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PSEB 12th Sample Paper 2027 English

EXAM	YEAR	TYPE	SUBJECT
Punjab Class 12	2027	Sample Paper	English

CLASS XII
General English
Model Test Paper

Time Allowed: Three hours Theory: 80 marks

Section A (Reading Comprehension) **16 marks**

Q1.A.Read the given passage and answer the questions given below:

1+1+2+2+1+1+1+1=10

The culture of nuclear families is in fashion. Parents are often heard complaining about the difficulties in bringing up children these days. Too much of freedom in demand, too much independence, over night parties, excessive extravagance, splurging pocket money, no time for studies and family - all this is a common cry of such families. Aren't parents, themselves, responsible for this pitiful state? The basic need of a growing youth is familial love, attention and bonding along with moral values. One should not forget that 'charity begins at home'. Independence and individuality both need to be respected in order to maintain the sanctity of a family. Children, today, are to be handled with tact in order to bridge the ever-widening generation gap. Only the reasonable demands need to be fulfilled, as there are too many expenses to be met and too many social obligations to be taken care of by the parents. Our forefathers lived happily in joint families and children loved to live with their cousins, learnt to adjust within means. There was perfect harmony between the generations. There never existed the concept of old-age homes. There was deep respect for the family elders and much love, care and concern for the youngsters. Even the minor family differences were solved amicably.

i. A family is facing financial pressure due to many social obligations and expenses. Their teenage daughter demands expensive gadgets and branded clothes. Applying the idea from the passage, what should the parents do?

a) Fulfill all demands to avoid conflict

b) Fulfill only reasonable demands and explain the situation

c) Ignore her completely

d) Send her to live with grandparents

ii. Rohan's parents give him full freedom to go for overnight parties and spend money without asking. However, they rarely sit and talk with him about his studies or values. According to the passage, what is the most likely outcome?

a) Rohan will become more responsible
b) Rohan may develop a wider generation gap with his parents
c) Rohan will focus better on studies
d) Rohan will start respecting elders more

iii. State any two features of joint families mentioned in the passage.

iv. Why does the passage say that “charity begins at home” in the context of bringing up children?

v. According to the passage, what was the main reason for harmony in joint families?

vi. Give an appropriate title to the given passage.

vii. How can the ever-widening generation gap be bridged according to the passage?

viii. Why were there no old-age homes in joint families, as per the passage?

(B) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below. 6*1=6

An archipelago is an area that contains a group of islands scattered in lakes, rivers, or the ocean. Lakshadweep is an archipelago located 200 – 400 km west of the coast of Kerala in the Arabian Sea. This archipelago consists of 36 main islands and many smaller islands, coral atolls and coral reefs. It is the smallest union territory in India. In the local language, Malayalam, Lakshadweep means a hundred thousand islands. Only ten of the Lakshadweep islands are inhabited and more than 90 percent of the indigenous population is Muslims. The main economic activities are fishing, coconut cultivation and coir twisting. Tourism is an emerging industry in this archipelago. Tourists require an entry permit to visit Lakshadweep; the permit is issued in Kochi (in Kerala). Foreign nationals are allowed only in kadmat, Bangaram and Agatti islands. October to March is the ideal time to be on the islands. From June to October, the South West Monsoon is active with an average rainfall of 10-40 mm. Coconut is the main crop cultivated on the island. Lakshadweep is India’s largest producer of coconuts. About 2,598 hectares are under coconut cultivation and the productivity per hectare is 22,310.

i. How many main islands are there in Lakshadweep?

a) 10 b) 24 c) 36 d) 100

ii. Why is an entry permit required to visit Lakshadweep?

a) To control population

b) To regulate tourism and security

c) Because it is a foreign country

d) To promote fishing

iii. What are the three main economic activities in Lakshadweep?

iv. Why is October to March considered the ideal time to visit Lakshadweep?

v. Fill in the blank with a suitable word from the passage.

