

Session 2020-21
MODEL QUESTION PAPER
CLASS 10th
ENGLISH (SOS)

Time Allowed : 3 Hours Maximum Marks : 100

Section - A (Reading)

1. Read the following passage and answer the question given below : 8

Character is destiny. Character is that on which of a nation is built. If we want to build a great nation we must try to train a large number of young men and women who look upon others as the living images of themselves as our 'Shastras' have so often declared. But whether in public life or in student life, we cannot reach great heights if we are lacking in character. We cannot climb the mountain when the very ground at our feet is crumbling. When the very basis of our structure is shaky, how can we reach heights which we have set before ourselves? We must all have humility. Our life should be clean, noble and dedicated to the service of mother India. we must know how much we can put into service. That should be the principle which should animate our youths. The whole of the east reflects our culture.

- (a) What is meant by saying that character is destiny ? 1
- (b) What do our 'Shastras' teach us ? 1

- (c) How is character important in reaching great heights ? 1
- (d) What advice does the writer give to young men and women ? 1
- (e) What does the whole of the East reflect ? 1
- (f) Find the words in the passage which mean the same as : 3
- (i) Fate (ii) inspire (iii) Loyal to an aim.

2. Read the following passage and answer the question given below : 12

Trees are a most useful gift of nature to man. Without trees it would be very bleak world. Without them life would be impossible. Now let's see what trees do for us.

Men in olden days used wood for making their homes, rafts, canoes and weapons. They used it as fuel to cook and to keep themselves warm.

In present time also, man is no less dependent on trees. He has, no doubt, invented many things that can take the place of wood. He has begun to use concrete, steel, glass and plastics in place of wood. But even then the demand for wood has increased vastly.

For example, we need lots and lots of wood for making paper, card board and packing cases.

Trees are, in valuable for other reason also. There is oxygen in the air, but it being constantly used up and turned into carbon dioxide. With the help of sunlight they break it into carbon and oxygen. The

carbon is used by green leaves to make starch. The oxygen is released back into air.

Trees also help to cool the atmosphere. The leaves of trees give out a lot of water vapour. It helps to cool the air. When rain cloud pass through the cool air they condense and came down as rain. That is why there is a greater rainfall over places where we have thick forests. Trees are man's best friends. They are God's greatest gift to man. They are invaluable wealth of a nation. It is our sacred duty to protect them and look after them well. For every tree that is cut down, we must plant least two new trees and take care of them.

(a) Answer the following questions briefly :

1. What would happened if there are no trees ?
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2. How did men in olden days make use of trees?
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3. How do trees treat the carbon dioxide produced by us ?
2
4. How do trees help to cool the atmosphere ?
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(b) Choose the correct option for each :

5. Man is no less dependent on trees. The verb 'is' here is
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- (a) a linking verb
- (b) an auxiliary verb
- (c) a transitive verb
- (c) a intransitive verb

6. The word 'invaluable means' : 1
 (a) valueless (b) price less
 (c) useless (d) meaningless
7. Nearest meaning of word 'sacred' in the passage : 1
 (a) Blessed (b) Secret
 (c) Holy (d) adorable
8. The word 'plastic' is :
 (a) a common noun (b) a material noun
 (c) a collective noun (d) an abstract noun

Section - B (Writing) (20)

3. Write an application to the Principal of your school requesting him for remission of fine. 8

Or

Write a letter to your younger brother advising him to avoid bad company and to think about his future.

Or

Write a letter to your friend inviting him/her to spend his/her summer vacation with you.

4. Write a paragraph in about 60 words on any one of the following topics : 4
 (a) Importance of Games.
 (b) Himachal Pradesh
 (c) The Happiest Day of my Life.
5. Write a paragraph in about 100 words on any one of the following topics : 8
 (a) Your Favourite Teacher.
 (b) Morning Walk

(c) A Visit to Hill Station.

