

Sample Questions

Subject: English

Class: X

General Instructions

- Time: 2 Hours
- Max. Marks: 40

1. The question paper contains three sections A, B and C.
2. Section A Reading section has 14 questions. Attempt a total of 10 questions as per specific instructions for each passage.
3. Section B Grammar section has 7 questions. Attempt a total of 5 questions and writing section has 2 questions. Attempt questions as per specific instructions for each.
4. Section C Literature section has extract based questions, short answer type questions and long answer type questions. Internal choice is given for individual questions.
5. Marks are mentioned against each question.

Section A: Reading

I. Read the passage given below.

1. Creamy outlook with soft speech presentation is a prime facial attraction that brings joy on the withering faces with a mixture of sensational touch. A smile with grace is the ultimate boon to mankind, keeping any melancholy at bay. Old age is often miscalculated as a liability with little attention paid to the aged. Their talents and learned potential are buried alive with undue care by an oblivious approach due to their disfigured or deformed physical structure taken over by age. It happens to us all; however hard we may try to delay the process. We grow old. Cosmetic surgery may remove the wrinkles, skin which has sagged may be tightened by means of a facelift and a hairdresser may dye grey hair to a more youthful colour, but we cannot remain young forever.
2. However, what is important is the quality of life. Some people are lucky to be taken care of at home whereas others may have to move to old age residential homes. Most of the elders in old age homes are not very happy as they are confined and feel isolated. But there are some elders who feel comfortable in old age homes for the freedom and friendly atmosphere with other elders who keep their company, enjoying the time with TV, games and gossip. The worst part of ageing is that often the mind becomes less alert. As people grow older, they experience short-term memory loss. Later, some may suffer from dementia, often in the form of Alzheimer's disease. By no means are all elderly people in this category

3. Many senior citizens are in possession of all their faculties and see retirement as a time of freedom. Not only that, if they have a generous retirement pension, they are likely to be quite well off with money to be spent on a holiday and other luxuries. Because of this both businesses and government have a new respect for what is known as 'grey power'.
4. It is unfortunate that many people regard old people as geriatrics who have one foot in the grave. Someone should remind them that they too would be old one day! They are honoured with the senior citizen label granted by the authorities with due regard being paid to them by other people. One should always bear in mind the old saying 'tit for tat' which denotes its symbolic regulation of periodical sufferings. The aforesaid misdoings of emotional disparity, done by striding steps, is a curse to mankind.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any five out of the seven questions by choosing the correct option.

1. According to the author, what, from the following, is the greatest lesson being taught by the passage?
 - a) Becoming old is a great privilege to be bestowed upon someone
 - b) One should always treat old people with the same respect they want themselves to be treated with
 - c) Some people are always happy no matter where or how old they are
 - d) None Of the above
2. Select the option that suitably completes the dialogue with reference to the above passage.

Jenny: Old people are so weird, with their wrinkled and saggy skin.

Mark: You shouldn't say things like these.

 - (a) They are so lonely, you should pity them
 - (b) They already live in old age homes, alone
 - (c) They are more funny than weird
 - (d) One day will be like them and should respect them.
3. Choose the option that best conveys the meaning of 'tit for tat.'
 - a) Treating someone with utmost hatred
 - b) Inflicting someone with your injury
 - c) Treating someone the same way they treated you
 - d) Both (a) and (c)
4. What may cosmetic surgery do for the old people?

Choose one option from the following.

 - a) Remove the wrinkled skin
 - b) Tighten the saggy skin
 - c) Dye grey hair as black
 - d) All of the above
5. Select the option with the underlined words that can suitably replace 'confined'.
 - a) The doctor openly isolated the patient to his hospital room.
 - b) When he was in prison, the inmate was terribly treated in his cell for half of a day.
 - c) At least the dog is resting peacefully on the floor.
 - d) A conference took place in the uncomfortably restricted room of the hotel
6. Assonance refers to the resemblance of sound in a nearby word or syllables.

From the given options, choose a phrase from the above passage that can be an example of assonance.