Aid workers trained in dealing with an ___ crisis are sent first to regions with no food and water.

vi. Match the words under column 'A' with their antonyms under 'B'

A	B
emerging	foreign
indigenous	declining
	native

SECTION B (writing skills, grammar and translation) 27 marks

Q2. Write a Precis of the following paragraph in your own words : 4

Famine is one of the most severe humanitarian crises that affects millions of people across the world. It occurs when there is a prolonged shortage of food, often caused by drought, floods, war, or poor distribution systems. During a famine, food prices rise sharply and many families cannot afford even basic meals. This leads to malnutrition, disease, and a high rate of death, especially among children and the elderly. Governments and international organizations try to respond by sending emergency food supplies, setting up relief camps, and providing medical aid. However, reaching remote areas in time is often difficult. Long-term solutions include improving agriculture, building better storage facilities, and creating early warning systems to predict food shortages. Famine not only destroys lives but also weakens economies and communities for years. Therefore, preventing famine requires global cooperation, better planning, and commitment to ensure food security for all people.

Q3. Attempt any one of the following. 6

You are Savvy, living at #754, New Cantt Road, Faridkot. You have noticed an increase in indiscipline among students in schools and colleges. Mention the major causes and effects of indiscipline among students, and write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper suggesting practical solutions to address this issue.

or

Suppose you are Meena and you live at 209, Sector-69, Mohali. Your area has a population of 20,000+ but has no medical facility within 5 km. During the last monsoon, 3 elderly residents had to be taken to the city hospital late at night due to lack of a nearby dispensary. Write a letter to the Deputy Commissioner of Mohali to establish a new government dispensary in Sector-69.

Q4. Attempt any one of the following. 3

Explain the following Newspaper Headline in 15-20 words.

BALI VOLCANO KEEPS AIRPORT CLOSED

or

Q5.You are Kuldeep. You and your colleague Karan have a client meeting scheduled for tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. but the client just informed you that their CEO has a medical emergency and they need to reschedule. Write an e-mail to your colleague, Karan informing about the change in schedule of meeting with client.

Q5.(A)Translate the following sentences into Punjabi/Hindi.(any two) 2*1=2

i. She will complete the work by tomorrow.

ii. Don't you trust me?

iii. The sun has risen.

(B)Translate the following sentences into English.(any two) 2*1=2

i. ਰਜਨ ਨੇ ਕਾਫ਼ੀ ਪੀ ਲਈ ਹੈ। रमन ने कॉफ़ी पी ली है।

ii. ਸੌਰਭ ਨਮਨ ਦਾ ਮਜ਼ਾਕ ਉਡਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਸੀ। सौरभ नमन का मजाक उड़ा रहा था।

iii. ਅੰਬ ਮੇਰਾ ਪਸੰਦੀਦਾ ਫ਼ਲ ਹੈ। आम मेरा पसंदीदा फल है।

Q6. Do as directed.

(A) Supply suitable Determiners. 3*1=3

i. How beautiful …… stars are!

ii. Sudha knew …….. languages.

iii. I am a man of ……. words.

(B) Fill in the blanks as directed: (Use the words given in the brackets.) 2*1=2

i. Shama is fond of …….. (dance). (Fill in the blank with a Gerund.)

ii. You dare not …….. (challenge) me. (Fill in the blank with an Infinitive.)

(C) Rewrite the given sentences as directed. (any two) 2*1=2

i. Rewrite the given sentence using 'too'.

That man is so honest that he cannot cheat.

ii. Rewrite the given sentence using 'No sooner…….. than'.

As soon as I woke up, I went to the park.

iii. Transform the given sentence using positive degree of comparison.

Resham is the tallest boy in the class

(D) Change the given sentences into Passive Voice. (any two) 2*1=2

i. My brother has saved a deer.

ii. Help me, please.

iii. We should serve our motherland devotedly.

(E) Change any one of the given sentences into Indirect Speech. 1*1=1

i. The teacher said, "Water freezes at 0º Celsius."

ii. My neighbour said to me, "Someone has cut the wire."

