hope and trust, lead me to the way of truth;
How long shall I dwell in ignorance! Pour me the nectar of knowledge.
Lend ear to my wailing and pleas, cure me of ills and pains;
Be kind each moment to me; let me never fall in want.
Save me from sloth, infirmity and doubt,
Surcharge my heart with passion, zest and hope.
Let me not ever chant the sleep-inducing tales;

The poet calls (a) _____ his hope and trust. He calls upon God to lead him to the path of truth. The poet has so far been living a life of (b) _____. He prays to God to bless him with (c) _____. The poet prays to God to cure him of his (d) _____. He wants God to be kind to him each moment. He does not want to feel (e) _____ of anything in his life. So, he prays to God to “fill his heart” to save him from laziness and weakness. He prays to God to fill his heart with passion, enthusiasm, and hope.

EXTRACT 5

Q 5. Read the following stanza and complete the explanation given at the end.

My house was named
the house of flowers, because in everywhere
geraniums exploded: it was
a beautiful house
with its dogs and children.
Raul, you agree?
You agree Rafael?
Fadrigo, You agree
Beneath the earth,

The poet talks aboutin these lines as it was bursting with life. Flowers, dogs, children were running and playing. His house was calledhouse, becausespread throughout his house making it

pleasant and prosperous. The poet refers to his friends.....,Rafeal and Fadrico.The stanza reveals that the poets friends are.....

B. Seen Comprehension prose passage.

(5 Marks)

PASSAGE 1

Q 6. The two boys started in surprise at the fresh muddy imprints of a pair of bare feet. What was a barefooted man doing on the steps of a house, in the middle of London? And where was the man? As they gazed, a remarkable sight met their eyes. A fresh footmark appeared from nowhere! Further footprints followed, one after another, descending the steps and progressing down the street. The boys followed, fascinated, until the muddy impressions became fainter and fainter, and at last disappeared altogether. The explanation of the mystery was really simple enough. The bewildered boys had been following a scientist who had just discovered how to make the human body transparent.

a)Write down the meaning of following words.

i)descending

ii)Fascinated

b) Fill in the blank with appropriate word/s.

i)The two boys saw _____ of a barefooted man.

c) The remarkable sight was the appearing and disappearing of the _____ one after the other.

d) The scientist had discovered a rare drug that could make the human body _____

e) The faint muddy impressions ----- in the end.

PASSAGE 2

Q 7."Is he married or single?"

"Oh! Single, my dear, to be sure! A single man of large fortune; four or five thousand a year.What a fine thing for our girls!"

"How so? How can it affect them?"

"My dear Mr. Bennet," replied his wife," how can you be so tiresome! You must know that I am thinking of his marrying one of them?"

"Is that his design in settling here?"

"Design! Nonsense, how can you talk so! But it is very likely that he may fall in love with one of them, and therefore you must visit him as soon as he comes".

a) Write down the antonym of the following words.

- i) soon b) fortune

b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words.

- i. The word "he" here refers to_____
- ii. The man being talked about has a large fortune. It means he is quiet_____.
- iii. It is hoped that the man being talked about might _____ one of their daughters.
- iv. The word 'design' refers to ----- in the above passage.

PASSAGE 3

Q 8. That evening, after I'd finished the rest of my homework, the note about the essay caught my eye. I began thinking about the subject while chewing the tip of my fountain pen. Anyone could ramble on and leave big spaces between the words, but the trick was to come up with convincing arguments to prove the necessity of talking. I thought and thought, and suddenly I had an idea. I wrote the three pages Mr Keesing had assigned me and was satisfied. I argued that talking is a student's trait and that I would do my best to keep it under control, but that I would never be able to cure myself of the habit since my mother talks as much as I did if not more, and that there's not much you can do about inherited traits.

Match the words in Column A with Column B

Column A

Ramble

Convincing

Trait

Finish

Inherited

Column B

To complete

Distinguishing Feature

To write without connectivity

Get from family

Reasonable

PASSAGE 4

Q 9.My country is rich in the minerals and gems that lie beneath its soil, but I have always known that its greatest wealth is its people. Finer and truer than the purest diamonds. It is from those comrades in the struggle that I learned the meaning of courage. Time and again I have seen men and women risk and give their lives for an idea. I have seen men stand up to attacks and torture without breaking, showing a strength and resilience that defies the imagination. I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.

Find the words/phrases from the passage that mean following.

- a) Precious stone
- b) To put someone's life in danger
- c) Cause severe pain
- d) Perseverance and strength shown by someone
- e) A great victory

PASSAGE 5

Q 10.Gautama Buddha (563 B.C.- 483 B.C.) began life as a prince named Siddhartha Gautama, in northern India. At twelve, he was sent away for schooling in the Hindu sacred scriptures and four years later he returned home to marry a princess. They had a son and lived for ten years as befitted royalty. At about the age of twenty-five, the Prince, heretofore shielded from the sufferings of the world, while out hunting chanced upon a sick man, then an aged man, then a funeral procession, and finally a monk begging for alms. These sights so moved him that he at once became a beggar and went out into the world to seek enlightenment concerning the sorrows he had witnessed.

i. Find from the passage the words/phrases that mean following.