- a) 'Who have one root'
- b) 'Old people as geriatrics'
- c) 'Tit for tat'
- d) We grew old

7. Select the option that lists the things that old people do in old age homes.
- 1. Use a hairdresser to colour their hair
 - 2. Behave friendly with other elders
 - 3. Have cosmetic surgery
 - 4. Watch TV
 - 5. Play games and gossip with each other
- a) 1, 2 and 4
 - b) 1, 2 and 5
 - c) 2, 4 and 5
 - d) 3, 4 and 5

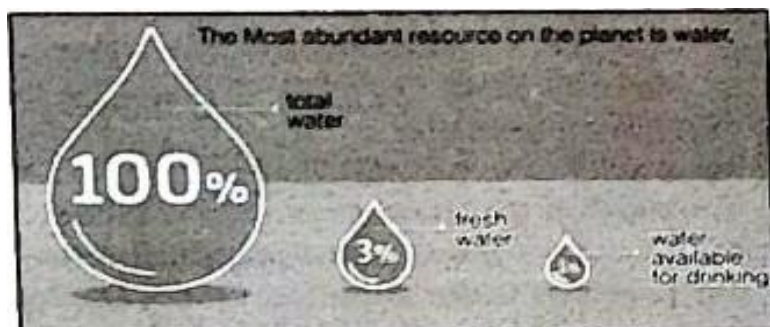
II. Read the passage given below.

1. Ask a dying man in a hot desert, and he would somehow enable himself to utter, "I wish I could get some water...." Without being poetic or philosophic, we must realise that 'water', which is generally taken for granted, might be the most precious commodity in future if we do not mend our ways in the present. There can't be a safe tomorrow if we are not ready to act today. It becomes one of our prime responsibilities to save our precious water supplies. Out of the total water available on the earth, only 3 per cent is freshwater.

Out of this 3% freshwater, only 1% is available for drinking. In our daily chores we might have observed that we ourselves forget to turn off the tap early in the morning when we go to freshen ourselves up. We, at the moment, do not realise that our carelessness might be one of the reasons for the water crisis for the future generation. 'Many a drop makes an ocean.' Our small efforts can contribute to the conservation of the water in one or the other way. Each one of us has the ability to make a difference.

2. The groundwater supply is reducing over time. Due to lack of suitable irrigation water, or the mismanagement of water in India, farmers over-extract water which is thought to be one of the shocking facts that affects the health of the cultivable agricultural lands. It is essential to adopt several water conservation techniques. It is necessary to launch several intensive awareness campaigns regarding the importance of water and its conservation so that these can make people aware about the wise management of water supply. The unwise use of water is not the only reason for the water crisis; the pollution of water resources is also an important reason for the deterioration of water supplies. So, water should be meticulously harnessed and carefully conserved.
3. Installation Of a water meter can help you save water. Growing grass appropriately outside your house or having a lawn can be helpful. Keeping your water supplying taps and showers tightly closed and repairing water leakage can contribute to the conservation of water. Collect water for reuse anytime you are running the water. Simply run it into a bucket, watering cane, or pitcher.

4. Several plans, policies and promises are made by the government, several announcements are made on the electronic media but the problem is still the same because we do not make sincere efforts.



Based On your understanding of the passage, answer any five out of seven questions by choosing the correct option.

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1. The purpose of the passage is to Choose the correct option.
 - a. focus on the importance and use of water
 - b. focus on the lack of water
 - c. focus on the process of saving water
 - d. None of the above
2. Select the option that is true for the statements given below.
 1. The groundwater supply is reducing over time.
 2. Water should be carefully harnessed and conserved.
 - a. (1) is the result of (2)
 - b. (2) is the result of (1)
 - c. (1) is the reason for (2)
 - d. (1) is independent of (2)
3. Select the option that gives the correct meaning or the following statements.
'Many a drop makes on the ocean.'
 - a. Small efforts can lead to big results
 - b. Collect water drops to make an ocean
 - c. Collect water to fill the water tanks
 - d. Both (b) and (c)
4. According to the passage..... can help in conserving water.
 - a) installation or water taps
 - b) having a garden
 - c) keeping taps closed
 - d) All of these
5. Select the option that lists the reason for the water shortage.
 1. Less amount of freshwater
 2. Repairing of water leakage
 3. Mismanagement of water

