

Sample Question Paper for Practice Only
High School Examination-2027
Subject-English

Total No. of questions	Total Printed pages	Time	Maximum Marks
16	08	3 hours	75

SECTION A: READING

Q1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below: **(1×5=5)**

Trees are of paramount importance to our environment and the overall well-being of our planet. They provide oxygen, which is essential for all living beings on earth to survive. As they breathe in, they absorb harmful carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, thereby significantly reducing the global greenhouse effect and helping to regulate the Earth's climate. Furthermore, forests act as natural habitats and are home to numerous species of animals, birds, and insects, maintaining the delicate ecological balance. Without trees, the earth would rapidly become a barren desert, devoid of life and colour. Their extensive root systems prevent soil erosion and help maintain the water table by allowing rainwater to seep into the ground. Trees also provide us with valuable resources like timber, fruits, medicines, and shade during scorching summers. Unfortunately, rapid industrialization and urbanization have led to rampant deforestation, posing a severe threat to our ecosystem. Planting more trees and strictly preventing deforestation is the only viable way to save our planet from the looming dangers of global warming, climate change, and habitat destruction. It is our collective responsibility to protect these green guardians for the sake of future generations.

(i) What do trees provide that is essential for living beings?

- (a) Carbon dioxide (b) Oxygen
(c) Nitrogen (d) Hydrogen

(ii) What do trees absorb to reduce the greenhouse effect?

- (a) Fresh water (b) Oxygen
(c) Carbon dioxide (d) Sunlight

(iii) According to the passage, forests are home to:

- (a) Only birds (b) Only human beings
(c) Numerous species of animals and birds (d) Only insects

(iv) Without trees, the earth would become a -----

- (a) beautiful garden (b) barren desert
(c) huge ocean (d) snow-covered land

(v) What is the adjective form of the word 'importance'?

- (a) import (b) important
(c) importantly (d) importer

Q2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

(1×5 = 5)

Mangte Chungneijang Mary Kom, popularly known as Mary Kom, is one of India's greatest and most inspiring athletes. Born on March 1, 1983, in a poor farming family in Kangathei village, Manipur, her early life was filled with extreme hardships. She used to help her parents in the agricultural fields while balancing her schooling and athletics. Inspired by the tremendous success of Manipuri boxer Dingko Singh, Mary decided to pursue boxing against her father's wishes. Her father initially feared that the combat sport would ruin her face and negatively affect her marriage prospects.

Despite the lack of proper training facilities and financial support, Mary's sheer determination and relentless hard work led her to historic victories. She holds the record of being the only female boxer to have won a medal in each one of the first seven World Championships. In 2012, she brought immense pride to the nation by winning a bronze medal at the London Olympics. Often referred to as "Magnificent Mary," her extraordinary journey from a humble village girl to a global sporting icon proves that with courage, no hurdle is too big. The Government of India honoured her with the Padma Vibhushan in 2020.

Questions:

(i) Where was Mary Kom born?

- (a) Assam (b) Mizoram
(c) Manipur (d) Nagaland

(ii) Who inspired Mary Kom to pursue a career in boxing?

- (a) Her father (b) P.T. Usha
(c) Dingko Singh (d) Vijender Singh

- (iii) Why was her father initially against her pursuing boxing?
- (a) He wanted her to become a teacher.
 - (b) He feared it would ruin her face and marriage prospects.
 - (c) He thought boxing was too expensive to afford.
 - (d) He wanted her to only work in the agricultural fields.
- (iv) Which medal did Mary Kom win at the 2012 London Olympics?
- (a) Gold medal (b) Silver medal
 - (c) Bronze medal (d) Platinum medal
- (v) What is the noun form of the word 'inspiring' as used in the passage?
- (a) Inspire (b) Inspiration
 - (c) Inspired (d) Inspiringly

Q3. Read the given passage carefully, prepare notes, and provide a suitable title.
(4x1 = 4)

Solar energy is undoubtedly the most abundant and easily accessible energy resource available on earth. It can be captured and utilized in several innovative ways, and as a primary renewable energy source, it forms an exceptionally important part of our clean energy future. Solar technologies are designed to convert abundant sunlight directly into electrical energy. This is achieved either through advanced photovoltaic (PV) panels, which are commonly seen on rooftops, or through large-scale mirrors that concentrate solar radiation in massive power plants. This harvested energy can be used immediately to generate electricity for homes, industries, and public infrastructure, or it can be efficiently stored in high capacity batteries for later use during the night or cloudy days. The most remarkable aspect of solar energy is that it is absolutely free, practically endless, and causes absolutely no harmful emissions or air pollution, making it highly beneficial for the fragile global environment. By transitioning away from fossil fuels and heavily adopting solar technology, countries can reduce their carbon footprint, combat climate change, and ensure sustainable development. Embracing solar power is a crucial step towards building a greener, cleaner, and more energy-independent world for everyone.

SECTION B: WRITING

- Q4.** You are Arvind/Apoorva, studying at GOVT Sandipani HSS, Budni. Write an application to the Principal as your father has been shifting to some other city due to promotion. (Request a Transfer Certificate) **(4)**

OR

You are Sumitra/Sumit, residing at 27, Star Colony, Ujjain. Write a letter to your friend Deepa inviting her to spend the summer vacation with you.