- a) Entitled to reverence and respect
- b) Protected
- c) Pain and agony

ii) Fill in the blanks:

- d) Gautama was given schooling in the_____.
- e) He was married to a princess at the age of _____.

Unseen comprehension prose passage

(5 Marks)

C. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

ANIMAL BUILDERS

Q 11. Animals are great builders, using simple materials but employing sound engineering principles. Man has long used suspension bridges made of ropes of steel and concrete, which bear loads in tension. The webs of spider provide the most vivid examples of animal structures built entirely in tension. Spider web silk is so strong that many species of birds use it to build their nests. It has a stiffness index which is 30 times less than that of steel, yet has a tensile strength one and a half times as much as that of steel. Unlike steel, silk stretches to more than twice its original length before breaking. These qualities, it is now known, are owing to silk being a protein polymer composed of crystalline regions interspersed with regions of randomly arranged chains. Beavers are natural engineers. They use tree branches to construct dams, the divided end being pressed into the walls; this apparently serves to collect stress from a broad area and to focus it into a single trunk embedded in the substrate of the stream. The dams of the beaver have an angle of 45 degree on the downstream side. This enables the structure to resist the lateral pressure of water acting upstream. Constructing a very thick wall is uneconomical. Strength could also be provided to a thin wall by buttresses or by making the base wide. The nest of the termite is more than 2 metres high with a wide base which tapers at the top. This ensures greater resistance to shear forces.

Answer the following questions.

- a) Sound engineering principals are used by:
 - i) humans ii) beavers and Spiders iii) birds iv) all of the above
- b) Silk is made up of
 - i) protein ii) polymer iii) protein polymer iv) none of these
- c) Constructing a very thick wall is economical. (T/F)
- d) How is a dam different from a web?
- e) How is tensile strength of silk more than that of steel?

Q 12. Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Using Car phones

Using car phones while driving can be far more dangerous than driving under the influence of liquor. Latest research says drivers using these mobile phones as a means of faster day-to-day communications may be heading for an accident. The study has shattered the common belief that drinking is the chief cause of the majority of road mishaps. Talking on mobile phones increases the risk to one's life compared to driving after being drunk. The findings of the study are based on the survey of several cases of road accidents. In fact, a study of the records of drivers involved in 699 such mistakes showed that the risk of accident for those who talk on phone while driving was at least four times higher compared to those driving in a state of drunkenness. The only advantage for those driving with cellular phone was that they could summon immediate help through these phones. The study which is relevant for the entire world is relevant for India as well. Here too these phones are being used increasingly for communication and business transactions.

On the basis of your reading of the above passage complete the following sentences.

- a) Using car phones while driving is very dangerous because _____
- b) Accidents on the road can be caused because of _____
- c) Latest research has made it clear that _____
- (d) With the help of a mobile phone one can _____
- (e) Cell phones are being used increasingly in India for _____.

Q 13. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

SLEEP

Nobody knows why we sleep, but we all need to. There are no rules about how much sleep is necessary but an average adult sleeps for about seven hours and twenty minutes. About eight percent of adults are happy with five hours or less of sleep and four percent want ten hours or more of it. Babies need between fourteen to eighteen hours whereas the elderly people need less than they did when young but often take a nap during the day. Everyone at some time has difficulty in sleeping but if you miss a couple of hours of sleep, no harm is done. You may feel tired and irritable the next day but the body soon makes up for the loss. However, if you try to stay awake night after night, you soon begin

to behave strangely. You lose the ability to concentrate and your judgment is impaired. You begin to imagine strange things and your behavior becomes deranged. A lot of people have serious problems. Some people find that they cannot get to sleep. Some wake up in the middle of the night or too early in the morning. There are a number of causes. Worry and depression are the most common. All kinds of things in the environment can affect sleep-noise, light, cold, new surroundings, etc. Pain during an illness can also keep people awake. Most of us accept temporary sleeplessness without seeking help but one and half million people in Britain take drugs to help them sleep. Many people become addicted to their sleeping pills but sleeping pills do not deal with the cause of insomnia and it is better to avoid them if you can. It is much better to identify the problem and remove it.

1. Why do we sleep?

- A. To shirk work
- B. We are lazy
- C. No one knows why but we need to
- D. We enjoy it

2. Staying awake night after night leads to

- A. strangebehaviour
- B. loseconcentration
- C. impairedjudgement
- D. All of the above

3. Sleep is affected by

- A. Environment
- B. Pain
- C. Both A and B
- D. None of the above

4. What do people take to help them sleep?

- A. Tea

B. Milk

C. Drugs

D. Chocolates

5. Find a word in the passage which means the same as sleeplessness.

A. Nap

B. Deranged

C. Impaired

D. Insomnia

Q 14. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

THE BUS UNCLE

The Bus Uncle is a video clip of a quarrel between two men aboard a bus in Hong Kong on 27th April 2006. The older man, who came to be nicknamed the Bus Uncle, scolded the man seated behind him, a nearby passenger used his camera phone to record the entire incident. The resulting six minute video was uploaded on the Google Video. The clip became the most viewed video in May 2006. The video became a cultural sensation in Hong Kong, inspiring vigorous debate and discussion on lifestyle, etiquette, civic awareness and media ethics within the city, eventually attracting the attention of the media around the world. The incident took place in a Kowloon Motor Bus route 68X bus en-route to Yuen Long. (9) The video was shot by a 21-year-old accountant and part-time psychology student. The "Bus Uncle" title for the video was coined by members of an Internet forum in reference to the older man.

a. In Hong Kong while travelling in a bus two men had a serious _____.

i) Discussion ii) Argument iii) Quarrel iv) Meeting

b. Of all the persons involved in the incident _____ came to be Known as the Bus Uncle.

i) the younger one ii) the older one

iii) the photographer iv) the journalist

c. Seeing the heated argument between the two gentlemen, a young man recorded the incident on his _____.