4. Over-extraction of water
5. Drinking groundwater
 - (a) 1, 4 and 5
 - (b) 1, 3 and 4
 - (c) 2, 4 and 5
 - (d) 2, 3 and 5
6. What percentage of available water is potable?
 - a) 3%
 - b) 97%
 - c) 1%
 - d) 0.01%
7. This passage suggests that if we don't save water today, we'll _____.
Select the correct option.
 - (a) have to drink ocean water later
 - (b) have to drink recycled water later
 - (c) we'll have no drinkable water later
 - (d) Both (b) and (c)

Section B

Grammar

III. Attempt any five questions from the following seven questions.

- (i) Mohan said, "we go to see the Taj on the moonlit night".
- (ii) She said, 'My parents (go) to Karachi.'
- (iii) Childhood is the time when there are responsibilities to make life difficult.
- (iv) child finds pleasure in playing in the rain.
- (v) Goa the smallest state of India.
- (vi) Change the given sentence into Indirect speech.
Trisha said, "I will go to fancy restaurant with my friends".
- (vii) Change the given sentence into Direct speech.
Mohit advised his friend to be cautious of monkeys on the top of the hill.

Writing

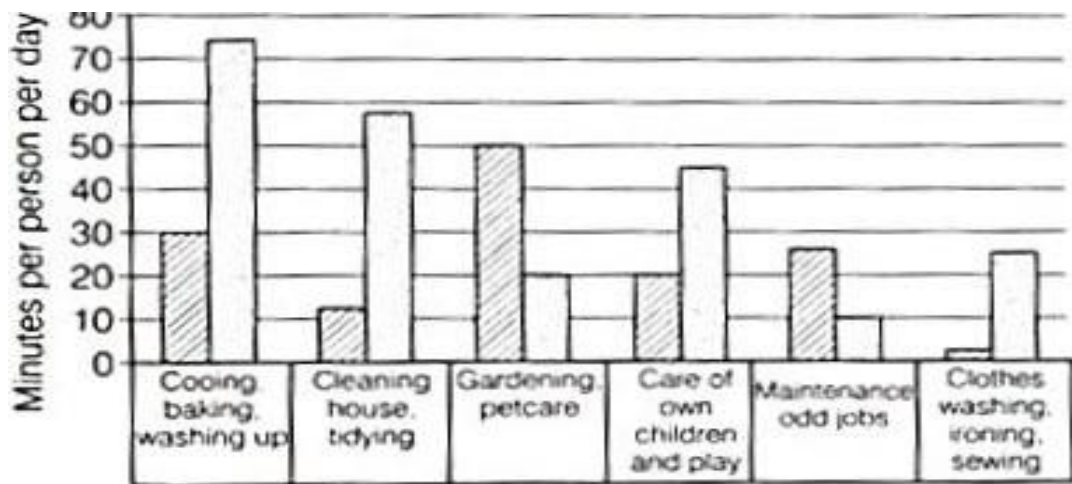
IV. You are Meena/Tapin, Manager, Sancha Enterprises, Naharlagun. You need various furniture items for your newly constructed head office. Write a letter to M/S Office Equipment Corporation, Itanagar, placing a bulk order for various items of office furniture (minimum), giving necessary details. Ask for discount on bulk purchase and base your order on the supplier's quotation On OEC / 34/20-21

Or

You are Kari / Mihin of H-Sector, Itanagar. You saw an advertisement regarding Diwali offers on purchase of new HP Laptops. Write a letter to the Manager of HP World, D-Sector, Itanagar to enquire about the offered prices, their terms and conditions, etc.

V. The chart shows the division of household tasks by gender in Great Britain. Write an analytical paragraph describing the chart given below.

