

Practice Set Paper-3

Class-XII

Subject-English

Time:3 hours

Total Marks:80

Instructions:

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

Section-A (Reading)

Q.1. Read the passages and answer the questions that follow. 1×10=10

According to fitness experts, if you think muscles are just for gym enthusiasts, think again! Latest research conducted at the University of Texas in the US says that a 30-minute workout a day could turn you into a genius. We show you five ways how working out can make smarter. Says fitness expert, "Exercise improves your mood. It works as an antidepressant and thus helps lift your mood instantly. Apart from this, it also helps you to concentrate on things that do on a daily basis. So, working out on a daily basis can actually make you smarter and more confident about yourself."

Did you know the more you move, the more energised you feel? Well, we all think that moving around too much or exercising a lot can make you feel tired and dizzy. But regular activity improves your muscle strength and boosts your endurance. It gives you the energy to think clearer and come up with new ideas. If you move around for a good 15 minutes, it will make your body produce more energy at the cellular level. An author said exercise improves your brain in the short term by raising your focus for two to three hours afterwards. For example, if you have a presentation to make at work or have to make a speech, try to work out an hour before. It is believed that you will be at your peak when you perform. Exercise is known to trigger endorphins, which improve the functioning of your brain. Thus, after you've exercised, your ability to sort out priorities improves, allowing you to block out distractions in life and also concentrate better on the tasks at hand.

Do you know that your brain retains more when your body is active? In an experiment published in a journal, students were asked to memorise a string of letters and were then allowed to run, lift weights or sit quietly. The students who

worked out were more accurate with their answers than those who chose to sit quietly after memorising.

Have you ever heard of the saying, 'If you want something done, give it to the busy person'. When you're productive and efficient, you are bound to succeed. It is also said that workers who exercise once mid-day between working hours, tend to contribute more than what others do. They are also more productive at work.

Question:

- (i) How does exercise improve muscle strength?
 - (a) by raising our focus
 - (b) by making us healthy
 - (c) by boosting endurance
 - (d) by regular activity
- (ii) How does our focus sharpen?
 - (a) through making a speech
 - (b) through working out an hour before an important task
 - (c) through pumping of blood
 - (d) through brain ageing
- (iii) What does endorphins improve?
 - (a) functioning of brain
 - (b) blocking distractions
 - (c) increasing concentration
 - (d) all of these
- (iv) How is memory improved?
 - (a) by sitting quietly
 - (b) by memorizing notes
 - (c) by regular work out
 - (d) by eating junk food
- (v) What does the word 'endurance' in the passage mean?
 - (a) creation
 - (b) tiredness
 - (c) ability to continue
 - (d) power
- (vi) What is the main idea of the passage?
 - (a) Importance of productivity
 - (b) Importance of physical exercise
 - (c) Importance of priorities
 - (d) all the above
- (vii) Which of the following is true about the passage?
 - (a) Exercise makes a person young.
 - (b) Exercise keeps a person active.
 - (c) Exercise improves memory.
 - (d) both (b) and (c)
- (viii) How can we get our work done?
 - (a) by work out
 - (b) by exercise
 - (c) by an active and productive person
 - (d) by keeping calm
- (ix) Which of these is the correct synonym of the word 'distraction'?
 - (a) disturbance
 - (b) difference

(C) dimension

(d) concentration

(x) "It is believed that you will be at your peak when you perform."

Which of the following gives the correct meaning of the underlined word in the above sentence?

(a) top of mountain

(b) highest point

(C) specific time

(d) maximum

Q.2. Read the following passage carefully and make notes on it also give a suitable title to it. 4

The heart is one of the most vital components of the human body. The heart of the human body has the continuous job to keep oxygen-rich blood flowing through the body. All the body's cells need a constant supply of oxygen, particularly in the brain. The brain cells live only four to five minutes after the oxygen is cut off and death comes to the entire body. Heart disease can result from damage to the heart muscles, the valves or the pacemaker. If the muscle is damaged, the heart is unable to pump properly. If the valves are damaged, blood cannot flow normally. Dr. John Gibbon of U.S.A. developed a machine in 1953 that could take over temporarily from the heart. Surgeons had the chance to repair or replace a defective heart. Many patients have had plastic valves inserted in their hearts when their hearts were faulty. Many people are now being kept alive with tiny battery-operated pacemakers.

Q.3. You have lost your important documents while travelling in a local bus. Draft an advertisement suitable to be given in the local daily. 4

Or

You are Harsha sport secretary of your school write a notice for your school notice board about the sports meet to be held in the next week.

Q.4. You are Yashasvi Shrivastava studying in Govt. C.M.Rise School, Guraiya, (M.P.). Write an application to your Principal for issuing you your Character Certificate . 4

Or

You are Praveen Mahajan, residing at 23 Janki Nagar Indore. Write a letter to friend Jaideep describing him about your preparation for the upcoming Board examinations.

Q.5. Write an article on 'Man, Computer and Mobile' for your school magazine using the following inputs. (in about 120 words)

a. So many technical devices b. computer: a great invention c. stores large data d. a reliable device e. mobile: a basic necessity f wonderful various purposes g. internet: a home of knowledge 4

Or

Write a short paragraph on any one of the following topics in about 120 words.

