

Board of High School and Intermediate

Education, Uttar Pradesh

Class X – ENGLISH

Question Paper: SET-5

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.

Section A – Reading

(10 Marks)

Q1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

PASSAGE 1

In recent years, the habit of reading newspapers has declined, especially among the younger generation. With the rise of social media, people now prefer quick updates rather than detailed analysis of events. While digital platforms provide instant information, they often lack depth, accuracy, and reliability. Newspapers, on the other hand, offer well-researched news, balanced opinions, and a comprehensive understanding of national and international affairs.

Reading newspapers regularly helps in developing language skills, improving vocabulary, and enhancing general awareness. Editorials and opinion columns encourage readers to think critically and form independent views. Unlike social media posts, which may be misleading or biased, newspapers follow ethical standards and verify information before publication.

However, newspapers are not completely free from challenges. The fast-paced lifestyle of modern society leaves people with little time to sit and read. Additionally, the increasing availability of free online content has affected newspaper circulation. Despite these challenges, newspapers continue to play a crucial role in shaping public opinion and strengthening democracy.

To revive the reading habit, schools should encourage students to read newspapers daily and discuss current issues in classrooms. Parents can also motivate children by

setting an example at home. A well-informed citizen is the foundation of a strong nation, and newspapers remain one of the most reliable sources of information.

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

- a) Why has newspaper reading declined among the younger generation?
 - b) How are newspapers different from social media platforms?
 - c) Mention two benefits of reading newspapers regularly.
 - d) How can schools help in reviving the habit of newspaper reading?
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2. Find words from the passage which mean the same as: *(1 × 2 = 2 marks)*

- e) Trustworthy (para 2)
- f) Encourage (para 4)

PASSAGE 2

Physical fitness is an essential component of a healthy life. In the past, people remained active through daily activities such as walking, farming, and manual work. However, modern lifestyles have become increasingly sedentary due to technological advancements, leading to reduced physical movement. As a result, health problems such as obesity, diabetes, and heart disease are becoming more common.

Regular physical activity helps maintain a healthy body weight, strengthens muscles and bones, and improves cardiovascular health. Exercise also plays a vital role in maintaining mental well-being. It reduces stress, improves mood, and increases energy levels. Activities such as yoga, jogging, cycling, and sports help individuals stay physically and mentally fit.

Despite knowing the benefits of exercise, many people fail to make it a part of their daily routine. Lack of time, motivation, and awareness are common reasons. Some people believe that exercise requires expensive equipment or gym memberships, which discourages them from staying active. In reality, simple activities like walking or stretching can be equally effective.

Schools and workplaces can promote physical fitness by organizing sports activities, fitness programs, and awareness campaigns. Encouraging an active lifestyle from a young age helps individuals develop healthy habits that last a lifetime. Physical fitness is not merely about appearance; it is about leading a balanced, energetic, and disease-free life.

Questions (10 Marks)

1. Answer the following questions briefly:

(2 × 4 = 8 marks)

- a) How has modern lifestyle affected physical activity?
 - b) Mention two physical and two mental benefits of exercise.
 - c) Why do many people avoid regular exercise?
 - d) How can schools and workplaces promote physical fitness?
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2. Find words from the passage which mean the same as:

(1 × 2 = 2 marks)

- e) Inactive (para 1)
 - f) Lasting forever (para 4)
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Section B – Literature

(20 Marks)

Q12. Answer the following questions: (5)

1. What does Saheb lose after starting work at the tea stall?
 2. What pool caused Douglas's childhood fear in **Deep Water**?
 3. Who gives shelter to the peddler in **The Rattrap**?
 4. What method did the British use to exploit peasants in **Indigo**?
 5. Which industry was Gemini Studios associated with?
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Q13. Answer the following questions: (5)

“For once on the face of the Earth
let's not speak in any language,
let's stop for one second,
and not move our arms so much.”

Questions:

- a) What does the poet want people to stop doing?
 - b) Why does the poet suggest silence?
 - c) What message does the poet convey?
 - d) Identify one poetic device used here.
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Q14. Explain the following extracts with reference to context: (5)

“Saheb was no longer his own master.
He now worked in a tea stall.
He was paid 800 rupees and all his meals,
but he was no longer happy.”

Questions:

- a) Why was Saheb no longer his own master?
- b) How had his life changed after taking the job?
- c) Why is there irony in his situation?
- d) What social issue is highlighted here?

Q15. Answer **any one** of the following questions: (5)

“A thing of beauty is a joy forever,
its loveliness increases; it will never
pass into nothingness,
but will keep a bower quiet for us.”

- a) Write the summary of the Poem in your own words.
- b) Explain the theme of the poem.

Section C – Grammar

(15 Marks)

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

- a) She said, “I am feeling very happy today.”
- b) Ram said, “I have completed my work.”
- c) Mohit said, “I will appear in the examination.”
- d) The teacher said, “Honesty always pays.”
- e) Renu said to me, “I am waiting for you outside.”

Q17. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in brackets: (5)

- a) The boys ___ (play) football in the evening.
- b) She ___ (finish) her homework before dinner.
- c) We ___ (see) the Taj Mahal last year.
- d) He ___ (read) a book when I entered the room.
- e) The students ___ (prepare) seriously for the exam nowadays.

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 D – Writing

(15 Marks)

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

- a) Importance of Honesty
 - b) Value of Discipline
 - c) My Favourite Book
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Q20. Write a **letter** on any one of the following topics: (5)

- a) An application to the Principal for permission to participate in a competition.
 - b) A letter to your friend describing your daily routine.
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Q21. Write an **essay** on any one of the following topics: (5)

- a) Importance of Education
- b) Role of Students in Society
- c) Environmental Protection