

UP Board – High School
Class 10 – ENGLISH
Model Question Paper – Set 9

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 70

SECTION A – READING (15 Marks)

Q1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions: (8 Marks)

Books are our best friends. They provide us knowledge, wisdom and inspiration. Reading good books improves vocabulary and broadens our thinking. In today's digital age, many people prefer mobile phones over books, which reduces the habit of deep reading. However, books help us understand life, history and human nature. Therefore, we must cultivate the habit of reading from an early age.

Questions:

- (a) Why are books called our best friends?
 - (b) How do books improve vocabulary?
 - (c) What has reduced the habit of deep reading?
 - (d) Why should we cultivate reading habits early?
 - (e) Find a word from the passage which means "expand".
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Q2. Read the poem and answer the questions: (7 Marks)

The heights by great men reached and kept,
Were not attained by sudden flight;
But they, while their companions slept,
Were toiling upward in the night.

Questions:

- (a) How were great heights achieved?
 - (b) What were the great men doing while others slept?
 - (c) What does "toiling upward" mean?
 - (d) Write the rhyme scheme of the poem.
 - (e) What message does the poet convey?
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SECTION B – WRITING (15 Marks)

Q3. Write an application to the Principal requesting permission to organize a farewell function for Class 10 students. (5 Marks)

Q4. Write a letter to the Editor about the problem of road accidents in your city and suggest remedies. (5 Marks)

Q5. Write an essay on any one of the following topics: (5 Marks)

- (a) Importance of Discipline in Student Life
 - (b) Digital Education – Boon or Curse
 - (c) Role of Teachers in Character Building
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SECTION C – GRAMMAR (15 Marks)

Q6. Do as directed: (5 Marks)

- (a) The police arrested the thief. (Change into Passive Voice)
 - (b) She is too weak to lift the box. (Remove 'too')
 - (c) He was honest. He was respected by all. (Combine using 'so...that')
 - (d) Ramesh said, "I have completed my homework." (Change into Indirect Speech)
 - (e) No one can solve this problem. (Change into Interrogative Sentence)
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Q7. Fill in the blanks with correct form of verbs: (5 Marks)

- (a) She _____ (write) a letter yesterday.
 - (b) They _____ (play) cricket when it started raining.
 - (c) He _____ (not finish) his work yet.
 - (d) We _____ (go) to Lucknow next week.
 - (e) The baby _____ (sleep) now.
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Q8. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles/prepositions: (5 Marks)

- (a) He is afraid _____ dogs.
- (b) She is interested _____ music.
- (c) I saw _____ tiger in the forest.
- (d) He has been working here _____ 2018.
- (e) The book is lying _____ the table.

SECTION D – TEXTBOOK (PROSE & POETRY) (25 Marks)

Q9. Answer any two of the following questions: (5×2 = 10 Marks)

- (a) Why did Mandela say that freedom is indivisible?
- (b) Describe the character of Anil in “The Thief’s Story”.
- (c) How did Bholi show courage at the end of the story?

Q10. Write the central idea of any one poem: (5 Marks)

- (a) The Ball Poem
- (b) Amanda

Q11. Explain the following stanza with reference to the context: (5 Marks)

“Don’t bite your nails, Amanda!
Don’t hunch your shoulders, Amanda!”

Q12. Answer the following question: (5 Marks)

What are the advantages and disadvantages of modern technology?