

Up Board English class 10th question paper -2017

Section A

Question 1: Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it:

Socrates lived in Athens about four hundred years before Jesus Christ was born. As a boy he was ugly, undersized and had a flat nose and bulging eyes. His father was a poor stone-cutter, so he was always rather shabbily dressed. Like other boys of his age he went to school, where the most important lessons were music and gymnastics. He also learned some science and mathematics and a little about the stars, but not nearly so much history and geography as children learn today. This strange little creature with the short neck and plain face was a thoughtful child. He watched his companions all the time and allowed very few things to escape his notice

Socrates did not have a big house or fine furniture. He did not seem to want either wealth or beautiful possessions. As he grew older, he began to think very little of bodily comfort and pleasure. He gave his mind to all that was noble, honorable and just.

- (a) Write the name of the lesson from which the above passage has been taken. Who is the author of the lesson? (2)
- (b) What do we come to know about Socrates after reading the above passage? (2)

Solution 1:

- (a) The above passage has been extracted from the lesson “Socrates” authored by Rhodha Power.
- (b) From the above passage we understand that Socrates did not give importance to appearance, comfort, money; instead, he focused on learning by observation and gave importance to what was noble, honorable and just.

Question 2: Answer any one of the following questions in about 60 words: (4)

- (a) Who was Lencho? What circumstances forced him to seek help of God?
- (b) What did Brahma create in the Universe? Why was he sad?

Solution 2:

- (a) Lencho was a farmer who owned a corn field in the mountains of North East. He was hoping that by grace of God, rain will make his harvest profitable. Unfortunately, a hailstorm struck and destroyed his harvest. He wrote a letter to God asking to provide him with 100 pesos in order to sow his field and live until the new crop harvests.
- (b) Brahma created this universe. He is the creator of the mountains, flowers, animals and the beautiful nature surrounding us. Brahma was sad because all the beauty that he created,

was being unnoticed by the human souls, they lacked the sensitivity to appreciate the beauty and charm surrounding them. Brahma felt that creation for humans seems to be a fail cause.

Question 3: Answer two of the following questions in about 25 words each:

2+2 =4

- (a) Who in reality was the Yaksha and why did he come?
- (b) What was Nehru unable to repay to the Indian people?
- (c) How did the second son prove that he was wiser than his elder brother?

Solution 3:

- (a) In reality Yaksha was Yama – The Lord of Death who had come to see Yudhisthra and test him.
- (b) Nehru cannot repay the love and affection he received from people of India because there is no repayment for a precious thing such as affection.
- (c) The second son wisely utilized one rupee that his father gave to fill up the house by lighting candles in rooms when it got dark.

Question 4: Match the words of List A with their meanings in List B:

(4)

List A	List B
(a) Forsake	Took pleasure
(b) Scattered	To distant places
(c) Far and Wide	Thrown here and there
(d) Delighted	Leave alone in helpless condition

Solution 4:

List A	List B
(a) Forsake	Took pleasure (d)
(b) Scattered	To distant places (c)
(c) Far and Wide	Thrown here and there (b)
(d) Delighted	Leave alone in helpless condition (a)

Question 5: Read the following piece of poetry and answer the questions given below it:

Brave men who work while others sleep,
Who dare while others fly –
They build a nation's pillars deep
And lift them to the sky.

- (a) Write the title of the poem from which the above lines have been taken. Who is the author of the poem?
- (b) What kind of people lay the foundation of a strong nation?

Solution 5:

- (a) The above lines are extracted from the poem 'The Nation Builders' which is composed by R.W Emerson.
- (b) Men who are hardworking, Honest, Noble and strong are pillars of strong nation according to the poet R.W Emerson.

Question 6: Give the central idea of one of the following poems: (3)

- (A) The Fountain
- (B) The Perfect Life

OR

Write four lines from one of the poems given in your text- book. (Do not copy out the lines given in this question paper.)

Solution 6:

- (A) The Poem 'The Fountain' by James Russell Lowell is centered on poet's admiration to the motion of fountain. He is influenced by fountain's working process and that it's always in motion with large amount of unstoppable energy which looks glad in every weather and makes the poet wish to be as fresh active changeful and constant like the fountain.
- (B) The Perfect Life
The poem 'The Perfect Life' by Ben Jonson centered on the picture of life through beautiful and contrasting images. According to him a short and meaningful life is better than a long uneventful life. The poet compares and contrasts the lives of oak tree and lily. While oak has a long life but does not serve as purpose for anyone whereas lily is short-lived but spreads sweetness and beauty all around and gives joy.

OR

Glorious fountain!
Let my heart be
Fresh, changeful, constant,
Upward like thee!

