

Sample Question Paper

2026-27

English

Class - 12

Time : 3 hr 15 mins

Max Marks-100

General Instructions :

1. The first 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question paper.
2. All questions are compulsory.
3. Marks are indicated against questions.

Reading

Q-1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow-

Of all the memories from my schooldays, one regret stands out sharply: I did not ask enough questions. Like most of my classmates, I listened quietly, scribbled notes, and accepted whatever was taught as settled truth. We were obedient learners, not curious ones. At the time, silence felt like discipline. With hindsight, it was a missed opportunity.

This realisation returned to me recently at a seminar on the India-Pakistan war of 1947-48 - the first major military operation fought by the Indian Army after Independence. I had prepared thoroughly, revisiting books and archival accounts. I was looking forward to the interactive session mentioned in the programme - a rare opportunity to engage eminent panelists and seek clarity.

The schedule clearly allotted 30 minutes for questions and answers. To my surprise, it was quietly dropped. During the tea break, when I asked the organiser about it, he casually replied that it was not really required; it had merely been included in the printed programme as a formality.

That moment was disappointing, but it was also revealing. It underlined a deeper issue in our culture - we often undervalued inquiry. We speak, we lecture, we deliver presentations. But we rarely encourage dialogue.

Questions are the lifeblood of progress. Without them, knowledge becomes static. With them it evolves.

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| (a) Why did the writer call students 'obedient learners, not curious ones'? | 3 |
| (b) Why was the writer disappointed at the seminar? | 3 |
| (c) Elaborate the underlined portion. | 3 |
| (d) What seems to be the writer's mood in the passage? | 3 |
| (e) (i) Which word in the passage means 'afterthought'? | 1 |

- (ii) Which word in the passage is opposite to 'notorious'? 1
- (iii) Find a phrase from the passage that means 'to feel excited about something'. 1

Writing

- Q-2. Write an article on any one of the following topics in about 150 words- 10**
- a) Online Shopping- Necessity or Craze
 - b) Need for Career Counselling in Schools
 - c) My Childhood Fantasy
- Q-3. You are Ruchi/Ravi, residing at 13, Park Avenue Colony, New Delhi. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily to show your concern towards growing linguistic intolerance in the country. 10**

Or

You are Shubha/Subrat of 17, Sarojini Nagar, Varanasi. Write a letter to the Branch Manager of a bank in your vicinity to complain against the non-functional passbook printing machine.

Grammar

- Q-4. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions- 6x1=6**
- a- Which of the following sentences has a synonym for 'mitigate'?**
- i. Government schemes aim to alleviate poverty.
 - ii. You must elevate your life style.
 - iii. One mistake will eliminate you from the game.
 - iv. The rescue team will evacuate the site.
- b- Which of the following are a pair of synonyms?**
- (1) bid – forbid
 - (2) acquire – require
 - (3) brittle – fragile
 - (4) calm – serene
- i. only 1 and 2
 - ii. only 2 and 3
 - iii. only 3 and 4
 - iv. only 2 and 4
- c- Which of the following sentences has an antonym for 'callous'?**
- i. Don't be so quarrelsome.
 - ii. He was very conscious during the interview.
 - iii. We need compassionate souls for a peaceful world.
 - iv. The new warden is a bit too harsh with inmates.

d- Which of the following are a pair of antonyms?

- (1) praise – condemn
- (2) variety – monotony
- (3) curiosity – inquiry
- (4) vanity – modesty

- i. only 2 and 3
- ii. only 1,2 and 3
- iii. only 2,3 and 4
- iv. only 1,2 and 4

e- Which is the following idioms means 'to rebuke someone'?

- i. to fall flat
- ii. to take to task
- iii. to turn a deaf ear
- iv. to meet someone halfway

f- The phrase 'stand by' means –

- i. to support
- ii. to wait
- iii. to face difficulty
- iv. to hide

Q-5. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions-

4x1=4

a- A person is called 'altruistic' if he –

- i. works for others' welfare selflessly.
- ii. always speaks truth
- iii. is artistic in nature
- iv. behaves well with others

b- A person who is fond of company is called –

- i. boisterous
- ii. graceful
- iii. businessman
- iv. gregarious

c- Which of the following sentences are correct?

- (1) The iron will expand if you will heat it.
- (2) I will stay if he asks me.
- (3) Both you and I have been invited.
- (4) I and you are good players.

