

TENTH CLASS MODEL PAPER

PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS - 2020

Time: 2 Hrs. 45 Min.

ENGLISH PAPER - I

Max. Marks: 40

Instructions

- This question paper contains three sections (A, B and C) with questions from 1 to 29.
- Out of the allotted time of 2 hours 45 minutes, the first 15 minutes of time is allotted exclusively for reading the question paper and 2 hours 30 minutes for answering the questions.
- Write all the answers in the separate answer booklet given to you.
- Use capital letters while answering the Multiple Choice Questions. Marks will not be awarded in case of overwriting.
- Make use of the last page(s) of the answer booklet for rough work, if necessary, while answering the questions under Section - C.

SECTION - A

(Reading Comprehension)

Q.(1-7): Read the passage given below.

(When the curtain rises Mrs. Slater is seen laying the table. She is a vigorous, plump, red-faced, vulgar woman prepared to do any amount of straight talking to get her own way. She is in black. She goes to the window, opens it and calls into the street)

Mrs. Slater: (sharply) Victoria, Victoria! D'ye hear? Come in, will you?

(Victoria a precocious girl often dressed in colours, enters.)

Mrs. Slater: I'm amazed at you, Victoria. I really am.

Be off now, and change your dress before your Aunt Elizabeth and your Uncle Ben come. It would never do for them to find you in colours with grandfather lying dead, upstairs.

Victoria: What are they coming for? They haven't been here for ages.

Mrs. Slater: They're coming to talk over poor grandpa's affairs. Your father sent them a telegram as soon as we found he was dead. (A noise is heard)

(Henry Slater, a stooping, heavy man with a drooping moustache, enters. He is wearing a black tailcoat, grey trousers, a black tie and a bowler hat.)

Henry: I'm wondering if they'll come at all. When you and Elizabeth quarrelled, she said she'd never set foot in your house again.

Mrs. Slater: She'll come fast enough after her share of what our father's left. You know how hard she can be when she likes. Where she gets it from I can't tell.

Henry: I suppose it's in the family. (pause) Where are my slippers?

Q.(1-4): Now, answer the following questions. Each question has four choices. Choose the correct answer and write A), B), C) or D) in your answer booklet. $4 \times 1 = 4$

- This excerpt is a part of
A) a biography B) a conversation
C) a play D) a description
- By saying 'I suppose it is in the family' Henry is
A) approving Elizabeth's attitude
B) disapproving her attitude
C) happy with Mrs. Slater's remarks
D) criticizing Mrs. Slater's family
- According to the passage the two sister are in
A) good relation B) strained relation
C) good spirits D) self realization
- Where was Victoria when mother called her
A) outside of the home B) in the home
C) at grandfather's bed D) with her mother

Q. (5-7): Answer the following questions in two or three sentences each. $3 \times 2 = 6$

- Why is Elizabeth visiting her sister after a long time? What does it tell us about her?
- It would never do for them to find you in colours with grandfather lying dead, upstairs. Interpret this statement.
- If you are in the place of Mrs. Slater, how would you respond at the news of father's death?

Q. (8-12): Read the following Poem.

A Plea for India
We, Indians, are proud to be a strong nation,
our roots, we declare, cannot be shaken.
Then why these fights,
which leave us in poor plight?
Irrespective of our region,
forget the castes,
which makes us lose our charm.
Let's ignore the selfish call of each region,
and listen for once to the call of the nation.
Why do we spend our time bickering
when so many tasks need finishing?
Don't we have better things to do
than indulge in creating problems anew?
Is all this violence needed
with the people being cheated?
Who will return this only son
whom she loves a ton?
Who will bring back his brother
whose ashes he is still to gather?
Where has all the love gone
which resided in the heart of all?
There is no reason to be proud,
and be on high cloud.
We have to go a long way,
we have to think seriously,
else we end up miserably.

Q.(8-10): Now, answer the following questions. Each of the questions has four choices. Choose

the correct answer and write A), B), C) or D) in your answer booklet $3 \times 1 = 3$

- Why should we, Indians, be proud of?
A) because we are more in number
B) because we are strong people
C) because we are ready to fight
D) because our roots are strong
- Who will return this only son. Who is the only son?
A) a fighter B) a patriot C) a politician D) a poet
- The mood of the poet in this poem
A) contemplative B) frustrated
C) heartbroken D) hopeful

Q.(11&12): Now, answer the following questions in one or two sentences each. $2 \times 1 = 2$

- What is the central theme of this poem?
- What should you do to bring the glory of India back?

