

# MP BOARD CLASS 10 HM ENGLISH GENERAL MODEL PAPER SET 4 2020

Time: 3 Hrs.

M. M.: 100

Note : Attempt all questions.

## Section 'A'

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

In the town of Agra there lived a rich businessman. But he was also quite a miser; various people used to flock outside his house everyday hoping for some kind of generosity, but they always had to return home disappointed. He used to ward them off with false promises and then never live up to his words. Then one day, a poet named Raidas arrived at his house and said that he wanted to read out his poems to the rich man. As the rich man was very fond of poetry, he welcomed him in with open arms. Raidas started to recite all his poems one by one. The rich man was very pleased and especially so when he heard the poem that Raidas had written on him. In those days it was a custom for rich men and kings to show their appreciation through a reward or a gift, as that was the only means of earning that a poor poet possessed. So the rich man promised Raidas some gifts and asked him to come and collect them the next day. Raidas was pleased. The next morning when he arrived at the house, the rich man pretended that he had never laid eyes on him before. When Raidas reminded him of his promise, he said that although Raidas was a good poet, he liked the poem which was written on him but the rest of the poems were very ordinary. He also said that he had earlier promised Raidas a reward not because he was pleased or impressed, but to simply encourage him. Raidas was extremely upset, but as there was nothing he could do, he quietly left the house.

Questions :

1. What kind of a man was the rich businessman ?
2. How did he use to treat various people ?
3. Who arrived one day and what did he say?
4. What did he say to Raidas when he came next morning ?
5. Give the adjective form of 'custom'.

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

Helen soon realised that one goes to learn and not to 'think'. In the college, there was no time to communicate with one's thoughts. In the classroom she was practically alone. The professors were as remote as they were speaking through a telephone. The lectures were spelled in her hand as rapidly as possible. The significance and meaning of the lecturer got lost in her effort to keep in the race. Very few of the books required in the various courses were printed for the blind.

She was obliged to have them spelled into her hand. As a result, she took more time to prepare her lessons than other girls. But there were exceptions too. Scholar like Kittredge would loving back Shakespeare "as if new sight were given to the blind." She felt like the proverbial bull in a China shop. 'A thousand odds and ends of knowledge came crashing about her head like hailstones'. Helen discovered that 'College is not the universal Athens' she thought it was. There one doesn't meet the great and wise face to face. One does not even feel their living touch. They seem mummified. She criticises the examination system also and calls it "the chief bugbears of my college life." But Helen never gave up the precious science of patience. She took her education as she would take a walk in the country, leisurely.

Questions :

1. What did Helen Keller realise that one goes to college ? 1
2. What did Helen discover ? 1
3. How does she criticise the examination system ? 1
4. What did she never give up ? 1
5. Give the noun form of 'prepare'. 1

3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :

A modern classroom is defined by technology these days. Teachers, administrators, parents and students are being told that it is technology alone through which we can sharpen our education system. True ! Personalised techinfused learning is the future of education. In today's age, the old school method of books and notes will not work. Teachers have to keep themselves updated with today's trends and equip themselves with the latest technology. Today, there is constant pressure on teachers and administrators to implement technology in class. A teacher will have to come out of the comfort zone and explore new ways through internet, to engage the students. The internet has immense potential to upgrade today's education system. There may be time when an internet based learning environment will considerably diminish the role of a teacher in the classroom. In near future, the teacher will not be able to function without internet and technology. The teacher will have to become a facilitator of imparting trustworthy information from electric sources. In order to avoid being replaced altogether by the internet, the teachers today need to strike a balance and empower themselves through technology.

Questions :

1. How is a modern classroom defined ? 1
2. How in today's age the old school method of books will be ? 1
3. What is the result of it? 1
4. What is the importance of internet system ? 1
5. How in the future the teacher will function ? 1

Section 'B'

4. Write a letter to your friend congratulating him examination. 6

Or

Write a letter of complaint to the Chief Municipal Officer of your town regarding insanitary conditions of your colony asking him to take immediate action to make it clean. <http://www.mpboardonline.com>

5. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :

Education is not an end but a means to an end. In other words, we do not educate children only for the purpose of educating them; our purpose is to fit them for life. As soon as we realise the fact, we will understand that it is very important to choose a system of education which will really prepare children for life. It is not enough just to choose the first system of education one finds or to continue with one's old system of education without examining it to see. Whether it, in fact, is suitable or not.

Questions :

- (A) On the basis of reading the passage, make notes and supply a suitable title. 4
- (B) Prepare a summary of the passage. 3
6. Develop an article on the topic 'SAVE WATER' with the help of the given phrases. 7

7 Collect rain water on roof-top-Store rain water in underground tanks-Turn off taps while brushing teeth—Collect water after washing fruits, vegetables and cereals for gardening-Do not overuse bore-wells—Wash vehicles with water in a bucket-Reuse water after washing clothes, utensils etc.

Or

Write an essay on any one topic :

- (i) Science-A Boon or a Curse,
- (ii) My Best Friend,
- (iii) Your Favourite Work in Leisure,
- (iv) Festival of Lights.

