

Class-XII
GENERAL ENGLISH
MODEL TEST PAPER
(2020-21)

Time: 3 hours

Theory: 80 marks
IA: 20 marks
(Listening and Speaking skills based practical:18 marks
Book Bank:2 marks
Total:100 marks

SECTION A

READING COMPREHENSION

16 MARKS

1 a. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

10x1=10

Constitution is a fundamental legal document on the basis of which the government of a country is run or administered. This fundamental law of the land explains the organization of the organs of government, their functions and their mutual relationship. It lays down boundaries of fundamental rights between the citizens and the government. The constitution is the supreme law of the land, superior to all laws of the country, and no law can be formulated which violates a constitution or is not in accordance with it. In every country, the government maintains law and order and peace in the society. This function is performed by the government through legislation but a government cannot make laws of its own and run the administration arbitrarily. The government of the country runs the administration in accordance with the provisions of the constitution. Thus, the constitution is the main source of all laws of the government. The constitution determines the mutual relations of various organs of the government and citizens; and also prohibits the government from misuse of its power.

• Questions 1-6 (Choose the correct option)

- i. The Constitution is a
 - a. legal document
 - b. illegal document
 - c. fundamental law
 - d. fundamental duty
- ii. The government of the country is run according to the _____.
 - a. society
 - b. police
 - c. constitution
 - d. citizens
- iii. It is the duty of the government to _____ law and order in the society.
 - a. destroy
 - b. maintain
 - c. disturb
 - d. solve
- iv. Right to Freedom is a _____ right of every citizen of India. (Fill in the blank with a suitable word from the passage)
 - a. fundamental
 - b. social

- c. cheap airfares and package holidays d. internet

- iii. What makes people dream of holidaying abroad ?
 iv. Where do the Indians look forward to go for holidaying nowadays?
 v. *Fill in the blank with a suitable words from the passage.*
 a. Mumbai is ____ of the most _____ cities in India.
 vi. Match the words in the column A with their meaning in the column B:

A
 expensive
 earnestly

B
 sincerely
 freely
 costly

SECTION B

Writing skill, Grammar & Translation

26 MARKS

2. **Precis writing:** Write a Precis of the following paragraph in your own words and give a suitable title : 4

Time Management is the process of organizing and planning the division of time between specific activities. Good time management enables you to work smarter than harder, so that you get more output with less input and in shorter duration. Inability to manage one's time well, leads to decrease in productivity and also causes stress. On the other hand, if one manages one's time properly, one can achieve important career and life goals with a greater quality of work. This leads to higher productivity and greater professional reputation. A 24 hour day becomes more productive for good time managers, while for others it may turn out to be missed deadlines only. To get the maximum out of a 24 hour day, one must learn how to prioritise between the urgent and the important. One must also avoid distractions, e.g. looking for help even before deciding on the task or assigning duties, checking e-mails and Facebook is neither urgent nor important. One can categorise every work under 'Do it now', 'Do it later' or 'Don't do it at all' priority. Every individual has a particular best time of the day when a person feels full of energy and life, so one should schedule one's most important and challenging work for that period. Avoid multitasking, rather go for similar tasks consecutively to achieve perfection. This will lead to saving time for other tasks. Stay calm and keep your work place free of clutter. Take a break and review what has been done and revise the plan if required. Keep moving forward step by step.

3. Suppose you are Mandeep Randhawa. You live at 1802, Main Bazaar, Abohar. Write a letter to your Principal requesting him to issue your testimonials/ character certificate.

or

Imagine you are Harman. You live at # 1802, Grand Avenue, Mohali. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper expressing your views on the growing use of unfair means in the examinations these days. 5

4. Explain the newspaper headline RAILWAYS CANCELS TWO TRAINS in 15-20 words. 3

or

Write an e-mail to your new employer thanking him for the interview.

- 5 (a) Choose the correct option for translation from English to Punjabi/Hindi: 2

i. This house is not for sale.

- (a) ਇਹ ਮਕਾਨ ਵਿਕਾਉ ਹੈ।/ यह घर बिकाऊ है।
 (b) ਇਹ ਮਕਾਨ ਵਿੱਕ ਚੁੱਕਾ ਹੈ।/ यह घर बिक चुका है।
 (c) ਇਹ ਮਕਾਨ ਵਿਕਾਉ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ।/यह घर बिकाऊ नहीं है।
 (d) ਇਹ ਮਕਾਨ ਵਿੱਕ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ।/ यह घर बिक रहा है।

ii. She forgot her purse at home.

- (a) ਉਹ ਆਪਣਾ ਪਰਸ ਘਰ ਭੁੱਲ ਗਈ।/ वह अपना पर्स घर भूल गई।
 (b) ਉਹ ਪਰਸ ਘਰ ਭੁੱਲ ਗਈ।/ वह पर्स घर भूल गई।।
 (c) ਉਹ ਆਪਣਾ ਪਰਸ ਘਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਭੁੱਲਾ।/ वह अपना पर्स घर नहीं भूली।
 (d) ਉਹ ਆਪਣਾ ਪਰਸ ਘਰ ਛੱਡ ਗਈ।/ वह अपना पर्स घर छोड़ गई।

- (b) Choose the correct Translation from Punjabi/Hindi to English: 2

i. ਕੀ ਉਹ ਸਾਡੇ ਲਈ ਚਾਹ ਬਣਾਵੇਗੀ?/ क्या वह हमारे लिए चाय बनाएगी?

