

## Assam Board CLASS X ENGLISH SAMPLE PAPERS 2009

Full Mark - 100 Pass Mark 30

### SECTION-I

1. Name any two great books mentioned in the essay, "What is a Great Book?" 1
2. What disease did Hauchecome suffer from? 1
3. "No evil can happen to a good man," Who said this? 1
4. What were the contents of the pocket book lost by Monsieur Houlbreque? 2
5. Why does the author advise us to include only a few books in ones life time ? 2
6. Describe the appearance of Socrates when he was a boy. 2
7. What things did the peasants and their wives bring to the market to sell ? 2
8. Choose the meaning of the words in italics in the following sentences from the alternatives- given in brackets:  $1/2 \times 4 = 2$ 
  - (i) ..... more and more blue ribbon lists have had to be made.  
(a collection of blue ribbons/sign. of great distinction/sign. of peace)
  - (ii) ..... had taken out the poultry which lay upon the ground .....
  - (hens, ducks, goose etc./cows, bulls etc. I horses and elephants.)
  - (iii) He leaned on his staff ..... (a walking stick/workers/articles)
  - (iv) The men who were governing Athens summoned Socrates to appear before them .....
  - (Ordered to appear in a court of law/ sentenced to death/ sentenced to imprison.)
9. (a) "Is Monsieur Hauchecome of Breaute here?"
  - (i) Who said this? (ii) Who was Monsieur Hauchecome? 2
  - (iii) Describe in brief in what context the speaker inquired of him. 3Or, (b) Describe the scene inside the Jourdain's Tavern. 5
10. (a) (i) Why was Socrates summoned for trial? 2  
(ii) How did he face the trial? 3  
Or, (b) Narrate how Socrates became famous as a teacher. 5
11. Answer Either (a) or (b)
  - (a) " Great books are probably the most widely read. They are not best sellers for a year or two. They are enduring best sellers. "Gone with the Wind" has had relatively few readers- compared to the plays of Shakespeare or Don Quixote. It would be reasonable to estimate that Homers Iliad has been read by at least 25,000,000 people in the last 3,000 years."
    - (i) Why are great books probably the most widely read? 2
    - (ii) IS "G one with the Wind a great book ? 1
    - (iii) Who wrote the Iliad ? 1
    - (iv) Why is Shakespeare famous for? 1
  - Or, (b) Give a brief account of the tradition of the listing of the best books.

## SECTION-II

12. Choose the meaning of the words in italics from the alternatives given in brackets:  $1/2 + 1/2 = 1$

- (a) Had I said good folks mere noise repels- (citizens / soldiers / people)
- (b) in such triumphs, people have dropped down dead. (victories / prides / treaties)

13. Give a word that rhymes with each of the following : Know, span  $1/2 + 1/2 = 1$  .

14. Where did the periwinkle trail its wreaths ? 1

15 Why did the traveller stop besides the woods on a snowy evening? 1

16. What made a thrill of pleasure to Wordsworth on that spring day? 2

17. What happens to a man in the spring of his life? 2

18. State the reason that made the people of Brescia hostile to the patriot. 2

19. Describe the winter scene as depicted by Robert Frost. 2

## SECTION: III

20. Choose the right determiner from those given in brackets and fill in the blanks :  $1/2 \times 6 = 3$

- a) \_\_\_\_\_ of the milk was drunk by the boy. (many/more/much)
- b) The girl gets \_\_\_\_\_ love from her step mother. (a little/the little/ little)
- e) — European tourist whom I met was very polite. (a / an / the)
- d) The I.S found only \_\_\_\_\_ students present when he visited the school. (few/a few/the few)
- e) The richman did not give \_\_\_\_\_ money to the beggar . (any/some)
- f) I bought a dozen eggs and \_\_\_\_\_ one of them was rotten. (every / some /each)

21. Rewrite the following sentences using the correct tense-form of the verbs given in brackets. 3

- i ) If water freezes it \_\_\_\_\_ into ice. ( turn )
- ii) The patient \_\_\_\_\_ before the doctor arrived . ( die )
- iii) I \_\_\_\_\_ my dinner an hour ago ( have )

22. Fill in the blanks with the right alternative :  $1 + 1 = 2$

- a) My parents \_\_\_\_\_ me to be an industrious man. (advise / advice)
- b) The invited guests were served \_\_\_\_\_ ( dinner / diner )

23. Combine the following pairs of sentences into a single sentence each :  $1 + 1 = 2$

- i) The girl is standing there. She sang a song yesterday.
- ii ) I know. What is his name ?

