

Marking Scheme/Answer Key

Sample Question Paper: 2024-25

English Class 10th

Section A

Reading Skill.

20 Marks

Award 1 mark for the correct answer .

There is no partial credit .

Question:1 Unseen passage

10×1=10

- (a) Water is known as "universal solvent".
- (b). (ii) pollution
- (c) vulnerable: resilient:: artificial: natural
- (d). Household waste and water storage tanks
- (e) (I) the ecosystem
- (f). (ii) water conservation and reducing plastic waste
- (g). Water pollution is the release of substances into subsurface groundwater or into lakes, streams, rivers, estuaries, and oceans to the point where substances interfere with beneficial use of the water or with the natural functioning of ecosystems.
- (h). By throwing religious offerings into the waterbodies,we pollute water .
- (i). (iii) 1per cent
- (j). (i). Water Pollution -A Concern

Question:2. Unseen passage

10×1=10

Award 1 mark for the correct answer

There is no partial credit

- (a). The E-waste (Management and Handling) Rule 2011 suggest that it is the responsibility of the municipal corporation to ensure that e-waste, if found to be mixed with municipal solid waste, is properly segregated, collected and is channelized to either authorized collection centre or dismantler or recycler.
- (b). The E-waste (Management and Handling) Rules 2011 make a provision for safe disposal of electronic and electrical wastes through private bodies.
- (c). (iii) recycled
- (d). (iii) 500
- (e). Vicinity
- (f). The Research Unit of the Rajya Sabha's report reveals that there are 10 states that contribute up to 70 per cent of the total e-waste generated in the country, while 65 cities generate more than 60 per cent of the total e-waste in India.
- (g). May 2012
- (h). (iv) all of these
- (i) (ii). not yet fully developed stage
- (j). (iii) lethal

SECTION B

GRAMMAR.

10 Marks

Award 1 mark for the correct answer.

There is no partial credit.

Question: 3

- (A). 1 (iii). is
2 (iii) tore
- (B). 1 (iv) No article
2 (iii) the
- (C). 1 (iii) Ram said to me, "His brother is an M.L.A."
2 (iii) Wow! You are an amazing character.
- (D). 1 (ii) You said that you were doing your work.

2 (i) My teacher said that India became free on 15th August 1947.

(E) 1 (iv). might

2 (i) must

(F) 1 (iv) to play

2 (iii) sing

SECTION. C

WRITING SKILL.

10 Marks

Question: 4

Letter/Application.

5Marks

Format 1. Mark

Sender's address, date, receiver's address, subject, salutation, complimentary close

-Award full marks if all aspects included.

-Award 0.5 mark if more than one aspect is missing.

-Award zero mark If more than two aspects are missing.

Content. 2 Marks

-Award full marks if all points included (format,tense,formal tone, vocabulary etc)

-Well developed with sustained clarity.

Award 1.5 marksif

- Almost all points included.

-Reasonably well developed.

Award 1 mark if

-Some points included.

-Fair attempt at developing ideas.

Award 0.5 mark if

-Most of points not included.

-Limited awareness about the task given.

Expression. 1 Mark

Award full marks if

-Tense, tone and vocabulary are appropriate.

-Coherence and relevance of ideas.

Award 0.5 mark if

-There is little deviation (tense, tone, vocabulary)

-Almost relevant.

Accuracy. 1 Mark

-Award full marks if there is one or two grammatical/spelling mistake/mistakes.

-Deduct 0.5 marks if there are more than two grammatical/spelling mistakes.

- Model Answer

H.No-78

Model Town

Rewari

29 May 2024

Dear friend,

The result of tenth class was declared by BSEH Bhiwani today.I searched your result on the internet and my joy knew no bounds when I found that you have passed the exam with distinction . You have got not only good marks but your name appears in the list of scholarship - winners also.Please accept my heartiest congratulations on your grand success.You have brought honour to your family and to us also.Your hard work has borne fruit after all.

