

# BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION, RAJASTHAN AJMER

MODEL PAPER - 2023

CLASS – 10  
ENGLISH

Time :- 3 Hours 15 Min.

Marks :- 80

GENERAL INSTRUCTION TO THE EXAMINEES:

1. Candidate must write first his/her Roll No. on the question paper compulsory.
2. All the questions are compulsory.
3. Write the answer to each question in the given answer book only.
4. For questions having more than one part the answers to those parts are to be written together in continuity.
5. Write the correct serial number of each question as mentioned in the question paper.

## SECTION – A Reading

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

These days, it is not unusual to see people listening to music or using their electric gadgets while crossing busy roads or travelling on public transports, regardless of the risks involved. I have often wondered why they take such risks, is it because they want to exude a sense of independence or is it that they want to tell the world to stop bothering them? Or is it that they just want to show how cool they are? Whether it is a workman or an executive, earphones have become an inseparable part of our lives, sometimes even leading to tragicomic situations.

- (i) What is not unusual to see these days? 1  
(A) listening to music (B) using electronic gadgets  
(C) Both A & B (D) None
- (ii) People are regardless of risk involved. 1  
(A) on busy roads (B) travelling on public transport  
(C) Both A & B (D) None
- (iii) Why do the people take risk? 1
- (iv) What leads to tragicomic situations ? 1
- (v) Write similar word of the following from the passage :- 1  
'Surprised'

(vi) Write opposite word of the following from the passage:- 1  
'Hot'

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

Childhood is a time when there are few responsibilities to make life difficult. If a child has good parents, he is fed, looked after and loved, whatever he may do. It is improbable that he will ever again in his life be given so much without having to do anything in return. In addition, life is always presenting new things to the child - things that have lost their interest for older people because they are too well-known. A child finds pleasures in playing in the rain, or in the snow. His first visit to the seaside is a marvellous adventure. But a child has his pains : he is not so free to do as he wishes as he thinks older people are : he is continually being told not to do things, or being punished for what he has done wrong. His life is therefore not perfectly happy.

When the young man starts to earn his own living, he becomes free- from the discipline of school and parents; but at the same time he is forced to accept responsibilities. He can no longer expect others to pay for his food, his clothes, and his room, but has to work if he wants to live comfortably. If he spends most of his time playing about in the way that he used to as a child, he will go hungry. And if he breaks the laws of society as he used to break the laws of his parents, he may go to prison. If, however, he works hard, keeps out of troubles and has good health, he can have the great happiness of seeing himself make steady progress in his job and of building up for himself his own position in society.

Old age has always been thought of as the worst age to be, but it is not necessary for the old to be unhappy. With the old age should come wisdom and the ability to help others with advice wisely.

(i) Marvellous adventure for a child will be : 1  
(A) his first visit to zoo (B) his first visit to play school  
(C) his first visit to seaside (D) his first visit to garden

(ii) When a young man starts to earn his own living, he becomes free from: 1  
(A) discipline of school (B) parents  
(C) Both A & B (D) none

(iii) With ..... should come wisdom and the ability to help others with advice wisely. 1  
(A) Youth age (B) old age  
(C) childhood (D) Middle age

(iv) What happens if a child has good parents? 1

(v) Why a child is not perfectly happy? Write any one reason. 1

(vi) Which age has always been thought of as the worst age to be? 1

(vii) What will happen when a youth breaks the laws of society ? 1

(viii) Write similar word of the following from the passage: 1

' Amazing'

(ix) Write opposite word of the following from the passage: 1

' Insanity'

**SECTION B**  
**[Writing ]**

3. Imagine that you are the captain of your school volleyball team. You want to take part into the district level tournament to be held in Maharana Pratap Secondary School, Beawar. Write an application to the Principal of your school requesting him to allow you to take part in the tournament. 5

or

You are Mona/Manish. Write an e-mail to the editor of a newspaper complaining about insanitary condition in your locality.

4. Write a story with the help of given outlines in about 80 words. Give the title and moral to it. 4

A good boy ..... falls in bad company..... disobeys..... father advises to shun..... all in vain..... decides to teach a lesson..... brings apples..... puts them in almirah..... notices one rotten apple..... next day all apples rotten..... teaches a lesson.

OR

A thief caught..... brought before the king..... the king orders him to hang.....thief..... clever.....says ..... a secret..... true with golden fruit..... king interested..... thief prepares small pellets of gold..... tells the king sown by one..... never stolen anything.

5. Write a paragraph of about 60 words using the visual aid provided: 4



OR

Write a paragraph on "My Favourite Teacher" in about 60 words.

