

# Model Paper (Public Examinations)

## Third Language – English – Paper 1

Class: X

(Max.Marks:50)

Time: 2.45 Hrs

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### Instructions:

1. This question paper has 35 questions in three sections (A, B and C).
  2. Answer all the questions on a separate answer book supplied to you.
  3. 15 minutes of time is allotted exclusively for reading the question paper and 2-30 hours for writing the answers.
  4. Answer all the questions of section – B (Grammar) in the same order at one place in your answer book.
  5. Start answering the questions as you read them.
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### Section – A: Reading Comprehension

#### Questions (1 – 5): Read the following passage carefully.

Father was quiet for some time. He thoughtfully looked at the sun for a moment, and then his eyes fell on the can of home-made wine that I was carrying. Wetting his lips with his tongue he said in a matter-of-fact manner, 'I am thirsty'.

I gave him the can of wine. He poured himself a mug and handed me the can. He drank all of it at one go. He then arranged the belt that was attached to the trunk carefully on his forehead. So, this was the picture: my father carrying my luggage on his back and me following him with a tiny bag in my hand. We were walking up a narrow hilly road, and neither of us uttered a word as if we were strangers who spoke different languages. I did not know what was going on in his mind. From time to time it crossed my mind that it was improper for me to let father carry the luggage. I wanted to tell him that I would like to carry the trunk myself, but my guilt and shame did not allow me to do so. This self-consciousness had probably to do with my education, the white-collar job that I had, or quite simply my pride.

(The Journey)

#### Now, answer the questions.

5x1=5

1. Whose eyes fell on the can of home-made wine?
2. Who was carrying the can of home-made wine?
3. He said 'in a matter-of-fact'. It means \_\_\_\_\_
  - A) Hesitatingly
  - B) Frankly
  - C) secretly
4. The narrator hesitated to tell his father that he would carry his luggage himself because \_\_\_\_\_
  - A) the luggage was too heavy to carry.
  - B) he was sick.
  - C) his education, white color job and his pride prevented him to tell.
5. Choose the correct statement among the following.
  - A) The two people mentioned in the paragraph were father and son.
  - B) They were strangers.
  - C) They were teacher and student.

#### Questions (6 – 8): Read the following stanza carefully.

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 !

(Once upon a Time)

Choose the correct answers to the following questions.

3X1=3M

6. The father wishes for \_\_\_\_\_
  - A) being what he used to be
  - B) being born again
  - C) having new teeth
7. His laugh appears in the mirror like \_\_\_\_\_
  - A) a snake's bare fangs.
  - B) a snow bear
  - C) a white cloth
8. This stanza describes \_\_\_\_\_
  - A) the wish of the father to become a snake
  - B) the wish of the father to relearn how to laugh
  - C) the wish of the father not to laugh

Questions (9 – 10): Read the following stanza carefully.

In 1914, Thomas Edison, at age 67, lost his factory, which was worth a few million dollars, on fire. It had very little insurance. No longer a young man, Edison watched his lifetime effort go up in smoke and said, "There is great value in disaster. All our mistakes are burnt up. Thank God we can start anew." In spite of the disaster, three weeks later, he invented the phonograph. What an attitude!

(Every Success Story is also a Story of Great Failures)

Now, answer the following questions.

2X1=M

9. What happened to Thomas Edison when he was 67?
  - (A) He won a few million dollars
  - (B) He lost his factory to fire
  - (C) He bought a new factory
10. We can say that Thomas Edison was a man with great attitude because .....
  - (A) he fought for his insurance money.
  - (B) he could control the fire
  - (C) he was ready to achieve something new though he lost his factory

Questions (11 – 15): Read the following passage carefully.

He did not reply. He never shared his unhappiness or helplessness with anybody. He was an introvert by nature. His heart was bleeding but he did not get angry with anybody.

The day came. His classmates were leaving for Madras (now Chennai). They were taking a train from Mysore to Madras. They have shared good years in school and college together. He went to the station to say goodbye and good luck to them for their future life. (I Will Do It)

Now, answer the following questions.

5X1=5M

11. Who is 'he' in this passage?
12. Whose classmates were leaving for Madras?
13. Why did he go to railway station?
  - (A) to go to Madras

- (B) to see off his friends  
 (C) to buy a train ticket for his father.
14. Which action of Murthy says that he was an introvert?  
 (A) He never shared his unhappiness or helplessness with anybody  
 (B) He told his friends that he would not like to study in Madras.  
 (C) He went to station to say goodbye to his friends.
15. 'His heart was bleeding'. This sentence says that .....  
 (A) he was suffering from heart problem  
 (B) he got heart surgery  
 (C) He felt some kind of disappointment

## Section – B: Grammar

**Note: Answer all the questions of Section – B (Grammar) in the same order at one place in your answer book.**

16. Edit the following passage correcting the underlined parts. 4X ½ = 2M

Once upon a time, a (a) old man lived with her (b) three sons in a village. The three sons was (c) hard workers. Still, they quarrelled all the time. The old man tried a lot to unity (d) them but he failed. Though the villagers appreciated their hard work and efforts, they made fun of them on their fights.