When are you giving a party to celebrate your success? Please don't forget to keep my share.May you progress in life by leaps and bounds!

Yours loving

Raj/Rani

Note: Other relevant point/points are also acceptable.

Or

The Principal

Government Model Sanskriti Sr Sec School

Mahendergarh

Subject --

Respected sir/ma'am,

I am the student of 10th class of your school.My father is a shopkeeper.He has been running a readymade cloth shop for the last five years .Last month an unexpected event occurred . A fire broke out in the shop due to short circuit at night and everything was burnt to ashes and we suffered a huge financial loss. In this situation my father is not able to pay my school fee . I have not availed any fee concession so far.I am a good student.I am a good player also .So I request you to grant me full fee concession this year .I shall be thankful to you for this kind act.Thanking you.

Yours obediently

XYZ

Note --Other relevant point/points are also acceptable.

Question: 5.

(1) Paragraph

5 Marks

Title. 1mark

- Award full marks if title is appropriate
- Award 0.5 mark if title is correlated but not appropriate
- Award zero mark if title is not correlate and appropriate

Content. 3 Marks

Suggested value points

- best' friend name and family
- academic quality
- outer quality
- social behaviour
- interests and hobbies

Accuracy. 1 Mark

- Award full marks if there is one or two grammatical/spelling mistake/mistakes.
- Deduct 0.5 mark if there are more than two grammatical/spelling mistake /mistakes .

Model Answer

My Best Friend

I have many friends but Mohan is my best friend .He belongs to a noble family . His father is a doctor and his mother is a teacher .He is fond of reading books .He is good at studies .He always stands first in the class .He is hard working and intelligent . Every teacher likes him.They have a high opinion of him.He is well disciplined He has open nature.He is ready to help others.He is honest and straight forward.He is intelligent but it doesn't mean that he is a bookworm.He takes part in games.He is a good player of cricket and football.He loves gardening and reading books.He is sincere.I am proud of him.May he live long!

Note: Other relevant point /points are also acceptable

(2) Advertisement

5 marks

Format 1 Mark

Box, Heading , content , contact no, address /email

- Award full marks if all aspects included .
- Award 0.5 marks if more than one aspect is missing .
- Award zero mark if more than two aspects are missing .

Content 3 Marks

Suggested value points

-Format

- Catchy phrase
- essential requirements for the post
- lucrative offer

Accuracy. 1 Mark

- Award full marks if there is one or two grammatical/spelling mistake/mistakes .
- Deduct 0.5 marks if there are more than two grammatical/spelling mistake/mistakes.

Model Answer

Situation Vacant

Wanted an experienced PGT English for Government Model Sanskriti Sr Sec School Mahendergarh.Candidate should be post graduate, intelligent, having command over subject, fluent in spoken English, having computer knowledge and good communication skills.Salary no bar for a deserving candidate.Send resume at gsssm.@gmail.com.

Interested candidates may contact at Principal Office .

Writer : G.L.Fuentes

(d) It means that the hard work done by him to grow crops had gone in vain.

(e) Sorrowful.

Or

(a) The narrator kept Mij into a box because the airline insisted that Mij should be packed into a box not more than eighteen inches square.

(b) The narrator was prompted to open the box because there was complete silence in the box and blood had tricked and dried around the lid

(c) Chapter: Mijbil The Otter

Writer: Gavin Maxwell

(d) Whipped off

(e) Mij whimpered and caught at the narrator 's leg.

Question 7

2×3=6

Content 2Marks.

Expression. 1 Mark

Deduct 0.5 Mark for two or more grammatical /spelling mistake /mistakes

(a)

Suggested value points

- obligation towards family
- obligation towards the society, country
- any other relevant point

Model Answer

Mandela says that every man has twin obligations. One towards the family, near and dear ones, parents and the other towards the society, community and the country

(b) Suggested value points

- pilot went to the control centre
- enquired about other aeroplane
- the woman thought it was a stupid question as there was no other aeroplane except his

Dakota

- any other relevant point

Model Answer

When the narrator landed safely, he wanted to thank the pilot of the black aeroplane. But neither pilot nor that plane was seen. So he went to the control centre and asked the woman where he was and who the other pilot was. The woman looked at him strangely because there was no other aeroplane in the storm except his Dakota .

