

## **Sample Question Paper (2025-26)**

**Class:- 12<sup>th</sup> (10+2)**

**Subject:- English Special**

**Time:3 Hrs**

**Marks:-80**

### **General Instructions**

- **The question paper Contains two sections-Reading Skill and Writing Skill**
- **Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part**

### **Section-A**

#### **Reading Skill**

**1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:- 2x10=20**

#### **Passage**

1. Polythene shopping bags and wrappers are potential<sup>1</sup> threat to urban<sup>2</sup> environment. Once you have discarded<sup>3</sup> them after use, you do not lose your link with them. They return to you in a variety of ways, though you do not realise it. For example, they choke<sup>4</sup> your drains and provide breeding facilities to deadly<sup>5</sup> germs.
2. A recent study has shown that about 250 tonnes of plastic wastes come out of various colonies of major cities alone every day. This disrupts<sup>6</sup> the sewer system, the essential arteries<sup>7</sup> of city life. These plastic wastes choke the land mass and clog the pores of the wetlands<sup>8</sup>.
3. Unfortunately, even the villages and small towns are not free from this danger. Millions of people returning to their hometowns every day carry their shopping in colourful bags. This pleases their family and children, who after preserving them for a time, dispose them in wells, rivers, tanks and drains. Many throw them off into the fields. They do it with a sense of pride, to show off. When their neighbours see that their men from the cities regularly bring them those good things of life, they are impressed.
4. In Delhi, the worst offenders are the upper income groups of the so-called posh colonies. Though educated, the residents of these affluent areas are unaware of the damage done by the plastic bags. Nearly a million children in Delhi schools carry their lunch boxes in plastic bags. They callously<sup>9</sup> throw them away and cause unhealthy environment.

5. As it is convenient for mothers to wrap the food in plastic it is difficult to persuade them against doing this. According to the drill master of a school in R.K. Puram, it becomes a drill to clean the field after the children leave. When the midday meal scheme is fully implemented, it must be seen that no plastic wrappers are used.
6. As these wrappers are light in weight, they are blown aloft by the wind causing visual shocks. Unlike cotton or paper bags they remain undissolved in the mud and stop the rain-water from seeping deep into the earth. This affects the natural growth of greenery.

**Choose the correct answer for each question:-**

1. When we throw away our polythene shopping bags,
  - (a) we lose our link with them.
  - (b) we don't lose our link with them.
  - (c) we don't have to worry about them.
  - (d) we have no harm from them.
2. Choose the option that lists the correct answers for the following:
  - i. What are the essential arteries of city life?
  - ii. What damage is done by plastic wastes?
  - (a) (i) The transport system.  
(ii) They are harmful for deadly germs.
  - (b) (i) Rivers and wells.  
(ii) They maintain the flow of our sewer system.
  - (c) (i) The economic system.  
(ii) They damage blockades of the sewer system.
  - (d) (i) The sewer system.  
(ii) They disrupt the sewer system.
3. How do schoolchildren in Delhi spoil the environment ?
  - (a) They carry their lunch boxes in plastic bags and throw them away after eating their lunch.
  - (b) They eat their lunch in the school.
  - (c) After eating their lunch, they went out to play.

- (d) After eating lunch, they don't wash their hands.
4. What care should be taken while implementing the midday meal scheme?
- (a) No plastic wrappers should be used.
- (b) No teacher should partake of the food.
- (c) No child should be left unserved.
- (d) Parents should take an active part in the scheme.
5. How do plastic bags affect the natural growth of plants?
- (a) They take up much of the water from the soil.
- (b) They stop the rain-water from seeping down into the earth.
- (c) They don't let the roots absorb water from the soil.
- (d) They stop the light of the sun from reaching the plants.

**Answer the following question in brief:-**

6. How much tonnes plastic waste come out from colonies everyday.
7. Who is 'threat to urban' the environment?
8. What drill master opted by the school of R.K.Puram Delhi.
9. Who affects the natural growth of greenery.
10. Write the definition of word 'Choke' according to passage.

