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Instructions :

First 15 minutes are allotted for the candidates to read the question paper.

All questions are compulsory.

**Class 10th (English)  
Pre-Board Paper 📜  
2025-26  
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## PART - A

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

Discipline must be enforced early in life. Discipline at home makes for the future greatness of a child. It forms his character and makes him a fit citizen. The child who is allowed to have his own way becomes wayward. The child who is allowed to indulge in sorts of excesses like running about in the sun, exposing himself to cold, eating unhealthy things, will fall ill frequently as a result. A child whose habits have been disciplined and who has been taught to rise early, attend to his lessons properly, take physical exercise at the proper time and avoid things that are injurious, will grow up to be a useful member of the society.

1. Discipline is important for a child because.
  - (A) it makes him hardworking
  - (B) it makes him truthful
  - (C) it forms his character and makes him a good citizen
  - (D) it makes him honest
2. A disciplined child will grow up to be a
  - (A) problematic person
  - (B) senseless person
  - (C) poor fellow
  - (D) useful member of the society
3. Which word is opposite of the word 'frequently' as used in the passage ?
  - (A) Rarely
  - (B) Often
  - (C) Mostly
  - (D) All of these

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

4. Complete the following sentence :

She asked me ..... I was born.

- (A) if
- (B) why
- (C) where
- (D) that



5. Complete the following sentence :

There was an accident ..... the crossroads near my school.

- (A) at (B) in  
(C) on (D) upon

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5. Rearrange the following word cluster to make a meaningful sentence :

needy poor and should help we the

- (A) The poor and needy help we should  
(B) Help should we the poor and needy  
(C) We should help the poor and needy  
(D) Should help we the needy and poor

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He ran fast but he could not win the prize. ( Identify the word 'fast' )

- (A) Noun (B) Verb  
(C) Adjective (D) Adverb

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Which of the following words is misspelled ?

- (A) Finally (B) Simplecity  
(C) Vendor (D) Prominent

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( Q. Nos. 9 – 10 ) : Read the passage given below and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow :

Day after day she watched the bus, and gradually a tiny wish crept into her head and grew there : she wanted to ride on that bus, even if just once. The wish became stronger and stronger, until it was an overwhelming desire. Valli would stare wistfully at the people who got on or off the bus when it stopped at the street corner. Their faces would kindle in her longings, dreams, and hopes.

Who is 'she' in the first sentence ?

- (A) Valli's aunt (B) Valli's neighbour  
(C) Valli (D) Valli's mother





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- (A) Valli's friend (B) the villagers  
(C) people travelling in the bus (D) none of these

( Q. Nos. 11 - 13 ) : Choose the correct option to answer the following question

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- (A) Defence Minister (B) President  
(C) Prime Minister (D) Vice-President

12. To make the young seagull fly his mother .....

- (A) pushed him from the edge (B) scolded him  
(C) lured him to eat fish (D) pretended to be sleeping

13. During our childhood in Goa the baker used to be our friend, companion and .....

- (A) friend (B) guide  
(C) teacher (D) helper

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

An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy  
As he stands rigid, trembling, staring down

All his young days into the harbour where

His ball went. I would not intrude on him ;

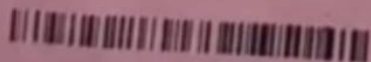
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(C) rigid (D) all of these

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- (A) He has lost his ball (B) He remembers his old days  
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( Q. Nos. 16 – 20 ) : Choose the correct option to answer the following questions :

The narrator in the lesson 'A Triumph of Surgery' is .....

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| (A) a Veterinary Surgeon | (B) Tricki                  |   |
| (C) Mrs. Pumphrey        | (D) Mrs. Pumphrey's servant | 1 |

Ausable was a .....

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|---------------|-------------------|---|
| (A) Writer    | (B) Secret agent  |   |
| (C) Policeman | (D) None of these | 1 |

Horace Danby was fond of .....