- i) camera ii) handycam iii) mobile iv) video recorder

d. When the video was uploaded on the website of Google, it _____ because it aroused great debates and discussions on various social issues.

- i) was criticized ii) became a sensation
iii) was appreciated iv) was abandoned

5. A word in the passage which means the same as 'with a lot of energy' is _____

- a) intense b) vigorous c) inspiring d) cultural

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

The deadliest virus of the 21st century was identified in China in December 2019. It is basically a respiratory virus which mainly affects the lungs. But the recent research shows that it has the potential to affect any body part. Covid-19 affects different people in different ways. Many critical care patients end up lying in ICU because of shortness of breath, low oxygen level and pneumonia. Most of the people who suffer from this virus develop mild to moderate illness and recover without hospitalization. The common symptoms of corona virus are fever, dry cough and shortness of breath whereas some of the less common symptoms of this virus are aches and pains, sore throat, diarrhoea, conjunctivitis, loss of taste or smell, a rash on the skin, etc. The virus generally enters the human body through breathing an air containing the virus. To stop the spread of this virus, people have been advised to wear masks, sanitise their hands and maintain social distance.

The impact of this pandemic has been colossal. In the history of the mankind, the whole world witnessed lockdown of business, travel, offices and schools. This immensely impacted the lives of people. Countries like Brazil, India, US and UK are the worst affected. The people are advised to get vaccinated against the disease.

Answer the following questions.

1x5=5Marks

a. Choose the correct option.

The corona virus was first identified in _____.

i. China ii) India iii) America iv) Brazil

b. Name the countries most affected by Covid-19.

c. State true or false.

Loss of taste or smell is one of the more common symptoms of corona virus.

d. What is the synonym of 'colossal'?

e. Give a suitable title to the passage.

Section B

Grammar

15 Marks

D. Modals

1 Mark

Q 16.) Insert appropriate modals (given below) in the following sentences.

may need would

1.her soul rest in peace !

2. Theynot read this book for this topic.

Q 17.) Insert appropriate modals (given below) in the following sentences.

should will have would

1. Youto go to Delhi tomorrow to attend the meeting.

2. If you stayed here, younot face the problem.

Q 18.) Insert appropriate modals (given below) in the following sentences.

ought may can

1. Hepass this time as he has worked satisfactorily hard.

2. John to be at home.

Q 19.) Insert appropriate modals (given below) in the following sentences.

can would may need to

1.that I knew her !
2. Anyonewrite a poem on this topic.

Q 20.) Insert appropriate modals (given below) in the following sentences.

- will dare can might
1. Hebe given warm welcome if he wins the tournament.
 2. Childrennot go to the roof at night.

E. Articles

Q 21.) Insert suitable article in the blank places.

1 Mark

1. He is _____ MLA.
2. _____church on the corner is progressive.

Q 22. Insert suitable article in the blank places.

1. Miss Greta speaks _____ Chinese.
2. I borrowed _____ pencil from your pile of pencils and pens.

Q 23. Insert suitable article in the blank places.

1. One of the students said, ' _____ professor is late today.'
2. John likes to play _____ volleyball.

Q 24. Insert suitable article in the blank places.

1. I bought _____ umbrella to go out in the rain.
2. My daughter is learning to play _____ violin at her school.

Q 25. Insert suitable article in the blank places.

1. Please give me _____ cake that is on the counter.
2. I lived on _____ Main Street when I first came to town.

F. Relative Clauses

3 Marks

Q 26.) Put in the appropriate relative pronouns and rewrite the sentences to make a relative clause.

1. He drank the juice. The juice was on the table.

2. A lion is an animal. It is very strong.

3. A novelist is a person. He writes novels.

Q 27) Put in the appropriate relative pronouns and rewrite the sentences to make a relative clause.

1. A bottle opener is a device. It opens bottles.

2. The girl speaks Chinese. Her mother writes poems.

3. A detective is someone. He discovers the truth about crimes.

Q 28) Put in the appropriate relative pronouns and rewrite the sentences to make a relative clause.

1. Our house is pretty old. It has 3 bedrooms.

2. You saw the girl at the Park. It was Seema.

3. My wife was unemployed. She has a new job now.

Q 29.) Put in the appropriate relative pronouns and rewrite the sentences to make a relative clause.

1. Naveed is my neighbour. He lived in the USA.

2. I gave you the phone number. It was correct.

3. I asked Mohit. He explained it to me.

Q 30.) Put in the appropriate relative pronouns and rewrite the sentences to make a relative clause.

