

PRE BOARD EXAMINATION 2023-24**Subject : ENGLISH****Class : X****Time Allowed : 3:15 Hours****Max. Marks : 70****Instructions :**

- (i) All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) First 15 Minutes are allotted for the candidate to read the question paper. At the second bell you will start writing.
- (iii) 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.
- (iv) Part B consists of descriptive type questions. Marks are indicated against each questions.

PART-A (Multiple Choice Type questions)

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

Prevention is better than cure and it is recognised that the only way to get rid of malaria completely is to get rid of mosquitoes which cause it. Malaria is associated with damp and marshy land. This is not because the land is damp but because the standing water is the breeding place of the mosquitoes. Which begins its life as a larva living in water, Malaria does not frequently occur in dry desert countries because mosquitoes can not breed there. The only way to destroy mosquitoes is to prevent their breeding in standing water. This can be done by draining all ponds and pools and by keeping them covered in the breeding reason with a film of kerosine oil, which by depriving the larva of air, kills them.

1. What causes malaria ?

- (a) Mosquito (b) Marshy Land
(c) Lerva in standing water (d) dry desert

2. The antonym of the word damp ?

- (a) Wet (b) Moist
(c) Dry (d) Dark

3. How can be destroy mosquitoes ?

- (a) By stopping the breeding of mosquitoes.
(b) By presently their breeding in standing water.
(c) By keeping the surroundings neat and clean.
(d) By making the area a desert land.

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

Q.4 No sooner did I _____ the school than the bell rang. 1

- (a) reach (b) reached
(c) will reach (d) none in these

Q.5 Satyam is related _____ me. 1

- (a) with (b) to
(c) from (d) by

Q.6 'He is a good boy'. Identify the adjective. 1

- (a) boy (b) a
(c) good (d) is

Q.7 Re-arrange the following words clusters to make a meaningful sentence. 1

- (a) Everything that glitters is not gold.
(b) That every thing glitters is not gold.
(c) Glitters that everything is not gold.
(d) Everything glitters that is not gold.

Q.8 Which of the following word is misspelled ? 1

- (a) Received (b) Decieve
(c) Believe (d) Achieve

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

The following Sunday, Lencho came a bit earlier than usual to ask if there was a letter for him. It was the postman himself who handed the letter to him while the postmaster, experiencing the contentment of a man who has performed a good deed, looked on from his office.

Q.9 After performing, a good deed what does the postmaster feel. 1

- (a) Happiness (b) contentment
(c) Experience (d) Deed

Q.10 Who handed the letter? 1

- (a) Postman (b) Lencho
(c) Postmaster (d) None

Q.(11-13) Choose the correct to answer the following questions. 1

Q.11 How many times did the baker come everyday? 1

- (a) once (b) twice
(c) thrice (d) Four times

Q.12 Which subject was not sure of passing? 1

- (a) geography (b) History
(c) Science (d) Mathematics

Q.13 Who is the author of the black Aeroplane?

- (a) Carl Sandburg (b) G.L. Fuentes
(c) Carolyn Wells (d) Fredrick

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 getting all the instructions ?

- (a) Amanda (b) Wanda
(c) Peggy (d) Maddie

Q.15 What is Amanda doing to her nails ?

- (a) Painting (b) Cutting
 (c) Biting (d) None of these

Q. (16 - 20) Choose the correct option to answer the following questions - 1

Q.16 The gardener of Mrs. Pumphrey was _____.

- (a) Hodgkin (b) Mr. Herriot
(c) George (d) Alice

Q.17 Hari Singh was thinking to catch the train 10.30 express to

- (a) Prayagraj (b) Lucknow
(c) Agra (d) New Delhi

Q.18 Max had a _____ in his hand.

- (a) Knife (b) pistol
 (c) Gun (d) Some important papers

Q.19 Griffin found himself invisible and naked in the month of _____

- (a) November (b) December
(c) January (d) February

Q.20 Before going to school Ebrights' only companion was _____

- (a) His father (b) His mother
(c) His grandmother (d) His grand father

Part - B (Reading)

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

Most bats are active only at night. They come out at night to find

food. For centuries men who studied bats wondered how they found their way in the dark. How could a bat with no light able to find a flying insect and catch it in flight.

Many people used to think that bats had unusually keen eyesight and could see by light which is too faint for human eyes to detect. Scientists now know that a bat's ability to navigate depends not on its eyes but on its ears and vocal organs.

- (a) Why do bats come out at night ? 2
- (b) How did many people think about how bats found their ways in the dark ? 2
- (c) What have scientists discovered now. 2
- (d) Which word in the passage is opposite to the word "usual". 1

(Writing)

- Q.2 Write a letter to your uncle thanking him for the birthday present sent to you. 4

or

Write an application to the principal of your college to grant you a character certificate.

- Q.3 Write a report on the celebrations of Annual Function in your school at least 60-80 words on the basis of the hints given below - 6

- (a) When it was celebrated.
- (b) Preparation
- (c) Games and sports
- (d) Cultural programmes

OR

Write an article on the topic uses and misuses of mobile phones.

Part - C (Grammar)

- Q.4 (a) Re write the following sentence by changing it into Indirect speech - 2

My mother said to me, "Do you not attend your college regularly?"

- (b) Change into passive Voice - 2

Do it.

- (c) Punctuate the following using capital letters where ever necessary. 2

how does this machine work asked the boy

- (d) Translate into English - 4

एक दिवस रजत हमारे घर आया । उसका छोटा भाई संदीप भी उसके साथ था । उसने कहा कि वह ताज देखने आगरा जाना चाहता है । मैंने उससे पूछा, "क्या तुम अकेले वहाँ जा सकते हो ?"

(LITERATURE)

- Q.5 Answer the following question in about 30-40 words each - 3+3

- (a) What does 'the sun shall never set' mean here', According to Nelson mandela ?

OR

What was the young seagull alone on the edge ?

- (b) Why does Anne want to write a dictionary.

- Q.6 Answer anyone of the following in about 60 words - 4

- (a) When did Lencho receive the letter ? Why did he become angry ? What did he address to the postal employees ?

- (b) Describe the experience of the narrator while flying into these black clouds ?

- Q.7 According to the poet what do 'Fire and Ice' represent ? Do you agree with him ? 3

OR

Write four lines of any poem prescribed in your syllabus.

(6)

Q.8 Write the central Idea of any one of the following poems in about 30-40 words. 3

(a) The ball poem

(b) The tiger in the zoo

(c) Dust of snow

Q.9 Answer any one of the following questions - 2

(a) Why was the thief grateful to Anil ?

(b) What was Mr. Herriot's strict advice ? Did Mrs. Pumphrey heed his advice."

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

(a) Give a character sketch of Griffin.

(b) Describe how Ausable outfitted Max.

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