

Practice Question Paper Set-A
High School Examination-2024
Class-X
Subject -English

- 1. All questions are compulsory.**
- 2. Marks of questions are given against them.**

SECTION-A (READING)

Q.1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below.
(1×5=5)

I have heard about a man who was seen as a great salesman. His company was very proud of him. The company, dealing in real estate, had been unable to sell a big plot of land that had been with them for years. But the salesman sold the plot. A fortnight after the sale, it started to rain and the plot was about 15 ft under water. The man who had purchased it came to the dealer's office and said, 'Your salesman sold me a plot that is now under 15 ft of water. It has become a big lake. I want my money back.' The salesman was called, and he said, 'Here, take your money with interest because I have lots of buyers. You can make a beautiful house on it after the rains, and when the rains come again, you can make arrangements so that the water does not flow out. You will have a lake palace. And I will give you two boats' and he sold two boats to the man. The dealer was watching the scene. The boats were absolutely useless. But the salesman said, 'Don't worry, if I can manage that big a trouble. I can manage two boats.' You just have to create a desire in people. The buyer was only thinking of making a house, but his desire and ambition were changed to a lake palace. For centuries, man has been sold beliefs, dogmas that are untrue, that have no evidence, except in your ambition. You don't want to do anything, and you want to reach heaven. And there are people ready to give you maps, shortcuts.

Questions:

- i. What did the salesman sell to the buyer in the story?
 - a) A house
 - b) A plot of land
 - c) Two boats
 - d) A map
- ii. Why did the buyer request a refund from the company?
 - a) The salesman deceived him
 - b) The land was infertile
 - c) The plot was under water
 - d) He changed his mind
- iii. How did the salesman convince the buyer to keep the plot despite the flooding?
 - a) Offered a refund
 - b) Promised a lake palace
 - c) Gave him a discount
 - d) Suggested building a skyscraper

iv. What does the story suggest about the boats the salesman sold to the buyer?

- a) They were valuable
- b) They were useless
- c) They were essential for a lake palace
- d) They could prevent flooding

v. According to the story, what has humanity been sold for centuries?

- a) Maps
- b) Shortcuts
- c) Beliefs and dogmas
- d) Houses

Q.2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below.

(1×5=5)

Pollution is the intermixing of harmful substances known as pollutants with the natural environmental components. There are various forms of Pollution, like land pollution, water pollution, air pollution, and soil pollution. No matter which form of infection it is, it has dangerous impacts on our environment. Pollution is the addition of unwanted substances into the environment that can damage our Earth. There are 4 main types of Pollution; water pollution, air pollution, soil pollution, and noise pollution. All kinds of Pollution are a result of careless activities by man. We dump waste directly into water bodies, which results in water pollution. Air pollution is caused when vehicles release smoke into the atmosphere and make it difficult to breathe for all organisms. Soil pollution is caused by directly dumping our waste into landfills. Noise pollution is not visible, but it is a dangerous form of Pollution that can damage our ears. Water pollution forms a major category of Pollution and has become an urgent crisis in many countries. We cannot survive without water. So, when most of the water bodies will dry up or get choked, the human population will come to an end. The next big form of Pollution is air pollution. It is mainly caused by toxic exhumers from vehicles and the burning of coal for electricity.

Questions:

i. What is the primary cause of air pollution mentioned in the passage?

- a) industrial waste
- b) burning of coal for electricity
- c) excessive use of pesticides
- d) deforestation

ii. Which form of pollution is not visible but can damage our ears?

- a) water pollution
- b) soil pollution
- c) noise pollution
- d) air pollution

iii. What is the consequence of dumping waste directly into water bodies, according to the passage?

- a) soil erosion
- b) noise pollution
- c) water pollution
- d) air pollution

iv. What does the passage suggest about the human population in the context of water pollution?

- a) it will decrease.
- b) it will increase.
- c) it will become more resilient.
- d) it will come to an end.

v. What is identified as the main cause of air pollution in relation to vehicles?

- a) fuel efficiency b) tire wear c) toxic exhumers d) car color

Q.3. Read the following passage carefully. Make notes and supply a suitable title: 4

Education is the essential thing for our life, and it helps in the growth of human civilization. Education is necessary to understand the universe around us and convert it into something more beneficial. With the help of knowledge, we can develop a new perspective for our life. If people are educated, then they can know their responsibilities and rights quite well. First of all, education gives the ability to read and write to anyone. A good education is extremely essential for everyone to grow and succeed in life. Education increases self-confidence and assists in developing the personality of a person. Education plays a big role in our life. Education is split into 3 parts such as primary education, secondary education, and higher secondary education. All these 3 divisions of education have their value and advantages. Primary education is the base of education for a person, secondary education paves the direction for further education and higher secondary education makes the future and the ultimate way of life.

SECTION- B (WRITING)

Q.4. You are Kushal Sharma studying in Govt. HSS Nayanpura.. Write an application to your principal for 'Fee Concession'. **4**

Or

You are Neeraj Chauhan residing at A/53 Basant Vihar , Gwalior. Write a letter to your friend inviting him to attend your Birthday Party.