1. Your map was very helpful. It is on the table now.

2. The girl is my new neighbour. Her boyfriend is shorter than her.

3. Mr. Summit's office is upstairs. He can help you.

G. Narration 3 Marks

Q 31.) Change the direct speech into reported speech.

Doctor : How do you feel now?

Patient : Slightly better.

Doctor : Did you take the medicines regularly?

Patient : Yes.

The doctor asked the patient how (a) _____. The patient replied (b) _____ better. When the doctor asked him (c) _____ the medicines regularly, he replied in affirmation.

Q 32.) Change the direct speech into reported speech.

“What were you doing?” said he to me. I said, “I was doing my assignment.”
You should play in the afternoon. It will keep you fit,” he said.

Q 33.) Change the reported speech into direct speech.

My friend asked me why I had not attended his birthday party. I replied that I had been in Delhi at that time. He told me that he had missed me so much.

Q 34.) Change the direct speech into reported speech.

Teacher : Why are you late?

Sumit : I missed my school bus.

Teacher : Why didn't you leave in time?

Sumit : Sorry, I will do so from tomorrow.

The teacher asked Sumit why (a) _____ late. Sumit replied that (b) _____ school bus. When the teacher asked him why (c) _____ in time, Sumit apologetically replied that he would do so from the next day.

Q 35.) Change the reported speech into direct speech.

I asked my friend where he was going after the examination. My friend replied that he had not yet decided. I proposed to him that we should go to my village home together.

H. Editing 5 marks

Q 36.) Use appropriate articles, prepositions, modals, punctuation marks and tenses where ever necessary to edit the passage given below.

Ten of thousand of bat emerge
from under the bridge. It were
a amazing sight. I learnt a
few fact about these creatures. The baby
bats is known as pups. Each
mother bat delivers only one pups.

eg. emerge - emerged

- (a) _____
(b) _____
(c) _____
(d) _____
(e) _____

Q 37.) Use appropriate articles, prepositions, modals, punctuation marks and tenses where ever necessary to edit the passage given below.

An one-eyed man was travelling
through a bus one day. He was
carrying a huge bag on him
shoulder. Anyone sitting next to him
said, “Why didn't you keep your bag
beneath the seat. The man smiled.

eg. An - A

- (a) _____
(b) _____
(c) _____
(d) _____
(e) _____

Q 38.) Use appropriate articles, prepositions, modals, punctuation marks and tenses where ever necessary to edit the passage given below.

She lost her father when she is still a child. Her uncle looked at all the property that she inherited from her father. Since a few years her uncle worked very sincerely. Afterwards he thinks, "This property should make me rich."

e.g. is - was
(a) _____
(b) _____
(c) _____
(d) _____
(e) _____

Q 39.) Use appropriate articles, prepositions, modals, punctuation marks and tenses where ever necessary to edit the passage given below.

A man getting very impatient. Again and again he would peep the doctor's room to see many patients were left. After a long time his turn came, he got up said, "Sorry doctor I don't have problem now."

e.g. man was getting
a) _____
b) _____
c) _____
d) _____
e) _____

Q 40.) Use appropriate articles, prepositions, modals, punctuation marks and tenses where ever necessary to edit the passage given below.

Fresh vegetables be cooked to perfection in the microwave they retain their full flavour, nutrients colour. Vegetables can be cooked in casserole dishes lids stirring once the cooking period. Roasting boiling bags can also be used.

e. g. Vegetables can be
a) _____
b) _____
c) _____
d) _____
e) _____

SECTION C WRITING SKILLS 20 Marks

I. DIALOGUE COMPLETION(3 Marks)

Q 41) Complete the given conversations using appropriate words, phrases or sentences.

Bilal meets Rahul at his residence on his way to school.

Bilal: _____ Rahul. How are you?

Rahul: I'm good. Thank you. _____?

Bilal: Fine, thanks. _____?

Rahul: It is only half past eight. By the way, _____?

Bilal: No, I haven't finished the assignment. _____? I will be ready in about ten minutes.

Rahul: Sure, with pleasure.

Bilal: _____

Q 42.) Complete the dialogue.

A: Hello, can I speak with Suhail, please?

B: _____

A: Where has he gone?

B: _____

A: When is he likely to be back?

B: _____

A: Will you ask him to ring me up when he returns?

B: _____

A: My phone number is 1234567890.

B: _____

A: Thank you.

B: _____

Q 43. Complete the given conversations using appropriate words, phrases or sentences.

Priya : _____ breakfast today?

Mother: Butter toasts and milk.

Priya : But you know Mamma _____ Why don't you ever prepare it for me?

Mother: Dear nobody else in the family likes parathas. I have to take care of everyone.

Priya : Oh I understand. By the way _____ Has he gone somewhere?

Mother: Yes Dad has gone to the market. You know he is on fast today.

Priya : _____ fast, Mamma?

Mother: Fasts improve our digestive system. Moreover it is a matter of faith.

Priya : Oh I see! _____?

Mother: No, dear you are too young to fast.

Priya : So Mama_____?

Mother: When you are atleast 16 years old you can fast.

