

PRE-BOARD EXAM 2021-22

CLASS-X

Subject - English

Time:3 hours

Maximum Marks:80

Instructions: -

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. Marks of each question are given against them.

SECTION -A (READING)

Q.1 Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

Long ago in Mongolia there lived an emperor who feared growing old. One day, he saw an old man in the street. Upset at being reminded that someday, he too, would age, he ordered all the old people to leave his land. One day, a violent storm swept the kingdom. Nothing was safe from its fury. It roared into the palace and blew away the emperor's belongings, including his priceless golden pitcher. When the storm ended, the emperor ordered that the pitcher be found and brought back to him. People went in search of the pitcher. They saw it in a lake nearby. But no matter who tried, no one could get a grip on the pitcher. All they got was a handful of water. Yet it could be plainly seen, glittering and just below the water's surface!

Questions:

- i. The emperor was upset to see the old man because
 - (a) it reminded him that he would grow old too.
 - (b) it reminded him that he had to color his hair.
 - (c) it reminded him that he might fall ill.
 - (d) it reminded him of his grandfather.
- ii. The people saw the golden pitcher
 - (a) in a pit nearby.
 - (b) inside the palace.
 - (c) in a lake nearby.
 - (d) in a river nearby.

iii. The emperor's orders were that all the

- (a) old men should live in his land.
- (b) young men should stay in his land.
- (c) old men should leave his land.
- (d) children should leave his land.

iv. What did the people who went to bring the pitcher get?

- (a) A handful of air.
- (b) The pitcher's handle
- (c) A handful of water.
- (d) Nothing at all.

v. The emperor feared

- (a) getting weak
- (b) getting ill.
- (c) getting young.
- (d) getting old.

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

There are three main groups of oils-animal, vegetable and mineral. Great quantities of animal oil come from whales, those enormous creatures of the sea, which are the largest of the animals remaining in the world. To protect the whales from the cold of the Arctic seas, nature has provided them with a thick covering of fat, called blubber. When the whale is killed, the blubber is stripped off and boiled down. It produces a great quantity of oil which can be made into food for human consumption. A few other creatures yield oil, but none so much as the whale. The livers of the cod and halibut, two kinds of fish, yield nourishing oil. Both cod liver oil and halibut oil are given to sick children and other invalids who need certain vitamins. Vegetable oil has been known from very old times. No household can get on without it, for it is used in cooking. Perfumes may be made from the oils of certain flowers. Soaps are made from vegetable and animal product and the oils of certain flowers.

Questions:

(i) The main source of animal oil is_

- (a) whale
- (b) sea weeds
- (c) fish
- (d) plant

(ii) Vegetable oil is mainly used for_

- (a) cooking
- (b) making perfumes
- (c) making soap
- (d) making lubricants

(iii) The of fish yields nourishing oil.

- (a) stomach
- (b) eyes
- (c) liver
- (d) head

(iv) The thick protective covering of fat on a whale is called a ----

- (a) cells
- (b) blubber
- (c) skin
- (d) fins

(v) The noun form of the word 'protect' is.

- (a) protected
- (b) proactive
- (c) protectable
- (d) protection

SECTION-B (WRITING)

Q.3 Read the passage and make notes on it and also give a suitable title.

The heart is one of the most vital components of the human body. The heart of the human body has the continuous job to keep oxygen-rich blood flowing through the body. All the body's cells need a constant supply of oxygen, particularly in the brain. The brain cells live only four to five minutes after the oxygen is cut off and death comes to the entire body. Heart disease can result from damage to the heart muscles, the valves or the pacemaker. If the muscle is damaged, the heart is unable to pump properly. If the valves are damaged, blood cannot flow normally. Dr John Gibbon of U.S.A. developed a machine in 1953 that could take over temporarily from the heart. Surgeons had the chance to repair or replace a defective heart. Many patients have had plastic valves inserted in their hearts when their hearts were faulty. Many people are now being kept alive with tiny battery operated pacemakers.

Q.4 You are Anoop Sharma studying in Govt. High School, Rewa. Write an application to the principal of your school requesting him to issue your Transfer Certificate because your father has been transferred to Bhopal.

OR

You are Pramod Mishra. Write a letter to your friend Amit inviting him to attend the marriage ceremony of your brother.

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

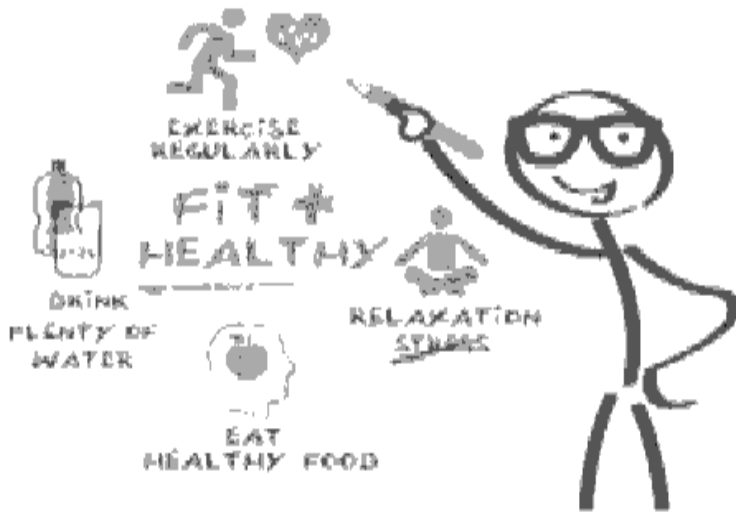
- a. My Hobby
- b. Wonders of Science
- c. Importance of Games and Sports
- d. An Indian Festival

OR

Write an article/a paragraph on any one of the following topics in about 150 words.