(c) Suggested value points

- children free like tiger in jungle
- do not care about brushing teeth and ate bread bangles
- any other relevant point

Model Answer

The children were as free as the tiger in the jungle.They did not care about brushing their teeth or washing their mouths.They started eating their favourite sweet bread bangles as soon as they woke up.

(d) Suggested value points

- conductor was humorous
- he offered his help when Valli boarded the bus

- she acted like a mature girl

- conductor called her madam jokingly

Model Answer

The conductor was a humorous person.When Valli boarded the bus,he offered to help her get on the bus.But Valli refused to accept his help and acted like a mature girl.Seeing her bold and confident gesture,the conductor called her 'madam' jokingly.

Question. 8.

1×6=6

Content. 4 Marks

Expression. 2 Marks

(Fluency. 1mark and Grammar 1 mark)

Suggested value points

- everyone except young seagull flew away
- young seagull afraid of flying
- thought that wings would not support and fall in the sea
- mother knew he was hungry and loved eating fish
- seeing food maddened him to dive ,fell downward
- wings spread, flapped them,began to fly
- landed on green sea and floated,fear went
- any other relevant point/ points are also acceptable

Model Answer

The young seagull was alone on his ledge.His brothers, sister and parents had already flown away.He did not muster up the courage to fly because he thought that his wings would not support him and he would fall in the sea and drown into it.His family members taunted him, threatened him to starve but in vain.He did not attempt to fly.His mother adopted a method.She knew that the young seagull was hungry and loved eating fish.She took a piece of fish and came near to the young seagull's ledge but did not land on it Seeing the food,the young seagull became maddened and dived at his mother to have the food.He fell downward.His wings spread outward, flapped them and began to fly.Now he was soaring and flying.When he landed on the green sea,he sank into the water .But as soon as his belly touched,he began to float on the water.His fear went away.Thus he made his first flight.

Or

Suggested value points

- death common to all
- mortals life troubled with pain and suffering
- learn life is precious gift
- weeping and lamenting add miseries and woes
- nothing would bring back the dead
- any other relevant point /points

Model Answer

The Buddha says that death is common to all. It is the truth of life. The life of human beings is troubled with pain and sufferings. Nobody can escape from death. So we should not grieve on death. Kisa Gotami learns the lesson that death is the ultimate truth of life. She could not find a house where death has not come. She understands that no one can escape from death. The lights of the city flicker and resemble the fate of men.

The only thing we should learn is that this life is the most precious gift. One can avoid death by renouncing selfishness and all worldly pleasures. We learnt from the lesson that we should not grieve, weep or lament over the loss of someone close to your heart. Weeping and lamenting add miseries and woes and keep man away from obtaining peace of mind. It will only multiply the pain and suffering. No amount of grief would bring back the dead

Question. 9

5×1=5

- (a) The poet was sitting under a snow covered hemlock tree.
- (b) The crow has shaken the snow covered tree.
- (c) A hemlock tree is a poisonous tree.
- (d) Poem: Dust of Snow

Poet: Robert Frost

- (e) abab

Or

- (a) The trees are stumbling forward to meet winds.
- (b) The moon is broken like a mirror.
- (c) Simile.
- (d) Stumbling
- (e) Poem : The Trees

Poet. : Adrienne Rich

Question. 10.

2×3=6

Content 2 Marks.

Expression 1 Mark

(a) Suggested value points

- keep awake
- remained disturbed voices of patrolling, locking up the zoo
- any other relevant point

Model Answer

The tiger keeps awake till late in the night as it remains disturbed due to voices of patrolling cars, locking up the zoo gates and other noises.

