

Practice Question Paper- 2023

Set-A

Class-10

Subject-English

Time:3 hours

Total :75 marks

Instructions:

- (i) Read all the questions carefully.
- (ii) Read the instructions given with the questions before attempting them.
- (iii) Marks of each question are indicated against them.

**Section-A(Reading)**

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

Today perhaps your only association with the word 'polio' is the Sabin Oral Vaccine that protects children from the disease. Fifty-five years ago, this was not so. The dreaded disease, which mainly affects the brain and the spinal cord, causes stiffening and weakening of the muscles, crippling and paralysis — which is why I am in a wheelchair today. If somebody had predicted, when I was born, that this would happen to me, no one would have believed it. I was the seventh child in a family of four pairs of brothers and sisters, with a huge 23-year gap between the first and the last. I was told that, unlike the others, I was so fair and brown-haired that I looked more like a foreigner than a Dawood Bohri. I was also considered to be the healthiest of the brood.

**Questions:**

- i. The narrator of the passage is a patient of 1  
(a) cerebral attack                      (b) polio                      (c) diabetes                      (d) heart disease
- ii. To say something about the future is to 1  
(a) verdict                      (b) predict                      (c) addict                      (d) protect
- iii. The narrator was the seventh child in a family that had 1  
(a) one score children (b) eight children      (c) nine children      (d) twenty-three children
- iv. Polio, the dreaded disease, mainly affects the 1  
(a) brain and spinal cord.                      (b) brain and nerves.  
(c) heart and spinal cord.                      (d) brain and heart.
- v. What made the narrator look like a foreigner? 1  
(a) He was fair and brown-haired.                      (b) He was fair with red hair.  
(c) He was fair and skinny.                      (d) He was dark and blonde.

**2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below:** The Great Pyramid at Giza is one of the world's most amazing landmarks. Rising high above the Sahara Desert in the Giza region of northern Egypt, the Great Pyramid stands some 450 feet into the burning desert sky and occupies an area of 13 acres. The rough climate of the Sahara has

actually caused the pyramid to shrink 30 feet from its original height. The pyramid was such an amazing feat of engineering, that it remained the tallest structure in the world for over 3,800 years! The entire pyramid was originally faced with polished limestone to make it shine brilliantly in the sun. Most Egyptologists, scientists who study ancient Egypt, agree that the Great Pyramid was built around 2560 BC, a little more than 4,500 years ago. It took tens of thousands of workers twenty years to build. The pyramid contains over two million stone blocks. Although most of the block's weigh two or three tons, some weigh up to 80 tons! The Great Pyramid of Giza was ordered built by the Pharaoh Khufu as a magnificent tomb. His vizier (advisor) Hemon is credited with being the pyramid's architect. Khufu's pyramid is actually part of a complex of pyramids that includes the Pyramid of Khafre, the smaller Pyramid of Menkaure, a variety of smaller pyramids and structures, and the Great Sphinx. The Great Pyramid of Giza is the last remaining of the Seven Wonders of the World.

**Questions:**

- i. Which of these does not house the Great Pyramid? 1  
 (a) Southern Egypt. (b) Northern Egypt. (c) Giza. (d) Sahara Desert.
- ii. How many stone blocks constitute the pyramid? 1  
 (a) more than two million. (b) less than two million. (c) more than one billion. (d) less two billion.
- iii. Most of the blocks in the pyramid weigh about ..... tons. 1  
 (a) eighty (b) two or three (c) five (d) 4,500
- iv. Which of the following definitions best describes the meaning of "complex" in the passage? 1  
 (a) Materials. (b) Group. (c) Pyramid. (d) Army.
- v. Which of the following is false? 1  
 (a) Khufu was Hemon's vizier and architect.  
 (b) The Pyramid took tens of thousands of workers about twenty years to complete it.  
 (c) The Great Pyramid is the last of the Seven Wonders of the World.  
 (d) Hemon was Khufu's vizier and architect.

**Section -B(Writing Section)**

**3.** Read the following passage carefully. Make notes and supply a suitable title: 4

Chameleons can make their skin colour change, but not because they decide to. The colour changes to help the chameleon avoid its enemies. It is a form of camouflage, a disguise that lets it blend in with its surroundings. The change is actually determined by environmental factors, such as light and temperature. Bright sunlight causes the skin to darken. On cool nights, the colour fades to a creamy colour. The colour also changes when chameleons are excited, angry or afraid. The colour change is rapid and increases when the chameleon is handled, injured, or approached by another chameleon. There are many types of chameleons. Almost half of them are found on the African island of Madagascar. The others mostly occur in the Sahara Desert, with few in Western Asia and Southern Europe. Chameleons live in trees, where they usually eat insects. Very large chameleons may even use their sticky tongues to catch birds.

4. You are Mayank Sharma studying in Govt. High School, Datia. Write an application to your principal for School Leaving Certificate. 4

Or

Write a letter to your friend congratulating him on his brilliant success in examination.