**OR**

Rights and duties are two sides of the same coin. One cannot exist without the other. Duties without rights are mere slavery. Similarly, rights without duties amount to lawlessness. In any civilized society, rights and duties must go side by side. But in today's world everybody talks much about his rights. There is a great hue and cry if our rights are infringed<sup>1</sup>. But nobody seems to bother much about his duties. That is why there is a great unrest in our present-day life. Actually duties come first and rights afterwards. Many a time, one man's right is another man's duty and vice-versa<sup>2</sup>. For example every man has the right to have an undisturbed sleep. So it becomes the duty of his neighbour not to tune his radio at too high a pitch. If we want to enjoy our rights, we should act in such a way that the rights of others are not trespassed<sup>3</sup>. It can happen only if we take due account of our duties also. In short rights and duties are complimentary<sup>4</sup> things and not contradictory<sup>5</sup>.

**Choose the correct answer for each question:**

1. Which are the two sides of the same coin mentioned in the passage?  
(a) Slavery and lawlessness.                      (b) Freedom and rights.  
(c) Rights and duties.                              (d) All of the above
2. What place do rights and duties have in a civilized society?  
(a) Rights come before duties.                      (b) Rights and duties go side by side.  
(c) Duties come before rights.                      (d) Rights and duties have no place
3. Why is there a great unrest in the present-day life?  
(a) Because nobody seems to bother much about his duties.  
(b) Because rights and duties go side by side.  
(c) Because duties come before rights.  
(d) Because there are neither rights nor duties.
4. What do people do when their rights are infringed?  
(a) They give up their rights.  
(b) They start doing their duties.  
(c) They place their rights before their duties.  
(d) They make a great hue and cry.
5. Rights without duties amount .....  
(a) to slavery    (b) to lawlessness  
(c) to civilized society                              (d) to none of the above.

**Answer the following question in brief:-**

6. What is meaning of 'Right'
7. What is meaning of 'Duties'
8. Clean the meaning of 'Vice Versa' and 'trespassed'
9. 'A tune his Radio at two high a pitch' is duty or right clear the meaning?
10. Who is complimentary things and not contradictory

**Section-B**  
**Writing Skill**

**2. Attempt any two of the following:-**

**10x2=20**

- (a) You are Mohit, a student of DAV School, Jind. Write an application to the principal of your school suggesting some improvements in the school canteen.
- (b) You are Shiv Kumar of Panipat, you feel the ragging educational institutions is an evil and must be curbed. Write a letter to the editor of newspaper accordingly.
- (c) Your name is Shiv Kumar Negi, you feel strongly about the environment pollution. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper pointing out the dangers of environment pollution. Making a request to the concerned authorities to solve it.

**3. Write paragraph on any two topics:-**

**10x2=20**

- (A) Rising Price in India
- (B) Environment Pollution
- (C) A Visit to a Zoo
- (D) My Best Friend

**4. Read the passage carefully and write the summary in your own words with title 10x2=20**

1. Good health is the soundness of body, mind and soul. It is that condition in which the body and the mind duly discharge their functions. Good health helps one to be creative and to work for the welfare of the society. To be healthy, one has to be, therefore, free from disease: or if he suffers from any, he needs treatment not only for that particular disease, but also for the whole body, mind and soul. In other words, a doctor has to have a healthy approach towards patients.
2. In these days of specialization, doctors cure a patient only for his immediate disease, treating it in isolation. Such an approach goes against the old aphorism<sup>1</sup> that 'Prevention is better than cure'. Dr. Hedge provides an insight into the overall causes of simple and serious diseases and describes the methods of preventing them without having to take medicine, like exercising, self-control on food consumption, smoking and intake of alcoholic drinks. He also advocates regular yoga exercise and meditation to keep fit, but at the same time warns against over-indulgence<sup>2</sup>.

3. Hedge stresses the importance of laughter because laughter induces secretion of good catecholamines<sup>3</sup> which are hormones produced by adrenal<sup>4</sup> gland; they can be both beneficial and harmful. They are harmful when a person is angry, but beneficial if he laughs. "For healthy living, laughter proves to be a great boon," Hedge says.
4. In these days of hectic<sup>4</sup> life, full of stress, strain and emotions, everyone needs to lead a relaxed life. The best form of relaxation, according to Hedge, is sound sleep. "Restful sleep at night will recharge our batteries for the following day's fruitful endeavour."

