

MODEL PAPER

SUB: GENERAL ENGLISH
TOTAL MARKS: 80

CLASS: X
TIME: 3 HOURS

Section A: Reading Comprehension

15 Marks

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

When you are old and grey and full of sleep,
And nodding by the fire, take down this book,
And slowly read, and dream of the soft look
Your eyes had once, and of their shadows deep;
How many loved your moments of glad grace,
And loved your beauty with love false or true,
But one man loved the pilgrim soul in you,
And loved the sorrows of your changing face.

i. This poem is written in the

- A. first person
- B. second person
- C. third person
- D. first person plural

ii. In line two the word 'book' refers to

- A. memories
- B. portrait
- C. an album
- D. a diary

iii. The poem is addressed to

- A. a young woman
- B. an old woman
- C. a young woman the poet loved
- D. the poet's wife

iv. The theme of the poem is

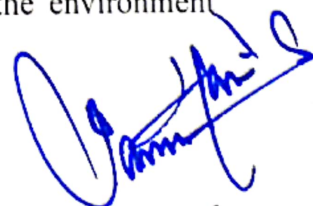
- A. sympathy
- B. empathy
- C. jealousy
- D. love

v. What does the poet mean by 'pilgrim soul'? (Answer in one or two sentences)

1 x 5 = 5 Marks

2. Read the following poetic passage and answer the questions that follow.

Increasing traffic congestion every year is causing increasing air pollution, wasting time and productivity and diverse respiratory diseases. Moreover, the cost of solving or reducing traffic congestion is enormous. However, neglecting the traffic jam problem would increase the social problems among citizens. The number of vehicles has increased considerably in the city in the past five years. Due to this increase, the city roads witness frequent traffic congestions, but above all, the vehicles emitting pollutants are affecting the environment adversely.



The Capital's vehicular population saw an addition of more than five lakh vehicles last year, registering an increase of over 4%, according to the Delhi Economic Survey 2020-21. In spite of the largest road network, through metro and bus services in major cities the transport system is not being able to keep pace with the growing demand. Consequently, more and more people use their private vehicles, leading to increased congestion on the roads. In spite of these challenges people in India prefer road travel over air and other means of travel. Citizens of Delhi/NCR have, time and again, pondered over the possibilities of how to reduce the traffic congestion in the city, especially during the peak hours. People should use public transport, the government must increase the facilities of public transport, people should avoid the unnecessary collection of vehicles and should use carpool and vehicle sharing.

What is required is proper implementation of corrective measures by citizens to get an organized traffic management system.

i. Infer one reason for the following, based on information in paragraph 1.
Reducing traffic congestion is not easy because

ii. The kind of pollution pointed out in the passage refers to

- A. water
- B. noise
- C. air
- D. both (B) and (C)

iii. The vehicles emit pollutants which affect _____ badly.

iv. There are _____ consequences of increasing vehicular congestion.

- A. beneficial
- B. adverse
- C. implicit
- D. explicit

v. The synonym of ponder is

- A. consider
- B. communicate
- C. request
- D. take

1x 5= 5 Marks

3. Read the following advertisement and answer the questions that follow.

A complete health drink ideal for growing children, sportsmen, women and the aged

- **Growing children:** Booster provides additional protein for growth and health.
- **Women:** Booster helps to overcome weakness and fatigue by providing additional protein, calcium and iron.

BOOSTER

- **Sportsmen:** Booster meets the extra nourishment required by active people like sportsmen.
- **The aged:** Booster prevents under-nutrition, improves vitality and maintains lean tissue mass besides providing nourishment for good health.

Contains high quality* proteins, vitamins, minerals and other vital nutrients.


Ingredients:
Skimmed milk powder, Sugar, Maltodextrine, added flavours, Vitamins and Minerals.

BEST BEFORE 18 MONTHS FROM MANUFACTURE


Flavours:
Chocolate, Vanilla, Caramel

NET WEIGHT 250 G


Make your delicious drink



Take 1 tablespoon (10 g) of BOOSTER mix up.



Add lukewarm milk/water to it.



Add sugar to taste, test stir.

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- i. How much Booster powder is required for a cup of health drink.
- A. 1 g
 - B. 10 g
 - C. 15 g
 - D. 250 g
- ii. Growing children need more _____ for growth.
- A. vitamins
 - B. proteins
 - C. minerals
 - D. maltodextrin
- iii. Which flavour is NOT available in Booster?
- A. chocolate
 - B. vanilla
 - C. strawberry
 - D. caramel
- iv. Women need extra calcium and iron to
- A. improve vitality
 - B. improve stamina
 - C. maintain lean tissue mass
 - D. overcome fatigue
- v. Give two reasons why Booster is a complete drink?

1x5= 5 Marks

Section B: Grammar

10 Marks

4. Fill in the blanks by using correct forms of verbs given in the brackets.

On a Sunday in the spring of 1981, Douglas Adams wrote a letter to Ken Welsh. In the letter he _____ (thank) Welsh for the book he _____ (send) him. He also wrote about how he came to _____ (write) his book about the universe.

3 Marks

5. Rewrite the following passage in indirect form

‘What if there were two moons?’ said Javed. ‘That’s no wonder. Of course, the Earth has only one,’ his friend Aman replied. ‘What do you mean?’ said Javed.

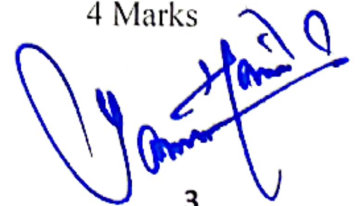
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6. There are four errors indicated by numbers in the brackets in the following passage.

