

**Class X**

**Subject: English**

**Max Marks : 80**

**Time: 3 hrs**

**Model Question Paper**

**Read the following questions carefully and do as directed.**

**(Section A)**

**Reading Comprehension**

**15 Marks**

**1. Read the extract from the poem and answer the questions that follow. 1X5=5 Marks**

*Belinda lived in a little white house*

*With a little black kitten and a little grey mouse,*

*And a little yellow dog and a little red wagon,*

*And a realio, trulio, little pet dragon.*

*Now the name of the little black kitten was Ink,*

*And the little grey mouse,*

*she called him Blink,*

*And the little yellow dog was sharp as Mustard,*

*But the dragon was a coward, and she called him Custard.*

*Custard the dragon had big sharp teeth,*

*And spikes on top of him and scales underneath,*

*Mouth like a fireplace, chimney for a nose,*

*And realio, trulio daggers on his toes.*

- a. Who were Belinda's companions?
- b. Who is called Ink and Blink in the poem?
- c. Match the correct combination
  - i. underneath-above
  - ii. coward-fearful
  - iii. fireplace-gateway
  - iv. All
- d. The poet compares the nose of a Dragon to a \_\_\_\_\_
- e. The rhyme scheme of the poem is
  - i. aabb
  - ii. abab
  - iii. abba
  - iv. None

**2. Read the following passage answer the questions that follow. 1x5=5 Marks**

One that lovely autumn day I was accompanied by my daughter Zenani. On the podium, Mr de Klerk was first sworn in as second deputy president. Then Thabo Mbeki was sworn in as first

deputy president. When it was my turn, I pledged to obey and uphold the constitution and to devote myself to the well-being of the Republic and its people. To the assembled guests and the watching world, I said:

Today, all of us do, by our presence here... confer glory and hope to new born liberty. Out of the experience of an extra ordinary human disaster that lasted too long, must be born a society of which all humanity will be proud.

We, who were outlaws, not so long ago, have today been given the rare privilege to be host to the nations of the world on our own soil. We thank all our distinguished international guests for having come to take possession with the people of our country of what is, after all, a common victory for justice, for peace, for human dignity.

**Answer the following questions.**

- a. The speaker in the above passage celebrates
  - i. racism
  - ii. apartheid
  - iii. injustice
  - iv. human dignity
- b. Which word has been for 'dias' in used in the passage?
- c. What is meant by 'extraordinary human disaster'?
- d. 'Own soil' refers to \_\_\_\_\_.
- e. Give the opposite of 'victory'.

**3. Read the following passage and the answer the questions that follow.**

The deadliest virus of the 21<sup>st</sup> century was identified in China in December 2019. It is basically a respiratory virus which mainly affects the lungs. But the recent research shows that it has the potential to affect any body part. Covid-19 affects different people in different ways. Many critical care patients end up lying in ICU because of shortness of breath, low oxygen level and pneumonia. Most of the people who suffer from this virus develop mild to moderate illness and recover without hospitalization. The common symptoms of corona virus are fever, dry cough and shortness of breath whereas some of the less common symptoms of this virus are aches and pains, sore throat, diarrhoea, conjunctivitis, loss of taste or smell, a rash on the skin, etc. The virus generally enters the human body through breathing an air containing the virus. To stop the spread of this virus, people have been advised to wear masks, sanitise their hands and maintain social distance.

The impact of this pandemic has been colossal. In the history of the mankind, the whole world witnessed lock down for two months. Countries like UK are again contemplating lock down to prevent the spread of his virus. Lockdown of international flights, offices and schools has impacted the lives of businessmen and students in particular. Till now, the world has witnessed a total no. of 77.4 million covid patients, out of which 1.7 million faced death with an average death rate of about 3.4% globally. The countries most affected by Covid-19 are the United States of America with 18.1 million positive cases followed by India with more than 10 million positive cases and Brazil with more than 7 million cases. Scientists across the world are working hard to develop a vaccine for Covid-19. Pfizer has been recently approved by many countries.

**Answer the following questions.**

**1x5=5Marks**

- a. Choose the correct option.

The corona virus was first identified in \_\_\_\_\_.

- i. China                      ii) India                      iii) America                      iv) Brazil

- b. Name the countries most affected by Covid-19.  
c. State true or false.

Loss of taste or smell is one of the more common symptoms of corona virus.

- d. What is the synonym of 'colossal'?  
e. Give a suitable title to the passage.

## Section B

### Grammar

15 Marks

4. Insert appropriate modals (given below) in the following sentences.                      2 Marks

could                      should                      would                      must

- a. Students \_\_\_\_\_ develop habit of reading.  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ you please give me a glass of water?

5. Insert suitable article in the blank places.                      2 Marks

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ sun rises in the east.  
b. I give him \_\_\_\_\_ fresh orange.

6. Put in the relative clauses and rewrite the sentences.                      3x1=3 Marks

- a. Simran gave a dance programme yesterday, and it's being appreciated by everybody.

\_\_\_\_\_

- b. Mr Shah is not feeling well, so he could not go to office to attend an important meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_

- c. Sana wrote a story. It bagged the first prize in the creative writing competition.

\_\_\_\_\_

7. Change the direct speech into reported speech.                      3 Marks

It is said, "It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy that makes happiness."

Being happy does not require everything to be good but an eye to see good in everything. One day a crow saw a swan.