(b) Suggested value points

- moving around the houses growling
- baring his fangs and showing terrible claws
- any other relevant point

Model Answer

The tiger would be moving around the houses growling .He terrifies the villagers by baring his fangs and showing his terrible claws.

(c) Suggested value points

- make understand about responsibility as the loss is immaterial
- money cannot buy memories
- any other relevant point

Model Answer

The poet makes the boy understand about the responsibility as the loss is immaterial. Money is external as it cannot buy memories, nor can it replace the things that we love.

(d) Suggested value points

- looked with open mouthed
- swallow liquor from flagon
- fired two bullets
- any other relevant point

Model Answer

The pirate looked at the dragon with open mouthed. He swallowed liquor from his pocket flagon. He fired two bullets but missed. The dragon attacked him and swallowed him

Question 11

2×3=6

Content. 2 Marks

Expression 1 Mark

- Deduct 0.5 mark for two or more grammatical /spelling mistake /mistakes

(a) Suggested value points

- looked like a bloated sausage before hospitalized
- now transformed into a lithe and hard muscled
- any other relevant point

Model Answer

Mrs Pumphrey found Tricky totally transformed. He had been lazy and looked like a bloated sausage. After hospitalization he was transformed into a lithe and hard muscled animal. This made Mrs Pumphrey say, "This is a triumph of surgery."

(b) Suggested value points

- thief, did not want to share secrets and whereabouts
- friend more trouble than help
- any other relevant point

Model Answer

Hari Singh was a thief. He did not want to share his secrets and whereabouts with anyone. He thought that friends were more trouble than help.

(c) Suggested value points

- good and respectable but not completely honest
- used to rob a safe every year, a typical thief
- any other relevant point

Model Answer

Horace Danby was a good and respectable person. He used to make lock to make his living. He was fond of reading books. To buy books, he used to rob a safe every year. He was a typical thief. That is why he was described as a good and respectable but not completely honest.

(d) Suggested value points

- constable
- to arrest Griffin
- any other relevant point

Model Answer

Jaffers was a constable. He was sent for investigating the theft in the clergyman's house. When he arrived he saw that he had to arrest a man who was becoming invisible in every moment

Question 12.

6×1=6

Content : 4 Marks

Expression: 1 Mark

(Fluency 1 Mark and Grammar 1 Mark)

Suggested value points

- education leads to women empowerment
- knowing rights and duties
- able to differentiate between right and wrong
- Bholi agreed to marry old man but refused when demanded dowry
- education gave her confidence
- any other relevant point /points

Model Answer

Education plays an important role in the life of women as it leads to women empowerment in the form of knowing their rights and duties, ability to differentiate between right and wrong, confidence to voice their opinion and demand their fair share of rights from the society and family members.

Bholi ,an educated girl at first agreed to marry an old man because her father's honour was at stake.However , later she refused to marry him because she saw how greedy and contemptible he was.Education gave her the confidence and ability to differentiate between right and wrong.

Or

Suggested value points

- Ausable being a fat and sloppy fellow, does not like a secret agent
- Max another secret agent , slender,lean and has sharp features, pistol adds his terror
- Ausable made up false story of balcony and police
- Ausable forced Max to jump outside window and meet his death
- intelligence outwit physical strength
- any other relevant point/ points

Model Answer

Ausable was a secret agent.He was fat and sloppy.He was not a romantic figure.He did not like a secret agent.Max was also a secret agent.He was slender,lean and had sharp features.He entered Ausable 's room with the help of passkey.He wanted to snatch the important report regarding new missiles from

Ausable .He had a pistol in his hand.But Ausable did not lose his wit .He made up false story that there was a balcony outside window.When there was a knock at the door he made up another story that it might be the police to give protection to the report.The situation forced Max to jump out of the window thinking that there was a balcony outside and he fell down and met his death. Ausable proved that presence of mind is more powerful than physical strength.