**SECTION C**  
**(GRAMMAR)**

6. Choose the correct form of the verbs: 1
- (i) I .....(go) to Jaipur yesterday.
- (A) went (B) go  
(C) have gone (D) had gone
- (ii) He usually..... (take) breakfast at 8 a.m. 1
- (A) takes (B) took  
(C) has taken (D) will take
- (iii) We .....(study) in this school for three years. 1
- (A) will study (B) have studied  
(c) am studying (D) have studying
- (iv) The train..... (leave) before I reached. 1
- (A) left (B) had left  
(C) was leaving (D) had been leaving
7. Change the following sentences into Indirect Speech.
- (i) Archi said to me, "I respect you". 1
- (ii) Sid said to me, " Do you learn English?" 1
8. Rewrite the following sentences using connectives given in the brackets:
- (i) It is very cold. We can't go out. (too-to) 1
- (ii) He sells mangoes. He sells oranges. (both-and) 1
- (iii) She is very small. She cannot lift it. (so-that) 1
9. Join the following sentences using the relative Pronoun, given in the brackets:
- (i) The boy is going on the road (whose) 1  
His father gave you this letter.
- (ii) The boy was awarded. (who) 1  
He was honest.
10. Change the following sentences into Passive-Voices,
- (i) Prateek will write a letter. 1
- (ii) Please open your book. 1
11. (i) Frame question of the following sentence:  
How .....  
I crossed the river by boat. 1
- (ii) Add Question Tag to the statement given below.  
Mohan will go to school.....? 1

**SECTION - D**  
**(TEXT - Book)**

12. Read the passage given below and answer that follow:

Marriage gifts are meaningless without the sweet bread known as the bol, just as a party or a feast loses its charm without bread. Not enough can be said to show how important a baker can be for a village. The lady of the house must prepare sandwiches on the occasion of her daughter's engagement. Cakes and bolinhas are a must for Christmas as well as other festivals. Thus, the presence of the baker's furnace in the village is absolutely essential.

The baker or bread-seller of those days had a peculiar dress known as the Kabai. It was a single-piece long frock reaching down to the knees. In our childhood we saw bakers wearing a shirt and trousers which were shorter than full length ones and longer than half pants.

- (i) Sweet bread is known as: 1  
(A) bol (B) pol  
(c) dol (D) roll.
- (ii) .....of the house must prepare sandwiches: 1  
(A) Lady (B) Maid  
(C) Daughter (D) Master
- (iii) What is must for Christmas? 1  
(iv) What is Kabai? 1  
(v) Find out the word from the passage which means :- 1  
    'Presents'
- (vi) Find out the word from the passage which has opposite meaning of : 1  
    'sour'

13. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

"The moon was coming up in the east, behind me and stars were shining in the clear sky above me. There wasn't a cloud in the sky above me. There was not a cloud in the sky. I was happy to be alone high up above the sleeping countryside, flying my old Dakota aeroplane over France back to England. I was dreaming of my holiday. and looking forward to being with my family. I looked at my watch: one thirty in the morning.

'I should call Paris Control soon' I thought. As I looked down past the nose of the aeroplane. I saw the lights of a big city in front of me. I switched on the radio and said, "Paris Control, Dakota DS 088 here. Can you hear me? I am on my way to England Over".

- (i) The moon was coming up in the..... 1  
(A) east (B) west  
(c) south (D) north
- (ii)The stars were shining in the..... 1  
(A) sky (B) room  
(C) school (D) house
- (iii) Why was the writer happy? 1  
(iv) What was the writer flying? 1

(v) Write the similar word of the following, from the passage: 1  
'rest'

(vi) Write the opposite word of the following, from the passage: 1  
'dull'

14. Answer any one of the following questions in about 80 words :  
Why does the writer go to Basra? How long does he wait there and why ?  
[Mijbil the Otter] 5

OR

Write the character sketch of Wanda. [The Hundred Dresses]

15. Answer any one of the following questions in about 20 words:  
Write the character, which you like most in the play. [The Proposal] 2

OR

Can you imagine what can happen with Lomov in other way in the play after quarrel with Natalya ? [The Proposal]

16. Explain any one of the following stanzas with reference to the context: 4

Some say the world will end in fire

Some say in ice

From what I've tasted of desire

I hold with those who favour fire.

(i) Write rhyme scheme and words.

(ii) According to the poem what the world will end in?

OR

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow.

The way a crow

Shook down on me

The dust of snow

From a hemlock tree.

(i) Which tree is mentioned ?

(ii) Write rhyme scheme and words.

17. Answer any two of the following questions in about 20 words: [2x2=4]

(i) What are the trees in the poem, 'The Tree'? [The Tree]

(ii) Write the identity of crocodiles? [How to Tell Wild Animals]

(iii) What does crow symbolise? [Dust of Snow]

18. Choose the correct answer:

(i).....is the writer of "A Question of Trust? [A question of trust] 1

(A) Victor Canning

(B) H.G. Wells

(C) Robert W. Peterson

(D) None

(ii) What is name of the dog in the lesson. 'A Triumph of Surgery'?  
[A Triumph of Surgery] 1

(A) Tricki

(B) Hello

(C) Tripi

(D) Tommy

19. Answer any one of the following questions. in about 60 words: [1X4=4]

(i) "Griffin was rather a lawless person" explain.

[Footprints without Feet]

(ii) What is DNA fingerprinting & what are its uses?

[The Making Of A Scientist]

20. Answer any two out of three following questions in about 20 words. [2x2=4]

(i) What was the problem of Name. Loisel?

[The Necklace]

(ii) How is Ausable different from other secret agents?

[The Midnight Visitor]

(iii) How does Anil think about the thief ?

[The Thief's Story]