Q.5. Write an essay on the any one of the following topics in 150 words. 5

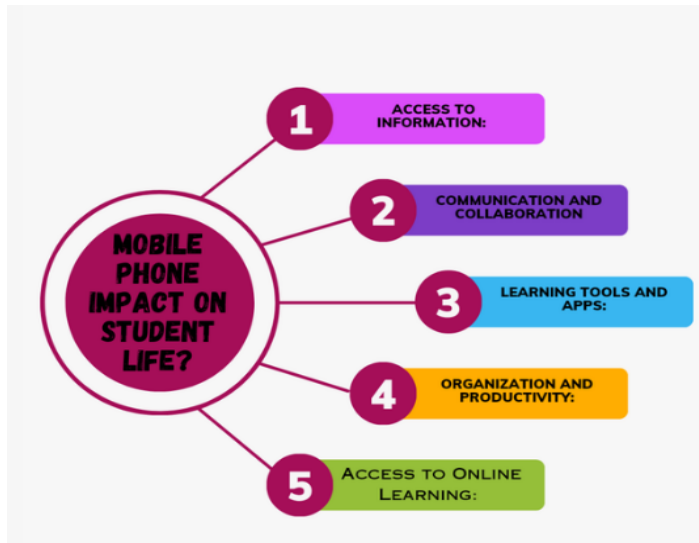
- A. Unemployment Problem
- B. Importance of Trees
- C. Science and Man
- D. Value of Games and Sports

Or

Write a paragraph in about 150 words on 'Advantages and Disadvantages of Social Media'.

Q.6 . On the basis of the picture given below, describe the impact of mobile on students' life. (In about 75 words)

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SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)

Q.7. Fill in the blanks choosing the correct alternative given in the brackets. (Any five) (1×5=5)

- i) Her uncle isMLA. (a, an, the)
- ii) His grandmother died.... cancer. (from, than, of)
- iii) The train had left the station before we there. (reach, reached, had reached)
- iv) Walk carefully..... you will fall down. (or, and, but)
- v)There are flowers in this garden. (many, much, any)
- vi) We to respect our elders?(should, ought, must)

Q.8. Do as directed- (any five) (1×5=5)

- i) Unless he invites me, I won't attend the party. (Rewrite using 'if')
- ii) They have made it. (Change into Past Continuous Tense)
- iii) She is too tired to work. (Rewrite using 'so..... that')
- iv) He cut his finger. (Change into negative)
- v) Anuj is paying Chess. (Change into passive)
- vi) The boy is my best friend. The boy is standing in the corner. (Combine the sentences using 'who')

Section-D(Textbooks)

Q.9 . Answer the following questions:

1×4= 4

- (i) The dust of snow affected the poet by ____
 - (a) making him superior
 - (b)making him energetic
 - (c) changing his mood
 - (d) making him sad
- (ii) According to Nelson Mandela, what is a country's greatest wealth?
 - (a) its mineral
 - (b)its people
 - (c) its traditions
 - (d) its forests

- (iii) Anne Frank wrote her diary while
 (a) while playing with her family (b) while hiding with her family
 (c) while a trip (d) while working
 (iv) According to Amanda freedom is --.
 (a) sour (b) sweet
 (c) bitter (d) painful

Q.10. Read the following extract from the prose and answer the questions given below:

(A) The young seagull was alone on his ledge. His two brothers and his sister had already flown away the day before. He had been afraid to fly with them. Somehow when he had taken a little run forward to the brink of the ledge and attempted to flap his wings he became afraid. The great expanse of sea stretched down beneath, and it was such a long way down—miles down. He felt certain that his wings would never support him; so he bent his head and ran away back to the little hole under the ledge where he slept at night.

Questions:

1×3=3

i. What happened when the young seagull ran to the brink of the ledge?

- (a) he became afraid (b) he flew away (c) he fell into the sea

ii. Where did the young sleep at night?

- (a) on a tree (b) under the ledge (c) in water

iii. The word 'little' means-

- (a) big (b) wide (c) small

(B)

If strolling forth, a beast you view,
 Whose hide with spots is peppered,
 As soon as he has leapt on you,

You'll know it is the Leopard.

'Twill do no good to roar with pain,
 He'll only leap and leap again.

Questions:

1×3=3

i. From which poem have the above lines been taken?

- (a) How to Tell Wild Animals (b) A Tiger in the Zoo (c) The Ball Poem

ii. Who has written this poem?

- (a) Robert Frost (b) Carolyn Wells (c) Leslie Norris

iii. What does the word 'beast' mean?

- (a) bird (b) insect (c) animal

Q.11. Answer the following questions (30 words): (any six) 12

- i. What did Lencho hope for?
 ii. What compelled the young seagull to finally fly?
 iii. What made the woman in the control centre look at the narrator strangely?

- iv. Why did Anne want to keep a diary?
- v. What are the elders in Goa nostalgic about?
- vi. Why is Coorg compared to heaven?
- vii. What did Mij do to the box?

Q.12. Answer the following questions (30 words): (any two) 4

- i. According to Frost, what are the two different views about the end of the world?(Fire and Ice)
- ii. How does the tiger act in the cage? (A Tiger in the Zoo)
- iii. Why does Amanda want to be an orphan? (Amanda)

Q.13. Answer the following questions (30 words): (any two) 4

- i. Why was Dr. Herriot confident that Tricky will be in hospital soon?
- ii. Why is Bholi's father worried about her?
- iii. Why had Fowler wanted to meet Ausable?

Q.14. Answer the following questions in about 75 words. 3

Describe the narrator's experience as he flew the aeroplane into the storm.

Or

Describe the pen-portrait of a traditional Goan village baker.

Q.15. Answer the following questions in about 75 words. 3

What is theme of the poem 'Dust of Snow'?

Or

Write the central idea of the poem 'Amanda'.

Q.16. Answer the following questions in about 75 words. 3

In the end of the lesson, Mrs. Pumphrey says "This is a triumph of surgery." Why?

Or

How did the invisible man first become visible?