Question 7: Answer two of the following questions in about 25 words each: (2 + 2 = 4)

- (a) Why did Edison decide to take up a job in railways?
- (b) What were the feelings of Jesse Owens for Luz Long?
- (c) What was the judgment seat of Vikramaditya made of? Why did it disappear from Earth forever?

Solution 7:

- (a) Edison required money to carry on his experiments and wanted more books to read and improve his knowledge. He wanted to meet people and see places.
- (b) Owen felt that Luz was a fine example of what sportsmanship and friendship should be in an individual's conduct of life.
- (c) Judgment seat was made of marble slab. The judgment seat disappeared because no one had the morality to be seated on it after Vikramaditya.

Question 8: Point out true and false statements in the following: (4)

- (a) The inventions of his talking machine made Edison famous all over America.
- (b) The judgment seat of Vikramaditya was lying buried in the pastures.
- (c) Jesse Owens was an admirer of Adolf Hitler.
- (d) The essential thing in life is not conquering but fighting well.

Solution 8:

- (a) The inventions of his talking machine made Edison famous all over America.-True
- (b) The judgment seat of Vikramaditya was lying buried in the pastures.-True
- (c) Jesse Owens was an admirer of Adolf Hitler.-False
- (d) The essential thing in life is not conquering but fighting well.-True

Question 9: Select the most suitable alternative to complete the following statements: (4)

- (a) Edison told his teacher "But the kites have no wings and still we can fly them in the sky." It was _____
 - (i) An intelligent answer
 - (ii) A doubtful answer
 - (iii) A silly answer
 - (iv) A wrong answer

- (b) Electric lights shone for the first time in America in_____
- (i) 1878
 - (ii) 1880
 - (iii) 1882
 - (iv) 1884
- (c) The king of Ujjain could not sit on the judgment seat of Vikramaditya because_____
- (i) He was afraid of the cowherd boy
 - (ii) Every time he was pushed aside by an angel
 - (iii) He thought himself unworthy of it
 - (iv) He had given up the idea of sitting on the throne
- (d) The founder of Modern Olympics game was _____
- (i) Adolf Hitler
 - (ii) Pierre de Coubertin
 - (iii) Jesse Owens
 - (iv) Luz Long

Solution 9:

- (a) (i)
- (b) Iii
- (c) Iii
- (d) ii

Section B

Question 10: Do as indicated against each of the following sentences:

- (a) Monday to Sunday from out on a tour he is
(Frame a correct sentence by re-ordering the words) (2)
- (b) Everyone loves him (2)
(Change into passive voice)
- (c) Ashok said to his sister , “please put these paper on my table.” (2)
(Change into indirect speech)
- (d) Do not go out until your father _____back. (2)
(use the correct form of the verb ‘come’)

Solution 10:

- (a) He was out on a tour from Monday to Sunday.
- (b) He is loved by everyone
- (c) Ashok asked his sister to put these papers on his table

- (d) Do not go out until your father comes back. (2)
(use the correct form of the verb 'come')

Question 11: a) Choose the correct preposition from the ones given below the sentence to fill in the blank: (2)

I am very sorry _____ being late (to, on ,for)

b) Complete the following sentences (2)

I do not know why our school trip got cancelled.

c) Complete the spelling of the following words (1/2 +1/2 = 1)

(i) Con__y

(ii) C_r_y

d) Punctuate the following sentences using capital letter wherever necessary: (2)

what is your name asked my senior i replied my name is saurabh

Solution 11:

(a) I am very sorry for being late (to, on ,for)

b) I do not know why _____

c) (i) Convey

(ii) Carry

d) What is your name asked my senior. I replied my name is Saurabh.

Question 12: Translate the following into English: (4)

कलिंग युद्ध का भयानक देखकर अशोक का हृदय शोक एवं पश्चाताप से भर गया। उसने शांति एवं अहिंसा का मार्ग अपना लिया और भविष्य में युद्ध न करने की शपथ खाई। वह बौद्ध धर्म का अनुयायी हो गया। उसने बौद्ध धर्म का प्रचार भारत में ही नहीं विदेशों में भी किया।

Solution 12: The horrifying views of Kalinga war filled Ashoka's heart with sorrow and repent. He decided to follow the path of peace and non-violence and decided to never fight a war in future .He started following the religion of Buddhism. He preached Buddhism in India aswell as other parts of the world.

Question 13: Write an application to the Principal of your college requesting to allot you a room in the college hostel. (Do not write your name and roll number) (4)

OR

Write a letter to your friend expressing your inability to join the wedding ceremony of his brother (Do not write your name and Roll Number)

Solution 3:

A 9/25 Sangam Apartments
Kalka Nagari , Kalandi Khand
New Delhi -100098

Date: 24 January 2016

The Principal
KVMS College
Pali Hills
Mumbai -789980

Subject: Request for allotment of hostel room.

