

**BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION, RAJASTHAN AJMER**

**MODEL PAPER - 2022**

**CLASS – 10  
ENGLISH (COMP.)**

**Time :- 2 Hours 45 Min.**

**Marks :- 80**

**GENERAL INSTRUCTION TO THE EXAMINEES:**

- 1. Candidate must write first his/her Roll No. on the question paper compulsorily.**
- 2. All the questions are compulsory.**
- 3. Write the answer to each question in the given answer book only.**
- 4. For questions having more than one part the answers to those parts are to be written together in continuity.**

**SECTION – A  
Reading**

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions :

Every individual wants peace of mind. But it is hard to find a person who can say that he has attained such a state of mental equilibrium as will allow him to live a life of tranquillity. Peace of mind is a distant dream for all of us. What is the reason for this ? The reason is that people hanker after ideal peace, that is pure peace-a peace that is free from all kinds of non-peace items.

But this kind of absolute peace is not in nature's store house. Let us take the analogy of rose. A rose is a very beautiful flower, but every stem has its thorns. Indeed, thorns are an integral part of the rose plant. A poet has rightly said that thorns serve as security guards for the flower. There must be non-peace items along with peaceful items. A peaceful mind is a very precious aspect of human nature and it too needs safety to maintain its sublime quality.

(i) It is a distant dream for all of us :

- Peace of mind
- fulfilling our ambition
- meeting our targets
- climbing the mountains

[ ] 1

(ii) The security for the flowers are :

(a) gardens

(b) other plants

(c) thorns

(d) roots [ ] 1

(iii) Nature always leads people into ..... situations .

(a) challenging

(b) comfortable

(c) difficult

(d) None [ ] 1

(iv) Fill in the blank :

(a) Thorns are an ..... part of a rose plant . 1

(integral / outer)

(v) Write the answer of the following :

(a) What is pure peace ? 1

(b) Why does a peaceful mind need safety ? 1

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions :

The conquest of happiness has meant different facts to different generations. Our forefathers took pride in scholarship, a spirit of sacrifice and solicitude for the welfare of others. Gone are those days. Today we live only for ourselves. We are jealous of the advancement of our neighbours. We end up tense and unhappy.

The term 'happy' has a variety of meanings. It stands for the lucky, fortunate, content, glad or apt. Happiness lies within the mind of the individual. No amount of external wealth may be helpful in making him happy.

Our forefathers had life styles, very much different from those we have today, Their life was based mainly on the concept of 'Simple living and high thinking.' People were satisfied with whatever they obtained after working hard. Excessive material wealth did not mean much for them they derived mental satisfaction and enrichment which they aimed at.

The structural framework of our forefathers families was different from those of ours, They lived in a cohesive joint family structure where they were happier than us. They cared for each other. The siblings grew up with their cousins. The bond of love which they share cannot be easily found in the nuclear family of the day. The family provided an emotional cushioning effect against tension and stress.

- (i) Our forefathers took pride in :
- (a) scholarship
  - (b) spirit of sacrifice
  - (c) welfare of others
  - (d) all of these [ ] 1
- (ii) How do we feel for our neighbours today ?
- (a) jealous
  - (b) humble
  - (c) polite
  - (d) none [ ] 1
- (iii) Happiness lies within the ..... of the individual :
- (a) heart
  - (b) mind
  - (c) eyes
  - (d) none [ ] 1
- (iv) Our forefathers life was based mainly on :
- (a) the concept of simple living
  - (b) the concept of high thinking
  - (c) both
  - (d) none [ ] 1
- (v) ..... cannot be found in the nuclear family of the day :
- (a) tension
  - (b) bond of love
  - (c) stress
  - (d) all [ ] 1
- (vi) Fill in the blanks :
- (a) The family provided an ..... cushioning effect . 1
  - (b) Excessive material ..... did not mean for forefathers . 1

(vii) Write similar word of the following words from the passage :

- (a) development 1
- (b) ancestor 1

## GRAMMAR

3. Choose the correct form of the verb :

- (i) I ..... (read) a very interesting story now. 1  
(a) is reading (b) am reading (c) read (d) will read [ ]
- (ii) She ..... (write) hundred poems so far. 1  
(a) wrote (b) will write (c) had written (d) has written [ ]
- (iii) He ..... (get) a prize ten days ago. 1  
(a) got (b) get (c) gets (d) will get [ ]
- (iv) Rohit ..... (learn) English for five years. 1  
(a) is learning (b) was learning (c) has been learning (d) will learn [ ]

4. Change the following sentences into Indirect Speech :

- (i) My friend said to me, “ Do you live in this house?” 1
- (ii) He said to me, “Please bring me a glass of water.” 1

5. Combine the following pairs of the sentences :

- (i) The boy is my friend. You met him. (Whom) 1
- (ii) We know a lot of boys. They play here. (Who) 1

6. Change the following sentences into passive-voice :

- (i) Stop making a noise . 1
- (ii) I wrote the letter in English. 1

7. Frame question to get the following answer :

..... ? 1  
Yes, I took your book.