Q 44. Imagine you visited your friend to know about his health as he had been ill for a week. He gave the following answers. Complete the dialogue by writing the questions you asked your friend.

YOU:_____?

HE: I am feeling much better now.

YOU:_____?

HE: I was admitted at District Hospital for five days.

YOU:_____?

HE: I had the problem of severe stomach ache.

YOU:_____?

HE: My mother looked after me there.

YOU:_____?

HE: I shall join school day after tomorrow

YOU:_____?

HE: No I will be coming with my father.

Q 45. Complete the dialogue given below.

Interviewer: Why do you think you.....?

Seema: Mam, I am qualified for the job as teaching is my passion. I have become a teacher by choice and not by chance.

Interviewer: What is your.....?

Seema: I have done my post graduation in Botany.

Interviewer: What is your teaching experience?

Seema: I have a teaching experience of

Interviewer: How do you find students now a days?

Seema: I find them.....

Interviewer: How do you evaluate your students?

Seema: I evaluate them on the basis of.....

Interviewer: What is the role of a teacher in the age of Information technology and artificial intelligence?

Seema:

J. NOTICE WRITING 3 Marks

Q 46.) You are Atul/Ayesha of Class X. Being an activity coordinator, draft a notice to all the other Activity Council members to discuss and plan the activities for Teachers' Day Celebration. Put the notice in a box.

Q 47. You are Varun/Varsha. You are the cultural Secretary of your school. You have been asked to inform students of Class VI to XII about an interschool painting competition. Draft a notice in not more than 50 words. Put the notice in a box.

Q 48.) You are Mehran/Meesha School Captian of Hope Public School, Kupwara. Write a notice informing students of Class X about the guest lecture by MrOwais, an environmentalist, on the topic "Conservation Of Water". Draft a notice in not more than 50 words. Put the notice in a box.

Q 49.) You are Maria/ Sameer. You want to start a Readers Club in your colony to encourage shared reading because prices for magazines have gone up and people cant purchase many magazines. Draft a notice in not more than 50 words to be put on the notice board of the Resident's Welfare Association. Put the notice in a box.

Q 50.) Write the notice in not more than 50 words, using relevant details from the letter so that students may contribute generously. Do not give any extra information. Put the words in a box.

The Cancer Society of Kashmir

407 – Tulsibagh

Srinagar

2nd March 2021

The Principal

Public Higher Secondary School

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Dear Sir,

The Cancer Society of Kashmir is a charitable organisation working for eradication of some diseases (cancer and haemophilia).

The organization helps the people who are suffering from cancer, haemophilia and some other disorders. It even bears huge expenses for treatment of the diseases as mentioned. The society is meant especially for those who are extremely poor. It also provides, free medical advice and medicines. We would deem it a gesture of kindness and generosity if students contribute to the cause of rendering help to the people of Jammu and Kashmir who are suffering from these diseases. The students may even request their parents to contribute generously towards the noble cause.

It is hoped that we are helped in this venture.

Thank you very much.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr. A.K. Sawhney

K. MESSAGE WRITING

4 Marks

Q 51.)Read the following notes from the note-pad of Shri Ram Nath, Principal of Secondary School, Ram Nagar. He asks his assistant to draft a message on his behalf for the class representatives and the Staff Secretary. Using the information from the note-pad, draft the message in not more than 50 words. Put the message in a box.

- Growing tendency of not attending the school regularly.
- Sending applications with one or the other excuse.
- Indiscipline created thereupon.
- All the class representatives and the Staff Secretary to attend the meeting.

Q 52.) You are Sarmad. You receive a telephonic call from Rohit informing you that your Uncle's heart operation is fixed for August 5 at Apollo hospital, Delhi. He wants to inform your cousin, Hatim about it and ask him to reach the hospital with some money for use in emergency. Write the message in not more than 50 words. Put the message in a box.

Q 53.) The following is a telephonic conversation between Varun and Radha. Write this conversation as a message in not more than 50 words.

Varun: Hello! This is Varun from Agra. Could I speak to Mr Mohan? I am his cousin.

Radha: Good morning Uncle. I am Radha. Daddy has not yet returned from his morning walk.

Varun: Well, I have some good news for him. I want to break it to him. When is he likely to return?

Radha: He may take half an hour or more.

Varun: In that case, ask him to ring me back. Tell him it is urgent.

Q 54) Read the following notes from the notepad of Mr Saxena, the Director of Children's Academy, Delhi. He asks his personal secretary to draft a message for Mr Mohit, the deputy director of the school. Read the notes and draft the message in not more than 50 words.

NOTES Request to attend urgent meeting

Venue: Library

Time: 10:00 am Tomorrow

Agenda: Planning for Children's Day Celebration. Inform class teachers of all classes they should attend meeting.

E) Read the following conversation and write the message to be conveyed in not more than 50 words

Anita: Hello, May I speak to Bali?

Miral: Bali is not at home. May I know who is calling?

Anita: I am Anita, Bali's classmate

Miral: Would you like me to convey any message?

Anita: Yes, inform her that tomorrow she has to stay back and complete the painting that she's making for the Teachers' Day. I have called so that she can make necessary arrangements.

Miral: I'll certainly convey the message.

Anita: Thank you.