By the way of introduction my name is abcd, I am a student of your prestigious institution currently pursuing bachelor's in humanities with mathematics. I am a resident of Delhi, shifted a month ago to Mumbai for the purpose of study.

I am writing this letter requesting you to allot me hostel room within the premises of college. I was awarded a hundred percent scholarship from the college. Unfortunately due to financial distress I am unable to afford rented accommodation in Mumbai. I am fully aware of the institution's policies and respect them, but I would request you to allot me room as per the policy of exception. I am a very hardworking and disciplined student.

I would like to request you to please consider my request for allotment of hostel room. I look forward for a positive response.

Thanking you for the same.

Yours Sincerely
abcd (Sender's name)
ABCD (Sender's Signature)
(Student Council Head) (Sender's Designation)

OR

A 9/25 Sangam Apartments
Kalka Nagari, Kalandi Khand

New Delhi -100098

45/9 Jahara Housing Town
Udyog Nagar
Haryana -787909

Date- 13th June 2017

Dear Roohi

Hope this letter finds you in good health and being. I hope you are enjoying your dance academy. Did you make any new friends there? How are your studies going?

I would like to congratulate you and your family for your brother's marriage. I am sure you all must be really busy with the arrangements since the day is not too far. I received your invitation, it is really sweet and personal, thank you for the invitation. I was really looking forward to be there for all ceremonies but unfortunately yesterday I met with an accident and broke my leg and have been advised by doctors to be on complete bed rest for next three week strictly. I would definitely visit you once I'm well and then we will surely celebrate.

Give my wishes and regards to uncle and aunt, give my blessings and love to the newlywed couple. Please do send me pictures of the wedding.

Yours lovingly
Abcd
ABCD

Question 14: Write a composition on one of the following topics in about 60 words. Points are given below for each topic to develop the composition: (6)

- (a) A wedding that you have attended.
- (b) Your Favorite player
- (c) The film you like the most

Solution 14:

- (a) A wedding that you have attended
 - (i) Introduction
 - (ii) Place of assembly
 - (iii) Marriage procession –lights, music, dance and fireworks
 - (iv) Reception at bridegroom's place , drinks and snacks
 - (v) Jaimala and photography

(vi) Dinner

On Thursday I attended my cousin brother's wedding in Ambala, Punjab. It was a small close-knit ceremony at the local Gurudwara where the bride and groom exchanged vows. The decoration at Gurudwara was simple covered with white and pink lilies. Reception took place at the Grand Plaza, Ambala where everyone enjoyed danced had fun. Dinner was extravagant with delicacies ranging from Punjabi to Italian.

(b) Your Favorite player

- (i) Name
- (ii) Game with which he is associated
- (iii) His achievements
- (iv) Your reason for liking him

My favorite sportsman is Mahendra Singh Dhoni, Former Indian Captain of Indian Cricket team. He is an all rounder player who led India to win its second world Cup winner title in 2012. He is a team player, coming from a humble background it was his hard work and determination that made him achieve his goals. He is a down to earth person who exhibits high level of sportsmanship which also makes him an ideal of a lot of Indians worldwide.

(c) The film you like the most

- (i) Name of the film
- (ii) Name of the cinema hall
- (iii) Story, music, cast , photography and dialogue
- (iv) Its message

My favorite movie is Queen directed by Vikas Bahl with Kangna Ranaut as the protagonist also starring Rajkumar Rao and Lisa Ray. It was released in the year 2013 across India. Story revolves around a young docile girl whose fiancé leaves her a day before wedding and her journey to understand herself as an independent individual. Its message is very simple that one should never lose his/her identity due to significant other and never be in a relationship that makes you question your worth

Question 15: Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions set thereon

One day at school, Newton was kicked by a bigger boy, who was higher up in the class he was. The kicking made Newton very angry and he turned on the bigger boy and gave him a good beating. He also decided to beat him up at lessons, and this made him start to work harder. After that he improved at his studies, and later made many discoveries. So perhaps, the big boy, who kicked Newton, did a service to the world.

- (a) What was Newton's immediate reaction when he was kicked by a bigger boy?
- (b) Why is it said that the boy, who kicked Newton did a service to the world?

Solution 15:

- (a) Newton was very angry and immediately turned to the bigger boy and gave him a good beating and decided to beat the bigger boy in lessons.
- (b) Being beaten up by bigger boy made Newton determined to beat him in lessons, thus he started to work harder which resulted in his studies improving leading him to make discoveries later.