

District Education Officer (secondary)
Solved Modal Paper
English
Class X

Time : 3¼ Hrs.

MM : 80

Section A (Reading)

Q.1 Read the following Passage Carefully and answer the Question.

The camel is the oldest of domestic animals. It has been used for thousand of years by the desert people of Africa and Asia to supply many of their needs. On the fertile edges of the desert, camels pull ploughs, turn wheels to irrigate the field and carry goods to market. In the desert itself, they are still almost the only means of transport. They supply food, milk, and clothing in the form of wool and leather.

This useful animal is well adapted to life in harsh, arid lands. The Arabian camel has one hump, the Bactrian camel has two. The hump is, in fact, a store of fat which is used as a source of energy when food and water are scarce. When it does drink, the camel can take up to 100 liters of water in ten minutes.

The camel has broad, soft feet for a steady grip in the sand. A thick skin protects it from the fierce day time sun and bitterly cold nights. The camel's eyes have three eyelids to help keep out sand; its ears and nose are also adapted to keep out sand storms.

Camels stand about two meters high at the shoulder and weigh 500-800 kilos. Often called "the ships of the desert", they can carry loads of 200 kilos and more, travelling up to 160 kilometers a day.

- (i) For what has the camel been used?
- (ii) How is it useful on the fertile edges of the desert?
- (iii) What is the use of the hump?
- (iv) What is informed about its feet and skin?
- (v) What information is given about its height and weight?
- (vi) What has been told about its food?
- (vii) Find out the word from the passage which means 'of home or household'?
- (viii) Find out the word from the passage which is opposite in meaning to 'barren'?

Q.2 Read the following Passage Carefully and answer the Questions.

One of the most widely spread habits is the use of tobacco. Tobacco is now smoked or chewed by men, often by women, and even by children, almost all over the world. It was brought into Europe from America by Walter Raleigh four centuries ago, and has thence spread everywhere. I very much doubt whether there is any good in the habit if tobacco is not used in excess; and it is extremely difficult to get rid of habit when once it has been formed. Alcohol is taken in almost all cool and cold climates, and to a very less extent in hot ones. Thus, it is taken by people who live in the Himalayan Mountains, but not nearly so much by those who live in the plains of India. Alcohol is not necessary in any way to anybody. Millions of people are beginning to live without it entirely ; and once the United states of America had passed laws which forbade its manufacturing or sale throughout the length and breadth of their vast country.

- (i) How is tobacco used by people?
- (ii) From which country was tobacco brought into Europe?
- (iii) In which region is alcohol used in India the most?

- (iv) What habit is extremely difficult to get rid of?
- (v) Who brought tobacco in Europe and when?
- (vi) Find out the word from the passage which means 'completely'?
- (vii) Find out the word of passage which is opposite in meaning to 'die'?

Ans.1

- (i) The camel has been used by the desert people to supply many of their needs
- (ii) On the fertile edges of the desert, camels pull ploughs, turn wheels to irrigate the field and carry goods to market
- (iii) The hump is a store of fat which is used as a source of energy when food and water are scarce.
- (iv) The camel has broad and soft feet for a steady grip in the sand. A thick skin protects it from the fierce daytime sun and bitterly cold nights.
- (v) Camels stand about two meters high at the shoulder and weigh 500-800 kilos.
- (vi) When camel drinks, it can take up to 100 liters of water in ten minutes.
- (vii) Domestic
- (viii) Fertile

Ans. 2

- (i) Tobacco is smoked or chewed by men, women and even by children.
- (ii) It was brought into Europe from America.
- (iii) In India, it is taken by people who live in the Himalayan Mountains.
- (iv) Smoking and chewing of tobacco is extremely difficult to get rid of.
- (v) It was brought into Europe by Walter Raleigh four centuries ago.
- (vi) Entirely
- (vii) 'Live'.

Section B (Writing)

Q.3 Imagine that you are Sumit living in Jodhpur your friend Pritam has lost his mother. Write a letter to your friend expressing deep condolences on the death of his mother. You may touch upon the following points.

- (i) How did you get the sad news of the untimely death of his mother?
- (ii) How did you feel on his death?
- (iii) When did you see his mother last?
- (iv) What do you pray to god?

Or

Imagine that you are Sanskriti living in Jawahar Colony, Jaipur. You have passed the secondary school Examination recently. You have lost your mark-sheet. Write an application to the secretary, board of secondary Education Rajasthan Ajmer, requesting him to issue a duplicate copy of the mark – sheet.

Q.4 Write a Paragraph in about 60 words with the help of the outlines given below.