24. Change the voice of the following :  $1 + 1 = 2$

- a) By whom was the letter sent to me ?
- b) The nurse has taken care of the sick man.

25. Change the form of narration of the following :  $1 + 1 = 2$

- i ) The teacher said to us. "Be kind to the poor."
- ii) Jolly told me that she had been watching a cinema on TV the previous night.

26. Rewrite the following sentences correctly :  $1 \times 3 = 3$

- a) I know to operate a computer.
- b) Do you like to travel in the abroad ?
- c) She works very hardly.
- d) One of my uncles live in Washington.
- e) The thief entered into the room quietly.

f) He bought a pair of shoe.

27. Make sentences to show the use of any two of the following 1+1=2

deal with , on the eve of, bide by, according to

28. Fill in the blanks with the right choice

i) He is addicted \_\_\_\_\_ gambling. ( in / at / to ).

ii) India is rich natural resources. ( for / with / in )

iii) Just opposite the dinners seated \_\_\_ the table ( at / on / over ) )

iv) I am very fond \_\_\_\_\_ music. (by/with/of)

v) The only M.P withdrew his support\_\_\_ the coalition government. (to / from /into)

vi) She handed \_\_\_ the charge to the new secretary. ( over / after / up)

29. Complete the following sentences with the most appropriate choice : 1+1=2

a) A patient needs a \_\_\_\_\_ treatment. ( care/ careful / carefully )

b) Sunita William, becomes an astronaut because\_\_\_\_\_ her (beauty/ popularity / merit ).

30. Make a sentence in the following pattern . 1

i ) Riding a horse is a fun

ii) S+V + adj +O+adv

31. Give the substance of either (a) or (b) : 10

(a) A poor woman once came to Buddha to ask him whether he could give her medicine to restore her dead child to life. The holy man touched by the great sorrow of the woman , told her that there was one medicine which could revive her son. He bade her to bring him a handful of mustard seeds from a house where death has never entered. The sorrowing mother went from door to door seeking the mustard seeds. but at every door she met with sad replies. One said "I have lost my husband." Another said, "Our youngest child died last year." She returned with heavy heart to the teacher and told him the result of her quest. Then Buddha told her tenderly that she must not think much of her grief, since sorrow and death are common to all.

32. Answer either A or B :

A. Write an essay on either (i) or (ii) in about 200 words : 10

(i) The Festival You Like Most [Points: When it occurs \_\_\_ its significance .why you like it \_conclusion]

(ii) Floods In Assam [Introduction \_how floods are caused \_the damage \_\_\_\_\_ Government measures to check it and the results\_ conclusion.]

B. Write a story in about 200 words, using the outline given. Give a suitable title and add its moral.

1+1+8=10

[ Outline: A monkey and a fox decide to eat the bananas carried by a man \_\_\_ frightened him \_the man runs away leaving the bananas \_\_\_ they carry the bananas\_\_\_the monkey takes the bananas to the top of a tree\_ eats the bananas\_throws down the skins of the bananas to the fox ]

33. Answer either A or B :

A. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

The gypsies are a tribe. of strange people. They do not have any fixed home, but wander about from place to place and live in tents. They, were originally natives of India. But as they reached England from Egypt, the English took them for Egyptians. This is why they came to be called "gypsies". They were believed to possess strange powers. They could tell your fortune by reading the palm of your hand. It

was thought that they stole little children to train in their way of life. Hence parents took care that their children might not go near them. Whenever a child got lost, it was thought that it had been carried away by the gypsies. So they were arrested and sent for trial. But this feeling-against them has gradually died down.

(a) Who are the gypsies? 1

(b) Where do they live? 1

(c) What powers do they possess? 1

(d) Pick out the correct answer: 1

(i) They had no fixed home.

(ii) They are believed to be the English.

(iii) They used to steal children.

(e) Find out a word in the passage which means father and mother . 1

Or, B. A newspaper reporter visited the site of a devastating fire and made the following notes in his note pad. Study the information there in and write the report for him: 5

8:20 p.m . 29.10.07 Nalbari 70 kms from Guwahati fire caught\_ hundreds of huts in the slum gutted \_  
tile . fire broke worked the whole night\_ fire brought under control \_ 7 persons burnt alive at least 20  
injured \_\_\_ admitted to the nearest civil hospital \_\_\_ police enquiry ordered

[Jane Eyre]

Answer any two question

34. What kind of person was John Reed? How did he treat Jane when the latter was reading a book? 5

35. How did Jane get a job of teacher in a village school in Morton? 5

36. Who was the old gypsy woman? Describe how he befuddled the guests and Jane as well. 1+4=5

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