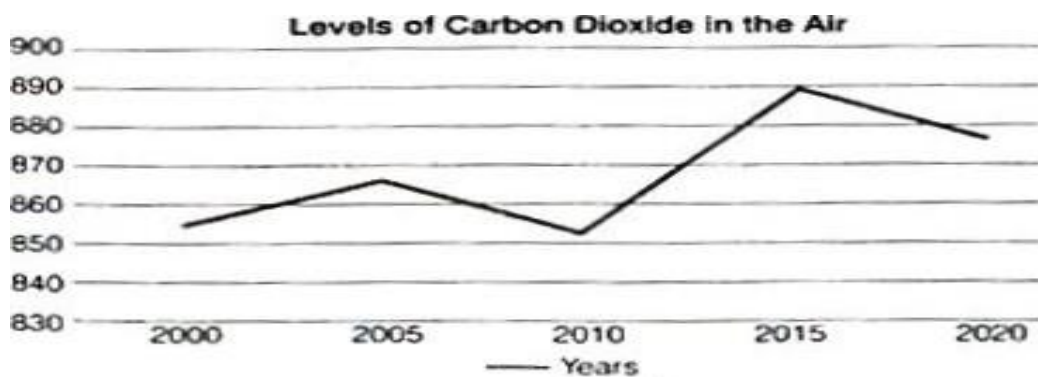
Division of household tasks by Gender in Great Britain



Males	30	13	49.5	20	26	2
Females	74	58	21	45	9.5	25

Or

Gautam was alarmed to see the graph that tracked the rising levels of Carbon dioxide in the air of his city, Kanpur. He decided to write a paragraph on the data to show his alarm and painted the present picture in order to caution people against environmental pollution. Write the analytical paragraph for Gautam.



VI. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow.

They do not sweat and whine about their condition. They do not lie awake in the dark and weep for their sins.

They do not make me sick discussing their duty to God,

Not One is dissatisfied, not one is demented with the mania of owning things,

Not one kneels to another, nor to his kind that lived thousands of years ago,

- (i) Which poetic device is used in the first three lines of the extract?
- (ii) Who is being referred to as 'they'?
- (iii) Which qualities of 'they' are mentioned in the above extract?

Or

Suddenly, suddenly they heard a nasty sound,

And Mustard growled and they all looked around. Meowch! cried Ink and ooh! cried Belinda,

For there was a pirate, climbing in the winda.

- (i) Why did Mustard growl?
- (ii) What is the rhyming scheme of the above extract?
- (iii) Find a word in the extract that means 'unpleasant'.

VII. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow.

The day of the ball arrived. Mme Loisel was a great success. She was the prettiest of all- elegant, gracious, smiling and full of joy. All the men noticed her, asked her name, and wanted to be presented. She danced with enthusiasm, intoxicated with pleasure, thinking of nothing but all this admiration, this victory so complete and sweet to her heart.

- (i) Why was Mme Loisel a success at the ball?
- (ii) What do you understand by the phrase 'intoxicated with pleasure'?
- (iii) What does "this victory so complete and sweet to her heart" mean?

Or

"I know Oliver's mother. She's a terror," Bill sighed. "I took a trunk out there for her once, and she almost took my skin off because I didn't treat it like a box of eggs. She's about nine feet tall and feet thick and quick as a cat, and she sure can talk. I'll bet Oliver heard that somebody's chasing him, and he's gone on there to hide behind his mother's skirts. Well, we'll try her. But you'd better let me do it, boy. You may be great at literature and law, but you haven't had real training in swearing."

- (i) Why did the speaker say that Oliver's mother almost took his skin off?
- (ii) Which literary device is used in the line "She's about nine feet tall and four feet thick and quick as a cat"?
- (iii) What is the tone of the speaker when he says, "I'll bet Oliver heard that somebody's chasing him, and he's gone on there to hide behind his mother's skirts"?

VIII. Answer the following questions. (Attempt any 2).

- (i) Which project of Ebright won the first prize in the county fair and made him enter the International Science and Engineering Fair?
- (ii) How does the author describe 'Coorg'?
- (iii) Do you think that Amanda is at fault?

IX. Answer the following questions.

- (i) The idea of spirituality and equality are ingrained in animals. Explain.

Or

The story 'Madam Rides the Bus' has a lot of people talking in it. The conductor jokes and laughs with Valli, some passengers try to show their concern for her. Do you think in real life as well, people would react in a similar way when seeing an eight-year old travelling alone in a bus? Support your answers with examples from the text.

- (ii) describe the character of Bholi from the story 'Bholi'.

Or

Everyone in New Mullion was involved in befooling the narrator. Give instances from the story to prove the same.

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