- (a). Student Life and Discipline
- (b). Importance of Trees
- (c). Swachchha Bharat Mission
- (d). Advantage and disadvantages of Mobile Phones

Q.6. On the basis of the picture given below, describe how we can keep ourselves fit and healthy.



SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)

Q.7 Fill in the blanks choosing the correct alternatives given in the brackets. (Any five)

- i. He is..... hour late. (a/an/the)
- ii. His uncle died ___cancer. (from/of/to)
- iii. He wanted to ___ an engineer. (become/beces/becoming)
- iv. We ___ wear mask in crowded places. (should/used / ought)
- v. He is not going to office he is ill. (and/so/because)
- vi. There is not ___ water in the pool. (some/any/many)

Q.8 Do as directed - (Any five)

- i. Ravi is very intelligent. He can pass this exam easily. (Combine the sentences using 'so--that')
- ii. Children are making toys. (Change the Voice)
- iii. If you run fast, you can catch the bus. (Rewrite the sentence using 'Unless' in place of 'If')
- iv. He did his work well. (Change into Negative)
- v. They are selling their house. (Change into Present Perfect Tense)
- vi. Seema is my sister. She is sitting at the last bench. (Combine the sentences using 'who')

Q.9 Answer the following questions: (Any six)

i. How much money did Lencho want?

- (a) 100 pesos
- (b) 50 pesos
- (c) 10 pesos
- (d) 70 pesos

ii. What did the cow shake on the poet?

- (a) dust of soil
- (b) dust of snow
- (c) dust of tree
- (d) dust of ash

iii. According to Nelson Mandela, what is a country's greatest wealth?

- (a) its mineral
- (b) its people
- (c) its traditions
- (d) its forests

iv. Which of these names did Anne give to her diary?

- (a) Kitty
- (b) Bitty
- (c) Kitten
- (d) Mitten

v. In what way Peggy was cruel to Wanda?

- (a) She made fun of her.
- (b) She used to push her on the ground.
- (c) She used to insult her.
- (d) She used to bully her.

vi. Coorg is famous for

- (a) tea
- (b) bread
- (c) coffee
- (d) green

vii. Where did Siddhartha vow to stay until his enlightenment came?

- (a) his palace
- (b) under peepal tree
- (c) under banyan tree
- (d) under a tree

Q10. (A) Read the following extract from the prose and answer the questions given below.

The house - the only one in the entire valley sat on the crest of a low hill. From this height one could see the river and the field of ripe corn dotted with the flowers that always promised a good harvest. The only thing that the earth needed was a downpour or at least a shower. Throughout the morning Lencho who knew his fields intimately had done nothing else but see the sky towards the north east. <https://www.mpboardonline.com>

i. From which lesson has this text been taken?

- (a) A letter to God
- (b) His first Flight
- (c) Black Aeroplane

ii. Where was Lencho's house situated?

- (a) At the foot of a hill
- (b) In the village
- (c) On the crest of a low hill

iii. Find out the word, from the above passage, which is similar to the word 'closely'

- (a) promised
- (b) dotted

(c) intimately

Ans. (c) intimately

(B) Read the following extract from the poetry and answer the questions given below.

But if it had to perish twice,
I think I know enough of hate
To say that for destruction ice
Is also great
And would suffice.

i. From which poem have these lines been taken?

- (a) Fire and Ice
- (b) A Tiger in the Zoo
- (c) The Ball Poem

ii. What is the meaning of 'perish'?

- (a) rise
- (b) die
- (c) glow

iii. Write the name of the poet of the above poem.

- (a) Carolyn Wells
- (b) Robin Klein
- (c) Robert Frost

Q.11 Answer the following questions in about 30 Words. (Any six)

- i. What did Lencho hope for? <https://www.mpboardonline.com>
- ii. What does courage mean to Mandela?
- iii. Why was the young seagull afraid to fly?
- iv. Why does Anne want to keep a diary?
- v. What did Mr Petronski's letter say?

- vi. What is the baker called in Goa? What did the bakers wear in Portuguese days?
- vii. Why was Rajvir excited to see the tea garden?

Q.12 Answer the following questions from poetry in about 30 Words. (Any two)

- i. What does 'ice' stand for in the poem?
- ii. Where did the ball go?
- iii. How does the fog come?

Q.13 Answer the following questions in about 30 Words. (Any two)

- i. Why was Dr Herriot confident that Tricki will be in hospital soon?
- ii. How did the invisible man become visible?
- iii. For what unusual reasons is Bholi sent to school?

Q.14 Answer the following questions in about 75 Words. (Any two)

- i. [Who does Lencho think has taken the rest](#) of the money? What is the irony in the situation?
- ii. How did Mandela's 'hunger for freedom' change his life?
- iii. In what way was Wanda different from the other children?

Q.15 Answer the following questions in about 75 Words. (Any one)

Write the central idea of the poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo'.

OR

Mention three things that humans do and animals don't.

Q.16 Answer the following questions in about 75 Words. (Any one)

Why does Anil not hand the thief over to the police? Do you think most people would have done so? In what ways is Anil different from such employers?

OR

How did Bholi's teacher play an important role in changing the course of her life?