

**Set-1**

**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.
- (iii) All questions from both the sections are compulsory.
- (iv) Marks are indicated against each question.
- (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 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.

- 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

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?

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:

- 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)

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

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

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