SECTION C (Literature Textbook) 37 marks

Q7.Objective type questions: 10*1=10

i. The memories of some students were etched in Sudha Murthy's memories because …….. (Hassan's Attendance Problem)

a) they were hardworking.

b) they were brilliant.

c) something in them was very different from others.

d) they were very punctual.

ii. Fill in the blank.

…….. is the author of 'The March King'.

iii. Whom does the title Two Gentlemen of Verona refer to?

(Two Gentlemen of Verona)

iv. Why was the day Helen learned the word 'water' at the well a turning point in her life? (The Story of My Life)

a) Because she finally learned how to spell difficult words

b) Because she realized that everything had a name and it connected her to the world

c) Because Miss Sullivan was teaching her in a new place

d) Because she could now communicate with her family

v. What does the suffering in Kalapani Jail tell us about the British rule?

(Ghadari Babas in Kalapani Jail)

vi. …….. is the writer of, 'The School for Sympathy'.

a) K.A.Abbas b) R.K.Laxman

c) Mulk Raj Anand d) E.V.Lucas

vii. Fill in the blank.

Bishamber Nath was a …….. (Bholi)

viii. What does Datta's shop tell us about him ? (The Gold Frame)

ix. What did Hryukin display to the crowd?. (A Chameleon)

x. Why did Mann Singh talk about Karam Singh's bravery to the little boy?

a) To make the boy feel proud of his father

b) To impress Karam Singh's father

c) To get a reward from the army

d) Because he was bored (The Bull Beneath the Earth)

Q8.(A) Read the following lines and answer the questions that follow:(any four) 4*1=4

For that which you love most in him may be clearer in his absence, as the mountain to the climber is clearer from the plain.

And let there be no purpose in friendship save the deepening of the spirit.

For love that seeks aught but the disclosure of its own mystery is not love but a net cast forth: and only the unprofitable is caught.

i. Name the poem.

ii. Name the poet.

iii. What kind of love is compared to net ?

iv. What should be the main purpose of friendship?

v. Name the figure of speech used in the line:

'For that which you love most in him may be clearer in his absence, as the mountain to the climber is clearer from the plain.'

or

But believe me, son.

I want to be what I used to be

when I was like you. I want

to unlearn all these muting things.

Most of all, I want to relearn

how to laugh, for my laugh in the mirror
shows only my teeth like a snake's bare fangs!

i. Name the poem.
ii. Name the poet.
iii. Whom is the poet talking to?
iv. Name the figure of speech used in the given line:
'for my laugh in the mirror shows only my teeth like a snake's bare fangs!'
v. Why is the poet so upset ?

B) Give the central idea of one of the poems: 1*3=3
i) Prayer of the Woods ii) The Road Not Taken

Q9. Answer the following questions in about 20 to 30 words. (any three) 3*2=6

i. How was Philip a success as the leader of the Marine Band?
(The March King)

ii. What do you think was the reason for the liftman's angry reaction? .
(On Saying Please)

iii. How did the boys manage to pay for Lucia's treatment?
(Two Gentlemen of Verona)

iv. What does the British Government's torture of the prisoners reveal about its attitude towards the freedom fighters?
(Ghadari Babas in Kalapani Jail)

v. According to Dr Barnard, what is the business of living ?
(In Celebration of Being Alive)

Q10. Answer any two of the following questions in 20 to 30 words: (2*2=4)
i) Why were the children acting to be blind, deaf or lame?
(The School for Sympathy)
ii) What news did the postman bring? (The Bull Beneath the Earth)

iii) Why did Chandu organise a trade union ? (The Barber's Trade Union)

Q 11. Answer any one of the following questions in 100 to 120 words: 5

Analyse the qualities that make Helen Keller an inspiration to others.
(The Story of My Life)

or

Discuss the theme of 'Thinking out of the Box: Lateral Thinking'. by analysing the examples presented in the lesson.

Q12. Answer any one of the following questions in 100 to 120 words: 5

How can Miss Beam's qualities be applied to improve the lives of students in modern schools. (The School for Sympathy)

or

Justify the title of the story, 'The Bull Beneath the Earth' by citing evidence from the story.