Q 55). You are Arti/Ayan. You had an appointment with your friend Sonam/Rahul to visit a science exhibition at 3 pm. Your mother has asked you to help her as some guests are arriving. Draft a message for your friend that you will not be able to join her/him.

L. LETTER WRITING_ FORMAL INFORMAL 5 Marks

Q 56). Write a letter to your sister congratulating her on getting admission in the MBBS. As you are planning to do the same, also ask some tips about how to succeed in the examination.

Q 57). The problem of parking is increasing day by day due to rise in population and the number of vehicles. Everyday you come to know about road rage and quarrels due to this menace. Write a letter to the DCP, traffic police, highlighting the problem and suggesting a solution. You are Saqib/Saima, President Civil Society Kashmir.

Q 58). You are Reshma/Raj of Class X living in the hostel of Girls/Boys Patshala, Reasi. You have recently shifted to the hostel. Write a letter to your mother telling her how you prepared Halwasujji for the first time in your room.

Q 59). You are Suhail/Sheeba of Nishat Srinagar, studying in class Xth. The frequent power cuts in your locality are affecting your study schedule. Write a letter to the Chief Engineer, Power Development Department requesting him for improved power supply in wake of your approaching board exams.

Q 60). You are Mohit/Mohita. Write a letter in about 120 words to your friend Mahesh, telling him about the dangers of drug addiction.

Q 61).You are incharge of the science laboratory of Oak Hill Public School Jammu. Place an order to the Evergreen Laboratory Works, Bathandi for various apparatus/equipments needed in your laboratory.

Q 62.)You are Zahid/Zainab living at Lane 20, Jawahar Nagar, Srinagar. Write a letter to your friend living in Sopore in about 120 words telling him about your visit to the SPS Museum Srinagar.

Q 63).You are Sahil/Sonam. You come across the following advertisement in a national daily. You consider yourself suitable and eligible for the job. Write an application in response to the advertisement including your curriculum vitae.

Advertisement in a national daily

Applications are invited for the post of a Nursery teacher in a reputed school at Srinagar. The candidate must have at least 5 years experience of teaching tiny-tots. The applicant must have a pleasant personality and good communication skills. He/she should be creative and innovative. Attractive salary. Interested candidates should apply to the Principal, New Foundation International School, Humhama Srinagar within 10 days with detailed resume.

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ARTICLE/ SPEECH Writing

5 Marks

Q. 64You are Priya. Using clues given below and your own ideas, write an article for a health and fitness magazine on Stress Management in about 120 words.

- Stress is caused due to challenges posed by work, family commitments, financial obligations and social relationships.
- Stress has a significant impact
- Stress only to a certain extent is good
- How to minimize harmful effects of stress?
- Do not try to achieve the impossible
- Avoid negative feelings
- Plan your time well

Q 65.Total Education means the development of not only mind, spirit and character but body too. Games and sports therefore are an essential part of the school curriculum. But unfortunately many schools do not take them seriously. What are your views on the issue? Write them in the form of a speech to be delivered in the morning assembly.

Q 66.A recent survey highlighted the increasing dependence of youth on cellphones. Taking clues from the suggestions below write an article to highlight the point that science should help in better living and not control man's life.

- Addiction to cellphones
- Engrossed with mobiles
- Nomophobia
- Losing it causes panic attacks
- Communication breakdown
- Science should enhance life
- Little time for interaction
- Not make a slave

Q 67).You are Amit Sharma. Look at the picture given below. Taking hints from this, add some of your own ideas to write an article on the theme “We are What we eat”.



Q 68).31st May is being celebrated by your school as “World No Tobacco Day”. Your teacher has asked you to prepare a speech on the hazards of smoking. Write your speech and suggest a suitable title.

Q 69).You are Saima. You have been asked to write an article on “Travelling as a part of Education” using your own ideas.

Q 70.You have been invited to a function on the occasion of Women's Day. Imagine you are the Chief Guest there and you have to deliver a speech on the “Status of Women” in our society in the present age.

Q 71.An unrealistic syllabus, pressure of parents, intense competition and tuitions have taken a heavy toll on children's playtime. Write a speech for the parent- teacher meet of your school titled, ' We Have No Time To Stand and Stare'.

SECTION D
LITERATURE

30 Marks

N. Very Short Answer Type Questions

6 Marks

Read the extracts of the poems carefully and answer the question that follows.

Q 72.And bending down beside the glowing bars
Murmur, a little sadly, how love fled
And paced upon the mountains overhead
And hid his face amid a crowd of stars.

What images are used in this stanza by the poet?

Q 73.Speak up, for your lips are not sealed
And your words are still your own.
This upright body is yours:
Speak, while your soul is still your own.

Explain "your words are still your own"

Q 74.Now is the globe shrink tight
Round the mouse's dulled wintering heart
Weasel and crow, as if moulded in brass,
Move through an outer darkness
Not in their right minds

Why is the mouse's heart dulled?

Q 75......but after the air port security check, standing a few yards away,
I looked again at her, wan, pale.
As a late winter's moon and felt that old familiar ache, my childhood's
fear, but all I said was, see you soon, Amma;
All I did was smile and smile and smile.

Point out the simile the poet uses to compare her mother with.