"This swan is so white," he thought, "and I am so black. This swan must be the happiest bird in the world."

The swan replied, "I was feeling that I was the happiest bird around. But I think the parrot is the happiest bird as it has two colours."

8. Use appropriate punctuation marks, spellings, tenses, etc. where ever necessary to edit the passage given below.                      5 Marks

I entred the manager's office and sat down. enterd I have just lost five hundred rupees and I felt very upset. (a) \_\_\_\_\_ "I leave the money in my desk,"

I said, (b) \_\_\_\_\_ “and it is not there now”. The manger was very sympathetic but he can do nothing. (c) \_\_\_\_\_ “Everyone loses money theses days,”(d) \_\_\_\_\_ he said. He start to complain about this wicked world, (e) \_\_\_\_\_ but was interrupted by a knock at the door.

## Section C

### Writing Skills

20 Marks

Complete the dialogue given below.

3 Marks

**Interviewer:** Why do you think you.....?

**Seema:** Mam, I am qualified for the job as teaching is my passion. I have become a teacher by choice and not by chance.

**Interviewer:** What is your.....?

**Seema:** I have done my post graduation in Botany.

**Interviewer:** What is your teaching experience?

**Seema:** I have a teaching experience of .....

**Interviewer:** How do you find students now a days?

**Seema:** I find them.....

**Interviewer:** How do you evaluate your students?

**Seema:** I evaluate them on the basis of.....

**Interviewer:** What is the role of a teacher in the age of Information technology and artificial intelligence?

**Seema:** .....

**Do the following questions as directed.**

**10.** Write a notice to be put for students on the school notice board. Write the notice in not more than 50 words, including relevant details from the letter, so that students may contribute generously. Do not give any extra information. Put the words in a box.

**3 Marks**

The Cancer Society of Kashmir  
407 – Tulsi bagh  
Srinagar

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**11.** Read the following notes from the note-pad of Shri Ram Nath, Principal of Secondary School, Ram Nagar. He asks his assistant to draft a message on his behalf for the class representatives and the Staff Secretary. Using the information from the note-pad, draft the message in not more than 50 words. Put the message in a box. **4 Marks**

- Growing tendency of not attending the school regularly.
- Sending applications with one or the other excuse.
- Indiscipline created thereupon.
- All the class representatives and the Staff Secretary to attend the meeting.

**12. Do any one of the following.**

**5 marks**

- a. Write a letter to your parents appreciating them for all the little things they do for you.
- b. Write a letter to an editor about the need of oxygen cylinders needed for the elderly people in your locality in the light of Covid 19.

**13. Do any one of the following. You may organise your ideas coherently before you begin to write.**

**5 marks**

a. Write a short paragraph on Artificial intelligence (AI).

- 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

b. Write a brief article on the uses of internet. The hint words are given below.

- Network of computers
- world wide communication
- global village
- world pocket library

- search engine
- e-mail
- You Tube
- What's app
- audio-visuals
- online classes in Covid 19
- students urge
- learn from internet
- virtual classroom.

## Section D

### Literature

30 Marks

**14. Read the extracts of the poems carefully and do any three of the following. 2X3=6 marks**

- a. *And bending down beside the glowing bars  
Murmur, a little sadly, how love fled  
And paced upon the mountains overhead  
And hid his face amid a crowd of stars.*

**Which poetic device has been used in this stanza by the poet? Explain it.**

- b. *Speak up, for your lips are not sealed  
And your words are still your own.  
This upright body is yours:  
Speak, while your soul is still your own.*

**Explain: your words are still your own"**

- c. *Now is the globe shrink tight  
Round the mouse's dulled wintering heart  
Weasel and crow, as if moulded in brass,  
More through an outer darkness  
Not in their right minds*

**The poet uses the word globe to indicate something different from the literal meaning. What is it?**

- d. *.....but after the air port  
security check, standing a few yards  
away, I looked again at her, wan, pale.  
As a late winter's moon and felt that old  
familiar ache, my childhood's fear, but  
all I said was, see you soon, Amma;  
All I did was smile and smile and smile .*

**The poet describes her mother with a simile. Point out the simile and explain it.**

- e. *Loss of hope has darkened the evening of my life too  
And clouds gathering in the mind shed tears as they pass  
The evening of troubles, my companion, is also depressed  
And takes me along, holding me by the arm.*

**What companion do you see in the above lines?**

**15. Do any four of the following.**

**3X4=12 Marks**

- a. Why does Mrs. Bennet think that Mrs. Long is selfish?
- b. Why does Anne need to give a brief sketch of her family? Does she treat 'Kitty' as an insider or outsider?
- c. What does Mandela mean when he says he is simply the sum of all the African patriots? Who had gone before him?
- d. How do you usually understand the idea of selfishness? Do you agree with Kisa Gotami that she was being selfish in her grief?
- e. What kind of a woman was Mamachi?
- f. How does Portia get back her ring?

**16. Do any one of the following.**

**6X1=6 Marks**

- a. What is the theme of the play 'The Proposal'.
- b. Write a character sketch of Natalya.

**17. Do any one of the following.**

**6x1= 6 Marks**

- a. The course of the Loiseles' life changed due to the necklace. Comment.
- b. How did Bholi's teacher play an important role in changing the course of her life?
- c. How does the story 'The Servant' reflect the humility of Gerasim?