5. Write an Essay on any one of the following topics in about 150 words. 5

- (i) An Indian Festival
- (ii) Wonders of Science
- (iii) My Favourite Leader
- (iv) My Hobby

Or

Write a paragraph on any one of the following in about 150 words

- (i) Our Environment
- (ii) Advantages and Disadvantages of Internet
- (iii) Importance of Games and Sports

6. On the basis of the picture given below, describe how we can prevent ourselves from COVID-19. 3



### Section-C (Grammar)

7. Fill in the blanks: (Any five)

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- (i) He knows the boy \_\_\_\_\_ is wearing a blue shirt. (which/who/where)
- (ii) When I was young, I \_\_\_\_\_ climb trees (can/could/should)
- (iii) How \_\_\_\_\_ sugar do you take in tea? (much/many/few)
- (iv) \_\_\_\_\_ Ganga is a sacred river. (a/an/the)
- (v) His uncle died \_\_\_\_\_ cancer. (from/of/to)
- (vi) He wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ an engineer (become/becomes/becoming)

**8. Do as directed:(Any five)**

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- (i) He did his work well. (Change into negative)
- (ii) Unless you work hard, you will fail. (Rewrite the sentence using 'if' in place of 'unless')
- (iii) He is too ill to go to school. (Rewrite the sentence using 'so.... that')
- (iv) Children are making toys. (Change the sentence into passive voice)
- (v) the old / honest/ person / man / was an (Rearrange the words to make a meaningful sentence.)
- (vi) He has taken tea. (Change into interrogative)

**Section-D(Textbooks)**

**9. Answer the following questions:**

- (i) Who was Mr. Keesing? 1
  - (a) her teacher (b) her counselor
  - (c) her principal (d) her relative
- (ii) What has the poet saved in the poem "Dust of Snow"? 1
  - (a) some part of the day (b)some books (c)some stories (d) some money
- (iii) \_\_\_\_ was called kabai. 1
  - (a) baker's dress (b) baker's basket (c) baker's bamboo (d) baker's song
- (iv) Which seeds did Buddha ask Kisa to bring? 1
  - a) Pumpkin seeds (b) Mustard seeds (c) Sunflower seeds (d) Sesame seeds

**10. (A) Read the following extract from the prose and answer the questions given below:**

The moon coming up in the east, behind me, and stars were shining in the clear sky above me. There wasn't a cloud in the sky. I was happy to be alone high up above the sleeping countryside. I was flying my old Dakota aeroplane over France back to England. I was dreaming of my holiday and looking forward to being with my family. I looked at my watch at one thirty in the morning.

'I should call Paris Control soon,' I thought. As I looked down past the nose of my aeroplane. I saw the big lights of a big city in front of me.

**Questions:**

- (i) How was the weather when the pilot started flying aeroplane? 1
  - (a) cloudy (b) clear (c) foggy
- (ii) The pilot was returning from \_\_\_\_\_ 1
  - (a) England to France (b) France to England (c) New yark to Paris
- 3. From which lesson has this text been taken? 1
  - (a) A letter to God (b) His first Flight (c) Black Aeroplane

(B) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below:

The way a crow  
Shook down on me  
The dust of snow From  
a hemlock tree  
Has given my heart  
A change of mood  
And saved some part  
Of a day I had rued.

**Questions:**

- (i) Who is the poet of the above poem?  
(a) Carolyn Wells (b) Robin Klein (c) Robert Frost 1
- (ii) Where was the crow?  
(a) on hemlock tree (b) on banyan tree (c) on peepal tree 1
- (iii) The poet's mood got changed, when \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) he falls asleep (b) dust of snow falls on him (c) he starts talking 1

**11. Answer the following questions (30 words): (Any six) 6×2=12**

- (i) What does courage mean to Mandela?  
(ii) Why did Anne think she could confide more in her diary than in people?  
(iii) Why was Rajvir excited to see the tea garden?  
(iv) Why didn't Valli want to make friends with the elderly woman?  
(v) How was Mij to be transported to England?  
(vi) What did the Buddha want Kisa Gotami to understand?  
(vii) Why was the young seagull afraid to fly?

**12. Answer the following questions (30 words): (Any two) 4**

- (i) What could Amanda do if she were mermaid?  
(ii) What do 'fire' and 'ice' stand for in the poem?  
(iii) Where are the trees in the poem 'The Trees'? What do their roots, their leaves and their twigs do?

**13. Answer the following questions (30 words): (Any two) 4**

- (i) Why was Dr. Herriot worried about Tricky?  
(ii) For what unusual reasons was Bholi sent to school?  
(iii) How did the book change Think-Tank's opinion about the Earthlings?

**14. What is the story about the Kodavu people's descent? (in about 75 words) 3**

Or

How did Mandela's understanding of freedom change with age and experience?

**15. Write the central idea of 'The Ball Poem'. (in about 75 words) 3**

Or

How does the tiger feel in the zoo? What would the tiger do in a forest? What message do you get from this poem?

**16. Why did Anil not hand the thief over to the police? Do you think most people would have done so? In what ways is Anil different from such employers? (in about 75 words) 3**

Or

How was Ausable different from other secret agents? How did he deal with Max?