Q 76. Loss of hope has darkened the evening of my life too
And clouds gathering in the mind shed tears as they pass
The evening of troubles, my companion, is also depressed
And takes me along, holding me by the arm.

Explain the mood of the poet in above stanza.

Q 77. Lord! you are my hope and trust, lead me to the way of truth,
How long shall I dwell in ignorance! Pour me the nectar of knowledge
Lend ear to my wailings and pleas, cure me of ills and pains;
Be kind each moment to me; let me never feel in want
Save me from sloth, infirmity and doubt
Surcharge my heart with passion, zest and hope

What does the poet wish for in the above stanza?

Q 78. Or watch honeybees busy around the hive on a summer forenoon,
Or animals feeding in the fields
Or the wonderfulness of the sundown,
Or of stars shining so quiet and bright
Or the exquisite delicate thin curve of the new moon in
spring

Identify the miracles mentioned in the above lines.

Q 79. When you are old and grey and full of sleep
And nodding by the fire, take down this book,
And slowly read, and dream of the soft look,
Your eyes had once, and of their shadows deep

How does the poet imagine his beloved in the coming times?

Q 80. Look there in that smithy;
Its red oven fierce flames,
The padlocks are already opening their mouths
And each fetter is skirting around .

Point out two poetic devices used in the above stanza.

Q 81. With the other deaths.
She, too pursues her ends,
Brutal as the stars of this
month,

Her pale head heavy as metal

What are the similes used in the above lines?

Q 82. In form I am a man, In substance far from
humanity,

Subject me not to trials, shame not my human
form.

Forsaken by men am I, and so they call me Mehjoor

People may desert me thus but you don't abandon me my
Lord!

The poet doesn't want to be tested by the Lord. Why does he say so?

Q 83. Or watch honeybees busy around the hive on a summer forenoon,
Or animals feeding in the fields

Or the wonderfulness of the sundown, Or of stars shining so quiet and
bright

Or the exquisite delicate thin curve of the new moon in spring

Identify the images used in the above lines.

Q 84. To me every hour of the light and dark is a miracle,
Every cubic inch of space is a miracle,
Every square yard of the surface of the earth is
spread with the same, Every foot of the interior
swarms with the same.

Identify the device of repetition in the above lines.

Q 85.

When you are old and grey and full of sleep,

And nodding by the fire, take down this book,

And slowly read, and dream of the soft look

Your eyes had once, and of their shadows deep;

Tick the right option.

a) The rhyme scheme of this stanza is:

- i. ABBA ii. ABAB iii. AABB

ivBBAA

b) The second and third line of this stanza contains:

- i. anaphora
- ii. hyperbole
- iii. personification
- iv. repetition

Q 86. And bending down beside the glowing bars,
Murmur, a little sadly, how Love fled
And paced upon the
mountains overhead
And hid his face amid a
crowd of stars.

Why is the poet's beloved sad?

Q 87. She, too, pursues her ends,
Brutal as the stars
of this month,
Her pale head heavy
as metal.

Explain the last verse in the above lines.

Q 88. Speak up, for your lips are not sealed
And your words are still your own
This upright body is yours
Speak, while your soul is
still your own.

Choose the right option.

The speaker urges someone to speak because

- i. his mouth has not been closed
- ii. thoughts are his own
- iii. he is morally and spiritually strong
- iv. all of the above

To whom are the above lines addressed to?

Q 89. I lived in a quarter
In Madrid, With bells
With clocks, With trees

What do bells, clocks and trees symbolize in the opening lines of the poem?

Q 90. My house was named
The house of the flowers,
Because everywhere
Geraniums exploded

What is the poet's house called? Why?

Q 91. I looked again at her, wan, pale as a late
winter's moon and felt that old familiar ache, my
childhood's fear, but all I said was, see you soon,
Amma, all I did was smile and smile and smile.....

What do the parting words in this stanza suggest?

Q 92. 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,

What do you infer about the mother in the above lines?

Q 93. There is activity in the houses lit with electric
bulbs
Moonlight laughs holding the hem of the moon.
Where is my destination? Where is the hurry?
Light of the earthen lamp in a wayside modest inn
awaits me.

What is the destination of the poet in the backdrop of this stanza?

Q 94. In childhood, I stood alone in my courtyard
And waves of air brought the sound of
cymbals
We regret that the days gone by don't
return

How to call back times past and
gone!

What does the poet regret in this stanza?

Q 95. Windows, doors, awnings of the house are wet
Cool breezes stir the leaves of the yonder banyan
tree
The collar of my coat is also wet with drops of rain
All around reigns silence

Comment on the imagery used in the above lines.

Q 96. Belinda was as brave as a barrel full of bears,
And Ink and Blink chased lions
down the stairs,

Mustard was as brave as a tiger in a
rage,

But Custard cried for a nice safe
cage.

Identify the words that show alliteration in this stanza .

Q 97. Now the name of the little black kitten was
Ink,
And the little gray mouse, she called her Blink,
And the little yellow dog was sharp as Mustard,
But the dragon was a coward, and she called him Custard.

