

BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (TELANGANA)

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I

TENTH CLASS ENGLISH MODEL PAPER

PAPER – I

Time: 2 hrs. 45 mins.

Maximum Marks: 40

Note: i) This question paper contains three Sections (Section A, B and C).

ii) 15 minutes are allotted exclusively for reading the question paper and 2.30 hours for writing the answers.

iii) All the answers are to be written in the separate answer booklet.

iv) Make use of the last pages of the answer booklet for rough work. If necessary, while answering the questions under Section – C.

SECTION – A

(Reading Comprehension)

Q.No. (1 – 7): Read the following passage.

After spending a leisurely Sunday at home, the very thought of returning to work on Monday is tiring. Lethargy creeps in if the holiday continues over an extended period. That is how I felt when I was preparing to return to my place of work after spending six months at home. The fact that I was to leave behind my newly-wed wife and go to a far-off place did not help either. Obviously I did not want to go.

However, I finally did decide to go. I did not have much to carry by way of luggage - just a trunk. Ours is a hilly terrain, without any motorable roads and there is no certainty that we are ever going to have any roads. In any case, while coming home we do not carry bedding. Besides, I had come home this time round for a special purpose: to get married. My parents had arranged my marriage, according to the customs of our tribal society. Time flew, and five months into my marriage I realised it. Initially I thought of extending my leave - even taking unpaid leave. But after some dilly - dallying, I finally decided against it because marriage had increased my responsibilities and I had got into debt.

On my way home from the bus stop, my trunk had been carried by a porter. The problem now was we couldn't find anyone who could help me carry the trunk to the bus stop. At another time of the year, we would have easily found someone to help me, but now most of the villagers were busy in the fields. Nobody had time to spare for me. In fact, carrying the trunk should not have been such a worry for me except that my education had made me shun physical labour. After all, I was a government officer and the idea of people seeing me carry my own luggage was not at all amusing. Otherwise, for a young man like me it should not have been an issue to carry a 20 kilo chest on my back. (The Journey)

Q.No. (1 – 4): Choose the correct answer and write A, B, C or D in your answer booklet. 4 × 1 = 4

- What kind of text is this passage?
A) Drama B) Essay C) Narrative D) Biography
- What is the meaning of the phrase 'dilly – dallying'?
A) taking a long time to do something B) to avoid something
C) playing a game D) sleeping long time

3. Who carried the trunk on his way home from the bus stop?
A) His father B) Himself C) A porter D) His friend
4. "I had come this time round for a special purpose" what does it?
A) to do some agricultural work B) to attend marriage
C) to get married D) he came on leave to take rest

Q.No. (5 – 7): Answer the following questions in two or three sentences.

3 × 2 = 6

5. "The narrator had got into debt". How and why did the narrator get into debts?
6. Why did the narrator come to his home and spend six months?
7. The narrator made his father to carry the trunk. What would you do if you were in his place?

Q.No. (8 – 12): Read the following Poem.

This morning she bought green 'methi'
in the market, choosing the freshest bunch;
picked up a white radish,
imagined the crunch it would make
between her teeth, the sweet sharp taste,
then put it aside, thinking it
an extravagance, counted her coins
out carefully, tied them, a small bundle
into her sari at the waist;
came home, faced her mother-in-law's
dark looks, took
the leaves and chopped them,
her hands stained yellow from the juice;
cut an onion, fine and cooked
the whole thing in the pot
over the stove,
shielding her face from the heat.
(Another Woman)

Now answer the following questions.

3 × 1 = 3

8. Who was the cruel person mentioned in poem?
A) Her husband B) Her mother-in-law
C) Her father-in-law D) Her brother-in-law
9. Why didn't she buy the white radish?
A) It was not tasty B) It was bitter
C) It was sweet D) It was an extravagance

10. She put it aside, thinking it an extravagance. What does 'it' refer to here?
A) Green Methi B) White radish C) Onion D) The Pot

Now answer the following questions in one or two sentences.

2 × 1 = 2

11. Why did she shield her face?
12. What does the phrase mother-in-law's dark look suggest?

SECTION – B

(Vocabulary and Grammar)

Q.No. (13 – 17): Read the passage given below.

Five sentences in the passage are numbered from 13 – 17 at the beginning each of these sentences has an error. Correct them and rewrite the sentence in your answer booklet.

5 × 1 = 5

13. (13) But it take him nine years after reaching Calcutta (now Kolkata) and joining St. Xavier's College, to master up the confidence to meet Ray in person (14) "Although I want to meet him right way, (15) I didn't wanted to just go and see him like he was a living museum piece. (16) I wanted to prepare myself, get to know her works more, so that when we met there could be a worthwhile dialogue" he said. (17) Why they finally met, it was the beginning of a close friendship that last 22 years until Ray's death in 1992.

Q.No. (18 – 22): Complete the passage choosing the right word from the given below box. Each blank is numbered. Write the correct word in your answer booklet.

5 × $\frac{1}{2}$ = 2 $\frac{1}{2}$

establishment, invented, governing, founded, reservations, funding, development

One important fallout of this friendship was the (18) of Chitrabani, a communication and film institute, the first of its kind in West Bengal, which Roberge (19) in 1970 and to which Ray, as a token of friendship, lent his name as co-founder. Ray was in the first (20) body and after a few terms readily agreed to be the institute's advisor. Roberge arranged most of the initial (21) from Canadian agencies. "I had no (22) applying for them, nor I feel richer countries in the west are in debted to countries like India," he said.

Q.No. (23 – 27): Some words/ phrases/ sentences in the given passage are underlined. Rewrite them as directed in your answer booklet.

5 × $\frac{1}{2}$ = 2 $\frac{1}{2}$

The next day he went with her (23) wife to the capital. The king was pleased (24) to see him and ordered the potter to lead a (25) army into battle the next day. The enemy were not far from the gates of the city. A splendid house had been prepare (26) for the potter and his wife. The house who (27) would carry him into battle was ready in the stable.

23. Replace the underlined word with the correct one.
24. Write the antonym of the underlined word.
25. Replace the underlined word/ letter with the suitable one.
26. Write the correct form of the underlined word.
27. Replace the underlined word with the right one.

SECTION – C

(Creative Writing/ Discourses)

28. You have read the lesson "Rendezvous with ray". In that lesson Fr. Gaston Roberge described his experience with Ray. Now write an imaginary conversation between frontline reporter and Gaston Roberge with reference to details of your lesson.

10 Marks

(OR)

"Failures are stepping stones to success". Write a description in supporting the statement extracting the references from your lesson "Every success story is also a story of great failures".

29. Imagine that you are the school pupil leader. As the school pupil leader, you have invited Nick Vyicic to conduct a motivational class in your school. Write a notice informing the students about the class.

5 Marks

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