Correct the errors and rewrite the corrected passage.

Curiosity is the largest and most capable rover ever sent to Mars on(1) NASA. It set out to answer the question: Did Mars ever have the right environmental conditions to support small life forms called microbes!(2) Early in its mission, Curiositys (3) scientific tools found chemical and mineral evidence of past habitable environmentsin(4) Mars. It continues to explore the rock record from a time when Mars could have been home to microbial life.

4 Marks



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Section C: Writing Skills

7. Seema appears in an interview for the job of a teacher. Following is the beginning of her interaction with the interviewer. Complete the dialogue in 100-120 words.

Seema: Good Morning.

Interviewer: Good Morning. Please have a seat.

Seema: Thank you, sir.

Interviewer: You are Seema Sharma, MA, BED from Kupwara?

Seema: Yes, sir.

Interviewer: Ok, Seema. Tell me why you applied for the job of a teacher?

Seema:

4 Marks

8. You are the Head Boy/Head Girl of Public Higher Secondary School, Sonwar. The Principal of your school handed you the following letter from Cancer Society of Kashmir and asked you to draft a notice to be put on the notice board so that students may contribute generously to the organization. Write down the notice in up to 50 words. Do not give any extra information. Put the words in a box.

The Cancer Society of Kashmir
407 – Tulsibagh
Srinagar
2nd March 2021

The Principal
Public Higher Secondary School
Sonwar

Dear Sir

The Cancer Society of Kashmir is a charitable organisation working for eradication of some diseases (cancer and haemophilia). The organization helps the people who are suffering from cancer, haemophilia and some other disorders. It even bears huge expenses for treatment of the diseases as mentioned. The society is meant especially for those who are extremely poor. It also provides, free medical advice and medicines. We would deem it a gesture of kindness and generosity if students contribute to the cause of rendering help to the people of Jammu and Kashmir who are suffering from these diseases. The students may even request their parents to contribute generously towards the noble cause. It is hoped that we are helped in this venture. Thank you very much.

Yours Sincerely
Dr. A.K. Sawhney

3 Marks

9. Read the following notes from the notepad of Shri Ram Nath, Principal of Secondary School, Ram Nagar about his observations on student attendance. He

asks his assistant to draft a message on his behalf for the class representatives and the Staff Secretary. Using the information from the notepad, draft the message in up to 50 words. Put the message in a box.

- Growing tendency - absenteeism
- Excuses for absence
- Creates indiscipline
- Call meeting - Staff Secretary, class reps to attend

2 Marks

10. Attempt one of the following.

- Write a letter to your parents about your experience of travelling alone by bus from your to your uncle's home who lives in another district.
- Write a letter to an editor about the cleaning a polluted stream that runs through your village and irrigates agricultural land.

5 Marks

11. Attempt one of the following.


You may organise your ideas coherently before you begin to write.

- Write a speech in 80-100 words on Artificial intelligence (AI). You can use the following expressions as cues.
 - computer-controlled robot
 - perform tasks
 - ability to reason
 - associated with human beings
 - machines learn from experiences
 - self-driven cars & robotic surgeries
 - e-payment
 - gene mapping
- Write a brief article in 80-100 words on the uses of the internet. Some hint words are given below.
 - network of computers
 - worldwide communication
 - global village
 - world pocket library
 - search engine & e-mail
 - You Tube & Whatsapp
 - online classes in Covid 19 & virtual classroom

5 marks

12. Following is the opening of a story. Think of an appropriate plot for the story and complete it in 200-250 words.

The blue ink dried on the yellow table top in his room looked like a pirate hat. Khalid wondered how it had happened. He had not been home for two weeks. He went to the bathroom and put some water on a towel. Back in his room, he tried to wipe the stain.



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As he picked up the towel from the table, the stain turned red. This perplexed him and he called his mother. She too was wonderstruck and did not have a clue

6 marks

Section D: Literature

30 Marks

13. Answer three of the following questions.

- i. Why does the writer say that Griffin had chosen a bad time to be in London without clothes?
- ii. Write down the instances of irony in the prose lesson "An Excellent Father".
- iii. Enumerate any two reasons that justify Mr. Keesing is irritated by Anne's talking in class.
- iv. What impression of Nelson Mandella do you get from 'A Long Walk to Freedom'?
- v. How did Buddha make KisaGotami understand that death is common to all?

3x3 = 9 Marks

14. Answer three of the following questions.

- i. In 'Snowdrop' the poet uses the word globe to indicate something different from its literal meaning. What is it?
- ii. What poetic device is used in 'As a late winter's moon'? What does Kamala Das use it to express?
- iii. Explain 'don't abandon me my Lord!'
- iv. What does the word destination refer to in the following lines?
There is activity in the houses lit with electric bulbs
Moonlight laughs holding the hem of the moon.
Where is my destination? Where is the hurry?
- v. What according to you is the funniest part of 'The Tale of Custard the Dragon'? Explain your answer.

3x3 = 9 Marks

15. Answer one of the following questions.

- i. The necklace changes the course of the Loiseles' life. Comment.
- ii. Ramlal was worried about Bholi as she did not have good looks. Counter the belief that it's important for a girl to be good looking and give a reason for the same.
- iii. Rama Rao chose shortcut method to succeed but failed miserably. How?

1x6 = 6 Marks

16. Answer one of the following questions.

- i. Natalya and Lomov struggle to communicate their true feelings to one another, which causes the whole trouble in the play. Discuss.
- ii. Write about the instances of irony in 'The Proposal'.

1x6 = 6 Marks