

Model Question Paper 2015
Class-X English

Time-3 Hours

Max. Marks-100

Note-

- (i) This Question Paper is divided into four sections-A,B,C and D.
- (ii) All Questions are compulsory. Marks are indicated against each question.

SECTION –A(Reading)

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

The name 'Eskimo' comes from the language of the Northern Red Indians and means a person who eats raw meat. It is an appropriate name because the Eskimos live mainly hunting and fishing and in winter do not always cook the animals they catch. This is because it is impossible to find any fuel for a fire in the icy waste that they inhabit. The only form of fire they have is produced by burning the oil of seals or walrus in shallow, saucer shaped lamps made of pottery or stone. These lamps are used primarily to give light but the Eskimos can also boil their meal and fish over them. These foods are also frozen or dried. There is another reason why the Eskimos sometimes eat raw meat: in this way they get the greatest possible nourishment. The Eskimos make up for the lack of vitamins from vegetables by eating the kidneys and liver of their prey raw. These organs have an abundant store of all vitamins needed by the human body.

- (a) Why is the name 'Eskimos' an appropriate one? 2
- (b) Why do the Eskimos eat raw meat? Give two reasons. 2
- (c) How do they produce fire? 2
- (d) How do the Eskimos make up for the lack of vitamins from vegetables? 2

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

That morning I awoke to the sound of steady drizzle which sounded like tiny hoof beats upon the roof. Out of the window the prospect was quite grey and drab. And the truth was apparent to me the outing that my friends and I had planned for this holiday would definitely be cancelled. There would be no question of that excursion taking place-riding many miles out on bicycles was quite out of the question in such inclement weather conditions. I was decidedly depressed as I had placed great store upon that excursion taking place. It was to have been a most exciting outing. But I had to console myself by thinking of the proverb-Man proposes and God disposes.

I lazed in bed for sometime longer than it was customary for me to do. Then I got up and had a wash, dressed and went down for breakfast. My mother was already busy about her household chores and she greeted me quite as cheerfully as ever. I did not feel cheerful but there was no point in complaining about something beyond her control or mine. So I sat down to breakfast and made the best of polite conversation between mother and son. After some time she said; Son, I nearly forgot to tell you that Jimmy phoned up to say that the outing was off on account of the rain. He said that you could arrange it on some other occasion when the weather was not so foul."

You know what it is like? Well, I finished breakfast and went back up to my room to sit and decide what I was going to do keep myself occupied. I switched on the record player and listened to some music but it did not appeal much to me that morning. The rain seemed to have dampened my spirits pretty badly. Then for a change, I took from my bookshelf a book of poems and tried to concentrate on some of the philosophic thoughts that I discovered there in. But that also did not hold my attention for long.

- (a) What did the writer find when he awoke that morning? 2
- (b) The writer says, "And the truth was apparent to me." What was the truth? 2
- (c) How had rain affected the Writer's spirit? 2
- (d) What did the Writer's mother inform him of? 2

- (e) What were the two ways in which the writer tried to get over his depression? 2
 (f) Find out words from the passage which mean the same as the following:
 (i) Unpleasantly cold or wet weather. 1+1=2
 (ii) busy

SECTION-'B'(Writing)

3. You are Amit / Anita , living at D/33 SIDCUL Colony Rudrapur U.S Nagar. Write a letter to your friend inviting him/her in yours sister' marriage.

OR 8

You are Kamal / Kamla of B-25 Gandhinagar –Haldwani. Write a letter to the S.S.P of Nainital informing him/her to control the incident of theft and chain snatching are increasing in your locality.

4. Write a paragraph on any one of the following in about 60 words.

- (a) Visit to a historical place.
 (b) Importance of Trees.
 (c) Pollution.

5. On the basis of hints given below , write a paragraph in about 80 words on ' A morning walk'

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Hints:- A morning walk -----Healthy ----- Calm-----Beautiful-----A good exercise.

SECTION-'C'(Grammar)

6. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of non-finites given in the brackets: $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$

- (a)------(walk) is a good exercise.
 (b) Do not get down ------(move) train.
 © They agree ------(carry) out our plan.
 (e) He is about ------(go) to Mumbai.