Section - C (Grammar) (16)

6. Write the proper non-finite of the given verb in each sentence : (Any two) 2
- (a) I am glad (hear) of your success.
 - (b) It is easy (advise) others.
 - (c) I enjoyed (swim) in the river.
7. Combine the following pairs of sentences using connectors given in the brackets. (Any two) 2
- (a) He was late. He took a taxi (because)
 - (b) He is poor. He is honest (but)
 - (c) Let us wait. The rain stops (until)
8. Combine the following pairs of sentences, using the connectors given in the clauses : (What and where) 2
- (a) This is the place, We met here yesterday.
 - (b) Please do. You are ordered.
9. Fill in the blanks with given suitable models : 2
(Need, can, must, may)
- (a) God bless you.
 - (b) You not write to me.
 - (c) You meet me tomorrow.
 - (d) He come to me any time he liked.
10. (a) Change the narration : (Any two) 2
- (i) He said, "Honesty is the best policy".
 - (ii) He said to his sister, "Please come with me."
 - (iii) Mohan says, "I always speak the truth."

- (b) Re-arrange the following jumbled words : 1
 mother is necessity with invention of.
- (c) He is cooking meal. (Change the voice) 1
11. Do as directed any four of the following : 4
- (a) He is my best friend. (Change the negative)
- (b) Mohan flies a kite.
 (Change into Past Indefinite Tense)
- (c) What a lovely rose! (Make assertive)
- (d) He can help you. (Change into interrogative)
- (e) The man cut down the tree.
 (Change into past continuous tense)

Section - D

(Literature)

12. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below : 5
- That day had come about through the unimaginable sacrifices of thousands of my people, people whose suffering and courage can never be counted or repaid. I felt that day, as I have on so many other days, that I was simply the sum of all those American Patriots who had gone before me. That long and noble line ended and now began again with me. I was pained that I was not able to thank them and that were not able to see what their sacrifices had wrought.
- (a) What day has been referred to in these lines ?
- (b) How had this day come about ?

- (c) What does the writer call himself and why ?
- (d) What is it that pains the writer ?
- (d) Explain the meaning of the word, 'wrought'.

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

Coorg, or Kodagu, the smallest district of Karnatka, is home to evergreen rain forests, spices and coffee plantations. Evergreen rainforests cover thirty percent of this district. During the monsoons, it pours enough to keep many visitors away. The season of joy commences from September and continues till march. The weather is perfect, with some showers thrown in for good measure. The air breathes of invigorating coffee. Coffee estates and colonial bungalows stand rucked under tree canopies in prime corners.

- (a) What is the other name of Coorg ?
- (b) What does Coorg abound in ?
- (c) Why do visitors keep away from coorg ?
- (d) What kind of season is it from September to March ?
- (e) Find in the passage the words that mean :
 - (i) Large pieces of land where tea or coffee is grown?
 - (ii) making one feel healthy and full of energy.

14. Why did Lencho write a letter to God ? 6

Or

Write a Short paragraph on Anne's character.

Or

Give a detail description of second quarrel in the play 'The Proposal'.

15. Describe how the young seagull made his maiden flight.

Or

What does Mandela say about policy of apartheid.

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16. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follows :

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The fog comes
on little cat feet.
It sits looking over
harbour and city on
silent hunches
and then moves on.

- (a) What is the fog compared to ?
(b) How does the fog come ?
(c) What is common between the fog and the cat ?
(d) Name the poem and the poet.
17. Answer any two of the following questions in 30-40 words :

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- (a) Why do some people say that the world will end in fire ?
(b) How can you tell a lion from a Bengal tiger ?
(c) Is Amanda an orphan ? Why does she say that ?

18. Give brief character-sketch of Tricki.

Or

What did Griffin do inside a big London store ?

Or

What are the qualities that go into the making of a scientist ? 6

19. Why was Matilda unhappy ?

Or

Why did Bholi refuse to marry Bishamber Nath ? 5

20. Describe the thief's act of stealing Anil's money ?

Or

How did Max enter Ausable's room ? 3