SECTION - B

(Vocabulary and Grammar)

Q.(13-17): Read the following passage given below. Five sentences in the passage are numbered from 13 to 17 at the beginning. Each of these sentences has an error. Correct and rewrite the sentences in your answer booklet. $5 \times 1 = 5$

Bayaji's family was doing well. (13)He has eight children in all, six sons and two daughters. (14)The daughters had been married of and had given birth to children. (15)The elder son look after the fields, the next two sons were in government service, the one after them was a school teacher and the sixth one was still studying. (16) Since they knew that Bayaji was coming home for good, the elder son in service and the two daughters already were home to greet him. (17) All of them wondered what their father had got for them from his lifetime earnings.

Q.(18-22): Complete the passage choosing the right words from the given below box. Each blank is numbered. Write the correct word in your answer booklet. $5 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2 \frac{1}{2}$

orthodox, varying, different, rebel, rigid, par, multiple

On the whole, the small society of Rameswaram was very.....(18) in terms of the segregation of different social groups. However, my science teacher Sivasubramania Iyer, though an.....(19) Brahmin with a very conservative wife, was something of a.....(20). He did his best to break social barriers so that people from(21) backgrounds could mingle easily. He used hours with me and would say, "Kalam, I want you to develop so that you are on.....(22) with the highly educated people of the big cities."

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Q.(23-27): Some words in the given passage are underlined. Rewrite them as directed, in your answer booklet. $5 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2 \frac{1}{2}$

His disability came without any medical explanation - a rare occurrence (23) called Phocomelia - and Nick and his parents spent many years asking why this cruel trick (24) would happen to them. 'My mother was a nurse and she did everything right during pregnancy but she still blamed herself,' he said.

'It was so hard for them but right from the start they did their best to make me independence (25) .'

'My dad put me in the water at 18 months and gave the courage (26) to learn how to swim.'

'I also got really into football and skateboarding. I wholly (27) love the English Premier League.'

23. Give a synonym of the underlined word.

24. Write the meaning of the underlined phrase.

25. Write the correct form of the underlined word.

26. Give an antonym of the underlined word.

27. Replace the word with the suitable word.

SECTION - C

(Creative Writing - Discourses)

Q.28. The following is an excerpt from the Reading Text The Journey. $10 M$

Father appeared tired. I felt sorry for him but couldn't bring myself to say anything. I asked the waiter to get us two cups of tea. Just as I was going to take my first sip, I heard father's voice, 'Do you have a pair of old shoes?'

'Why?' I asked.

'The road is uneven and full of pebbles. It hurts while walking.'

Now, write a drama/play script (one-act play) based on this situation. $5 M$

(OR)

'Pick up that stick!' The dark boy picked it up.

'Jump into the flowers!' The dark boy jumped.

'Get me some water!' The dark boy ran inside. The white boy sat down on the lawn.

I was amazed. Here before my eyes, a white baby, for they were little more than babies, was imposing his will upon a little black boy. And the little black boy submitted. I puzzled within myself as I went down the road.

Narrate the incident and describe the feelings of the narrator when he watched the boys in the above scene. $5 M$

Q.29. Read the following conversation on phone. $5 M$

Sushma: Hello, am I speaking to Reshma?

Renuka: Sorry, Reshma has gone to her friend Sarita's. This is her mother Renuka. May I know who you are? And the purpose?

Sushma: Aunt, this is Sushma, called Reshma to inform her that there is a guest lecture in the school tomorrow by Dr. Madhavi, the child psychologist.

Renuka: Thanks Sushma. I will inform her.

Now, write a message to Reshma imagining as you are Renuka and you are going out on some work.

- Writer D.N. Raju

National

ICGS Sachet commissioned

Union Defence minister Rajnath Singh commissioned Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Sachet and two interceptor boats (IBs) C-450 and C-451 in Goa via video conference on 15 May 2020.

The ICGS Sachet is the first in the series of five offshore patrol vessels (OPVs) and has been designed and built indigenously by Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL).



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The IBs C-450 and C-451 are indigenously designed & built by Larsen & Toubro Shipyard Hazira and fitted with latest navigation and communication equipment.

The Defence minister expressed confidence that these Coast Guard Ships address the challenges related to maritime terrorism, drug trafficking, smuggling, maritime law enforcement and the search and rescue of threatened mariners.

COBAS 6800

On 14 May 2020, Dr. Harsh Vardhan,

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar

the Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare inaugurated the COBAS 6800 testing machine.

It is a fully automated, high-end machine for performing real-time PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) testing. The testing machine will provide quality, high-volume testing with a high

throughput of test around 1200 samples in 24 hours. It will largely increase the testing capacity with the reduction in pendency.