- i. only 1 and 3
- ii. only 2 and 4
- iii. only 2 and 3
- iv. only 1 and 4

d- Which of the following sentences are incorrect?

- (1) What is the time by your watch?
- (2) Explain me the matter.
- (3) Many a nation is against war.
- (4) I am agree with you.

- i. only 1 and 2
- ii. only 2 and 4
- iii. only 1 and 3
- iv. only 2 and 3

Q-6. a) Change any one of the following into indirect speech- 2

- i) Joseph always says. "My daughter was my life."
- ii) The king said, "Farewell ! My countrymen."

b) Combine **any one of the following as directed- 2**

- i) It was raining heavily. The school was closed (complex sentence)
- ii) Take all. Take nothing. (compound sentence)

c) Transform **any one of the following as directed- 2**

- i) This is the scariest movie I have ever seen. (Comparative degree)
- ii) It has rained everyday this week. (Negative sentence)

d) Correct **any one of the following sentences. 2**

- i) He was enough kind to help me.
- ii) The excess produce of wheat can be imported to other countries.

e) Use **any one of the following pairs of words in your own sentences to make the difference in their meanings clear- 2**

- i) clause-claws
- ii) pain-pane

Q-7. Translate the following passage in English - 5

मधुमेह आजकल एक आम व्याधि हो गई है। अत्यंत युवा व्यक्ति से लेकर वृद्ध तक इससे पीड़ित है। इस व्याधि से शरीर में पर्याप्त मात्रा में इंसुलिन न बन पाने के कारण रक्त शर्करा की मात्रा अनियंत्रित हो जाती है। कुछ लोगों में यह आनुवंशिक होती है। परन्तु अब अधिकांश लोगों में यह उनकी अनियमित दिनचर्या के कारण बढ़ रही है। अनियंत्रित खानपान, अनिद्रा, तनाव, लम्बे समय तक बैठ कर काम करना तथा शारीरिक श्रम का अभाव इस बीमारी को बढ़ाने वाले कुछ कारण हैं। मधुमेह स्वयं तो एक बीमारी है ही साथ ही यह शरीर की अन्य बीमारियों की जटिलता को बढ़ा देती है। योग, व्यायाम, नियमित दिनचर्या तथा नियंत्रित खान-पान से हम काफी हद तक इससे बच सकते हैं।

Literature

Q-8. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each- 4+4=8

- a) What is the city of Firozabad famous for? Mention any two hazards of working in the industry there.

Or

Who were Sophie and Jansie? What family problems was Sophie facing?

b) Why did the peddler sign himself as Captain Von Stahle?

Or

What is ironical about the name 'Sahab-e-Alam'?

Q-9. Answer any one of the following in about 80 words-

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What is an interview? What was Umberto Eco's perspective on interviews? Give some specific examples from the text to show if he liked being interviewed.

OR

Who was Subbu and what did he do at the Gemini studios? What impression of Kothamangalam Subbu do you form on the basis of the lesson 'Poets and Pancakes'?

Q-10. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow - 3x2=6

It would be an exotic moment without rush, without engines,
We would all be together
In a sudden strangeness.
Fishermen in the cold sea
Would not harm whales
And the man gathering salt
Would look at his hurt hands.

- a) Why would it be an exotic and strange moment?
- b) What is the poet trying to indicate by 'without rush, without engines'?
- c) How would keeping quiet be helpful for our environment?

Q-11. Write the central idea of any one of the following poems-

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- a) A Thing of Beauty
- b) The Roadside Stand
- c) Aunt Jennifer's Tigers

Q-12. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each-

4+4=8

- a) What were the different names given to the Tiger King? What was the astrologer's prediction regarding his death?

Or

Who started the 'Students on Ice' programme and what were its aims?

- b) Describe Derry's feelings in your words, when he did not find Mr Lamb in the end.

Or

Suppose you are the prisoner of war in the story 'The Enemy'. Express your feelings about Sadao after the safe exit.

Q-13. Answer any one of the following questions in about 80 words-

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Who were Bama and Zitkala Sa and what kind of discrimination did they face? Do you think Bama's brother was right in thinking that education can change a person's life positively?

OR

Where was the third level situated? What unusual things were there? Is there any intersection of time and space? Elucidate your answer.