Pre- board Question paper

English

Class X

Time : 3 hr. 15 min *Max marks : 70*

General Instructions:

1. *The first 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question paper .* 2. *All questions are compulsory.*
3. *This question paper is divided into two parts – Part A and Part B* 4. *Part A consists of 20 multiple choice questions carrying 1 mark each.* 5. *Read the question wise instructions and mark your answer on the given OMR sheet. Do not erase, cut or use whitener on the OMR sheet.*
6. *Part B consists of descriptive type questions.*
7. *Marks are indicated against each question.*

PART A

(Q.1-3): Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow

This is a great lesson for all of us to learn, that in all matters the two extremes are alike. The extreme positive and the extreme negative are always similar. When the vibrations of light are too slow we do not see them, nor do we see them when they are too rapid. So with sound, when very low in pitch we do not hear it, when very high we do not hear it either. Of like nature is the difference between resistance and non-resistance. One man does not resist because he is weak, lazy and cannot; the other man knows that he can strike an irresistible blow if he likes, yet he not only does not strike but blesses his enemies. The weak who shows non resistance is oppressed while the stronger one commits a sin if he offers resistance.

Q.1. We are unable to hear a sound if 1

a) it is too low

b) *it is too high*

c) *it is too noisy*

d) *both a and b*

Q.2. 'The two extremes are alike' means

a) *extreme positive is better than extreme negative.*

b) *excess of anything is not good.*

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c) *we get almost the same result in both the situations.*

d) *all of the above.*

Q.3. Which word in the passage is opposite of 'slow'?

a) resist

b) *rapid*

c) *lazy*

d) *strike*

(Q.4-8) : Choose the correct option to answer the following-

Q.4. I_____ there with my parents.

a) will go

b) *went*

c) *had gone*

d) all a,b and c are correct.

Q.5. If you want to know about new things you are – 1

a) *cautious*

b) *conscious*

c) *careless*

d) *curious*

Q.6. Rearrange the following word clusters to make a meaningful sentence- 1

loves / my / to / share / toys / brother / his

a) *my toys loves to share his brother*

b) *brother loves his toys to my share*

c) *my brother loves to share his toys*

d) *to share my brother his toys loves*

Q.7. Which of the following words is misspelt? 1

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a) *abundence*

b) *attendance*

c) *acceptance*

d) *acquaintance*

Q.8. He jumped _____ the well to save the drowning girl. 1

a) in

b) *into*

c) *from*

d) *at*

(Q.9-10) : Read the passage given below. Choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow

I finished my poem, and it was beautiful! It was about a mother duck and a father swan with three baby ducklings who were bitten to death by the father because they quacked too much. Luckily, Mr. Keesing took the joke the right way. He read the poem to the class, adding his own comments, and to several other classes as well. Since then I've been allowed to talk and haven't been assigned any extra homework.

Q.9 : In Anne's poem 'the ducklings' and 'father swan' symbolize – 1

a) *children and parents*

b) *Anne and Mr. Keesing*

c) *Anne and neighbours*

d) *class and schools*

Q.10 : Mr. Keesing had assigned Anne extra homework earlier because – 1

a) *he hated her.*

b) *Anne was poor in Maths.*

c) *Anne had misbehaved with him.*

d) *Anne talked too much in the class.*

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(Q.11 – 13) : Choose the correct option to answer the following questions 1

Mandela passed _____years in jail.

a) *twenty seven*

b) *thirty two*

c) *thirty*

d) *twenty nine*

12. *Mahaseer is a _____ found in Coorg.*

a) *a large freshwater fish*

b) *a small freshwater creature*

c) *a small brackish water fish*

d) *a large brackish water creature*

13. *The bus conductor was a _____ man. 1*

a) *rude*

b) *jolly*

c) *selfish*

d) *strange*

(Q. 14-15) : Read the given extract and choose the correct option to answer the following questions:

Don't bite your nails, Amanda !

Don't hunch your shoulders, Amanda !

Stop that slouching and sit up straight, Amanda !

