Tripura Board of School Education

QUESTION PAPERS

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Annual Examination : 2023-2024

Class : XI

Sub : English

Time : 3 Hours **Full Marks : 80**

General Instructions

* **The Question Paper contains three sections.**
* **Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.**

SECTION-A

Reading Skills - 18 marks

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

Life on our planet earth began with the sea; it is the birth place of life on the earth. The earth is the only planet of the solar system so far known which contains plenty of water and this water has made our earth colourful, pulsating with life of a vast variety. At present sea occupies about 70 percent of the earth's surface. In the southern hemisphere it occupies more area than that in the northern. About 97 per cent of the total water on the surface of the earth is found in the seas and the remaining three percent, which is generally fresh, in lakes, rivers, ponds etc. Sea has given food and shelter to countless creatures. It is a potential source of protein. In 1900 the world population was only 150 crore, now it is more than 700 crore and it is increasing at a very fast rate. As a result there is a terrible hunger in many parts of the world. In Africa, Asia and South America, millions of people do not get enough to eat. Many die of malnutrition. Sea if used scientifically and judiciously, can meet most of our demands.

Plankton or algae mostly contitutes the plant life. Like plant plankton there are also animal plankton, the smallest living creatures of the sea. These animal plankton feed on plant plankton and small

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fish. Thus, there is an unbroken chain of life in the sea. Arctic and Antarctic seas abound in plankton and algae and so in fish also. Blue whales, the largest living creatures of the world, are also found here in great unmber. Some countries have developed sea farming to a great extent. The Japanese and Hawaiians relish eating sea plants but it is not in other countries though some use them to feed their cattle or as manure in their fields. The fact is that sea plants contain rich nutrients not found in other vegetarian food. It is good that even in our country some scientists have developed some recipes for curries, jams etc to be made from algae. But we must remember one thing that sea is not to be exploited indiscriminately. For example, man in his greed has hunted whales and some other sea creatures so recklessly that some of their species have either become extinct or are on the verge of extinction. Now nations of the world have realized their folly and have taken some joint decisions. For example, one such decision is that the size of the holes in fishing nets shuld be big enough to let baby fish escape through. Otherwise, killing of large quantities of very young fish would have an adverse effect on the fish population. In the same way, another decision is for the protection of blue whales.

Answer the following questions : **10 x 1 = 10**

1. How can sea be used to meet our demands ?
2. What should be the size of the holes in fishing nets ?
3. Which countries have developed sea farming to a great extent?
4. Why is our earth more colourful and full of life than the other planets of the solar system ?
5. Where from do we get fresh water ?
6. Why is there a terrible hunger in many parts of the world ?
7. What was the world population in 1900 ?
8. Where are blue whales found in great number ?
9. How are humans responsible for the extinction of some species of sea creatures ?
10. Find the word from the passage which means 'Wisely'

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B. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : **8**

In the contemporary world, where technology has become an integral part of our lives, previously complex tasks have become much easier and seamless. This is especially true in the case of education. Technology has transformed learning and has improved educational offerings in a major way. India, standing at a high adult illiteracy rate of 30% has been struggling to disseminate education, especially in remote areas with poor connectivity. However the availability of economical smart phones, computers, and the internet is making education ehaper and more easily accessible. As a result, people in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities are experiencing high quality learning.

With cloud computing and e-learning, we can now learn on the go. This is has made home learning and distance learning much more effective and has given rise to the concept of online courses. Online courses range from basic to professional degree courses, which anyone - from students to working professionals can enroll in.

With the rise of digital media, the concept of books is no more restricted to bundles of paper bound in covers. The advent of e-book has upturned the scenario and there is almost no limit to how many books one can own and access on the go. They are cheaper, interactive, eco-friendly and easy to store.

