

Sample Question Paper for Practice only
Higher Secondary Examination – 2025
Subject - English

Total Question	Total Printed Pages	Time	Maximum Marks
15	07	03:00 Hours	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 passage carefully and answer the questions given below :

Education is a sub-system of the wider social system. Although it functions autonomously, it has linkage with the economic, political, religious and other sub-system which exert a powerful influence on the goals of the educational sub-system.

Education can rarely free itself from social and cultural norms and has to relate itself to the needs of society.

Due to globalization and modernization, our society is passing through momentous changes in its value system. Values of yesteryears have taken a backseat and materialism, corruption, this honesty and other negative values have come to the fore.

At this junction, all formal and informal agencies of education like Family, School and community should realise the explosiveness of the situation. It is rightly said values cannot be taught, they are caught. All the agencies should become role model if we want our youth to be on the right path.

Absence of a congenial and loving atmosphere and quarrel among parents are the major hurdles in this direction. In a nutshell, the family has ceased to be an institution for providing cultural, aesthetic and moral education.

On the other hand, formal education is squeezed between memory and mechanisation. The teacher has become a businessman doing private tuition instead of institutional teaching. Race for degrees and jobs has deteriorated the situation further.

The National policy of education 1986 has shown concerned in this regard when it says, "The growing concern over the erosion of essential values and ends increasing cynicism in society has brought to focus the need for adjustment in the curriculum in order to make education of forceful tool for the cultivation of social and moral values."

The whole system of education needs complete over-hauling. If at all, we the citizens are desirous of thwarting deterioration in values, teaching at all levels must emphasise on moral education and character building. Intellect without wisdom can be suicidal.

Questions:

1. What is a subsystem of the wider social system. 1
(a) economics (b) culture
(c) education (d) globalization
2. Education system is linked with..... 1
(a) economic (b) economic, political and religious
(c) geographical (d) all of these
3. Which factors have great impact on education system. 1
(a) finance (b) racism
(c) society and culture (d) media
4. What are the main cause of momentous changes in its value system ? 1
(a) ancient culture (b) backseat and materialism
(c) globalization and modernization (d) all of these
5. What is the primary Institution of education? 1
(a) school (b) career counseling classes
(c) home (d) coaching institutes
6. Give the word from the passage that gives the meaning of 'pleasant': 1
(a) congenial (b) nutshell
(c) explosiveness (d) curriculum
7. Cultural aesthetic and moral education can be found in..... 1
(a) friend circle (b) religious discourse
(c) family (d) office
8. What is the Rival of institutional teaching ? 1
(a) society (b) globalization
(c) moral education (d) private tuition
9. The national education policy 1986 emphasise on 1
(a) readjustment (b) cultivation
(c) re adjustment in curriculum (d) wisdom
10. The noun form of Economics. 1
(a) economic (b) economy
(c) economical (d) economically

Q.2 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

Homeopathy, a system of alternative medicine, was developed by German physician Samuel Hahnemann in the late 18th century. The term "homeopathy"

comes from the Greek words "homoios" (similar) and "pathos" (suffering). Homeopathy is based on the principle of "like cures like," which means that a substance that causes symptoms in a healthy person can be used to treat similar symptoms in a person who is ill.

Homeopathic medicines, known as remedies, are prepared from plants, minerals, and animal products. These remedies are highly diluted, often to the point where the original substance is no longer detectable. Homeopaths believe that the remedies retain a "memory" of the original substance, which allows them to treat patients.

Homeopathy is used to treat a wide range of health conditions, including allergies, anxiety, arthritis, and colds. Homeopathic remedies are available in various forms, including tablets, liquids, and ointments.

Questions:

1. Make notes on the above passage in points. **3**
2. Give a suitable title to the passage. **1**

Section B (Writing)

- Q.3 You are Ruchi Dubey. you have found a school bag in the playground of your school prepare a notice for school notice board for "lost and found " column. **4**

Or,

Design an attractive poster for 'Say no to junk food'.

- Q.4 You are Rudraksh Sharma write a letter to your friend Anil informing him about your Diwali festival preparation. **4**

Or

You are Shuchita Tiwari residing at 321 Amaltas Complex, Shivaji Nagar, Bhopal. Write a letter to the SDM of your area requesting him to put a ban on loud speakers during your annual examination.

- Q.5 You have witnessed a train accident. Write a report for a newspaper in about 120 words about the accident using the following details. **4**
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| A. Bus collides with a train | B. Location, Time, Date of accident |
| C. Casualties and relief | D. Dead and injured and reactions |
| E. Blood donors | F. Help of local people and high authorities. |

Or,

Write paragraph in about 120 words on any one of the following topics:

1. Festivals of India
2. Importance of English language
3. My dream
4. Value of games

Section C (Grammar)

Q.6 Fill in the blanks with appropriate words given in the brackets. (Any five) 1x5=5

- i) Mohan is..... M. A. of Vikram university. (a, an, the)
- ii) She did not make..... Mistake in the essay. (any, much, many)
- iii) When I was at school I..... Never understand physics. (can, could, may)
- iv) I help you? (May, will, should)
- v) A cat jumped..... the running water. (in, into, by)
- vi) there is life there is hope. (As soon as, As long as, As if)

Q. 7 Do as directed. (any five)

1x5=5

- i) He is too old to cross the river (Rewrite the sentence using 'so that')
- ii) She knows me. (Change into passive voice)
- iii) a) Gopal is my friend.
b) He has topped the merit list. (combine the sentence using 'who')
- iv) As soon as I saw her, I knew there was something wrong".
(Rewrite the sentence using No sooner than in the place of as soon as)
- v) He purchased a new car. (change into present continuous)
- vi) He failed. He did not study well. (combine the pair of sentences using So)

Section- D (Text Book)

8. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below.