### **Questions**

- (1) Give a Suitable title to this passage (2M)
- (2) Write the summary of it in your own words (8M)

### **OR**

1. Child labour has been sought in the country since the middle of the 19th century when factories first made an appearance. Since children in most industries provide the same productivity<sup>1</sup> as adults, and in several cases even more, but at a far lower cost, they were soon recognised as a means to lower overheads<sup>2</sup> and increase profits. However, as the industrial revolution progressed, gradually the people became aware of the torture they were subjecting their children to both mentally and physically. But even as the country continued to progress at various levels, it lagged behind in terms of the wherewithal<sup>3</sup> and prosperity needed to take care of the new social relations which had sprung up with result that wages for workers were abysmally<sup>4</sup> low and it was difficult for a family to survive on one man's wages. This is when human resources became the only true assets families had and every pair of working hands, including those of children, was engaged in earning livelihood.
2. And once child labour had made an appearance in the job market, employers soon began to prefer working children to working adults, for not only could they give the same output as an adult worker at a much lower cost but were also more nimble<sup>5</sup> and agile<sup>6</sup> and more amenable<sup>7</sup> to discipline. The employers prefer children because their high profits depend largely on child labour.
3. It is indeed lamentable<sup>8</sup> that poverty even compels parents and guardians to barter their children for money. A number of young children are sold by their parents or pledged as bonded labour.

### **Questions**

- (1) Give a suitable title to this passage (2M)
- (2) Write the summery of it in your own words (8M)

### **Marketing Instructions/Answer key**

- (1) We don't lose our link with them
- (2) (i) The Sewer System (ii) They disrupt the sewer system
- (3) They carry their lunch boxes in plastic bags and throw them away after eating their lunch.
- (4) No plastic wrappers should be used.
- (5) They stop the rainwater from seeping down into the earth
- (6) 250 tonnes of plastic wastes come out of various colonies of majorities alone every day.
- (7) Polythene shopping bags and wrappers are potential 'threat to urban' environment.
- (8) Drill master opted by the school f R.K puram Delhi to wrap the food in plastic it is difficult to persuade them against doing this. When the midday meal scheme is fully implemented, it must be seen that no plastic wrappers are used.
- (9) Cotton or paper bag they remain on dissolved in the mud and stop the rain water from seeping deep into the earth. This effects the natural growth of greenery.
- (10) Polythene shopping bags and wrappers choke all drains and provide breeding facilities to deadly germs.

### **OR**

- (1) Rights and duties
- (2) Rights and duties go side by side
- (3) Because nobody seems to bother much about his duties
- (4) They make a great hue and cry
- (5) To Lawlessness
- (6) Rights are rules of law. Every civilized people follow the rights to day to day daily activities
- (7) Duties are also rules of law. Civilized people follow the rights and do own duties to daily activity smoothly.
- (8) (1)The meaning of vice versa in the opposite way to what has just been said  
(2) trespassed-encroached



(9) 'A tune his radio at two high a pitch' is duty to slow volume because every man has the right to have an undisturbed sleep.

(10) Rights and duties are both complimentary things and not contradictory.

Answer= 2 (i) Application Format (4M)

(ii) Improvement/Suggestions (4M)

(iii) Complete content meaning/theme (2M)

Note:- (i) Award full marks if there is one or two grammatical/spelling mistakes

(ii) Deduct 2 Mark if there are more than two grammatical/Spelling mistakes

OR

(i) Editor Letter format/Sender's Address/ date Receiver's address/Subject and Salutation/Complimentary close (4M)

(ii) Improvement/suggestions (4M)

(iii) Complete content/Meaning/Theme (2M)

Note:- (i) Award full marks if there is one or two grammatical/Spelling mistakes

(ii) Deduct 2 Mark if there are more than two grammatical/Spelling mistakes

**Q3 (1) Paragraph Format (1 to 6 Line) (4M)**

1. Tense, Tone and Vocabulary are appropriate

2. Coherence and Relevance of ideas.

3. Rising prices like rate of oil, suger, petrol and daily needs should be clear

4. Reason and causes to change the environment

5. Knowledge about different animals

6. Qualities of Best Friend

7. Improvement and suggestions (4M)

8. Complete content/ meaning and theme (2M)

Note:- (i) Award full marks if there is one or two grammatical /Spelling mistakes

(ii) Deduct 2 Mark if there are more than two grammatical/Spelling mistakes

### **Passage**

1. Read Passage Carefully and title should be clear (2M)
2. Tense, Tone and Vocabulary of summary should be appropriate (8M)