

PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION -2021-22

Class - X

M.M : 70

Time : 3hrs

Sub :- English

Note : First 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question paper.

Instructions :

- (i) This question paper is divided into four Sections—A, B, C and D.
(ii) All questions from the four sections are compulsory.
(iii) Marks are indicated against each question.
(iv) Read the questions very carefully before you start answering them.

SECTION-A : READING

Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it :

A man was kept in jail without any fault. When the king visited the jail, the convict told him that he was innocent. The king found out that this was true. He gave him a sum of money and set him free. He went straight to the market, where some birds were kept for sale. He purchased all the birds from the shopkeeper and set them free. At this, the shopkeeper was surprised. Then the man said, "If you had been in prison like me for no fault, you would have done the same."

- (a) Where did the prisoner go after he was set free by the king? [3]
(b) Why was the shopkeeper surprised? [3]
(c) Fill in the blanks : [2]
(i) A man was kept in without any
(ii) He gave him a of money and set him
(iii) He purchased all the from the shopkeeper.
(iv) At this, the shopkeeper was
(d) Write the meanings of : [2]
jail, fault, surprised, purchased

SECTION-B : WRITING

Your examinations are over. You want rest and recreation. Write a letter to your uncle who lives in Shimla informing him that you want to stay with him for a week. (Do not write your Name and Address.) [4]

OR

Write an application to the Principal S.D. Inter College, Muzaffarnagar to allow the cricket team of his college to play a friendly match against your college team.

Write a descriptive paragraph one of the following : [6]

- (a) A visit to a fair
(b) My town or city

OR

Water is essential for life on the earth. Wherever there is water, there is life. Write an article giving your views on 'Why it is Important to Save Water'. Suggest ways to save water.

SECTION-C : GRAMMAR

4. (A) From the given four alternatives, choose the most appropriate option :

- (a) 'Do you like your new teacher?' Which word is an adjective? [1]
(i) like (ii) new
(iii) teacher (iv) None of these
(b) Many things in this house. [1]
(i) is said (ii) are said
(iii) they say (iv) they are said
(c) He is real American hero. [1]
(i) no article (ii) the
(iii) a (iv) an
(d) What are the symbols used in this system called? [1]
(i) punctuals (ii) punctuations
(iii) punctuation marks (iv) None of these
(e) Select the correctly spelt word from the following : [1]
(i) Thresomical (ii) Numerasy
(iii) Nepoteism (iv) Tolerate
(f) Select the wrongly spelt word from the following : [1]
(i) Booty (ii) Brood
(iii) Blossom (iv) Boast

(B) Answer the following questions as directed :

- (g) She said to me, "I am going to see your sick mother just now." [1+1+1+1=4]
(Indirect Speech)
(h) A mistake has been made by him. [Active Voice]
(i) I did not like you. [Passive Voice]
(j) the river / a lot / from / them / of / watch / people / banks [Rearrange]

5. Translate the following into English : (5)
- अशोक एक महान् सम्राट था। उसका सम्पूर्ण जीवन जनसेवा में व्यतीत हुआ। उसने अपने राज्यकाल में जनता की भलाई के लिए बहुत-से कार्य किये। उसने अच्छी सड़कें बनवायीं, कुएँ खुदवाये, पेड़ लगवाये ताकि उसकी प्रजा सुखी रहे। उसमें कर्तव्यपरायणता की भावना थी। वह राज्य का कार्य अपने अफसरों पर नहीं छोड़ता था।

SECTION-D : LITERATURE

6. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions set thereon :

"I have been reading as much as I could about tea," Rajvir said. "No one really knows who discovered tea but there are many legends."

"What legends?"

"Well, there's the one about the Chinese emperor who always boiled water before drinking it. One day a few leaves of the twigs burning under the pot fell into the water giving it a delicious flavour. It is said they were tea leaves."

"Tell me another!" scoffed Pranjal.

"We have an Indian legend too. Bodhidharma, an ancient Buddhist ascetic, cut off his eyelids because he felt sleepy during meditations. Ten tea plants grew out of the eyelids. The leaves of these plants when put in hot water and drunk banished sleep."

- (a) What kind of water did the Chinese emperor drink? [2]
- (b) What happened when a few leaves of the twigs fell into the water kept for boiling? [2]
- Give a pen-portrait of a Green Village baker. [4]

OR

How did Valli plan her bus ride? What did she find out about the bus, and how did she save the fare?

8. (a) What ideals does he set out for the future of South Africa? [2]
- (b) Why do you think Kisa Gotami understood this only the second time? In what way did the Buddha change her understanding? [2]

9. (a) Match the following : [1]

A	B
1. Scoffed	(a) trimmed
2. Ascetic	(b) turned
3. Veered	(c) monk
4. Pruned	(d) taunted

- (b) When did tea come to Europe? [1]
- (c) Who is the author of the lesson 'From the Diary of Anne Frank'? [1]

10. Read the following lines of poetry and answer the questions given below it : [2+2=4]

(I am an orphan, roaming the street.
I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet.
The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet.

- (a) What does the speaker say about silence and freedom?
- (b) What does Amanda imagine herself to be?
11. Give the central idea of any one of the following poems : <https://www.upboardonline.com> [4]
- (a) A Tiger in the Zoo (b) Animals

OR

Write four lines from one of the poems given in your text-book. (Do not copy out the lines given in this question paper.)

12. Answer any two of the following questions : [2+2=4]
- (a) What would you have done if you were: (i) a member of the staff in Mrs Pumphrey's household, (ii) a neighbour? What would your life have been like in general?
- (b) How did the invisible man first become visible?
13. What experiments did Ebricht do about monarch butterflies? [4]

OR

The course of the Loiseles' life changed due to the necklace. Comment.

14. State whether the given statements are True or False : [4]
- (a) Richard Ebricht was a former 'scout of the year'
- (b) Richard was not the only child of his parents.
- (c) Ebricht studied at Harvard University.
- (d) He got the idea for his new theory about cell life.