

HIMACHAL PRADESH BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION DHARAMSHALA

Model Test Paper 2024-25

**10 + 2
ENGLISH**

**TIME: 3 HRS
M.M.: 80**

General Instructions :

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

- (i) *This question paper has 13 questions. All questions are compulsory.*
- (ii) *This question paper contains four sections Section A : MCQ, Section B : Reading Skills, Section C : Creative Writing Skills and Section C : Literature.*
- (iii) *Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number and part thereof in your answer sheet.*
- (iv) *Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.*

SECTION - A (Multiple Choice Questions)

Answer the following MCQ's by selecting the correct option.

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Q1. How many parts a letter should have?

- (a) 2
- (b) 6
- (c) 8
- (d) 5

Q2. The advertisements published under specified columns of a newspaper are called _____

- (a) Classifieds
- (b) Ads
- (c) Commercials
- (d) None of the above

Q3. A letter to editor may be started with which of these lines:

- (a) I want to bring in your kind notice
- (b) I want to complain about
- (c) Through the esteemed columns of
- (d) It is a great dismay that

Q4. Abbreviation box in note making contains:

- (a) Sub-headings of the notes
- (b) Major headings of notes
- (c) Title of the passage
- (d) Words abbreviated in the notes

Q5. The poem 'My Mother at Sixty-Six' captures the _____ of the narrator.

- I. happiness
- II. fear
- III. regret
- IV. anxiety

Choose the most appropriate option:

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only III
- (c) II and IV
- (d) I and IV

Q6. In the poem 'Keeping Quiet' he poet counts up to twelve as a countdown to.....

- (a) Lift arms
- (b) Speak in different languages
- (c) Be without engines
- (d) Stop all activities

Q7. 'A thing of beauty' can help a human being _____

- (a) To wreath a flowery band
- (b) to show the grandeur of dead
- (c) To give shade
- (d) to love life in spite of sufferings

- Q8.** What is the closest meaning of 'ordeals'?
- (a) Unpleasant experience (b) happiness
(c) Hard work (d) pleasant
- Q9.** What was Frenz expected to be prepared with for school that day?
- (a) Rules of grammar (b) Rules for participles
(c) Math questions (d) Literature
- Q10.** The crofter shows his thirty Kronors to the peddler because _____
- (a) He thought peddler was incredulous (b) Peddler was his friend
(c) Peddler has never seen such amount (d) he wanted to boast
- Q11.** Why Umberto Eco's writing style is distinctive?
- (a) It has personal and playful quality (b) It is long and boring
(c) It is hard to understand (d) It is very humoristic
- Q12.** What is the reason of migration of people from villages to cities?
- (a) No food to eat (b) Poverty
(c) Frequent Storms (d) All of the above
- Q13.** Grand Central Station is situated in the city of _____
- (a) Washington (b) London
(c) New York (d) New Delhi
- Q14.** Choose the appropriate meaning of the word 'Belfry':
- (a) A Frying pan (b) A bell tower
(c) A Church (d) A room to keep record
- Q15.** Geoff Green started 'Student on Ice programme' because _____
- I. He was tired of carting celebrities
II. He was bored at home
III. He wanted to give students a life changing experience
IV. He wanted to earn more money
- Choose the appropriate option:
- (a) I and III (b) Only III
(c) Only IV (d) II and IV
- Q16.** Both Zitkala Sa and Bama are victim of _____
- (a) War (b) Accident
(c) Class discrimination (d) None of the above

SECTION - B (Reading Skills)

Q17. Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions:-

- 1). The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) is the space agency of the Government of Republic of India headquartered in the city of Bengaluru. Its vision is to harness the space technology for national development, while pursuing space research and planetary exploration.
- 2). Formed in 1969, ISRO superseded the erstwhile Indian National committee for Space Research (INCOSPAR) established in 1962 by the efforts of Prime Minister Jawaharlal. These rockets have launched numerous communication and observation satellites. Satellite navigation system like GAGAN

and IRNSS has been deployed. In January 2014, ISRO successfully used an indigenous cryogenic engine in GSLV-D5 launch of GSAT-14.