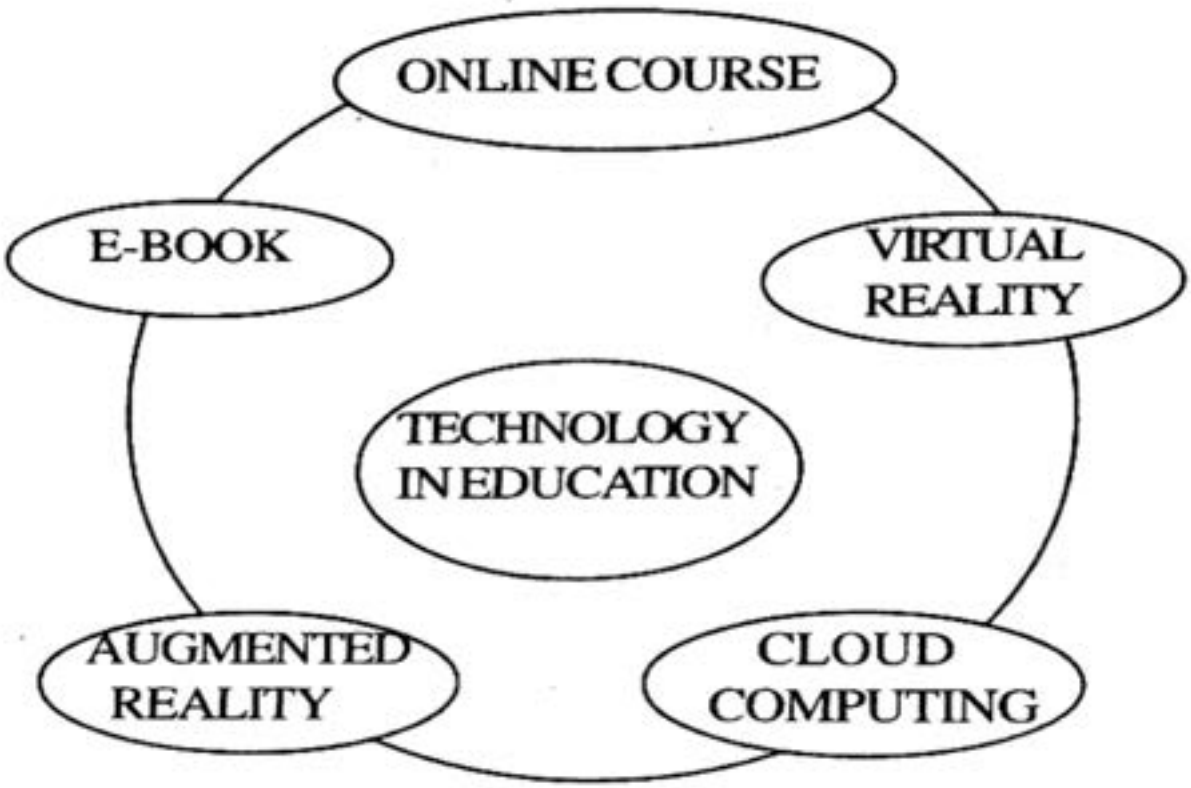
Technological applications have facilitated a shift in the mode of instruction from one way to two way and multi way learning. Tech-based learning modules are making room for active student participation. More teachers are engaging in webinars, live online classroom, setc. This is also giving rise to peer-to-peer learning in the context of schools as well as in preparation for competitive exams.

Numerous Artificial Intelligence (AI) applications are facilitating the customization of education through simple

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tools. This is making it possible for teachers to personalize learning for each and every student. They are customizing lessons to fit every individual's pace and learning style.

Technology is widening the scope of creativity in learning and boosting student engagement. Never applications of Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) are revolutionizing how knowledge is shared ane absorbed. With gamification of difficult concepts, students are now experiencing the fun element in learning. As technology continues to unfold its offerings in the sector, it is enabling a movement in basic as well as technical literacy in the country.



Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions : **1x8= 8**

11. The word 'seamless', used in paragraph-1, means the same as

a) small
b) huge
c) infinite
d) few

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12. Pick the option that is NOT TRUE according to the passage:

a) People in the Tier-2 and Tier 3 cities are experiencing high quality learning.

b) Adult illiteracy would be reduced through technology based education.

c) E-books are costlier than bundles of paper bound in covers.

d) With rise in digital media, classrooms have become more collaborative.

13. "Gamification" means

a) application of game design elements and game principles in non game contexts.

b) using AR and VR in learning and boosting student's engagement.

c) reducing adult illiteracy through games

d) shift in mode of instruction.