..... mobilekeeps in touch..... parents..... messages
 video internet result counseling
 cause diseases..... attention diverted vulgar
 eyesight

Or

Write a paragraph on 'A scene at a polling station' in about 60 words.

Q.5 Look at the visual given about a house burnt down by fire. Write a paragraph in about 75 words on the topic telling about the harm caused by the fire.

Or

Our prime minister Narendra Modi appealed the students and the teachers to keep our surroundings clean. Write a paragraph in about 75 words telling how you, your school mates and the teacher cleaned your school campus.

Ans.3

(1)

123 Mahavir nagar
Jodhpur
14, March 2015

My dear Pritam

I was deeply shocked to hear the sad news of your mother's sudden death. I sincerely share your sorrow. I know how little words written on paper mean at such a time. But I may tell you that you are in our thoughts and in our hearts. We well understand your grief. It was the will of God. Man is helpless here. When I met her last time she was quite healthy. I never thought that she would leave us so soon. But time is great healer. It will heal up your wound.

May God give you strength and courage to bear this irreparable loss! May her soul rest in peace!
With deep sympathy,

Yours sincerely
Sumit.

(2)

46/A Jawahar colony
Jaipur
12 March 2015
The secretary
Board of Sec. Edu. Rajasthan
Ajmer
Subject: Issuing duplicate copy of marks-sheet
Sir

Respectfully I bring to your kind notice that last Sunday I was going to my village by bus and my box was stolen. There was original mark-sheet of tenth class in it. I want to take admission in a Senior Secondary school. Kindly issue me a duplicate copy of my mark-sheet.

My details are-

Examination-Secondary Exam.2014
Roll No.-123456
Name- Sanskriti
Father's name-.....
Centre-.....

I am sending herewith a Postal Order No.3869 for Rs.50/ as its fee.

Thanking you
Yours Faithfully
Sanskriti

Ans

Q.4(1)

Today mobile phone has become a need for every human-being. A mobile handset keeps the students always in touch with their parents, teachers, relatives and friends. Students can send and receive messages. By internet connection students can improve their knowledge, see their results, do counselling, do video-conferencing and so on. Its excessive use causes certain diseases. Students' attention is diverted. It affects eyesight.

(2)

The election of Rajasthan assembly were held last year. Each voter was given a voter-slip. There were four persons in the polling booth. They were doing their respective jobs. The voters entered one by one. Each voter had to present his identity before the first polling officer. Then the voter

was allowed to cast his vote. He had to press the button of EVM secretly against the name and symbol of his desired candidate. A number of policemen were there for peaceful voting.

Ans.Q.5(1)

One summer night I was asleep. All of a sudden I heard cries in my neighbor hood. I noticed that a house was on fire. Big flames were coming out of the house. The people were throwing water and sand on the rising flames. I rang up the fire-brigade. The lady of the house was bitterly crying. Her small baby was left sleeping in the house. It was difficult to rescue him. I picked up courage and brought him down safe and sound. The fire-brigade controlled the fire. Thanks God ! The house burnt down entirely but there was no loss of life

(2)

During the rainy season grass and bushes had grown up in my school ground. To check the spread of any epidemic, the Principal and staff of my school decided to clean the campus of my school. I am the monitor of my class. First I divided the whole class in five groups. Every group was assigned different work. One group took spade and cut bushes. One group collected dry grass and weeds and burnt them. Other group mowed the grass. One group sprinkled pesticide. In this way we cleaned the campus. Everybody praised our work.

Section 'C' (Grammar)

Q.6 Fill in the blanks with correct forms of the verbs given in brackets:-

1. The boys.....(play) a football match at this time.

Ans- are playing

2. My mother.....(already take) her tea.

Ans- has already taken

3. By the end of this month he.....(revise) his course.

Ans- will have revised

4. He.....(break) all the treaties and attacked his enemy.

Ans- broke

5. A vegetarian is a person who never.....(eat) meat.

Ans- eats

6. She washed clothes after Gopal.....(go) to office.

Ans- had gone

7. He had left before she(tell)me his name.

Ans- told

8. She.....(take) tea when the maid rang the bell.

Ans- was taking

Q.7 Put the most suitable words in the spaces to complete the following sentences choosing from the brackets given against each space:-

The people.....(!).....(who / whom / whose / that) live here believe in superstitions. They think that every incident is caused.....(2).....(by / in / on / into) good or bad omens. If someone tries to make them understand, they.....(3).....(do not agree / did not agree / will not agree / would not agree) with him. That's.....(4).....(what / why / when / which) Superstitions are prevalent in society.

