

Pre board session- 2019-20
Class 10
Subject- English

Time allotted 3 hrs

M.M- 80

General instructions-

1-This question paper is divided into three parts-

Reading - 20 marks

Writing and Grammar - 30 marks

Literature - 30 marks

2. Attempt all the questions neatly.

3. Attempt 1 section at one time .

SECTION-A
(READING)

1) Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follows :
(12 marks)

It is an indisputable fact that the world has gone too far with the advancement of new technologies such as mobile phones, the internet and so on, due to which people are able to tour the cosmos virtually sitting one place using their smart devices or other technological gadgets. Though mobile, internet access is ten times hurried and short, it can still provide common internet features like alerts, weather data, e-mails, search engines, instant messages and game and music downloading.

Due to the easy access of smart phones, communication has become very effective and instant. People are able to convey their message all around the globe to their loved ones without spending hefty sums of money. Adults are always fond of such gadgets and they always welcome and adopt such new technology readily. Further, young people have been able to broaden their minds and improve their skill by doing research on the internet. For instance, they use smart phones to look up any new word they come across. As we know that most of the universities have online teaching provision, smart phones assist the students to complete their assignments on time.

The mobile phone has been a lifesaver for a lot of people in case of an emergency. Likewise, use of smart phones can be of vital importance in



preventing crimes in the society by providing information to the security forces in time.

Nonetheless, for the young, the use of mobile phone can be like an addiction and they can misuse it. Young people also prone to getting involved in undesirable activities on the internet. This might have adverse effect on their academic performance. Therefore, young people should always be mentored and made aware of its bad outcomes.

Also a major contributor to its popularity is the availability of prepaid or pay as you go on services from a phone shop or an online store. This allows subscribers to load text or airtime credits to their handsets by the use of their credit cards, debit cards or by buying a prepaid card from the network they subscribe to. This plan also doesn't commit a particular customer to a contract. If prepaid card is not that appealing to you, then you can opt to subscribe using the pay by month plan.

(A) On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any four of the following questions.

2X4 = 8 M

- (i) How are smart phones helpful in communication ?
- (ii) What are the benefits of mobile phones for the young generation ?
- (iii) How can mobile phones be considered 'lifesavers'?
- (iv) Mention any two demerits of mobile phones .
- (v) How is a prepaid card useful to mobile phone users ?

(B) On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any four of the following:

1 X 4 = 4 M

(i) In para 1, synonym of 'innovation' is

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| (a) production | (b) sincerity |
| (c) invention | (d) prevention |

(ii) Mobile internet can provide access to :

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| (a) Telegram | (b) e-mails |
| (c) schools | (d) university |



(iii) Grown-ups should the use of new technology by the young people.

- (a) Reject (b) criticize
- (c) monitor (d) accept

(iv) Meaning of the word 'adverse' in para 4 is

- (a) Positive (b) negative
- (c) admirable (d) unguided

(v) Accordingly to the passage , one can opt for Plan if prepaid plan doesn't suit .

- (a) yearly (b) weekly
- c. monthly (d) daily

2) Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follows :
(08 marks)

Great people are born to produce an influence on society. One such personality, who was so humble and lived his complete life with determination and purpose to achieve certain aims was Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar . He was a great social reformer, writer, educator and worked endlessly to transform the society . He strongly protested against polygamy and child marriage. He favored widow remarriage and women's education in India .The Widow Remarriage Act was passed in 1856 making the marriage of the widows legal because of his efforts to solve these problems .

Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar refined the way Bengali language was written and taught.His book 'Borno Porichoy' is still used as the introductory text to teach Bengali alphabet . Thus . he brought about a revolution in the Bengali Education System . Vidyasagar is credited with the role of completely changing the old method of teaching which prevailed in Sanskrit College . As a professor in Sanskrit College , he bought modern outlook into the method of teaching . He included English and Bengali as mediums of learning besides Sanskrit . He also introduced courses in Europeon History , Philosophy and Science

alongside Vedic scriptures. He encouraged students to study these subjects and make the best of both the worlds .

Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar was a strong advocate of women education . He rightly viewed education as the primary way for women to achieve emancipation from the society's oppression they had to face at that time . He exercised his power to open schools for girls and even outlined suitable curriculum to educate them . He went from door to door , requesting heads of families to allow their daughters to be enrolled in schools. Chandra was a man who defined his own path of action . He never listened to what others said about his work and made decisions based on his own judgement. He was famous for all these qualities . He was also known for his great courage . Vidyasagar had a very soft heart that sympathized with those in trouble . He was easily moved to tears when he saw someone in pain and was always the first one to offer his help to colleagues and friends in distress. After his death , Rabindranath Tagore said, "one wonders how God , in the process of producing forty million Bengalis, produced a man!"