17. Combine the following sentences using 'who'. 1M  
 Abel thrusts his hand at Ben. Ben skips back smartly.
18. Combine the following sentences using 'a perfect participle'. 1M  
 He has brushed his teeth. He took breakfast.
19. Change the following sentence into passive voice. 1M  
 They make the environment very beautiful.
20. Change the following exchange into Reported Speech. 2M  
 Dinesh: What is your name?  
 Mahesh: My name is Mahesh.
21. Combine the following sentences using 'as'. 1M  
 They waved at him. The train slowly left the platform.
22. Combine the following sentences using 'though'. 1M  
 Murthy did not join IIT. He had passed with a high rank.
23. Combine the following sentences using 'either ..... or'. 1M  
 You can write with a pencil. You can write in ink.
24. Rewrite the following sentence using 'so .....that'. 1M  
 The potter is too timid to ride a horse.
25. Combine the flowing sentences using 'if'. 1M  
 I carry the luggage. The whole world will laugh at me.
26. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions given in the bracket. 2 x ½ =1M  
 (a) I finished my project work ..... the instructions given by the teacher.  
(in spite of/in accordance with/ instead of)  
 (b) Kanae was attracted ..... Nick's message. (by/to/on)
27. Fill in the blanks with suitable forms of the verbs given in brackets. 4x ½ = 2M  
 (a) I ..... (do) my homework. I am free now.  
 (b) When I arrived at the cinema, the film ..... already ..... (start).  
 (c) Nick ..... (begin) travelling the world in 2008.
28. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles. (Mark the omission of the article 'X' mark) 2 x ½ =1M  
 They were blessed with \_\_\_\_\_ birth of \_\_\_\_\_ healthy boy.
29. Varshitha usually wakes up at 6 a.m. daily. It is 7.00 a.m. now. She has not woken up yet. You feel it is already late. Express your idea using 'It's time.....' 1M

30. Your friend has been wasting time on video games. You feel it is not good thing. Advise him not to do waste time. **1M**

31. Change the following into polite request. **1M**  
You to a friend: "Give me your mobile". **1M**

32. What do the following sentences mean?  
Choose the correct answer and write it in your answer book. **2 x ½ =1M**

(i) He can sing for eight hours at a stretch.

(A) Prediction [ ]

(B) Ability [ ]

(C) Futurity [ ]

(D) Possibility [ ]

(ii) Shall I carry the luggage for you?

(A) Asking a question [ ]

(B) Making a request [ ]

(C) Seeking Permission [ ]

(D) Making a request [ ]

### Section – C: Creative Expression

33. A) In the lesson "Every success story is also a story of great failures", you read about Abraham Lincoln who achieved success after many failures. Imagine you got a chance to talk to him. **5M**

Now write an imaginative conversation between Lincoln and you.

**(OR)**

b) You have read the play 'The Dear Departed'. You know how the two daughters behaved for the things of their father. Imagine you are their father in the story. **5M**

Now write a description describing the agony of the father over the behavior of the two daughters.

34. A) In the lesson "Attitude is Altitude", a girl at traffic lights looked at Nick Vujicic but was terrified to see him do the 360 degree spin. She had no idea about it.

Now imagine you are the girl at the signal and make a diary entry about your experience. **5M**

**(OR)**

B) You have read the lesson "The Dear Departed –II". You have learnt the way Mr. Abel was treated by his daughters. On the occasion of World Elders' day on October 1<sup>st</sup> prepare a speech to present it in your school to make students respect their grandparents and elders.

You may use the following ideas.

- What elders have done for the young
- Sacrifices made by them for the children
- Special care needed by them

35. Read the following passage carefully focusing on the underlined parts.

The day came. His classmates (A) were leaving for Madras (now Chennai). They were taking a train from Mysore to Madras. They have shared good years in school and college together (B). He went to the station to say goodbye and good luck to them for their future life (C). At the station, his friends were already there. They were excited and talking loudly. The noise was like the chirping of birds (D). They were all excited and

discussing their new hostels, new courses etc. He was not part of it. So, he stood there silently (E). One of them noticed and said,

'You should have made it.'

He did not reply. He only wished all of them. They waved at him as the train slowly left the platform.

**Now, frame 'WH' questions to get the underlined parts in the passage as answers. 5 Marks**

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