Ans- (1) who (2) by (3) will not agree (4) why

Q.8 Rearrange the following words and phrases in meaningful sentences:-

(1) yesterday / How many / attended / students / the class.?

(2) hands / possess / do not / animals

Ans.

(1) How many students attended the class yesterday?

(2) Animals do not possess hands.

Q.9 Rewrite the following sentences by transforming them from direct to indirect speech:

(1) Radha: What will Mr.Anurag teach us today?

Sanskar: Mr.Anurag will teach us grammar.

(a) Radha asked Sanskar.....

(b) Sanskar replied that.....

- (2) Mary: Bring me a glass of water.
John: Wait a minute.
- (a) Mary asked John
- (b) John asked Mary.....

Ans.(1)

- (a) Radha asked Sanskar what Mr. Anurag would teach them that day.
(b) Sanskar replied that Mr. Anurag would teach them grammar.

(2)

- (a) Mary asked John to bring her a glass of water
(b) John asked Mary to wait a minute.

Q.10 Complete the following sentences by choosing the correct passive form of the verbs given:-

- (1) Since then Ito talk and haven't been assigned any extra homework.
(a) has been allowed (b) have been allow (c) have been allowed (d) have allowed
- (2) Rice.....all over the world.
(a) is eating (b) is eaten (c) are eaten (d) are being eaten.

Ans- (1) c 2. b

Q.11 Fill in the blanks with suitable modals given below:-

(should, could, must, may, might, shall)

- (a) You have completed your homework. Now you.....go home.
(b) He has become very weak. So, he.....give up smoking.
(c) Work hard lest you.....fail.
(d) He belonged to a poor family. there fore, he.....not buy a car.

Ans- (a) may (b) must (c) should (d) could

Section 'D' (Text books)

Q.12 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

Writing in a diary is really a strange experience for someone like me. Not only because I've never written anything before, but also because it seems to me that later on neither I nor anyone else will be interested in the musings of a thirteen year old school girl. Oh well, It doesn't matter. I feel like writing and I have an even greater need to get all kinds of things off my chest.

- (i) What is really a strange experience ?
(ii) What makes writing in a diary a strange experience for Anne Frank?
(iii) What does Anne want to do?
(iv) Find out the word from the passage which means 'Deep Thinking'.

Q.13 **Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

He spent hours shuffling a rubber ball round the room like a four-footed soccer player using all four feet to dribble the ball, and he could also throw it, with a powerful flick of the neck, to a surprising height and distance. But the real play of an otter is when he lies on his back and juggles with small objects between his paws. Marbles were Mij's favorite toys for this pas time: he would lie on his back rolling two or more of them up and down his wide, flat belly without ever dropping one to the floor.

- How did Mij spend hours?
- What is the real play of Mij?
- How did Mij play with marbles?
- Find out the word from the passage which means 'a quick, light movement'.

Q.14 **Answer any one of the following questions in about 60 words:**

- What important decision does Maddie come to?(The Hundred Dresses II)
- How can you say that the presence of the baker's furnace is absolutely essential in the village?(Baker from Goa)

Q.15 **Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words:**

1. How does the quarrel between Lomov and Chubukov make us laugh?(The proposal)

OR

2. Why does Natalya decide to send her mowers to the oxen meadows?(The proposal)

Q.16 Explain any one of the following stanzas with reference to the context:

“I would not intrude on him ;

A dime , another hall , is worthless. Now

He senses first responsibility

In a world of possession. People will take balls, halls will be lost always, little boy.

OR

The trees inside are moving out into the forest,

The forest that was empty all these days

Where no bird could sit

No insect hide

No sun bury its feet in shadow

The forest that was empty all these nights

Will be full of trees by morning.

Q.17 Answer any one of the following questions in about 30-40 words:

1. What message does the poem ‘A Tiger in The Zoo’ impart?(A tiger in the Zoo)

2. How does a bear confuse a novice? (How to tell wild animals)

3. What is the theme of the poem?(Animals)

Q.18 Answer any one of the following questions in about 80 words:

1. Give a character sketch of Oliver Lutkins.(The Hack Driver)

2. Give a character sketch of Horace Danby.(A question of Trust)

Q.19 Answer any one of the following questions in about 30-40 words:

1. How would you assess Griffin as a scientist?(Footprints without feet)

2. How did Bholi’s teacher play an important role in changing the course of her life?(Bholi)

Q.20 Answer any one of the following questions in about 20-25 words:

1. What does the thief say about the different reactions of people when they are robbed?
(TheThief’s Story)

2. How is A usable different from other secret agents? (The Midnight Visitor)

Answer

12 (1) Writing in a diary is really a strange experience.