14. Cloud computing and e-learning have given rise to

a) eco friendly reading habits.

b) online courses

c) personalised learning

d) all of the above.

15. Technology is :

a) widening the scope of creativity in learning

b) shifting the mode of instruction

c) enabling basic as well as technical literacy.

d) all of these.

16. The word 'pace', used in paragraph-5, is similar in its meaning to

a) speed

b) potential

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c) curiosity

d) habit

17. What is true about personalised learning ?

a) it aims to customize learning for each student's strength, skills and interests.

b) it aims to assess every student on a few rigid parametes.

c) it is only possible through e-learning.

d) technology has caused its downfall.

18. What was not possible when the technolgical advancements were not as they are in their current form ?

a) E-learning and online courses.

b) Use of AR and VR in education.

c) Webinars

d) All of these.

SECTION-B

Writing Skills & Grammar - 31 Marks

C. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : **8**

The problem of unemployment is a serious problem in our country. If millions of people are without jobs, the effect is very bad. A man without employment is a burden to others. If he has to maintain a family, the situation is worse. Such unemployed people are rduced to poverty. It demoralisers them, and they are forced to do undersirable things. They may commit crimes. They may create trouble and spread discontent. If fact, they are a source of danger to society and the state.

The causes of unemployment are mainly the rapid grouth of the population, the prevailing system, and the

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underdevelopment of industry and trade. The population of India is growing very rapidly. It is very difficult to get jobs for all who are in need of them. The British Government had introduced a system of education in this country for carrying out administration only. It is being continued in free India too, with very slight changes. The system of education prepares most young men to be clerks. But neither the government nor private firms can absorb all the educated unemployed people in their offices for clerical work.

The acute problem of unemployment is a cause of unrest in the country. So the government is seriously considering the matter and trying to find a remedy. The remedy is to find work for the people. The government had earlier undertaken five year plans for the material prosperity of the country. For carrying out these plans many mills and factories had been set up both by the government and by industrialists. Many new offices had been started. Many educated young men were absorbed in offices as clerks and in mills and factories as skilled workers. Uneducated and unskilled men were being absorbed into mills and factories as labourers.

19. (a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it, using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations (minimum four) and give an appropriate title. 5

(b) Write a summary of the above passage in about 50 words based on your notes. 3

20. Fill in the following blanks given below choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow :

1x4=4

Once there (i) ..... a girl named Cinderella. She (ii) .... with

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her father, stepmother and stepsisters. Her stepmother and stepsisters (iii) .... her do all the housework and ill-treated her.

i) a) lived	b) living	c) lives	d) was lived.
ii) a) stays	b) stayed	c) will stay	d) is stayed
iii) a) make	b) makes	c) made	d) were made.

21. Rearrange the following words to make meaningful sentences : **1x3=3**

i) lest/should/you/walk/carefully/fall.
ii) our/name/village/the/is/Arshinagar/of.
iii) not/to/able/play/it/is/since/morning/we/are/as/raining.

Creative Writing Skills

22. Hotel City View, Kolkata needs young & smart lady receptionists. Write a classified advertisement to be published in the 'Situation Vacant' column of a local newspaper. (50 words) 3

OR

You want to sell your bike as you are planning to buy a new one. Draft a suitable classified advertisement to be published in a local daily under the 'Forsale' column. (50 words)

23. Draft a poster in not more than 50 words about the need for Regular Exercise. 3

OR

Draft a poster in not more than 50 words on 'SAVE WATER'.

24. You are Ashit Mehra of B-11, Parag Lane, Ramnagar, Mumbai. Write a letter to M/s India Book House, Paharganj, New Delhi asking for a catalogue of books, terms and conditions of supply and mode of payment etc. (120-150 words). 5

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OR

As a regular bus commuter from Agartala to Udaipur, you have been witnessing rash driving by the bus drives daily without exception. Write a letter to the General Manager, Tripura Transport Corporation, about this problem. You are Payel/ Pritam Datta from Ajoynagar, Agartala. (120-150 words)

25. Your school is organising a debate event on the topic 'Should Video Games be Banned?'-Write a debate (120-150 words) either in for or against the motion. 5

OR

Write a debate 120-150 word either in 'for' or 'against' the motion-'Banning zoos : yes or no?'