It can detect other pathogens like Viral Hepatitis B and C, HIV, Mtb, Papilloma, CMV, Chlamydia, Neisseria, etc.

ferencing.

In this meeting, the minister called upon the G-20 nations to ensure access to essential medicines, treatments and vaccines at affordable prices. India is proactively partnering in global efforts to develop vaccines and effective treatment for this disease.

The Minister said that widely regarded as the 'Pharmacy of the World', India unconditionally provided medical supplies to over 120 countries to combat this disease, of which 43 countries received it as a grant.

Commonwealth Health Ministers meeting

Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan participated in the 32nd Commonwealth Health Ministers' Meeting through Video conference on 14 May 2020.

He highlighted the timely, graded and pro-active measures taken by India towards COVID-19 management.

On this occasion, he said that India announced an economic package of more than 265 billion US Dollars to support economic recovery as well to

support vulnerable segments of the population.

India took all necessary and timely steps including surveillance at points of entry, evacuation of Indian from abroad, surveillance in the community through disease surveillance network and community involvement as part of its management efforts.

SCO Foreign Ministers meeting

Foreign Ministers of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Member States meeting was held on 13 May 2020 via Video Conference. On behalf of India, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar participated and reaffirmed India's strong commitment to the joint fight against Covid-19 pandemic.

He expressed India's readiness to share information, expertise and best practices to the SCO Member States.

He highlighted the initiatives and various decisive steps taken by India in the wake of the pandemic. Foreign Minister of Russia Sergey Lavrov chaired the meeting.

General Awareness

DTIS

Defence Testing Infrastructure Scheme (DTIS) was launched by the Union Defence minister Rajnath Singh for creating the state of the art testing infrastructure to give a boost to domestic defence and aerospace manufacturing. Rs. 400 crore allocated for the Scheme, which would run for five years. It facilitates indigenous defence production causing the reduction of imports of military equipment and helps make the country self-reliant.

NMIS

The Government of India launched an online dashboard National Migrant Information System (NMIS) to monitor and facilitate the smooth movement of migrant workers across the states.

The movement of migrant workers became a humanitarian crisis after the government decided to announce nationwide lockdown, with thousands of them walking on roads to reach back to their home states.

NMIS will help in speedy communication between states without creating additional work at the level of the field officers and had added advantages like contact tracing, which may be useful in overall COVID response work.

PMMSY

The government of India allocated Rs

Others

International Nurses Day

International Nurses Day observed on 12 May every year across the world to celebrate the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing.

The theme for International Nurses Day 2020 is "Nursing the World to Health". The World Health Organization (WHO) joined hundreds of partners worldwide to highlight the importance of nurses in health care on this occasion.

It is not so easy to run the health

NIPER-G to combat COVID 19

To combat the pandemic outbreak of COVID-19, the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research Guwahati (NIPER-G) announced the invention of two products.

The first one is the 3D-printed hands-free object that could be used to help open or close doors, windows, drawers (both vertical and horizontal), and refrigerator handle, or press elevator buttons, and laptop/desktop keyboards, including turning the switch buttons on/off.

The second one is the 3D-printed antimicrobial face-shield to control the spread of novel coronavirus. It was designed after a thorough study to understand how viruses spread through oral, ophthalmic, olfactory and

other body cavities.

'GOAL'

The Union Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda launched the scheme "Going Online As Leaders" (GOAL), having a partnership with Facebook at a Webinar in New Delhi on 15 May 2020.

The scheme aims to enable scheduled tribe youth in remote areas to use digital platforms for sharing their aspirations, dreams and talent with their mentors.

The scheme empowers 5,000 tribal youths to harness the full potential of digital platforms and tools to learn new ways of doing business, explore and connect with domestic and international markets.

Organizations engaged in dairy activities (SDC&FPO).

The scheme provides interest subvention of 2% per annum. An additional incentive of 2% per annum interest subvention to be given in case of prompt and timely repayment/interest servicing.

The scheme will be implemented through the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) will help to ease out the working capital crisis for handling surplus milk and enable timely payment to the farmers.

Model Questions

- World Telecommunication Day observed on....
1) 24 May 2) 12 May 3) 17 May 4) 10 May 5) 7 May
- Present Union Cabinet Secretary is.....?
1) Rajiv Gauba 2) I V Subba Rao 3) Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra 4) Dr. Pramod Kumar Mishra 5) Ajay Kumar Bhalla
- Which state launched 'Matir Smristi' scheme to utilize 50,000-acre barren land in 6 districts for income generating activities?
1) Rajasthan 2) Chhattisgarh 3) West Bengal 4) Uttar Pradesh 5) Assam

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