

Sample Question Paper for Practice Only

Higher Secondary Exam 2027

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

Total No. of questions	Total Printed pages	Time	Maximum Marks
15	07	3 Hours	80

Instructions

- Read all the questions carefully.
- Read the instructions given with the questions before attempting them.
- Marks are indicated against each question.

SECTION - A (READING SKILLS)

Q.1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. (1×10=10)

Intelligence (AI) is the simulation of human intelligence in machines. It is the ability of a computer to think and learn like humans. In today's world, AI is everywhere. From voice assistants like Siri and Alexa to navigation apps like Google Maps, AI makes our life easier. In education, AI helps students with personalized learning. In healthcare, it helps doctors to detect diseases early. In agriculture, farmers use AI to predict weather and increase crop production. However, AI also has some challenges. Many people fear that AI will take away jobs because machines can do work faster than humans. There are also concerns about privacy, as AI systems collect a lot of personal data. Therefore, we should use AI wisely. AI should not replace humans but should support humans. If used in the right way, AI can solve big problems like climate change and poverty and make the world a better place.

Questions -

1. What is Artificial Intelligence?
(a) Human intelligence (b) Simulation of human intelligence in machines
(c) A type of robot only (d) Internet connection
2. Which of the following is an example of AI in daily life?
(a) Bicycle (b) Siri and Alexa
(c) Newspaper (d) Pen
3. By which of the following methods does AI help the farmers ?
(a) by cooking food (b) by predicting weather and increasing crop production
(c) by driving tractors only (d) by selling crop

4. In healthcare, AI helps doctors to.....
(a) build hospitals (b) detect diseases early
(c) take fees (d) write book
5. According to the passage, what is the right way to use AI?
(a) AI should replace all humans
(b) AI should support humans, not replace them
(c) AI should not be used at all
(d) AI should be used only for games
6. The author says AI can make the world a better place because -----
(a) it is cheap
(b) it can solve big problems like climate change and poverty
(c) it is new
(d) everyone likes it
7. What is the main idea of the passage?
(a) AI is dangerous and should be banned
(b) AI has both benefits and challenges and should be used wisely
(c) AI is only for scientists
(d) AI is only about robots
8. Find a word from the passage which means 'to copy or imitate':
(a) detect (b) simulation
(c) support (d) collect
9. The adjective of word 'privacy' is -----
(a) private (b) privately
(c) piracy (d) privatisation
10. If AI can do work faster than humans, what critical solution does the passage indirectly suggest for the problem of job loss?
(a) Stop using AI completely
(b) Humans should learn new skills and use AI as a support tool to create new types of jobs
(c) Give all jobs to machines
(d) Reduce the population

Q.2 Read the following passage carefully and make notes on it. Give a suitable title also.

(3+1)Marks

Modern education is completely different from traditional education. It is no longer limited to books, blackboards and classrooms. Today, technology has made education more interesting, accessible and student-centered. Smart classes, online learning, e-books and educational apps have replaced rote memorization. Students now learn through videos, presentations and interactive activities which develop their creativity and critical thinking. Modern education focuses not only on marks but also on skills like communication, problem-solving and teamwork. It encourages practical knowledge and real-life experience through projects and fieldwork. Teachers have become guides who help students to explore and learn by themselves. With the help of the internet, a student in a village can learn from teachers around the world. However, modern education also has challenges like excessive screen time and lack of personal contact. Therefore, a balance between traditional values and modern technology is necessary to make education truly meaningful.

SECTION-B
(WRITING SKILLS)

Q.3 Drafts a notice for house captains and vice captains to attend a meeting to prepare a plan for the annual function. You are Neha Jain, Cultural Secretary of G.H.S.S. Shahdol.

(4Marks)

OR

Design a poster to convey the message '**Trees are our best friends**'.

Q.4. Write a letter to the Mayor requesting him to provide your colony with proper drinking water facility. You are Anant Singh residing at 25, Rajeev Colony, Dewas.

(4Marks)

OR

You are Nisha living at 169-J.L.N.Guna. Write a letter to your brother advising him to spend time with good friends and learn some skills of communication for the forth coming interview.

Q.5 Write an essay in 120- 150 words on any one of the following :

(4 Marks)

- (i) Importance of English
- (ii) Importance of planting trees
- (iii) My Ideal Leader
- (iv) Unemployment

OR

Your school had organized an Inter School Football Match last month. Write a report of this event for your school magazine giving details like date, venue, chief guest, winners etc.

SECTION C

GRAMMAR

Q.6. Fill in the blanks (any five):

(1×5=5)

- i. I met _____ European yesterday. [a, an, the]
- ii. He hasn't got _____ money. [much / few / many]
- iii. Ram _____ his work. [doing / does / do]
- iv. Take out the lamp _____ the cabinet. [for / of / from]
- v. Ravi answered _____ the fifteen questions correctly. [all, whole, enough]
- vi. Harshita has been making toys _____ morning. [since , for , from]

Q.7. Do as directed (any five):

(1×5=5)

- i. He says to me, "I am your friend".

(Change into indirect speech)

- ii. As soon as he closed his eyes the telephone rang.