(A) Answer the following questions : (any four)

(i) What kind of life did Ishwar Chandra lead ?

(ii) What changes did Vidyasagar bring about in the method of teaching at Sanskrit College ?

(iii) What was Vidyasagar 's contribution as a professor in the Sanskrit College ?

(iv) How does Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar promote women education ?

(v) How can we say that Vidyasagar was a softhearted man ?

SECTION-B WRITING AND GRAMMAR

(Q3. Shobhita/ Shobhit Arya recently came across several news reports regarding the acute water shortage that the country is likely to face during summers. On the occasion of World Water Day, she/ he decides to express her/ his views on the grave situation ,the causes behind this crisis and also his suggestions in an article for publication in a magazine. Using the inputs given

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below and your own ideas, write Shobhita's/ Shobhit's article in not more than 200 words.

Conserve water— every drop is precious --Nation faces worst ever water crisis
-Water table sinking— residents get water only for half an hour a day--
parched summer ahead (08 marks)

Q4Ultimately I won it as I was determined to achieve my goal." The closing of the story is given above. You can start your own story but you cannot change the end. Write the story in 200- 250 words. (10 marks)

Q5 In the passage given below, fill in each blank with one word only.(4 marks)

Have you ever _____ (eat/eats/eaten) a food that _____(might/what/that) thousands of Japanese and Koreans _____ (do/did/done) every year when they _____ (sit/sat/sitting) down to a delicious meals of Fugu. Fugu _____ (is/are/was) a puffer fish and their _____ (is/are/have) over 120 species of puffers in the oceans. Puffers have spikes that _____ pops/popped/pop) up when they _____ (sense/senses/sensing/sensed) danger.

Q6 Rearrange the following sentences into meaningful sentences. (04 marks)

a) are/Indian temples/a storehouse/Indian art/of

e.g. Indian temples are a storehouse of Indian art.

b) the temple architecture/form an /the sculptures and paintings/essential part of

c) the architecture/engineering marvel/is both/an artistic masterpiece/and an/in some temples

d) is/situated in/the Konark temple/dedicated to/north-eastern corner of Puri/the sun God

e) of a chariot/with the /the temple/as the/sun God/is in the form/charioteer

7 The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line which a blank is given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer, sheet against the correct blank number. The first has been done as an example. (04marks)

	incorrect	correct
England has been long famous for their	(a) their	her
dramatists, the greatest of who was William	(b)	
Shakespeare. It is hard to find the educated	(c)	
man in the English speaking world whom	(d)	
has not heard for his name .	(e)	

Section-c literature

8 Read the extract carefully and answer the following questions: (4 marks)

Day after day she watched the bus, and gradually a tiny wish crept into her head and grew there: she wanted to ride on that bus, even if just once. This wish became stronger and stronger until it was an overwhelming desire. Valli would stare wistfully at the people who got on or off the bus when it stopped at the street corners. Their faces would kindle in her longings, dreams and hopes. If one of her friends ride the bus and tried to describe the sights of the town to her, Valli would be too jealous to listen to tug shout, in English: "Proud! Proud!" Neither she nor her friends really understood the meaning of the word but they used it often as a slang expression of disapproval

Questions :

- i) What was Valli's 'tiny wish'?
- ii) What would Vailli wistfully stare at?
- iii) When were Valli's longings, hopes and dreams kindled?

(iv) When would Valli be jealous?

or

The way a crow
Shook down on me
The dust of snow
From a hemlock tree

- Where did the crow sit?
- We can say that the poet was.....
- How did the crow change the poet's mood?
- What fell off from a hemlock tree?

Q.09. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words. (any five) $2 \times 5 = 10$

- Why did Lencho become angry when he counted the money?
- Why did Valli not get off from the bus when it was terminated at the bus stand?
- Why did Maddie write a note to Peggy and then tear it?
- How can you say that Horace Danby was good and respectable but not completely honest?
- What difficulty do the crew of the space probe face on the earth?

Q.10. Answer the question in 100-150 words :

Que.10 How did Mandela's understanding of freedom change with age and experience?

08 Marks

or

The chapter highlights the sensitive story of a poor polish girl who becomes the victim of discrimination. Peggy and Maddie did not want to befriend her because of her poor social status. How far do you agree to judge people on the basis of money, possessions and caste? What enduring values should we actually look for in a person before developing a friendship with that person? Write in 100-120 words.

Q11 Imagine yourself as Anil from the story The Thief's Story , Write a diary entry expressing your views in feelings after Hari Singh returns money and comes back

(08 marks)

OR

The intoxicating success of one night cost Madame Loisel drudgery for ten years . Discuss.

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