

Model Paper (Public Examinations)

Third Language – English – Paper 2

Class: X

(Max.Marks:50)

Time: 2.45 Hrs

Instructions:

1. This question paper has 28 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 (Vocabulary) in the same order at one place in your answer book.
5. Start answering the questions as you read them.

Section – A: Reading Comprehension

Questions (1 – 5): Read the following table about the animals and their fascinating facts.

| Animal | Where it lives | Fascinating fact |
|-------------|---|--|
| Caterpillar | all over the world | has three times as many muscles as humans |
| Chameleon | Forests in Africa and Madagascar | can move its eyes in two different directions at the same time |
| Cockroach | all over the world | Can live for up to a week without a head |
| Crocodile | Tropical climates | Eats only about 50 meals a year |
| Giraffe | Grasslands in Africa | Tallest of animals; has only seven neck bones |
| Shark | Oceans throughout the world | Never runs out of teeth |
| Snail | Almost everywhere – forests, deserts, rivers, ponds, oceans | Can sleep for almost three years without waking up |
| Octopus | Oceans throughout the world | Has three hearts |

Now, answer the questions.

5X1=5

1. How many animals have been mentioned in the table?
2. Which animal can move its eyes in two different directions at the same time?
- 3.) Cockroach lives in _____
(A) All over the world (B) Grasslands in Africa (C) Tropical climates
4. _____ animal can live for up to a week without head.
(A) Giraffe (B) Chameleon (C) Cockroach
5. Identify the true statement from the following.
(A) Giraffe is the smallest of the animals
(B) Octopus has three hearts
(C) Crocodile lives in forests of Africa and Madagascar

Questions (6 – 10): Read the following passage carefully.

People have been playing chess for over 500 years. The chess we play today come from Europe. Chess is a two-player game. One player uses the white pieces. The other uses the black pieces. Each piece moves in a

special way. One piece is called king. Each player has one king. The players take turns moving their pieces. If a player lands on a piece, he or she takes it. The game ends when a player loses his or her king. There are a few more rules. But these are basics.

The players of chess believe that it makes the mind stronger. Good chess players use their brains. They take their time. They think about what will happen next. These skills are useful both in life and in chess. Chess is like a workout for the brain.

You don't always have lots of time to think when playing chess. There is a type of chess with short time limits. It's called blitz chess. In blitz chess, each player gets ten minutes to use for the whole game. Your clock runs during your turn. You hit the time clock after your move. This stops your clock. It also starts the other player's clock. If you run out of time, you lose. Games of blitz chess are fast paced.

Chess is not just for people. Computers have been playing chess since 1970s. At first they did not play well. They made mistakes. As time went on, they grew stronger. In 1997, a computer beat the best player in the world for the first time. It was a computer called deep blue. Deep blue was big. It took up a whole room. By 2006, a cell phone could beat the best players in the world. Chess has come a long way. Don't you think so?

Now, answer the following questions.

5x1=5M

6. How long people have been playing chess?
7. How is blitz chess different from regular chess?
8. A computer first beat a strong human player in chess in the year _____
(A) 1950 (B) 1997 (C) 2006
9. Deep blue is a _____
(A) Fish (B) sea (C) Computer
10. Which of the following statements are true according to the passage.
(A) Over 5000 years people have been playing chess.
(B) The game that chess is based on came from Europe.
(C) A game of chess end when one player takes all of the other player's pieces.

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

Once there lived a rich merchant. He had one constant worry. His young handsome son fell into bad company. He soon formed various bad habits.

One day suddenly an idea came into merchant's mind. He brought a dozen fresh ripe apples. He told his son to put them in a basket. One of the apples was rotten. He pointed out it to his father. But, the merchant told him to put it also among the good apples. It was evening. So, the father told his son to keep the basket aside. They would eat the apples next day.

