

TENTH CLASS MODEL PAPER

PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS - 2020

Time: 2 Hrs. 45 Min.

ENGLISH PAPER - I

Max. Marks: 40

Instructions

1. This question paper contains three sections (A, B and C) with questions from 1 to 29.
2. Out of the allotted time of 2 hours 45 minutes, the first 15 minutes of time is allotted exclusively for reading the question paper and 2 hours 30 minutes for answering the questions.
3. Write all the answers in the separate answer booklet given to you.
4. Use capital letters while answering the Multiple Choice Questions. Marks will not be awarded in case of overwriting.
5. Make use of the last page(s) of the answer booklet for rough work, if necessary, while answering the questions under Section - C.

SECTION - A

(Reading Comprehension)

Q.(1-7): Read the passage given below.

(When the curtain rises Mrs. Slater is seen laying the table. She is a vigorous, plump, red-faced, vulgar woman prepared to do any amount of straight talking to get her own way. She is in black. She goes to the window, opens it and calls into the street)

Mrs. Slater: (sharply) Victoria, Victoria! D'ye hear? Come in, will you?

(Victoria a precocious girl often dressed in colours, enters.)

Mrs. Slater: I'm amazed at you, Victoria. I really am. Be off now, and change your dress before your Aunt Elizabeth and your Uncle Ben come. It would never do for them to find you in colours with grandfather lying dead, upstairs.

Victoria: What are they coming for? They haven't been here for ages.

Mrs. Slater: They're coming to talk over poor grandpa's affairs. Your father sent them a telegram as soon as we found he was dead. (A noise is heard)

(Henry Slater, a stooping, heavy man with a drooping moustache, enters. He is wearing a black tailcoat, grey trousers, a black tie and a bowler hat.)

Henry: I'm wondering if they'll come at all. When you and Elizabeth quarrelled, she said she'd never set foot in your house again.

Mrs. Slater: She'll come fast enough after her share of what our father's left. You know how hard she can be when she likes. Where she gets it from I can't tell.

Henry: I suppose it's in the family. (pause) Where are my slippers?

Q.(1-4): Now, answer the following questions. Each question has four choices. Choose the correct answer and write A), B), C) or D) in your answer booklet. **4 × 1 = 4**

1. This excerpt is a part of
A) a biography
B) a conversation
C) a play
D) a description

2. By saying 'I suppose it is in the family' 'Henry is
- A) approving Elizabeth's attitude B) disapproving her attitude
C) happy with Mrs. Slater's remarks D) criticizing Mrs. Slater's family
3. According to the passage the two sister are in
- A) good relation B) strained relation
C) good spirits D) self realization
4. Where was Victoria when mother called her
- A) outside of the home B) in the home
C) at grandfather's bed D) with her mother

Q. (5-7): Answer the following questions in two or three sentences each.

3 × 2 = 6

5. Why is Elizabeth visiting her sister after a long time? What does it tell us about her?
6. It would never do for them to find you in colours with grandfather lying dead, upstairs. Interpret this statement.
7. If you are in the place of Mrs. Slater, how would you respond at the news of father's death?

Q. (8-12): Read the following Poem.

A Plea for India

We, Indians, are proud to be a strong nation,

our roots, we declare, cannot be shaken.

Then why these fights,

which leave us in poor plight?

Irrespective of our region,

forget the castes,

which makes us lose our charm.

Let's ignore the selfish call of each region,

and listen for once to the call of the nation.

Why do we spend our time bickering

when so many tasks need finishing?

Don't we have better things to do

than indulge in creating problems anew?

Is all this violence needed

with the people being cheated?

Who will return this only son

whom she loves a ton?

Who will bring back his brother

whose ashes he is still to gather?

Where has all the love gone

which resided in the heart of all?

There is no reason to be proud,
and be on high cloud.

We have to go a long way,
we have to think seriously,
else we end up miserably.