3). ISRO built India's first satellite, Aryabhata, which was launched by Soviet Union on 19 April 1975. It was named after mathematician Aryabhata. In 1980 Rohini was to become the first satellite to be placed in orbit by an Indian-made launch vehicle, SLV-3. ISRO subsequently developed two other rockets: the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) for launching satellites into Polar orbits and Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) for placing satellites.

4). ISRO sent one lunar orbiter; Chandrayaan-1, on 22 October 2008 and one Mars orbiter, which successfully entered Mars orbit on 24 September 2014, making India the first nation to succeed in its first attempt. Future plans include human spaceflight, further lunar exploration, interplanetary probes, and a solar spacecraft mission. On 18 June 2016 ISRO set a record with a launch of 20 satellites in a single payload, one being a satellite from Google. On 15 February 2017 ISRO launched 104 satellites in a single rocket (PSLV-C37) and created a world record. Nehru and his close aide and scientist Vikram Sarabhai with the establishment of ISRO thus institutionalized space activities in India. It is managed by the Department of Space, which reports to the Prime Minister of The Republic of India.

On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the following questions:

(A) Complete the following statement: -

2x1= 2

- (i) _____ is the country that launched India's first satellite.
- (ii) Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) is used for _____

(B) Answer the following questions briefly: -

3x1= 3

- (i) Where is the headquarter of ISRO situated and what is its vision?
- (ii) When was (INCOSPAR) established and with whose efforts?
- (iii) In which year, the first satellite placed in orbit by Indian rocket (SLV-3)?

(c) Find the words from the given choices having similar meaning as

3x1= 3

- (i) Following
 - (a) Pursuing (b) observing (c) Working (d) Placing
- (ii) Direction finding
 - (a) Sailing (b) Flying (c) Navigation (d) Observation
- (iii) Try
 - (a) Probe (b) Attempt (c) Send (d) Report

Q18. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: -

i) Much before medical science discovered it, Reader's Digest came out with the prescription laughter is the best medicine. Newspapers and magazines which regularly run humour column are, therefore, doing their bit to keep the readers in good health. Reading light articles, whether they be satirical, comic or just humorous, relieves the tedium of work-a-day world. Some piece may even tickle one's grey matter.

(ii) It is said that if you laugh for ten minutes, you will be in a better position to put up with pain for two hours. According to US researchers, laughter is a good antidote to stress that tone up the system. Facial laugh, muscles instruct the brain to 'feel good' regardless of how you feel.

iii) According to a French doctor, laughter deepens, breathing, improves blood circulation, speeds up the process of tissue healing and stabilizes many body functions. In short, it acts as a power drug with no side effects. Researchers state that laughter stimulates production of beta endorphins, natural painkillers in the body and improves digestion. Those who laugh are less prone to digestive disorders and ulcers. Some people in France have made it a career. You can hire a 'jovialist' who cracks jokes and laughs and promises to make you dissolve your worries in helpless laughter.

iv) A word of caution. Although laughing is a good exercise for toning up the facial muscles, laughing at others expense, particularly at their disabilities is in bad taste and is to be avoided. Secondly, laughing with food in the mouth is dangerous as food stuff can get into the windpipe and may choke the respiratory system. Eating, anyway, is a serious business not to be trifled with, by any jocular diversion. Laughter comes best when it is free of encumbrances, whether it is constricting food or the need to humour the boss.

(A) On the basis of your reading of the passage, make notes on it using a suitable format. Also suggest a suitable title.

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(B) Write a summary of the above passage in about 80 words.

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SECTION –C (Creative Writing Skills)

Q19. Star Senior Secondary School is going to publish annual issue of school magazine. As Annanya, Student Editor, Draft a notice for school notice board informing the student and inviting the articles from the students to be published under different sections of the magazine.

OR

Excel Manufacturing Pvt. Ltd. Kangra wants to recruit young and energetic male and female graduates for the post of 'Sales Executive'. You are Managing Director of the company. Draft a suitable advertisement to be published in a local daily, inviting applications from the suitable candidates. Give details of your requirement and information about salary and other incentives.

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Q20. Chief minister Himachal Pradesh Laid the Foundation stone of Day Boarding school on 25 August 2024 in Shimla. As Vikas of class 12 write a report on the event in about 125-150 words. Develop your report using following cues.