- (a) Will she prepare tea for us?
 (b) Will she prepare tea for them?
 (c) Will she not prepare tea for us?
 (d) Can she prepared tea for them?

ii. ਬੱਚਾ ਰੋ ਨਹੀਂ ਰਿਹਾ ਸੀ।/बच्चा रो नहीं रहा था।

- (a) The child was crying.
 (b) The child was not crying.
 (c) The child is crying.
 (d) The children were crying.

6. Do as directed: (Grammar)**10****a. Fill in the blanks with a suitable determiner.**

- i. Both----- (his/him) sons are very intelligent.
- ii. I have ----- (much/many) work to do.
- iii. He gave away ----- money he had to charity. (the little/little)

b. i. This mango is fit ----- (eat) (Fill up the blank with an infinitive)

- ii. Children love ----- (make) mud castles.(Fill in the blank with a gerund)

c. Select the correct option:**i He is too aged to get a job. (Rewrite the sentence after removing 'too')**

- (a) He is too aged that he cannot get a job.
- (b) He is so aged that he cannot get a job.
- (c) He is very aged that he cannot get a job.
- (d) He can't get a job.

ii. The news was so good that it could not be true. (Rewrite the sentence using 'too')

- (a) The news was too good to be true.
- (b) The news was too good that it was not true.
- (c) The news was very good.
- (d) The news was so good too be true.

d. Change the voice (select the correct option.)**i. A cruel boy killed the bird.**

- (a) The bird was killed by a cruel boy.
- (b) The bird is killed by a cruel boy.
- (c) The bird was not killed by a cruel boy.
- (d) The birds are killed by cruel boys.

ii. We are selling mangoes.

- (a) Mangoes are sold by us.
- (b) Mangoes were being sold by us.
- (c) Mangoes are being sold by us.
- (d) Mangoes were sold by us.

e. Change the narration (Select the correct option)

1. The teacher says to the students, "I have corrected your notebooks".

- (a) The teacher told the students that she had corrected their notebooks.
- (b) The teacher tells the students that she has corrected their notebooks.
- (c) The teacher says that she had corrected their notebooks.
- (d) The teacher tells the students that I have corrected your notebooks.

3+2+2+2+1= 10

**SECTION - C
LITERATURE**

38 MARKS
10x1= 10

7 Objective type questions:

- i. What was Hassan profession when he met the narrator? (Hassan's Attendance Problem)
 - a. books
 - b. salesman of software CD
 - c. stationery
 - d. dresses
- ii. What was the name of the baker in 'The March King.'
- iii. Who threw the passenger out of the lift? (On Saying Please)
- iv. Helen Keller was years old when Anne Mansfield Sullivan came to her house. (The Story of My Life)
- v. The Cellular Jail is in Port Blair (true or false) (Ghadari Babas in Kalapani Jail)
- vi. Who did Miss Beam lead the author to? (The School for Sympathy)
- vii. The red-haired policeman's name was _____. (A Chameleon)
- viii. How many siblings did Bholi have? (Bholi)
 - a. 6
 - b. 7
 - c. 8
 - d. 9
- ix. What was the name of Datta's shop? (The Gold Frame)
- x. Name the union that gave birth to many other active trade unions in the town? (The Barber's Trade Union)

8. a . Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow : (Attempt any one poem)

*Till the little ones, weary,
No more can be merry;
The sun does descend,
And our sports have an end.
Round the laps of their mothers
Many sisters and brothers,
Like birds in their nest,
Are ready for rest,
And sport no more seen
On the darkening Green.*

- Name the poem and the poet.
- Name the things that take rest at the end of the day.
- Why has the echoing green become the darkening green?
- Name the figure of speech used in the lines:
Many sisters and brothers,
Like birds in their nest,
Are ready for rest.

Or

*His eyes dimmed by age
fade homeward through the humid monsoon night.
Now I can see him getting off the train
Like a word dropped from a long sentence.
He hurries across the length of the grey platform,
Crosses the railway line, enters the lane*

- Name the poet and the poem.
- Which line in the poem describes father's irrelevance to the train?
- Write two reasons for father's eyes being dimmed.
- Name the figure of speech used in the fourth line.

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b. Give the central idea of the poem 'On Friendship' or 'Once Upon A Time'

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9 Answer any three questions in 40 to 50 words:

- Why was Hassan not noticed by the teacher in the class? Why were Hassan's parents called to school?
(Hassan's Attendance Problem)
- Why did Philip get into trouble on the day of the concert? How did Phillip manage to get a clean dress?
(The March King)
- What trick did the money-lender play cunningly to win the game? (Thinking out of the box: Lateral Thinking)
- What is the first requirement of civility? What serves as 'little courtesies' in our daily life?
(On Saying Please)
- How did the narrator learn to spell the words?
(The Story of my Life)

vi. Who were addressed as 'demi-gods' and why?.

(Ghadari Babas in Kalapani Jail)

3x2=6

10. Answer any two questions in 40 to 50 words:

i. Why did the author feel sorry for some of the children? Were the children playing in the ground really physically handicapped? (The School for Sympathy)

ii. Why did Bholi's parents agree to Bishamber's proposal for Bholi? (Bholi)

iii. What types of frames did Datta show to the customer? What price did Datta quote for the frame selected by his customer? (The Gold Frame)

iv. Why did the narrator consider Chandu the embodiment of perfection for him? Why was Chandu not good at doing sums at school? (The Barber's Trade Union)

2x2=4

11. Write a note on the theme of the chapter 'Thinking Out of the Box: Lateral Thinking' in about 60-70 words.

or

Draw a brief character-sketch of Helen Keller in about 60-70 words.

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12. Justify the title of the story 'A Chameleon' in about 60-70 words.

or

What impression do you gather about Datta, the frame maker in the chapter The Gold Frame? (60-70 words)

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13. Marks for Good handwriting

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