Once upon a time there was a man who went around selling small rattraps of wire. He made them himself at odd moments, from the material he got by begging in the stones or at the big farms. But even so, the business was not especially profitable, so he had to resort to both begging and petty thievery to keep body and soul together. Even so, his clothes were in rags, his cheeks were Sunken, and hunger gleamed in his eyes.

Questions:

- (i) Name the chapter. (1)
- (a) Indigo
- (b) The Third Level
- (c) The Enemy
- (d) The Rattrap

- (ii) What is the antonym of the word 'Petty' from the following ? (1)
 (a) small (b) of little importance
 (c) petit (d) major
- (iii) What does the Phrase 'keep body and soul together' mean ? (1)
 (a) stay alive (b) stay optimistic
 (c) stay pessimistic (d) stay alone
- (iv) Name the author of this chapter. (1)
 (a) Louis Fischer (b) William Douglas
 (c) Pearl S. Buck (d) Selma Lagerlof
- (v) Write the synonym of the word 'gleamed'. (1)
 (a) sparkle (b) dull
 (c) dark (d) ugly

9. (A) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below.

Driving from my parent's home to Cochin last Friday morning.

I saw my mother, beside me

Doze open mouthed her face ashen like that

Of a corpse and realised with pain

Questions.

- (i) The poetess is driving on which day? (1)
 (a) Monday (b) Friday
 (c) Sunday (d) Saturday
- (ii) Who is sitting beside the poetess ? (1)
 (a) her Mother (b) her Sister
 (c) her daughter (d) her Friend
- (iii) What is the name of the poem ? (1)
 (a) Keeping quiet (b) A thing of beauty
 (c) My Mother at Sixty-six (d) A Roadside stand

(B) Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow.

The Shokalskiy had managed to wedge herself into a thick white stretch office between the peninsula and tadpole Island which was preventing us from going any further. The captain decided we were going to turn, around we did, we were all instructed to climb down the gangplank and walk on the ocean. So there we were, all 52 of us, kitted out in Gore-Tex and glares, walking on a stark whiteness that seemed to spread out forever. Underneath our feet was a metre- thick ice pack, underneath that, 180 meters of living, breathing salt water.

Questions :

- (i) How many students were the part of 'students on ice' programme ? **(1)**
(a) 52 (b) 54
(c) 56 (d) 58
- (ii) What did the captain instruct to do ? **(1)**
(a) to go and swim (b) to collect the water
(c) to Climb down the gang plank. (d) to walk on the water
- (iii) What is Gore-tex ? **(1)**
(a) Tax paid to government (b) A Teflon Fabric
(c) Fabric that makes the skin fairer (d) Peninsula and tadpole Island
- (iv) Underneath our feet was _____thick ice pack, ? **(1)**
(a) a Meter (b) two Meter
(c) three Meter (d) four Meter

10. Answer the following questions in about 30 words (any 5) (2x5=10)

- (i) What had been put up on the Bulletin -Board ?
(ii) What makes the city of Firozabad famous ?
(iii) Why was Douglas determined to get over his fear of water ?
(iv) List the places that Gandhi Visited between his first meeting with Shukla and his arrival at Champaran.
(v) Who, in today's world, is our chief source of information about personalities?
(vi) Why did the peddler decline the invitation ?
(vii) What is Sahab looking for in the garbage dumps ?

11. Answer the following questions in about 30 words-[any three] (2x3=6)

- (i) Why has the mother been compared the "late winter's moon ?"
(ii) What will counting up to twelve and keeping still help us to achieve ?
(iii) List the things of beauty mentioned in the poem "A thing of Beauty" ?
(iv) What was the plea of the folk who had put up the road side stand ?

12. Answers the following questions in about 30 words-[any two] (2x2=4)

- (i) What did the Royal infant grow up to be ?
(ii) Who was Dr. Sadao ? Where was his house ?
(iii) What does the third level refer to ?

13. Answers the following questions in about 75 words [any two] (3x2=6)

- (i) How did Mr. Hamel pay tribute to the French language ?
(ii) What could be the reasons for the migration of people from villages to cities ?
(iii) Write the qualities of a good leader.

14. Write the Answer of any one of the Following questions in about 75 words. (3x1=3)

What is the "sadness" that the poet refers to in the poem "keeping quiet" ?

or

What is the 'childish longing' that the Poet refers to ? why it is in vain ?

15. Write the Answer of any one of the Following questions in about 75 words. (3x1=3)

Why is Antarctica the place to go to, to understand the earth's Present, Past and Future ?

or

What are the ways in which Mr. Lamb tries to overcome his feelings ?

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