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SAMPLE PAPER

Punjab Board

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Model Test Paper for General Students
2023-24
Class X
English

Time : 3 hours **M.M.: 80**

Note: All the questions are compulsory.

Section A – (Reading Skills) **10 marks**

1.(a) Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. 5x1= 5

Sportsmanship means working in tandem to achieve a common goal. It also means team spirit, which teaches us the qualities of punctuality, discipline, cooperation and obedience. Sportsmanship is to see how the goal can be achieved and not who has achieved it. Sportsmanship demands discipline. Sportsmen should not use unfair means to win a game. Sportsmanship demands that they should not question their captain in any circumstance, for he knows what is best for the team. Games should not be played only for victory but also for simple pleasure. A sportsman should not feel depressed in defeat and lose his head over victory because it is an effort of the whole team; not only one person. People who lack sportsmanship are intolerant, narrow-minded, selfish and cannot have consideration for others as they are jealous of them. Therefore, to achieve a goal in life, one should have the spirit of a sportsman.

i. What does sportsmanship teach us?

a. punctuality
b. discipline
c. co-operation and obedience
d. all of the above

ii. How should a sportsman behave after losing or winning the match?

a. He should be depressed.
b. He should feel sad.
c. He should blame the team.
d. He should not feel depressed or lose his head.

iii. Sportsmanship means_____.

a. discipline and teamwork
b. strength and skill
c. lust for victory
d. awards

iv. Defeat for a sportsman is nothing but_____.

a. loss of prestige
b. a lesson to improve
c. a trivial matter
d. none of these

v. Give synonym of 'victory'.

a. defeat
b. triumph
c. success
d. both b and c

(b) Read the given poster carefully and answer the questions that follow. 5x1=5

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i. What is the poster all about?

a. Government Initiatives for Agriculture
b. India's Agriculture Sector
c. Organic Farming only
d. e-NAM only

ii. What is organic farming?

a. farming using costly pesticides
b. farming using unhealthy fertilisers
c. integrated and sustainable farming
d. storing and food processing

iii. Which initiative has been started for the online trading of crops?

a. e-NAM

b. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana

c. Soil health card

d. all of these

iv. Why is storage and food processing necessary?

a. to increase quality of crops
b. to sustain and increase life of crop
c. to make food secure nation
d. all of these

v. What is the purpose of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana ?

a. to minimise the use of fertiliser
b. to minimise wastage of water
c. to trade crops online
d. to store water in dams

Section B – (Objective Type Questions) **8 marks**

2. Answer the following questions. 8x1=8

i. The poor seamstress was given _____ by the swallow. (The Happy Prince)

a. gold b. sapphire c. ruby d. oranges

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ii. Which illustration was used by the Professor of Psychology? (Secret of Happiness)

iii. Phatik's aunt welcomed Phatik at her home. (True/False) (The Home-Coming)

iv. A happy man envies _____. (Character of a Happy Man)

v. Naeem urged the author to re-start _____. (Bed Number - 29)

a. dancing b. singing c. studying d. painting

vi. Who was Miss Lotta Lauriere? (One Thousand Dollars)

vii. Holmes did not want Watson to touch his things. (True/False) (The Dying Detective)

viii. Pakham was a very _____ man. (How Much Land Does a Man Need?)

a. helpful b. greedy c. kind d. selfish

Section C – (English Textbooks) **24 marks**

English Main Course Book: Prose

3. (a) Answer any *three* questions. 3x2=6

i. What is the greatest gift of Science? (Where is Science Taking Us?)

ii. Why was Della crying? (A Gift for Christmas)

iii.What caused desperation to the Gods? Who did the Gods go to in desperation?

(Some Glimpses of Ancient Indian Thought and Practices)

iv. Why do the stars twinkle? (The Making of the Earth)

v. Can we do whatever we feel like doing? (The Rule of the Road)

(b) Answer any *one* question in about 50 words. 1x3=3

Why did the Mayor dislike the statue so much? (The Happy Prince)

Or

Who is responsible for Phatik's death? (The Home-Coming)

English Main Course Book: Poetry

4. (a) Answer any *two* questions after reading the stanza. 2x1.5= 3

Who God doth late and early pray

More of His Grace than gifts to lend;

Who entertains the harmless day

With a religious book or friend

i. Name the poem and its poet.

ii. What does a happy man pray for?

iii. How does a happy man spend his day?

(b) Answer any *one* question. 1x3=3

Do the conquerors tame death or the dead? (Death the Leveller)

Or

What is the theme of the poem 'Razia, the Tigress?