**How many animals and humans are mentioned in the above stanza?
Which two animals stand in contrast to each other?**

Q 98. And one morning all of that burned
And one morning the bonfires
Leapt from the earth
Devouring beings

**Comment on the images used in the above lines.
What are they suggestive of?**

Q 99. When will the bell ring, and end this weariness?

How long have they tugged the leash, and strained apart

My pack of unruly hounds: I cannot start
Them again on a quarry of knowledge they
hate to hunt, I can haul them and urge
them no more.

Identify the metaphors in the stanza and explain them.

Q 100. Like dew how long shall I wait for the first flash of the sun?
Awaken me with the flowers in the first stroke of the dawn

Why does the poet wish for in the above lines?

Describe the impact created by the repetition of the lines in this stanza.

Q 101. Jackals that the jackals would drive away,
Stones that the dry thistle would bite and spit
out,
Vipers that the vipers would hate!

Identify the symbols in the above stanza and explain them.

O. Short Answer Type Questions 12 Marks

Q 102. How would you assess Griffin as a scientist?

Q 103. Discuss "Footprints without Feet" as a science fiction.

Q 104. Do you think Griffin misused his discovery? How?

Q 105. Write down the instances of irony in the prose lesson "An Excellent Father"

Q 106. Write briefly about the humorous situations in "An Excellent Father"

Q 107. Write a Character Sketch of Mr Bennet.

Q 108. Write a character sketch of Mrs Bennet.

- Q 109.**Wrote a character sketch of Mr Bingley.
- Q 110.**How can you say that the girls have an excellent father?
- Q 111.**What type of a girl do you find Anne after reading her dairy entries?
- Q112.** Write down the pen picture of Anne's father, mother, grandfather, Headmistress and MrKaperus.
- Q 113.**Write down in your own words what Mandela mean by freedom and oppression.
- Q 114.**How did Mandela's understanding of freedom change with age and experience?
- Q 115.**What will change the discrimination based on race and class end?
- Q 116.**Describe Nelson Mandela in your own words.
- Q 117.**How did Buddha make KisaGotami understand that death is common to all?
- Q 118.**Do you think the Buddha's ideas and ways of teaching continue to hold meaning for us? Or have we found better ways to deal with grief?
- Q 119.**Write a brief biographical sketch of the Buddha.
- Q 120.** Sketch the character of Pappachi.
- Q 121.**Sketch the character of Mammachi.
- Q 122.**Pick out the elements of irony in the lesson Papachi's moth"
- Q 123.**Write down the humorous incidents in " Papachi's Moth".
- Q 124.**Write a short Paragraph to justify that the lesson " Papachi's moth" is a reflection of male chauvinism.
- Q 125.**What is the theme of the play The Merchant of Venice?
- Q 126.**Sketch the character of shylock.
- Q 127.**Sketch the character of Antonio & Portia.
- Q 128.**Sketch the character of Bassanio.
- Q 129.**Comment on the conflict in the play 'The Merchant of Venice'?

P. Long Answer Type Questions on Stories

6 Marks

Q 130. The course of the Loisels' life changes due to the necklace. Comment.

Q 131. If you were caught in a situation like Metilda, how will you deal with it?

Q 132. Draw a character sketch of Matidla.

Q 133. Make a character sketch of Loisel.

Q 134. Comment on the ending of the story 'The Necklace'.

Q 135. What are the things that are important to you to make you happy in life?

Q 136. Write a character sketch of Bholi.

Q 137 . Write a character sketch of Bishember.

Q 138. Draw character sketches of Bholi's Parents.

Q 139. What is the theme of the story 'Bholi' ?

Q 140. What role can a teacher play in shaping the personality of a student?

Q 141. Write your answer keeping in view the story 'Bholi'.

Q 142. How can we remove the gender bias from society?

Q 143. What are the major themes of the story 'Abhiley'?

Q 144. Draw a character sketch of 'Abhiley'.

Q 145. Keeping in view the story of 'Abhiley', write down your views expressing innocence and ignorance of old women.

Q 146. What is generation gap? How can it be minimized?

Q 147. How did Rama Rao alternate between hope and despair?

Q 149. Write a character sketch of Rama Rao.

Q 150. What is the theme of the short story 'Out of Business'?

Q 151. Comment on the setting of the story 'Out of Business'.

Q 152. How does the short story "The Servant reflect the humility of Gerasim?

Q 153. Compare and contrast the characters of Gerasim and the Coachman.

Q 154. What is irony? Bring out the elements of irony in the story, 'Dusk'.

Q 155.Comment on the setting of the short story ‘Dusk’ .

Q 156.What is juxtaposition? Has Saki been able to juxtapose humour and pathos in ‘Dusk’ ?

Q 157. Comment on the ending of the story ‘Dusk’.

Q. Long Answer Type Questions on Play 6 Marks

Q 158.What is the theme of the play “The proposal”?

Q 159.Comment on the title of the play “The proposal”?

Q 160.What was the cause of the first quarrel between Natalya and Lomov?

Q 161. Write a detailed account of the second quarrel between Natalya and Lomov.

Q 162.Draw a character sketch of Chubokov.

Q 163.Draw a character Natalya.

Q 164.Draw a character sketch of Lomov.

Q 165.Compare and contrast between the character of Lomov and Natalya