SECTION-C

Literature-31 Marks

26. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow : 3x1=3

"When did my childhood go ?
Was it the day I ceased to be eleven.
Was it the time I realised that Hell and Heaven,
Could not be found in Geography,
And therefore could not be,
Was that the day!"

a) When does the poet realise that his childhood has gone?
b) What could not be found in Geography ?
c) Name the Poet of the poem.

OR

"Eternal I rise impalpable out of the land and the bottomless sea,
Upward to heaven, whence, vaguely form'd, altogether changed, and yet the same,

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I descend to lave the droughts, atmies, dust-layers of the globe. And all that in them without me were seeds only, latent, unborn."

a) Where are these lines taken from ?

b) Why does the rain descend to the earth ?

c) What is vaguely formed ?

27. Read the given extracts and answer the questions that follow : 3x1=3

Meanwhile, the racing mind of professor Gaitonde had arrived at a plan of action in Bombay. Indeed, as a historian he felt he should have thought of it sooner. He would go to a big library and brow-fee through history books. That was the surest way of finding out how the present state of affairs was reached. He also planned eventually to return to Pune and have a long talk with Rajendra Deshpande, who would surely help him understand what had happened. That is, assuming that in this world there existed someone called Rajendra Deshpande! The train stopped beyond the long tunnel. It was a small station called Sarhad. An Anglo-India in uniform went through the train checking permits.

a) What was Professor Gaitonde's destination?

b) With whom did he want to have a long talk ?

c) Where did the train stop ?

OR

He was just a teenager when he died. The last heir of a powerful family that had ruled Egypt and its empire for centuries, he was laid to rest laden with gold and eventually forgotten. Since the discovery of his tomb in 1922, the modern world has speculated about what happened to him, with murder being the most extreme possibility. Now, leaving his tomb for the first time in almost 80 years, Tut has undergone a CT scan

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that offers new clues about his life and death - and provides precise data for an accurate forensic reconstruction of the boyish pharaoh.

a) Who is the author of the above extract ?

b) Who is 'he' in the above passage?

c) What was the mummy laden with ?

28. Read the given extracts and answer the questions that follow : 4x1=4

Doris : Mum, you'll have to iron my yellow silk. I must wear it tonight. (She now sees what is happening, and is astounded.) What are you doing ?

Mrs. Peason : (not even looking up) What do you think I'm doing, white washing the ceiling?

Doris : But you're smoking !

Mrs. Pearson : That's right, dear. No law against it, is there?

Doris : But I thought you didn't smoke.

a) Who is Doris ?

b) Where does Doris want to go ?

c) What made Doris astounded ?

d) What does Doris wish to wear ?

OR

His thoughts were heavy, muddled. The episode he had witnessed at Cardiff station still obsessed him morbidly. He thought of Bramwell, foolishly devoted to a woman who deceived him sordidly, of Edward page, bound to the shrewish Blodwen, of Denny, living unhappily, apart from his wife. His reason told him that all these marriages were dismal failures.

a) Who is 'He' in this extract ?

b) What was his view about the marriages of his acquaintanees ?

c) Where is the extract taken from ?

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d) Find out a word in the passage which means 'in a dirty and unpleasant way'.

29. Answer any two questions below is short within 40-50 words each. : 3x2=6

a) When did the poet realise that Heaven and Hell are imaginary places ?

b) Who was Howard Carter ? What did he find ?

c) Who was Professor Gaitonde ? What was his plan in Bombay?

d) How does the rain describe herself ?

30. Answer any one of the following questions within 40-50 words : 3x1=3

a) Why was Joe Morgan waiting for Andrew Manson ?

b) Who is Cyril ? How does he behave with his mother ?

31. Answer any one of the following questions (word limit-120-150) : 6x1=6

a) Who was King Tut ? What do you know about him ?

b) Write in your own words the substance of the poem 'Childhood'.

32. Answer any one of the following questions within 120-150 words : 6x1=6

a) What was Andrew's dilemma after the delivery ? How did he solve the problem so successfully ?

b) Compare and contrast the characters of Mrs Fitzgerald and Mrs Pearson. Whom do you admire and why ?

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