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English Supplementary Reader

5. Answer any *three* of the following questions. 3x3=9

i. When did the author regain his confidence and how? (Bed Number- 29)

ii. How did Subbiah manage to get rice during the drought? (Half a Rupee Worth)

iii. What was the condition laid down by the lawyer ? (One Thousand Dollars)

iv. Where did Holmes get the illness from? When did he get it? (The Dying Detective)

v. Why was the boy called 'Sausage'? Why did he not like diving ? (Return to Air)

Section D – (Vocabulary) **4 marks**

6. **Do as directed**. 4x1= 4

i. Choose the correct word from the bracket to fill in the blank.

Bad _____ of drugs was soon felt. (affect, effect)

ii. Use the following idiom in a sentence.

by virtue of

iii. Give one word for the following.

To increase the gravity of a situation

iv. Correct the following sentence.

Seventy miles are a long distance.

Section E – (Translation, Grammar and Composition) **29 marks**

7. (a) Translate any *three* sentences from English to Punjabi/Hindi. 3x1=3

i. My courtiers called me the Happy Prince.

ii. He never lost his calm.

iii. The gods approached sage Dadhichi.

iv. The stranger asked him again.

v. I may be as free as I like.

(b) Translate any *three* sentences from Punjabi/Hindi to English. 3x1=3

i. ਉਹ ਇੱਥੇ ਰਿਹਾ ਕਰਦਾ ਸੀ।/ वह यहाँ रहा करता था।

ii. ਕੀ ਵਰਖਾ ਰੁੱਤ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਹੋ ਗਈ ਹੈ?/ क्या वर्षा ऋतु शुरू हो गई है?

iii. ਮੈਨੂੰ ਜਾਣ ਦਿਓ।/ मुझे जाने दो।

iv. ਜੈਸਾ ਦੇਸ ਵੈਸਾ ਭੇਸ।/ जैसा देश वैसा भेष।

v. ਆਪਣੇ ਕੰਮ ਨਾਲ ਮਤਲਬ ਰੱਖੋ।/ अपने काम से काम रखो।

8. Do as directed. 10x1=10

i. **Fill in the blank with a suitable determiner.**

In my last summer vacation, I went to _____ historical place.

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ii. Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition.

Good translation is the result _____ practice and patience.

iii. Fill in the blank with the correct modal.

_____ you finish your work in two hours? (can/may)

iv. Fill in the blank with a suitable conjunction.

There is not even a single field _____ education has not left its mark.

v. Combine the following sentences using a Non-finite verb.

I enjoyed the mangoes. These were sent by my uncle.

vi. Pick out the subordinate clause from the following sentence and name it.

I respect her because she is kind to me.

vii. Change the following sentence into passive voice.

Let her sing.

viii. Change the following sentence into the indirect form of Narration.

The mother said, "Son, why did the teacher punish you?"

ix. Rewrite the following sentence using Past Indefinite Tense.

The policeman holds up his hand.

x. Punctuate the following sentence.

his story was in several ways improbable

9. (a) You are Sonal, Cultural Secretary of the City Public School, Lucknow. Write a notice inviting students to give their names for the Fancy Dress Competition. 3

Or

Read the telephonic conversation between Mr Ajit Sharma and Anju.

Ajit Sharma : Hello ! Is it 2410786?

Anju : Yes, may I know who is calling?

Ajit Sharma : I am Ajit Sharma and I want to talk to Mr Chadda.

Anju : Papa is not at home. You can give me the message.

Ajit Sharma : Tell him that the society meeting has been postponed and as soon as the new date is fixed, I'll let him know.

Anju : All right. I'll convey the message.

Write the message on behalf of Anju. 3

(b) Write a paragraph on any *one* topic using the following hints. 4

Our School Annual Inspection: Conducted by District Education Officer ..... reached with team before morning assembly ..... escorted by principal ..... we sang the National Anthem ..... show of P.T. with drum .....our academic records checked ..... impressed by our Science and Computer laboratories ..... visited sports room ..... art and craft room ..... vice-principal read the annual report ..... highly satisfied

Or

Pollution: Living in polluted world.....air, water, food etc.....everything polluted.....scientists listed the dangers of environmental pollution.....all governments worried.....man himself responsible.....use of fertilizers ..... nuclear testing.....contaminating water.....several deadly diseases.....an immediate control must

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(c) You are Rajiv living at Queen's Hostel, International School, New Delhi. Write a letter to your father requesting him to permit you to join an educational tour to South India conducted by your school. 6

Or

Write a letter to a book-seller complaining against the wrong supply of books. You are Jatinder Singh living at Model Town, Nakodar. 6

10. Marks for good handwriting 5

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