Section 'C'

7. (A) Fill in the blanks by using the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets (any five): 5

- (i) Mohan was very tired, so he ..... to bed early. (go)
- (ii) When we reached the cinema hall, the film had ..... (begin)
- (iii) Malini felt tired. She ..... in the pond since morning. (swim)
- (iv) ..... the news, he felt disappointed. (Read, Reading)
- (v) This is very light box. You ..... lift it. (can, could)
- (vi) I used to ..... in the river when I was young. (swim, swimming)

(B) Fill in the correct word from the words given in the brackets (any five): 5

- (i) Do not ..... your time. (waste, west, waist)
- (ii) This is ..... L&T product. (a, an, the)
- (iii) Father said, "Children have ..... water to the plants." (give, gave, given)
- (iv) You have to wait ..... the signal is green. (until, during, while)
- (v) Distribute money ..... students. (among, between)
- (vi) She was looking ..... the picture. (at, on, for)

8. Do as directed (any five) : 5

- (i) Bhimsingh was carrying a bag. (Rewrite using past indefinite tense)
- (ii) They will ask us to lend some money. (Change into passive voice)
- (iii) You cannot get admission. You are not qualified. (Combine with 'since')
- (iv) To cheat anybody is a crime. (Use gerund in place of 'to' inf.)
- (v) He put the pen on table. (Make negative)
- (vi) She cut her finger. (Make interrogative)

9. Translate into English (any five):

- (i) बारिश हो रही है।
- (ii) लड़कियाँ गाना गायेगी।
- (iii) वह अपना कार्य कर चुका है।
- (iv) क्या आप तैर सकते हैं?

(v) गायत्री खाना बना रही थी।

(vi) मैंने कल एक फिल्म देखी।

Section 'D'

10. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below:

The day of race dawned. It turned out to be a close race. Towards the end, Mamta caught up with the champion. Her eyes were fixed at the finishing line, like Arjuna in the Mahabharata aiming at the fish's eye. Mamta too could see nothing else. And in the end she did win, though by a couple of seconds only. It was so unexpected that there was a moment's silence all around as she crossed the finishing line. Even the judges on the field were surprised that someone looking so frail and delicate could run so fast. There was a lot of excitement on the field before Mamta was announced the winner.

Questions :

- (a) The word in the passage similar in meaning to the beginning of a day is : 1  
(i) race, (ii) dawn, (iii) close. <http://www.mpboardonline.com>
- (b) The writer of the lesson, from which the extract has been taken is : 1  
(1) Sudha Murthy, (ii) Burt Dubin, (iii) Minakshi G. Jain.
- (c) Mamta's eyes were fixed at : 1  
(i) the judges, (ii) the finishing line, (iii) the fish's eyes.
- (d) Who did win the race ? 2

11. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below:

Tcheriviakoff was terribly confused. He smiled idiotically and began watching the opera again. He looked at the stage, but no longer felt happy. Anxiety was beginning to trouble him. During the next interval, he approached General Brizjaloff and mumbled, "I sneezed on your excellency, excuse me. You see, I ..... did not do it to ....."

Questions :

- (a) Tcheriviakoff began watching the opera. He was : 1  
(i) happy, (ii) anxious, (iii) sad.
- (b) From which lesson the extract has been taken ? 1
- (c) Find out a word from the extract which means 'doubted'. 1
- (d) What did Tcheriviakoff say to General Brizjaloff ? 2

12. Answer the following questions :

- (a) What was the routine affair of Babuli in his student days ? 3

Or

Why did Tcheriviakoff feel ashamed ?

- (b) What was the effect of the doctor's words on the terribly burnt boy? 3

Or

Name three patriots who sacrificed their lives for the freedom of motherland.

13. What title did Pratap Singh give to Bhama Shah ? 4

Or

Write the character sketch of Bhama Shah.

14. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions given below:

"O you that are so strong and cold,  
O flower, are you young or old ?  
Are you a beast of field and thee.  
Or just a stronger child than ine?"

Questions :

- (a) Name of the poem is ..... 1  
(b) 'beast' means ; 1  
(i) fruit, (ii) flower, (iii) animal.  
(c) Which are rhyming words? 1  
(i) strong and cold, (ii) tree and me, (iii) young and old.

15. What are the things suggested by the poet that we should leave ? 3

Or

What does our meddling intellect do ?

16. Answer the following questions (any two): 4

- (1) How does nature keep us healthy ?  
(2) What does the poet want in place of greed for wealth?  
(3) Why do we repent for a long time?

17. Answer any three of the following questions : 9

- (1) How did commander help the soldier ?  
(2) In what place malaria does not occur ?  
(3) Why did Panna Dhai sacrifice her son ?  
(4) What is left to Gardeners alone ?

18. Answer any two of the following questions : 6

- (1) Which qualities can be acquired through playing games ?  
(2) What do we need for our highways ?  
(3) How much load does an average child carry in their school bags ?