Q.14 *: Who is the speaker in the above lines?* 1

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a) *Amanda*
b) *her parents*

c) *her friends*

d) *her neighbours*

Q.15 *The speaker is speaking like this because*

a) *Amanda is an unruly girl.*

b) *Amanda remains untidy.*

c) *instructions can make Amanda behave better.*

d) *he wants to scold Amanda.*

Q.16 – *20) : Choose the correct option to answer the following questions –*

Q.16. It was a temptation to keep Tricki on as a permanent guest because – 1

a) *Mrs. Pumphrey did not want Tricki back.*

b) *Tricki did not create problems.*

c) *Tricki was not recovering fast.*

d) *Mrs. Pumphrey sent a lot of eatables that the doctor enjoyed.*

Q.17 *Anil taught Hari Singh to - 1*

a) *cook and write .*

b) *cook, write and add numbers.*

c) *write.*

d) *cook and add numbers.*

Q.18 *The book gifted to Ebright by his mother was –*
a) *The Travels of Monarch Butterflies.*

b) *The History of Monarch Butterflies.*
c) *The Travels of Butterflies.*

d) *The Travels of Monarch X.*

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Q.19 *Which of the following combinations describes Matilda?* 1

a) *rich, beautiful, fashionable*

b) *fashionable, ambitious, middle class*

c) *ambitious, middle class, satisfied*

d) *rich, dissatisfied, ambitious*

Q.20 *Bholi was sent to school because –* 1

a) *her father felt compelled to do so.*

b) *her mother wanted her to get educated.*

c) *everybody else sent his daughters to school.*

d) *it was necessary for her marriage.*

PART B

Reading

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

When we enter New York harbor, the first thing we see is the Statue of Liberty. What impresses us the most is its size and magnificence . Have you ever wondered how it came to be there? The Statue of Liberty was a gift from the people of France to mark the one hundred year anniversary of American Independence. In 1869, sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi began to plan his concept for the monument. Bartholdi envisioned Liberty as a strong and proud figure, one who personified not only the majestic Greek goddesses of the past, but also the working men and women of the present. Finally in 1884, the work was finished and Liberty was packed into 214 crates and sent to New York city. But there was one problem. While the French had raised a lot of funds to build the statue, New York had not secured the funds to build its foundation. It was not until a New York newspaper implored people for donations that money became available. Finally, on 28th October 1886, Americans celebrated the unveiling of Statue of Liberty.

a) *Whom does the Statue of Liberty represent?* 2
b) *What is meant by the underlined portion?* 2
c) *How did America collect money to install the statue?* 2
d) *Which word in the passage means 'requested'?* 1

Writing

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Q.2. Write a letter to your elder brother who lives in Delhi, sharing your feelings about how you miss him at home. 4

OR

Write an application to the Principal of your college to complain that the water tanks in the school are not being cleaned regularly.

write a letter to editor of newspaper to publish a news about the problem of stray animals in your locality.

(Hints – when, inauguration ceremony, exhibited craft items, gathering, other stalls etc, overall experience)

Q3. write an article on 'Advantages and Disadvantages of Internet' in about 80- 100 words.

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Grammar

4 - a) Rewrite the following sentence by changing into indirect speech- 2

The boy said to the teacher," Please give me one day's leave."

b) Change the following into passive voice- 2

Who taught you English?

c) Punctuate the following –

he wrote i cant come because i am ill

d) Translate the following into English- 4

कल सुबह मैं पुस्तकालय जाना चाहता था। उसी समय मेरा एक मित्र मिलने आ गया। हमारा शाम तक साथ रहे। मित्र से मिलकर मैं खुश था किन्तु पुस्तकालय न जा सका दुखी भी हुआ।

Literature

Q.5. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each. 3+3 = 6

a) Mention varieties of bread that are an essential part of celebrations in Goa.

OR

Who took pity on the young sea gull? Where did he sleep that night?

b) How did Valli save money for the bus ticket?

OR

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Why was Lencho angry with the post office employees?

Q.6. Answer any one of the following in about 60 words – 4

a) *What lesson did Kisa Gautami learn in the end*

b) *How did Mandela's idea of freedom change with age and experience?*

Q.7. *Mention a few differences between a tiger in the zoo and a tiger in the jungle. (about 40 words) 3*

OR

Write four lines of any poem prescribed in your syllabus. (Do not copy the lines given in this question paper)

Q.8. *Write the central idea of any one of the following poems– (in about 40-50 words)3*

a) *Fire and Ice*
b) *The Trees*
c) *The Tale of Custard the Dragon*

Q.9. Answer any one of the following in about 30-40 words. 3

a) *What did the doctor do to cure Tricki?*

b) *What did Griffin want to prove? Could he do that?*

Q.10. Answer any one of the following in about 60 words. 4

a) *What could have happened if Matilda had not lost the necklace?*

b) *Suppose you are Bholi and now you are a teacher. Write about your family, your childhood and your present life.*

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