8. Add question – Tag to the statement given below :

Please keep quiet. .... 1

9. Fill in the blanks :

- (i) ..... it was raining, I was ploughing the field. (while / when) 1
- (ii) He made all efforts ..... he couldn't find his purse. (yet / so) 1
- (iii) Archit ..... Archita are teachers in this school. (and / or) 1

## SECTION – B

Answer the following questions in 40-50 words :

10. Why does the postmaster send money to Lencho ? 2

(A Letter To God)

11. What happens to the house when the trees move out of it ? 2

(The Trees)

12. Why does Anil not hand the Thief over to the Police ? 2

(The Thief's Story)

13. Why does Mrs. Hall find the scientist eccentric ? 2

(Footprints without Feet)

14. How does Bholi's teacher play an important role in changing the course of her life ? 2

(Bholi)

15. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

The baker or bread-seller of those days had a peculiar dress known as the Kabai. It was a single piece long frock reaching down to the knees. In our childhood we saw bakers wearing a shirt and trousers which were shorter than full-length ones and longer than half pants. Even today, anyone who wears a half pant which reaches just below the knees invites the comment that he is dressed like a pader.

(i) What is Kabai ? 2

(ii) Who invites the comment "he is dressed like a pader?" 2

16. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

One Sunday as she was taking a walk in the champs Elyrees to rid herself of the cares of the week, she suddenly perceived a woman walking with a child. It was Mme forestier, still young, still pretty, still attractive. Mme Loisel was affected, should she speak to her ? Yes certainly. And now that she had paid, she would tell her all. Why not ?

(i) How was Mme Forestier looking ? 2

(ii) What did Mme Loisel decide ? 2

17. Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow :

Some say the world will end in fire  
Some say in ice.  
From what I have tasted of desire  
I hold with those who favour fire.

- (i) What would be the causes of the end of world, according to the people ? 2
- (ii) Why does the poet think the reason to be fire ? 2

18. Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow :

He stalks in his vivid stripes  
The few steps of his cage  
On pads of velvet quiet  
In his quiet rage.

- (i) What is the tiger doing in his cage ? 2
- (ii) What does the tiger in the cage long for ? 2

### **SECTION – C**

Answer the following questions in 100 words :

19. Why was the young seagull afraid to fly and how did he get success ? 3

(His First Flight)

OR

How did the narrator experience when he flew the aeroplane into storm ?

(The Black Aeroplane)

20. Why does Anne want to write a diary ? 3

(From the Diary of Anne Frank)

OR

Why was the inauguration ceremony the greatest occasion for South Africa ?

(Nelson Mandela : Long walk to Freedom)

21. Draw a character – sketch of Maddie . 3

(The Hundred Dresses – I)

OR

What did Maddie think of Wanda ?

(The Hundred Dresses – II)

22. Compare and contrast the character of Think Tank and Noodle. 3

(The Book That Saved The Earth)

OR

How did Ausable get rid of Max ?

(The Midnight Visitor)

## **SECTION – D**

23. Imagine that you are Siddhu, Living at 20, Shastri Nagar, Jaipur. Write a letter to the Editor of local newspaper on keeping Jaipur City clean. 4

OR

Write an E-Mail to your friends requesting them to share the syllabus for all subjects of your class.

The E-Mail ID is : [goodscholars@gmail.com](mailto:goodscholars@gmail.com)

24. Write a story using the outline given below. Assign a suitable title and moral to it :  
(Words Limit 150-200) 4

A bee ..... falls into water ..... drowns .....dove  
.....in the tree..... feels pity ..... plucks leaf  
..... drops..... bee climbs ..... flies away ..... saved  
..... later ..... hunter aims at the dove ..... dove  
unaware ..... bee attacks in swam ..... gun goes off  
..... misses aim ..... dove flies off .....  
saved . friend in need ..... friend indeed.

OR

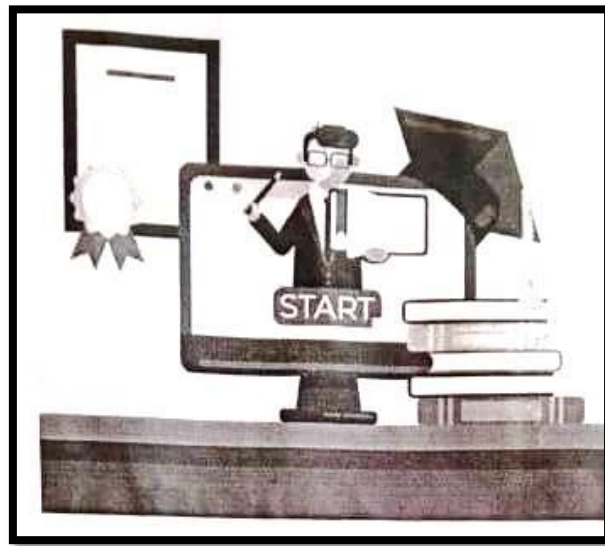
- Write a story using the outline given below. Assign a suitable title and moral to it :  
(Words Limit 150-200)

A shepherd ..... grazes sheep ..... thinks of a  
mischief ..... cries "Wolf ! Wolf !" .....  
villagers run to help ..... no wolf ..... villagers  
..... angry ..... one day a wolf really comes  
..... cries for help ..... people do not believe  
..... kills many sheep .



25. Write a paragraph on the given visual – aid. (Words Limit 150-200)

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OR

Write a paragraph on the given visual – aid. (Words Limit 150-200)