- A. The Problem of Unemployment
- C. Online Education: Boon or Bane
- E. Power of Press in Democracy

- B. Pollution Problem
- D. Importance of English.

Q.6. Fill in the blanks (any five)

1×5=5

- i. Mohan loves reading. He has read book in the library.
(each/every/many)
- ii. I ----- him for ten years. (know/is knowing/have known)
- iii. His uncle died ----- cancer. (from /of/than)
- iv. We ----- to respect our elders. (should/must /ought)
- v. He could not win the match, ----- he played well. (if/though/else)
- vi. He teaches in ----- university of Delhi. (a/an/the)

Q.7. Do as directed (any five)

1×5=5

- i. Where have I put my bag? Do you know?
(Combine the sentences using Noun Clause)
- ii. She won't attend the party, unless she is invited.
(Rewrite the sentence using 'if')
- iii. He is rich enough to buy this car.
(Rewrite the sentence using 'so.....that')
- iv. No one dislikes mangoes.
(Change the sentence into 'Affirmative' without changing the meaning)
- v. That he will win the race seems realistic.
(Identify the underlined clause)
- vi. There is a way. There is a will.
(Combine the pair of sentences using 'where')

Q.8. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow. 1×5=5

In all instances of frustration, you will always find the anger directed towards a single person openly or covertly and this man of the make-up department was convinced that all his woes, ignominy and neglect were due to Kothamanglam Subbu. Subbu was the No. 2 at Gemini Studios. He couldn't have had a more encouraging opening in films than our grown-up make-up boy had.

Questions:

- i. What does the 'instances' in the above passage mean?
(a) examples (b) reasons (c) purposes
- ii. Who was No. 2 at the studios?

(a) Robert Clive (b) Rati Agnihotri (c) Kothamangalam Subbu

iii. Who was frustrated?

(a) A boy of make-up department (b) Subbu (c) Gemini Studios

iv. Who is the author of 'Poets and pancakes'?

(a) William Douglas (b) b-Louis Fischer (c) Asokamitran

v. What is adjective form of anger?

(a) angry (b) anger (c) angrily

Q.9. Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow.

(A) Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across a screen,

Bright topaz denizens of a world of green.

They do not fear the men beneath the tree;

They pace in sleek chivalric certainty.

Questions:

1×3=3

i. The poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers' is written by—

a. Kamala Das b. Robert Frost c. Adrienne Rich

ii. "a world of green" means—

a. farm b. field c. forest

iii. Who do not fear the men?

a. Aunt Jennifer b. tigers c. denies

(B). You think... 'Here a boy'. You look at me and then you see my face and you think. "That's bad. That's a terrible thing. That's the ugliest thing I ever saw."

You think, 'Poor boy.' But I'm not. Not poor. Underneath, you are afraid.

Anybody would be. I am. I look in the mirror, and see it. I'm afraid of me.

Questions:

1×4=4

i. Who is the boy in the above extract?

a. Lamb b. Derry c. both a and b

ii. What does 'the ugliest thing' refer to?

a. face of Derry b. face of Mr. Lamb c. face of the mirror

iii. What does the boy feel when he look in the mirror?

a. excited b. happy c. afraid

iv. The above words are spoken to....

a. Derry b. Lamb c. Mother

Q.10 Answer the following questions in about 30 words. (any five) 2×5=10

i. What did Franz see while he was going to school?

ii. Why was Saheb unhappy while working at the tea-stall ?

lii. In the lesson 'Deep Water', What is the "misadventure" that William Douglas speaks about?

- iv. What caused the peddler to accept Edla Willmansson's invitation?
- v. How was Gandhi able to influence lawyers?
- vi. What was the special talent that Subbu possessed?
- vii. Why did Sophie choose to walk by the canal?

Q.11. Answer the following questions in about 30 words. (any three) 2×3=6

- i. In the poem 'My Mother at Sixty Six', What were the poet's feelings at the airport?
- ii. What are the different types of wars mentioned in the poem 'Keeping Quiet'?
- iii. According to John Keats, how long do we experience things of beauty?
- iv. In the poem 'A Road Side Stand, why did the farmers curse wealthy city people?

Q.12. Answer the following questions in about 30 words. (any two) 2×2=4

- i. In the lesson 'The third Level', What is referred to as 'a temporary refuge from reality'?
- ii. When was the Tiger King stand in danger of losing his kingdom?
- iii. What type of child was Bama?

Q.13. Answer the following questions in about 75 words. (any two) 3×2=6

- i. What did Mr. Hamel, Franz and the villagers regret for during the last lesson?
- ii. What made the peddler think that he had indeed fallen into rattrap?
- iii. Write the character sketch of Sophie

Q.14. Answer the following question in about 75 words. 3×1=3

Write the central idea of the poem 'A Roadside Stand'.

or

'Life is what it is about; How is keeping quiet related to life?

Q.15. Answer the following question in about 75 words. 3×1=3

How did meeting with Mr. Lamb become a turning point in Derry's life?

or

What are the differences between Zitkala-sa and Bama?