7. Combine the following pairs of sentences using sentence connectors given in the brackets. 2

- (a) I will go to Dehradun with her. She comes to me. (If)
 (b) Some students were sleeping . The teacher was teaching (While)

8. Complete the following pairs of sentences using clauses given in the brackets. 2

(Which is a world famous monuments , where my friend Gopal lives.)

I am looking forward to my visit to Agra -----I am eager to see the Taj-----
 -----.

9. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets.

$1 \times 3 = 3$

When the teacher ------(enter) the class , the students ------(make) a noise but seeing the teacher , they ------(stop) the gossip and jokes.

10. Fill in the blanks with suitable modals: 2

- (a) You are suffering from fever so you -----go to the Doctor.
 (b) You ----- to donate for Gurudwara.

11. (A) Re-arrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. 2

- (a) bed/ of/ a/ is/ life/ not/ Roses
 (b) glitters/ that/ are/ all/ gold/ not

(B) Transform the following sentences into passive voice: 2

- (a) She broke this chair.
 (b) I am digging a well.

SECTION 'D' (Text Book)

(Prose)

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

On the public writing table, he started to write, with much wrinkling of his brow , caused by the effort he had to make to express his ideas. When he finished , he went to the window to buy a stamp which he licked and then affixed to the envelope with a blow of his fist. The moment the letter fell into the mailbox the postmaster went to open it. It said: God : of the money that I asked for, only seventy pesos reached me .Send me the rest, since I need it very much. But don't send it to me through the mail because the post office employees are a bunch of crooks . Lencho.”

12. (a) Why did Lencho go up to the window? 1
 (b) How much money did Lencho ask for? 1
 © What does the 'rest' indicate here? 1
 (d) Why did he ask God not to send money by the mail? 1
 (e) Which word in the passage means ' dishonest persons'? 1

13. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

The baker usually collected his bills at the end of the month. Monthly accounts used to be recorded on some wall in pencil. Baking was indeed a profitable profession in the old days. The baker and his family never starved. He, his family and his servants always looked happy and prosperous. Their plump physique was an open testimony to this . Even today any person with a jackfruit like physical appearance is easily compared to a baker.

- (a) When did the baker collect his bills? 1
 (b) How were the monthly accounts kept? 1
 (c) How do we know that baking was a profitable profession in the old days? 1
 (d) Which word in the passage means opposite to thin? 1
 (e) What is the meaning of prosperous. 1

14. Answer the following question in about 80 words.

How did the seagull overcome his fear of flying? 6

OR

What is the story about the origin of the people of coorg?

15. Answer the following question in about 30-40 words.

Why did the second quarrel occur between Natalya and Lomov.

OR

Why does Natalya ask chibukov to bring Lomov back ?

(Poetry)

16. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

Some say the world will end in fire

Some say in ice.

From what I've tasted of desire

I hold with those who favour fire.

- (a) Name the poem and the poet. 1
 (b) How according to the poet , would the world end? 1
 (c) Which words bring out the contrasting ideas in the poem? 1

OR

The fog comes

On little cat feet.

It sits looking

Over harbour and city

On silent haunches

And then moves on.

- (a) How does the fog come? Does it really resemble a cat? Give reasons. 2
 (b) Give the name of the poem. 1

(c) Name the poet. 1

17. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30-40 words each: $2 \times 3 = 6$

(a) What do the "crow" and "hemlock" represent?

(b) What is the central idea of the poem "The Ball Poem"?

(c) Why does Walt Whitman admire animals?

(Supplementary Reader)

18. Answer the following question in about 100 words: 8

How did Ausable get rid of Max?

OR

"Horace Danby described as good and respectable but not completely honest" Justify.

19. Answer the following question in about 30-40 words: 4

What was the cause of Matilda's ruin?

OR

Why did the thief, Hari Singh return to Anil?

20. Answer the following question in about 20-30 words: 3

Why did Bishamber's marriage with Bhali not take place?

OR

Why was the lawyer sent to New Mullion? Why was he disappointed ?