(2)There are two reasons-(a)She has not written anything before.(b)Neither she nor anyone else will be interested in the musings of a thirteen-year –old girl.

(3)She fels like writing and she has an even greater need to get all kinds of things off her chest.

(4) musing

Q.13 (1) Mij spent hours shuffling a rubber ball round the room like a four footed soccer player.

(2)The real play of Mij is when he lies on his back and juggles with small objects between his paws.

(3)He would lie on his back rolling two or more of marbles up and down his wide,flat belly without ever dropping one to the floor.

(4) Flick

Q.14 (1)She was never going to stand by and say nothing again. If she ever heard anybody picking on someone because they were funny looking or because they were funny looking or because they had strange names. She’d speak up. Even if it meant losing Peggy’s friendship. she would never make anybody else that unhappy again.

(2) It is so because marriage gifts are meaningless without the sweet bread known as the bol,just as a party or a feast loses its charm without bread. The lady of the house must prepare

sandwiches on the occasion of her daughter's engagement. cakes and bolinhas are a must for Christmas.

Q15 (1) When Chubukov calls Lomovs 'pettifogger', Lomov says that chubukovs have been tried for embezzlement. Chubukov says they are lunatics, his grandfather was a drunkard, and his aunt had run away with an architect. Lomov calls Chubukov's mother 'hump-backed.'

(2) She does so because Lomov says that the oxen Meadows belong to Lomovs. But Natalya does not agree to his claim and she becomes angry.

Q16(1) Reference:- These lines have been taken from the poem "The Ball Poem" composed by John Berryman.

Context: The poet does not want to intrude in the grief of the boy who has lost his ball.

Explanation:-The poet says that he has decided not to interrupt the feelings of the boy because providing money for buying a new ball is worthless. After losing the ball he feels what responsibilities are. He will now understand the sense of possession and grief associated to it. This world is the world of possession that doesn't value the feelings and emotions. More balls will be lost and the people of this world of possession will help you buy more balls, but they don't help you much in learning a lesson.

(2) Reference:- These lines have been taken from the 'The Trees' composed by Adrienne Rich'

Context:- These lines tell us that the trees inside the house are moving out of the house into the forest.

Explanation:-The poet says that the trees grown inside the houses are going out into the forest. The forest was without trees all these days. There were no trees as no one cared for the protection of forest. That's why no bird could sit in the forest as it was treeless. No insect could hide itself. the sun could not bury its rays in shadow of the trees. The forest had been empty all these nights. but it will be full of trees by the next morning as the trees inside the houses will move into the forest.

Q.17(1) The message is that the wild animals are deprived of their freedom. We should not imprison them. let them roam freely in their natural habitat.

(2) When a bear hugs a novice, he thinks that the bear is showing love to him, but in fact, he is trying to kill the novice.

(3) The poet wants to tell us that man is greedy, selfish and dissatisfied whereas animals are calm, self-contained and friendly.

Q18(1) Oliver Lutkins plays a significant role in the story. His jolly and fun-loving nature, his open, affectionate, friendly, kind, helpful attitude, his wide smile make him deep and richly human. his presence makes the story interesting. His jokes make the story humorous. the hack driver who was Lutkins himself befooled the narrator by posing as one Bill. He offered his help in locating Lutkins. He told that Lutkins Owed money to many people. He said that Lutkins was good at deceiving people.

(2) Everyone thought that Horace Danby was a good and honest citizen. He was about fifty years old and unmarried. He was usually very well and happy. He made locks and was successful enough at his business. He was respectable but not completely honest. He was fond of rare and expensive books. So he robbed a safe every year. Each year, he stole enough to last for twelve months. He was not a typical thief. He robbed rich people only.

Q19(1) Griffin was a great scientist. He had made a brilliant discovery to make somebody invisible. He had carried out many scientific experiments to prove that the human body could become invisible. He swallowed certain drugs and his body became transparent. He misused his discovery.

(2) Her teacher was the first person who spoke to her affectionately. she encouraged her to speak, to learn. She gave Bholi a book. she turned Bholi into a confident, daring, self-respecting person who could take her own decision.

Q20(1) The greedy man shows fear. The rich man shows anger and the poor man shows acceptance. those who trust others completely like Anil show only a touch of sadness.

(2) Because of his fatness, Ausable doesn't appear to be active as a secret agent. His accent is American.