(Rewrite using 'No sooner.....than' in place of 'As soon as')

- iii. Kabir is weak . He can walk a mile.

(Combine the sentences with Although)

- iv. Archana plays badminton everyday .

(change into passive voice.)

- v. Sanjay taught English.

(Change into negative sentence)

- vi. The box is too heavy to lift.

(Rewrite the sentence using so that)

SECTION D
LITERATURE

Q.8. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow. **(1×5=5)**

"Why not organise yourselves into a cooperative?" I ask a group of young men who have fallen into the vicious circle of middlemen who trapped their fathers and forefathers. "Even if we get organised, we are the ones who will be hauled up by the police, beaten and dragged to jail for doing something illegal," they say. There is no leader among them, no one who could help them see things differently.

Questions:

- (i) What 'I' stand for in the passage?
 - a) Saheb b) Mukesh
 - c) Anees Jung d) Savita
- (ii) What did the police do to the young men?
 - a) drag them to jail b) give them reward
 - c) help them d) organize them
- (iii) Meaning of the word **vicious** is.....
 - a) light b) moderate
 - c) soft d) dreadful
- (iv) From which lesson this extract has been taken?
 - a) The Last Lesson b) Lost spring.
 - c) Deep water d) Indigo
- (v) The bangle makers in Firozabad DO NOT need a leader who could
 - a) help them b) see things differently
 - c) save them from middlemen d) trap them

Q.9 (A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow.

The little old house was out with a little new shed
In front at the edge of the road where the traffic speed,
A roadside stand that too pathetically pled,
It would not be fair to say for a dole of bread,
But for some of the money, the cash, whose flow supports
The flower of cities from sinking and withering faint.

Questions: **(1×3=3)**

1. Who are referred to as "the power of cities :
- (a) The poor people (b) The elite class
 - (c) Village people (d) People living in cities.

2. The word in the extract 'withering' means :

- (a) decay (b) admire
- (c) encourage (d) intended.

3. Identify the figure of speech used in these lines 'polished traffic' :

- (a) Metaphor (b) Simile
- (c) Transferred epithet (d) Alliteration.

(B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow. **(1×4=4)**

Sadao knew that his education was his father's chief concern. For this reason she had been sent at twenty two to America to learn all that could be learn of surgery and medicine. He had come back at thirty and before his father died he had been Sadao become famous not only as a surgeon but as a scientist. Because he was perfecting a discovery which would render wounds entirely clean, he had not been sent abroad, with the troops. Also, he knew, there was some slight, danger that the old general might need an operation for a condition for which he was now being treated medically, and for this possibility Sadao was being kept in Japan.

Questions

1. What was the chief concern of Dr. Sadao's father ?

- (a) Dr. Sadao's education (b) Dr. Sadao's treatment
- (c) Dr. Sadao's marriage (d) Dr. Sadao's children.

2. At what age did Dr. Sadao go to America ?

- (a) Thirty (b) Twenty two
- (c) Twenty (d) Thirty two.

3. Why was Dr. Sadao sent to America?

- (a) To learn surgery and medicine (b) To learn scientific activities
- (c) To learn about wounds. (d) To learn about arms.

4. Find the word from the extract which is **opposite** of "fraction" ?

- (a) army (b) unit
- (c) troop (d) group

Q.10. Answer the following questions in about 30 words. **(2×5=10)**

- (i) What was the order from Berlin and what was its effect on the people of Alsace?
- (ii) How did the drowning incident in the Y.M.C.A. pool affect Douglas?
- (iii) Why did the peddler consider the world as a rattrap?
- (iv) What is the example of national integration in Gemini Studios described by Asokamitran?
- (v) What was Sophie's dream about her future after school?

Q.11. Answer the following questions in about 30 words.

(2×3=6)

- (i) What did the poet notice about her mother during her drive to the airport?
- (ii) What is a thing of beauty and what does it give us according to Keats?
- (iii) What is the 'childish longing' that the poet refers to in the poem A Roadside Stand ?
Why is it vain ?

Q.12. Answer the following questions in about 30 words.

(2×2=4)

- (i) Why did the Maharaja of Pratibandapuram decide to kill one hundred tigers?
- (ii) According to Tishani Doshi what is the significance of Antarctica in the history of the Earth?

Q.13. Answer the following questions in about 75-100 words. (Any Two)

(3×2=6)

- (i) Lives of Saheb and Mukesh are not very different. Describe it.
- (ii) Along with the case of the sharecroppers Gandhi helped the people of Champaran. How?
- (iii) 'I am a professor who writes novels on Sundays'. How? Explain with reference to Umberto Eco. (Interviews)

Q.14. Answer the following question in about 75-100 words.

(3×1=3)

What does the poet want us to do by counting up to twelve and keeping still? What is the message of the poem?

OR

How does the poet show that Aunt Jennifer is a victim of male domination? What is the contrast between her and her tigers?

Q.15. Answer the following question in about 75-100 words.

(3×1=3)

What is the real deformity of Derry and what does he suffer from? How does Mr. Lamb help Derry to overcome from his suffering? (On the Face of it)

OR

'The modern world is full of insecurity, fear, war, worry and stress.' What are the ways in which we attempt to overcome them? (The Third Level)

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