The basket of apples was opened the next morning. All the apples turned bad and rotten. Not even one was worth eating. The merchant pointed out that one rotten apple had spoiled all of the apples. He told his son that this was the result of bad company. One should away from bad things and wicked people.

The father's words went straight to the boy's heart. He gave up bad company.

Now, find the correct and meaningful order of the following jumbled sentences. 5m

- (11) The merchant's son gave up bad company.
- (12) All the apples turned bad and rotten.
- (13) The merchant's son fell into bad company.
- (14) The merchant thought an idea to teach a lesson to his son.
- (15) Merchant told his son to put a rotten apple among the good apples.

Note: Copy the box in your answer booklet. Write the numbers to indicate sentences.

Ans:

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Section – B: Vocabulary

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

16. Read the paragraph and write the synonyms of the underlined words choosing from the words given in the box. $4X \frac{1}{2} = 2M$

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|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------|-----------|
| completely | fortunately | frightened | surprising | soon | beautiful |
|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------|-----------|

She was amazing (a) said Nick. 'She taught me how to surf and I was terrified (b) at first, but once I got up there it felt absolutely (c) fantastic and I caught waves pretty well. Nick quickly (d) learned how to do the 360 degree spins on his board.

17. Read the paragraph and match the words under 'A' with their antonyms under 'B'. (Write your answers and their corresponding numbers in the answer book.) $4X \frac{1}{2} = 2M$

He moved to Los Angeles in 2007, and planned to continue (a) to travel the world. In 2009, he visited South America and the Middle East. In 2008, Kanae Miyahara, a beautiful (b) young (c) girl, whose mother was a Mexican and whose father was a Japanese, attended to a meeting where Nick was the guest (d) speaker in Texas.

A

B

- | | |
|---------------|-----|
| (a) continue | () |
| (b) beautiful | () |
| (c) young | () |
| (d) guest | () |

1. humble
2. old
3. host
4. ugly
5. discontinue
6. contempt

18. Fill in the blanks with the right form of the words given in brackets. $4X \frac{1}{2} = 2M$

On the whole, the small society of Rameswaram was very rigid in terms of the _____ (a) (segregate/ segregation/segregated) of the _____ (b) (different/ difference/differential) social groups. However, my Science teacher Sivasubramaniya Iyer, though an _____ (c) (orthodoxy/ orthodox/orthodoxical) Brahmin with a very _____ (d) (conservative/ conservation/conversatively) wife.

19. Complete the following spellings with 'ou, ee,oa, or ie' $2X \frac{1}{2} = 1M$

After spending l ___ _ surely Sunday at home, the very th ___ _ ght of returning to work on Monday is tiring.

20. Complete the words with correct suffixes given in brackets. $2X \frac{1}{2} = 1M$

- (a) Roberge does not endorse the accusa_____ (tion/sion) of Ray's detractors.
- (b) We told about our parents about that inci_____ (dant/dent).

21. Find the wrongly spelt word and write the correct spelling. $2X1=2M$

- a) distribute bundle century pride
 b) economic inherit specific authority

22. Read the following dictionary entry of the word 'orthodox' given below.

Orthodox (ɔːrˈθədɒks)

1. adjective

Orthodox [beliefs](#), [methods](#), or systems are ones which are accepted or used by most people.

Payne gained a reputation for sound, if orthodox, views.

Many of these ideas are now being incorporated into orthodox medical treatment.

...orthodox police methods.

Synonyms: [established](#), [official](#), [accepted](#), received [More Synonyms of orthodox](#)

2. adjective [usually ADJECTIVE noun]

If you [describe](#) someone as orthodox, you mean that they hold the older and more [traditional ideas](#) of their religion or party.

...orthodox Jews.

...orthodox communists.

Now, answer the following questions using the information above. 2X1=2M

- (a) What are the two synonyms of the word 'orthodox' as mentioned in the above entry?
 (b) What is the part of speech of the word 'orthodox'?