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| (A) driving expensive cars  | (B) watching food movies |   |
| (C) reading expensive books | (D) costly dresses       | 1 |

Mr. Jaffers was a .....

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| (A) constable        | (B) landlord             |   |
| (C) Griffin's friend | (D) the keeper of an inn | 1 |

Ebright's ..... encouraged his interest in Science.

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| (A) father  | (B) mother  |   |
| (C) teacher | (D) friends | 1 |

### PART - B

#### ( Reading )

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

The good uses to which wealth can be put are manifold. Riches can be profitably spent in removing the wants of the poor and needy by providing them with food and clothing, by the establishment of hospitals for the sick, by starting orphanages for helpless children, by the opening of alms-houses for the disabled and infirm or rescue homes for fallen women and widows. Besides these humanitarian works, other works of public utility such as the foundation of educational institutions, promoting the growth of science and agriculture, by financing research institutions, may be carried out. But just as wealth can be

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turned to good account, it can also be put to many bad uses. Rich men, who literally roll in wealth, are easily tempted to waste their money on luxuries and gratification of sensual pleasures. This leads to corruption and sin.

- How can the wealthy people put to good use their wealth?
- What works of public utility can be carried out by rich men?
- How do rich men waste their money?
- Find out the word in the passage which means 'several'.

**( Writing )**

Write an application to the Principal of your College to readmit you as your name has been struck off the rolls due to long absence.

OR

Write a letter to your friend expressing deep grief on the death of his mother.

Write an article for your college magazine telling the students about the 'Importance and need' of Professional / Vocational education, in about 80-100 words on the basis of the points given below :

( *Hints* : Problem of unemployment before the country ; traditional education provides only knowledge. Does not prepare students for a career or job. Government should also arrange some skill development courses. )

OR

Write a paragraph on 'An Indian Festival' in about 80-100 words on the basis of the points given below :

When it is celebrated.

Why it is celebrated.

How it is celebrated.

Why do you like the festival?

**( Grammar )**

- Rewrite the following sentence by changing into indirect speech :

She said to me, "I know you and your whole family."

- Change the following into Passive voice :

They have found out the truth.



- c) Punctuate the following using capital letters wherever necessary : 2  
 he said to his elder sister will you prepare hot coffee for me
- d) Translate the following into English : 4  
 जाड़े का मौसम था । सड़क के किनारे मैंने एक वृद्ध व्यक्ति को ठंड से कांपते हुए देखा । मैंने उसको कम्बल खरीदने के लिए कुछ रुपये दिये । वह बहुत खुश हो गया और उसने मुझे दीर्घायु के लिये आशीर्वाद दिया ।

( Literature )

Answer the following questions in about 30 – 40 words each :

- a) How did Lencho and his family welcome the rain ? 3

OR

Why did Kisa Gotami go to Gautam Buddha ? What did Buddha ask her to bring ?

- b) Who was Nelson Mandela ? What did he fight for ? 3

OR

What sports does Coorg offer to tourists ?

Answer any one of the following in about 60 words : 4

- a) What does Anne Frank tell us about herself, her family members, her school and teachers in her diary ?
- b) Who are Natalya and Lomov ? Which point starts a quarrel between Lomov and Natalya ? Why does Natalya ask Chubukov to bring Lomov back ?

In what state of mind was the poet in the beginning ? What happened when the dust of snow fell on him ? ( Dust of Snow )

OR

Write four lines of any poem prescribed in your syllabus.

( Do not copy the lines given in the question paper )

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Write 'the Central Idea' of any *one* of the following poems in about 40 – 50 words :

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- a) Fire and Snow
- b) The Ball Poem
- c) For Anne Gregory.

Answer any *one* of the following in about 30 – 40 words :

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- a) Why did Hari Singh rob Anil first and then returned his money ?
- b) Why was Ramlal worried when the marriage of Bholi was broken ? What did Bholi say to him then ?

Q. Answer any *one* of the following in about 60 words :

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- a) Why did Griffin enter a big London store ? What did he do there ?
- b) Give a character sketch of Mme Loisel.

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