- Welcome of the Chief Guest
- Laying of foundation stone
- Cultural programs presented by students
- Speech of Chief Guest
- Vote of Thanks by principal

OR

You are Nikesh/Vani of 12th class. NSS unit of your school organized a Seven days NSS camp in your school. Write a report on the programme giving details of the activities carried out during this camp in about 125-150 words.

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Q21. You are Rohan/ Pratima of Lower Bazar Hamirpur. You have seen an advertisement in The Tribune for the post of a Maths teacher in Global High School Una. In response to the advertisement write an application to the Principal for the job giving your complete bio-data.

OR

You are Parul, 52, Mall Road Shimla. Increasing drug abuse among the young students around you is bothering you. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper expressing your views about the evil of drug addiction amongst students giving suggestions to control it. **6**

Q22. You are Sainur of class 12. Write an article for your school magazine highlighting the Importance of Computers in every field of human life in these days.

OR

Polythene bags are posing a big threat for our environment. You are Amrit Singh of class 12. Write an article describing the Hazards of Polythene Bags. **6**

SECTION - D (LITERATURE)

Q23. Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions that follow: **3x1=3**

*Now we will count to twelve and we will all keep still.
For once on the face of the Earth
Let's stop for one second
and not move our arms so much.*

- (i) Name the poet and the poem.
- (ii) What does the poet ask us not to do?
- (iii) What does poet want to achieve by keeping everyone still and quiet?

OR

*Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering
through her wool
Find even the ivory needle hard to pull.
The massive weight of uncle's wedding band
sits heavily upon her Aunt Jennifer's hand.*

- (i) Name the poet and the poem.
- (ii) What was Aunt's Jennifer doing?
- (iii) Pick the word from stanza similar in meaning to vibrating?

Q24. Answer any two of the following in about 30 words each: 2x2=4

- (i) Why were young trees described as sprinting?
- (ii) List the things of beauty mentioned in the poem?
- (iii) What was the plea of the folk who had put up the roadside stand?

Q25. Answer the following Questions (Any Two) in 20-30 words. 2x2=4

- (i) What has been put up on the bulletin board?
- (ii) The make department of Gemini studios was an example of national integration. How?
- (iii) Why was Douglas determined to get over his fear of water?

Q.26. Answer the following questions in about 125-150 words.

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Describe the method used by the instructor to build a swimmer out Douglas?

OR

Sophie and Jansie were classmates and friends. What were the differences between them that show up in the story?

Q27. Answer the following in 125-150 words.

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Do you think third level is a medium of escape for Charley?

OR

Dr. Sadao is torn between his duty as a doctor and his responsibility as a patriotic citizen. Elaborate.

Q28. Answer the following questions in 20-30 words each (Any two).

2x2=4

(i) Who was Mr Lamb? Why did children call him Lamey Lamb?

(ii) How were Himalayas formed?

(iii) Why did Zitkala-Sa struggle to save her hair to be shingled?

Section wise Marks distribution and Blueprint of XII English Paper Session 2024-25

There will be 4 sections and 41 questions in all including all parts.

S.N.	Section wise distribution	1 Mark	2 Marks	3 Marks	4 Marks	6 Marks	Total
1	Section A - Multiple Choice Questions	16	-		-	-	16
2	Section B - Reading Skills	8	-	1	1	-	10
3	Section C - Creative Writing Skills	-	-		1	3	4
4	Section D - Literature	3	6		-	2	11
	Total Questions	27	6	1	2	5	41
	Total Marks	27	12	3	8	30	80

Difficulty Level

Section	Easy	Moderate	High
A	1,2,4,6,7,9,13	3, 8,12,14,16	5, 10,11,15
B	17A(i), 17B(i), 17B(ii), 17B(iii), 18B	17A(ii), 17C(ii), 17C(iii)	17C(i), 18A
C	19,20	21	22
D	23(i), 23(ii), 23(iii),25 (i), 25(ii), 28(i)	24(ii), 26, 28(ii)	24(i),27
Total Marks	33	24	23
% Weightage	41%	30%	29%

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