Q.(8-10): Now, answer the following questions. Each of the questions has four choices. Choose the correct answer and write A), B), C) or D) in your answer booklet $3 \times 1 = 3$

8. Why should we, Indians, be proud of ?
A) because we are more in number B) because we are strong people
C) because we are ready to fight D) because our roots are strong
9. Who will return this only son. Who is the only son?
A) a fighter B) a patriot C) a politician D) a poet
10. The mood of the poet in this poem
A) contemplative B) frustrated C) heartbroken D) hopeful

Q.(11&12): Now, answer the following questions in one or two sentences each. $2 \times 1 = 2$

11. What is the central theme of this poem?
12. What should you do to bring the glory of India back?

SECTION - B

(Vocabulary and Grammar)

Q.(13-17): Read the following passage given below. Five sentences in the passage are numbered from 13 to 17 at the beginning. Each of these sentences has an error. Correct and rewrite the sentences in your answer booklet. $5 \times 1 = 5$

Bayaji's family was doing well. (13)He has eight children in all, six sons and two daughters. (14)The daughters had been married of and had given birth to children. (15)The elder son look after the fields, the next two sons were in government service, the one after them was a school teacher and the sixth one was still studying. (16) Since they knew that Bayaji was coming home for good, the elder son in service and the two daughters already were home to greet him. (17) All of them wondered what their father had got for them from his lifetime earnings.

Q.(18-22): Complete the passage choosing the right words from the given below box. Each blank is numbered. Write the correct word in your answer booklet. $5 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2 \frac{1}{2}$

orthodox, varying, different, rebel, rigid, par, multiple

On the whole, the small society of Rameswaram was very.....(18) in terms of the segregation of different social groups. However, my science teacher Sivasubramania Iyer, though an.....(19) Brahmin with a very conservative wife, was something of a.....(20) . He did his best to break social barriers so that people from(21) backgrounds could mingle easily. He used hours with me and would say, "Kalam, I want you to develop so that you are on.....(22) with the highly educated people of the big cities."

Q.(23-27): Some words in the given passage are underlined. Rewrite them as directed, in your answer booklet. $5 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2 \frac{1}{2}$

His disability came without any medical explanation - a rare occurrence (23) called Phocomelia - and Nick and his parents spent many years asking why this cruel trick (24) would happen to them. 'My mother was a nurse and she did everything right during pregnancy but she still blamed herself,' he said.

'It was so hard for them but right from the start they did their best to make me independence (25) .'

'My dad put me in the water at 18 months and gave the courage (26) to learn how to swim.'

'I also got really into football and skateboarding. I wholly (27) love the English Premier League.'

23. Give a synonym of the underlined word.
24. Write the meaning of the underlined phrase.
25. Write the correct form of the underlined word.
26. Give an antonym of the underlined word.
27. Replace the word with the suitable word.

SECTION - C

(Creative Writing - Discourses)

Q.28. The following is an excerpt from the Reading Text The Journey.

10 M

Father appeared tired. I felt sorry for him but couldn't bring myself to say anything. I asked the waiter to get us two cups of tea. Just as I was going to take my first sip, I heard father's voice, 'Do you have a pair of old shoes?'

'Why?' I asked.

'The road is uneven and full of pebbles. It hurts while walking.'

Now, write a drama/play script (one-act play) based on this situation.

(OR)

'Pick up that stick!' The dark boy picked it up.

'Jump into the flowers!' The dark boy jumped.

'Get me some water!' The dark boy ran inside. The white boy sat down on the lawn.

I was amazed. Here before my eyes, a white baby, for they were little more than babies, was imposing his will upon a little black boy. And the little black boy submitted. I puzzled within myself as I went down the road.

Narrate the incident and describe the feelings of the narrator when he watched the boys in the above scene.

Q.29. Read the following conversation on phone.

5 M

Sushma: Hello, am I speaking to Reshma?

Renuka: Sorry, Reshma has gone to her friend Sarita's. This is her mother Renuka. May I know who you are? And the purpose?

Sushma: Aunt, this is Sushma, called Reshma to inform her that there is a guest lecture in the school tomorrow by Dr. Madhavi, the child psychologist.

Renuka: Thanks Sushma. I will inform her.

Now, write a message to Reshma imagining as you are Renuka and you are going out on some work.