23. Arrange the following words under the correct heading. 8X ¼ =2M

intrepid, negative, pessimistic, optimistic, nervous, generous, confident, cowardly

Positive qualities

Negative qualities

24. Use the following expressions in sentences of your own. 4X1=4M

- A) Phrasal Verb: take off
 B) Idiomatic expression: on the dot
 C) Binomial expression: odds and ends
 D) Foreign expression: de tour

25. Match the following one-word substitutes in Part-A with their meanings in Part-B. (Write only the numbers and their corresponding letters in your answer book). 4X ½ =2M

Part -A

Part- B

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|---------------|-----|--|
| 1) manuscript | () | A) something designed to teach people some moral |
| 2) dictum | () | B) a position for which no salary is paid |
| 3) verbose | () | C) a life history written by one self |
| 4) didactic | () | D) using more words than needed |
| | | E) a statement that expressed something people believe in true and is to be followed |
| | | F) A hand written document |

Section – C: Creative Expression

26. a) You have celebrated your school Annual Day recently. The local MLA was the chief guest. Your headmaster arranged dinner for the students. A meeting was convened in the evening which was presided over by your headmaster. Message was given by the chief guest. Prizes were distributed to the winners. Cultural programmes were arranged after the meeting. You also participated in a skit.

Now, write a letter to your sister describing the event.

5M

(OR)

b) Write a newspaper report about the event of the Annual Day celebrations held in your school.

27. a) Write a biographical sketch of Bhagath Singh basing on the following hints.

5M

Born 28th September, 1907 – father Sardar Kishen Singh- mother Vidyavathi – love of motherhood – braver –grow guns – first in class – favourite f teachers – leadership qualities – drive away the British – patriot – hated English subject – disturbed by Jallianwalla Bagh incident – collected blood – joined Indian national Congress at thirteen – movements – armed revolution – revolutionary leaders – arrested – prepare bombs – shot saunders – harmless bombs – assembly hall – arrested – sentenced to death – hanged.

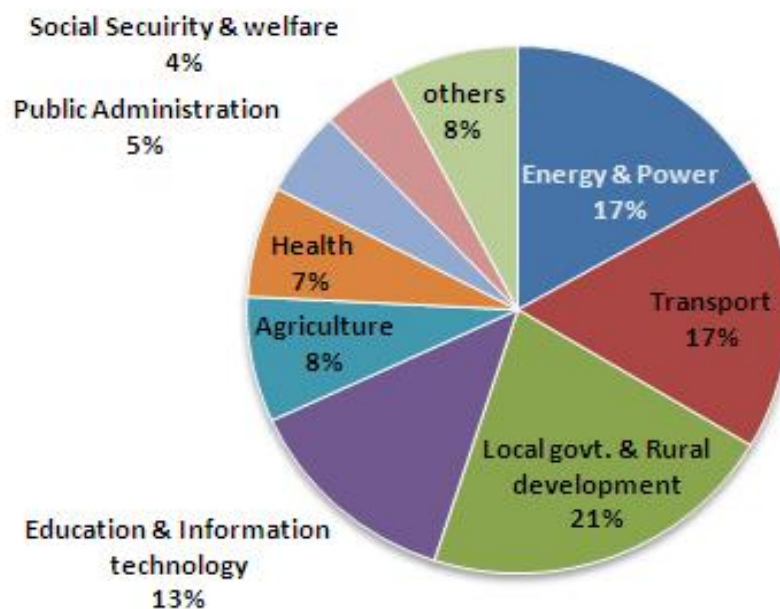
(OR)

b) Write a story using the following hints.

A rich farmer - lot of land - cattle and servants - two sons - happy life - After some years younger son unhappy - asked for his share of the property - wouldn't listen to father's advice - got his share - sold them all - went away to another country - fell into bad ways - soon all money gone - poor - no one to help him - understood his mistake.

28. Study the following pie diagram.

5M



Now, write a paragraph describing the information depicted in the bar chart above.