

Board of High School and Intermediate

Education, Uttar Pradesh

Class X – ENGLISH

Question Paper: SET-2

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 70

General Instructions

1. All questions are compulsory.
 2. Marks are indicated against each question.
 3. Write answers in clear and correct English.
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Section A – Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ)

(1 × 10 = 10 Marks)

1. Choose the correct synonym of *Hardship*:
 - a) Comfort
 - b) Difficulty
 - c) Pleasure
 - d) Ease
2. Choose the correct antonym of *Victory*:
 - a) Win
 - b) Success
 - c) Defeat
 - d) Glory
3. Choose the correct article:
___ university was established in 1950.
 - a) a
 - b) an
 - c) the
 - d) no article
4. Choose the correct tense:
They ___ the match before sunset.
 - a) win
 - b) won
 - c) have won
 - d) are winning

5. Choose the correct passive voice:
“The workers built this bridge.”
a) This bridge is built by the workers.
b) This bridge was built by the workers.
c) This bridge has built by the workers.
d) This bridge is being built by the workers.
6. Choose the correct indirect speech:
She said, “I am feeling unwell.”
a) She said that she is feeling unwell.
b) She said that she was feeling unwell.
c) She told that she was feeling unwell.
d) She said that I was feeling unwell.
7. Choose the correct preposition:
He is afraid ___ dogs.
a) from
b) with
c) of
d) by
8. Identify the type of sentence:
“Please close the door.”
a) Assertive
b) Interrogative
c) Imperative
d) Exclamatory
9. Choose the correct degree of comparison:
This book is ___ than the other one.
a) good
b) better
c) best
d) more good
10. Choose the correct spelling:
a) Neccessary
b) Necessary
c) Necessary
d) Necesarry

Q11. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

PASSAGE

In recent years, the concept of mental health has gained significant attention across the world. Mental health refers not only to the absence of mental illness but also to a state of emotional well-being in which individuals realize their abilities, cope with normal stresses of life, work productively, and contribute to society. Despite its importance, mental health remains a neglected area in many parts of the world.

One of the major reasons for this neglect is social stigma. People often hesitate to talk about their mental health problems due to fear of judgment or discrimination. As a result, many individuals suffer silently without seeking professional help. This silence can worsen their condition and affect their relationships, academic performance, and work life.

Another challenge is the lack of awareness and access to mental health services. In many developing countries, mental health professionals are limited, and treatment facilities are inadequate. Schools and workplaces rarely provide proper counseling support, leaving individuals to manage stress and anxiety on their own.

However, awareness campaigns, open conversations, and education can play a crucial role in improving mental health conditions. Encouraging people to speak openly, promoting stress-management techniques, and integrating mental health education into school curricula can help build a healthier society. Mental health should be treated with the same seriousness as physical health, as both are essential for overall well-being.

Questions (10 Marks)

1. Answer the following questions briefly: *(2 × 4 = 8 marks)*

- a) What does mental health include apart from the absence of illness?
- b) Why do many people hesitate to discuss mental health issues?
- c) Mention two challenges related to mental health services mentioned in the passage.
- d) How can society improve mental health conditions according to the writer?

2. Find words from the passage which mean the same as: *(1 × 2 = 2 marks)*

- e) Well-being (para 1)
 - f) Insufficient (para 3)
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Section C – Literature

(20 Marks)

Q12. Answer the following questions: (5)

1. Who was Sophie's hero in **Going Places**?
 2. What profession did Umberto Eco belong to?
 3. Where did Charley see the *third level*?
 4. Which animal was the Tiger King obsessed with killing?
 5. Which continent is described in **Journey to the End of the Earth**?
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Q13. Answer the following questions: (5)

“The man was an enemy. All the same he was a human being.”

Questions:

- a) Who is referred to as *the enemy*?
 - b) What moral conflict does Dr. Sadao face?
 - c) How does humanity rise above patriotism here?
 - d) What decision does Dr. Sadao take?
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Q14. Explain **any one** of the following extracts with reference to context: (5)

“Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across a screen,
Bright topaz denizens of a world of green.”

Questions:

- a) What do Aunt Jennifer's tigers symbolize?
 - b) Why are the tigers described as fearless?
 - c) Contrast Aunt Jennifer and the tigers.
 - d) Identify the poetic device in “*Bright topaz*”.
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Q15. Answer **any one** of the following questions: (5)

“Therefore, on every morrow, are we wreathing
a flowery band to bind us to the earth,
spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth

of noble natures, of the gloomy days,”

- a) Write the summary of the poem in your own words.
 - b) Explain the theme of the poem.
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Section D – Grammar

(15 Marks)

Q16. Change the following sentences into **Indirect Speech**: (5)

- a) He said, “I am very busy today.”
 - b) She said, “I have lost my book.”
 - c) Ramesh said, “I will help you.”
 - d) The teacher said, “Honesty is the best policy.”
 - e) Mohan said to her, “I am waiting for you.”
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Q17. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in brackets: (5)

- a) She ___ (write) a letter now.
 - b) They ___ (finish) their work yesterday.
 - c) I ___ (see) him before you came.
 - d) We ___ (play) cricket every evening.
 - e) The boys ___ (prepare) for the test these days.
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Q18. Do as directed (any five): (5)

- a) Change into Passive Voice.
 - b) Change into Active Voice.
 - c) Make a Question Tag.
 - d) Use the correct Preposition.
 - e) Change Degree of Comparison.
 - f) Correct the error.
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Section E – Writing

(15 Marks)

Q19. Write a **paragraph** on any one of the following topics: (5)

- a) Importance of Honesty
 - b) Student Life
 - c) Value of Time
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Q20. Write a **letter** on any one of the following topics: (5)

- a) An application to the Principal requesting fee concession.
 - b) A letter to your friend about your future plans.
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Q21. Write an **essay** on any one of the following topics: (5)

- a) Importance of Games and Sports
- b) Environmental Pollution
- c) My Aim in Life