

Pre Board Examination, 2011

English Class—X

B-X-English
[M. M. : 70

Time : 3:15 hours]

Instruction : First 15 minutes are allotted for the candidates to read the question paper.

Note : This paper is divided into Section A and Section B. Both the sections are compulsory.

Section A

1. **Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it :**

A chain is as strong as its weakest link. Each one of us is a link in the chain that is our country. If we are weak and poor citizens, then our country will suffer, even though we may try to comfort ourselves with the false idea that it does not make any difference what one person does in such a large country where so many people live. But if one candle goes out, then in that one place there is darkness instead of light. It is only when all the candles burn brightly that the whole house will be full of light.

- (i) What is the false idea that we make comfort ourselves ? 2
- (ii) What do 'link' and 'chain' refer to in the passage ? When will our whole use full of light ? 2

2. **Answer one of the following questions in about 60 words : 4**

- (i) What character-sticks are brought out in the lesson 'The Enchanted Pool' ?
- (ii) Throw light on the teachings of Socrates which are described in the lesson ?

3. **Answer any two of the following questions in about 25 words : 2 + 2**

- (i) What compelled Leneho to write another letter to God ?
- (ii) What debts of Indian people can Pt. Nehru not repay ?
- (iii) Why did the old merchant hand over all his money to his second son ?

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4. **Match the words in List 'A' with their meanings in List 'B' : 4**

List A : Treasured, Wicked, Whispered Tradition

List B : Spoken in low voice, old custom, stored, evil

5. **Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below it :**

Not enjoyment, and not sorrow,
Is our destined end or way;
But to act, that each tomorrow
Finds us farther than today.

- (i) What is the purpose or aim of our life ? 2
- (ii) What is the meaning of destined in the second time ? 2

6. **Give the central idea of one of the following poems : 3**

- (i) The Fountain
 - (ii) Village Song
- Or

Reproduce four lines of a poem prescribed in your course.

7. **Answer any two of the following questions in about 25 words : 2 + 2**

- (i) What were Edison's inventions that made the world happy ? when did he succeed in inventing electric bulb ?
- (ii) Why did Edison join railway ? what happened one day in the railway compartment ?
- (iii) How did the judgement sent of Vikramaditya disappear from the earth for ever ?

8. **Say whether the following statements are True or False : 4**

- (i) The King of Ujjain succeeded in sitting on the judgement seat of Vikramaditya after fasting and purifying himself.
- (ii) The guilty trembled before Vikramaditya as they were sure that he would see their guilt and punish them.
- (iii) Edison gave the mixture to his servant girl and she began to fly in the sky.
- (iv) Edison could not get honour from The President of America.

9. **Complete the following statements with the most suitable choices given below : 4**

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- (a) The silver jubilee of the invention of electric bulb was celebrated in
 (i) 1878 (ii) 1880 (iii) 1882 (iv) 1929
- (b) Edison thought the best teacher for him
 (i) his father (ii) his mother
 (iii) his friend (iv) none among them.
- (c) The king of Ujjain could not sit on the judgement seat of Vikramaditya because
 (i) he was afraid of the cowherd boy
 (ii) every time he was pushed aside by an angel
 (iii) he thought himself to be unworthy of it
 (iv) he wanted to be a just king
- (d) The judgement seat of Vikramaditya was made of
 (i) gold (ii) silver (iii) iron (iv) stone

Section B (Grammar)

10. Do as indicated against each of the following sentences :
- (a) It passion can achieve one any thing for if has one
 (Frame a correct sentence by re-ordering the words) 2
- (b) The teacher said to the students, "Did you listen to my words?"
 (Indirect speech) 2
- (c) The baby ate up all the cake (Passive voice) 2
- (d) You cannot do it well (Interrogative) 2
11. (a) Choose the correct preposition from the ones given below
 the sentence to fill in the blank 2
 He got angry his wife (at, with, to)
- (b) Complete the following sentence 2
 Please listen to
- (c) Complete the spellings of the following words : 1
 Pl s e In lu nc
- (d) Punctuate the following using capital letters where necessary : 2
 from where can i get a bus said hari to vikash
12. Translate the following into English : 4
 आजकल के बच्चे किताबों से पढ़ना नहीं पसन्द करते हैं। उन्हें संगणक पर पढ़ना अधिक पसन्द है। परन्तु किताबें हमारा अमूल्य खजाना है। किताबों से हम अच्छे व्यक्तियों की अच्छी भाषा एवं विचार सीखते हैं। ये विचार हमारे जीवन में भी मददगार होते हैं।

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13. Write a Composition on any one of the following :
- (i) A visit to a River
 (Introduction— name of the river and time of visit, Boats and pilgrims, birds floating and flying to the surface to pickup food, people bathing and offering prayers with flowers and milk shops and Temples near the bank, Conclusion—your feelings)
- (ii) An Indian Festival
 (Introduction, Time of celebration, Legends Behind it, How it is celebrated, Conclusion)
- (iii) My Best Friend
 (Introduction, His/Her personality, Family Background, His or Her qualities and hobbies, My opinion about His/Her.)
14. Write a letter to your friend and invite him to attend annual anniversary being celebrated in your college. 4

OR

Write an application to the District Magistrate requesting him for the induction and enrolment of your name in the village electoral-list. https://www.upboardonline.com
 (Note : Do not write your name and address in the letter.)

15. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it :
- It is no doubt true that we cannot go through life without sorrow. There can be no sunshine without shade. We must not complain that roses have thorns but rather be grateful that thorns bear roses.
- The world is like a looking-glass. If you smile, it smiles, if you frown, it frowns back. Always try then to look at the bright side of things, almost everything in the world has a bright side. Greet everybody with a bright smile, kind word and pleasant welcome.
- Questions :
- (i) What is undoubtedly true ? What should we not complain ? 3
- (ii) How is the world like a looking glass ? 3