

PRACTICE PAPER (CLASS 10TH ENGLISH)

Q1. Read the following passage and answer the questions: (9 Marks)

"The Thar Desert, often called the 'Great Indian Desert', forms a natural boundary between India and Pakistan. It is the world's 17th-largest desert. In Rajasthan, it covers districts like Jaisalmer, Barmer, and Bikaner. Life in the desert is challenging but unique. The vegetation is sparse, consisting mostly of thorny bushes and the 'Khejri' tree, which is the state tree of Rajasthan. Despite the harsh climate, the desert is home to the Bishnoi community, known for their environmental conservation. The vibrant 'Desert Festival' in Jaisalmer showcases the rich culture, camel races, and folk music that define this sandy landscape."

- A. What is the other name for the Thar Desert?
- B. Which tree is the state tree of Rajasthan?
- C. Which community is known for environmental conservation in the desert?
- D. Where is the 'Desert Festival' celebrated?
- E. Why is life in the Thar Desert considered challenging?

Q2. Read the following passage and answer the questions: (6 Marks)

"Plastic pollution has become one of the most pressing environmental issues. Every year, millions of tons of plastic end up in our oceans, harming marine life. Sea turtles and whales often mistake plastic bags for food, which leads to fatal consequences. To combat this, many countries have banned 'Single-Use Plastic'. As responsible citizens, we must adopt the 3Rs: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle."

- A. What is one of the most pressing environmental issues today?
- B. How does plastic harm marine life?
- C. What have many countries done to combat plastic pollution?
- D. What are the '3Rs'?
- E. Find the word which means: 'Causing death'.

Q3. Formal/Informal Letter: (5 Marks)

You are Ashutosh, living in Udaipur. Write a letter to your younger brother Rahul, advising him to take part in games and sports for good health.

OR

Write a formal letter to the Principal of your school requesting him to arrange a 'Career Counselling Seminar' for Class 10 students.

Q4. Story Writing (Using Outlines): (4 Marks)

Two friends travel through a forest — promise to help each other — a bear appears — one climbs a tree — the other lies down on ground — bear sniffs and leaves — "Dead man is not my prey" — moral.

Q5. Short Paragraph Writing: (6 Marks)

Write a short paragraph in about 80 words on: "The Importance of Punctuality".

OR

Look at the visual aid below and write a paragraph on "Water Harvesting".

Q6. Tense (Correct form of Verbs): (4 Marks)

- A. Water _____ (boil) at 100°C.
- B. My mother _____ (cook) food when I entered the house yesterday.

C. We _____ (live) in this city since 2010.
D. If you run fast, you _____ (catch) the bus.

Q7. Indirect Speech: (2 Marks)

A. She said to me, "Please lend me your pen."
B. The teacher said to the boys, "Don't make a noise."

Q8. Connectives: (3 Marks)

A. He is very weak. He cannot walk. (too...to)
B. Ram is a doctor. His wife is a doctor. (both...and)
C. Work hard. You will fail. (otherwise)

Q9. Voice (Active to Passive): (2 Marks)

A. Someone has stolen my watch. B. They are playing football.

Q10. Framing Questions/Tags: (1 Mark)

A. Frame a question for: The train arrives at 9:00 PM. (When...?)
B. Add a question tag: You are coming to the party, _____?

Q11. Read the extract from 'First Flight' and answer: (4 Marks)

"The pilot was happy to be alone high up above the sleeping countryside. He was flying his old Dakota aeroplane over France back to England."

A. Where was the pilot flying his plane? B. Why was he happy?

Q12. Answer any THREE out of four short questions (Prose): (6 Marks)

A. What did 'Being Free' mean to Mandela as a boy?
B. Why does the postmaster send money to Lencho?
C. How did the baker make his entry in the village? (A Baker from Goa)
D. Why was the young seagull afraid to fly?

Q13. Answer any ONE out of two long questions: (5 Marks)

A. Describe the scene of the 'Tea Gardens' as seen by Rajvir. (Glimpses of India)
B. Draw a character sketch of Anne Frank.

Q14. Explain any one of the following stanzas with reference to context: (4 Marks)

"The way a crow / Shook down on me / The dust of snow / From a hemlock tree."

Q15. Answer any TWO short questions (Poetry): (4 Marks)

A. What does 'Ice' stand for in the poem 'Fire and Ice'?
B. How does the poet describe the 'Fog'?
C. What is the central idea of the poem 'The Ball Poem'?

Q16. Supplementary Reader (Footprints Without Feet): (10 Marks)

A. How did Bholi's teacher play a vital role in changing the course of her life?
B. Why was Tricki's health a matter of worry for Mrs. Pumphrey?
C. Who was Max and why did he enter Ausable's room?

Q17. Multiple Choice Questions: (5 Marks)

A. What was the age of the thief, Hari Singh?
B. Griffin was a _____ (Scientist/Doctor/Teacher).
C. The name of Matilda's husband was _____.
D. What did Richard Ebright collect in childhood?
E. Who is the author of 'The Midnight Visitor'?