- Q5.** Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 150-200 words:

(5)

1. Importance of Technology in Our Daily Life.
2. Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
3. Importance of English.
4. A Memorable Journey by Train
5. Importance of Games.

- Q6.** Look at the picture carefully and write a paragraph about the picture in 70 to 90 words. **(3)**



SECTION C: GRAMMAR

Q7. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct alternative given in the brackets
(Attempt any five): **(1×5 = 5)**

- (i) Mr. Sharma is _____ honest man. (a, an, the)
- (ii) Sonu _____ the cake yesterday. (cut, cuts, cutting)
- (iii) _____ you work hard, you will not pass the exam. (If, Unless, Till)
- (iv) How _____ water is left in the jug? (much, many, any)
- (v) Mt. Everest is the _____ peak in the world. (high, higher, highest)
- (vi) He is afraid _____ dogs. (from, of, with)

Q8. Do as directed (Attempt any five): **(1×5 = 5)**

- (a) She sings beautiful songs. (Change into Passive Voice)
- (b) He did his homework yesterday. (Change into negative)
- (c) Ravi is too weak to walk fast. (Rewrite using 'so that' in place of 'too to')
- (d) country /we /love /should /our. (Rearrange the jumbled words into a meaningful sentence)
- (e) The birds are flying in the sky. (Change into Present Perfect Tense)
- (f) Virat Kohli hit a six on the last ball. (Change into interrogative)

SECTION D: TEXTBOOKS

Q9. Answer the following questions: **(1×4 = 4)**

- (i) What did Lencho hope for?
 - (a) A good shower of rain (b) A new tractor
 - (c) A hundred pesos (d) Better seeds
- (ii) According to Nelson Mandela, what is the greatest wealth of a nation?
 - (a) Minerals (b) Gems
 - (c) Its people (d) Diamonds

(iii) The young seagull was afraid to fly because -----

- (a) he was injured (b) he thought his wings would fail
- (c) he was exhausted (d) he was too small

(iv) What name did Anne Frank give to her diary?

- (a) Bitty (b) Mitty
- (c) Kitten (d) Kitty

Q10(A). Read the following extract from the prose and answer the questions:

(1×3 = 3)

The moon was coming up in the east, behind me, and stars were shining in the clear sky above me. There wasn't a cloud in the sky. I was happy to be alone high up above the sleeping countryside. I was flying my old Dakota aeroplane over France back to England. I was dreaming of my holiday and looking forward to being with my family.

(i) Which aeroplane was the narrator flying?

- (a) Airbus (b) Dakota
- (c) Boeing (d) Fighter jet

(ii) Where was the narrator flying to?

- (a) From England to France (b) From France to England
- (c) From Paris to India (d) From London to America

(iii) Name the lesson from which this extract has been taken.

- (a) A Letter to God (b) A long Walk to Freedom
- (c) Two Stories of Flying (d) Madam Rides the Bus

Q10(B). Read the following extract from the poem and answer the questions:

(1×3 = 3)

Don't bite your nails, Amanda!
Don't hunch your shoulders, Amanda!
Stop that slouching and sit up straight,
Amanda!

(i) What is Amanda doing with her nails?

- (a) Cutting them (b) Painting them
- (c) Biting them (d) Cleaning them

(ii) What is Amanda being instructed to do regarding her posture?

- (a) Stand up immediately (b) Sit up straight
(c) Lie down (d) Walk properly

(iii) Who is the poet of these lines?

- (a) Robert Frost (b) Robin Klein
(c) John Berryman (d) Leslie Norris

Q11. Answer the following questions in about 30 words.

(2×6 = 12)

- (i) Why did Lencho say the raindrops were like 'new coins'?
(ii) What "twin obligations" does Nelson Mandela mention in his speech?
(iii) Why was Rajvir excited to see the tea garden?
(iv) What is the baker called in Goa? What did the bakers wear in the Portuguese days?
(v) What was Valli's favourite pastime?
(vi) Where did Gautama Buddha preach his first sermon?

Q12. Answer the following questions in about 30 words.

(2×2 = 4)

- (i) How does the mood of the poet change in the poem Dust of Snow ?
(ii) What do you mean by the phrase 'in the world of possessions' in the poem The Ball Poem?

Q13. Answer the following questions in about 30 words.

(2×2 = 4)

- (i) Why was Mrs. Pumphrey worried about Tricki?
(ii) Why was it difficult for Hari Singh to rob Anil?

Q14. Answer the following question in about 75 words:

(3×1=3)

How did Mandela's 'hunger for freedom' change his life?

OR

How did Anne justify her being a chatter box in her essay?

Q15. Answer the following question in about 75 words: **(3)**

Write the central idea of the poem 'The Trees'.

OR

How does the poet contrast the Tiger in the cage with the Tiger in natural habitat in the poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo'?

Q16. Answer the following question in about 75 words: **(3)**

How did Ausable get rid of Max in the story 'The Midnight Visitor' ?

OR

How did Bholi refuse to marry Bishambera at the last moment ?

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