

Board of High School and Intermediate

Education, Uttar Pradesh

Class X – ENGLISH

Model Question Paper-1

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 *Courage*:
 - a) Fear
 - b) Bravery
 - c) Weakness
 - d) Anger
2. Choose the correct antonym of *Ancient*:
 - a) Old
 - b) Past
 - c) Modern
 - d) Traditional
3. Choose the correct article:
___ honest man is respected by all.
 - a) a
 - b) an
 - c) the
 - d) no article
4. Choose the correct tense:
She ___ her homework before dinner.
 - a) do
 - b) did
 - c) has done
 - d) is doing

5. Choose the correct passive voice:
“The teacher teaches us English.”
a) English is taught to us by the teacher.
b) English was taught to us by the teacher.
c) English has taught us by the teacher.
d) English is teaching us by the teacher.
6. Choose the correct indirect speech:
He said, “I am busy now.”
a) He said that he is busy now.
b) He said that he was busy then.
c) He told that he was busy now.
d) He said that I was busy then.
7. Choose the correct preposition:
He is fond ___ music.
a) of
b) for
c) with
d) on
8. Identify the type of sentence:
“What a beautiful morning!”
a) Assertive
b) Interrogative
c) Imperative
d) Exclamatory
9. Choose the correct degree of comparison:
This road is ___ than that one.
a) long
b) longest
c) longer
d) more long
10. Choose the correct spelling:
a) Enviroment
b) Environment
c) Envirnement
d) Enviornment

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

PASSAGE

Reading is considered one of the most effective habits for personal growth. It not only improves vocabulary and language skills but also enhances imagination and critical thinking. A regular reader develops the ability to understand different perspectives and cultures, which promotes empathy and tolerance.

In today's fast-paced life, people often complain that they do not have time to read. However, even reading for fifteen minutes a day can bring significant benefits. Studies suggest that reading reduces stress, improves concentration, and strengthens memory. Unlike digital media, reading encourages deep thinking and reflection.

Libraries and schools play an important role in promoting reading habits among young people. Parents should also encourage children to read books instead of spending excessive time on mobile phones and television. Developing a reading habit at an early age lays the foundation for lifelong learning and intellectual development.

Questions

1. Answer the following questions briefly:

- a) How does reading help in personal growth?
- b) Why is reading considered better than digital media?
- c) How can parents promote reading habits in children?

2. Choose the correct option:

- a) Reading helps in improving
 - i) memory only
 - ii) imagination and thinking
 - iii) physical strength
 - iv) speed of speaking
 - b) Reading for how much time daily can be beneficial?
 - i) 5 minutes
 - ii) 10 minutes
 - iii) 15 minutes
 - iv) 1 hour
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Section C – Literature

(20 Marks)

Q12. Answer the following questions: (5)

- 1. Which continent is described in **Journey to the End of the Earth**?

2. What was Dr. Sadao's profession?
 3. Who helped Derry gain confidence in **On the Face of It**?
 4. What was Zitkala-Sa forced to give up at school?
 5. Who advised Bama to study hard to overcome discrimination?
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Q13. Answer the following questions: (5)

"I cried aloud, shaking my head all the while until I felt the cold blades of the scissors against my neck."

Questions:

- a) Why was her hair cut forcibly?
 - b) What does this incident symbolize?
 - c) How did the author resist oppression?
 - d) What message does this episode convey?
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Q14. Explain **any one** of the following extracts with reference to context: (5)

"It was all much more tempting than the rule for participles, but I resisted and hurried off to school."

Questions:

- a) Why was Franz tempted to skip school?
 - b) What does this line reveal about Franz's character?
 - c) What mood of Franz is reflected here?
 - d) What is the theme of the chapter?
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Q15. Answer **any one** of 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."

- a) Write the summary of the Poem.
 - b) Explain the central idea 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 tired today.”
 - b) She said, “I have finished my work.”
 - c) Ram said, “I will go to school tomorrow.”
 - d) The teacher said, “The sun rises in the east.”
 - e) Mohan said to me, “I am preparing for the exam.”
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Q17. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in brackets: (5)

- a) She ___ (go) to school every day.
 - b) They ___ (play) when it started raining.
 - c) I ___ (finish) my work before he arrived.
 - d) We ___ (watch) television last night.
 - e) The students ___ (prepare) for the examination 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 Discipline
 - 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 for sick leave.
 - b) A letter to your friend about your preparation for examination.
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Q21. Write an **essay** on any one of the following topics: (5)

- a) Importance of Education
- b) Environmental Pollution
- c) Role of Students in Nation Building