

Class X Model question paper 2019 – 20

English

Time allowed: 15 minutes + 2.30 hours

Maximum Marks: 100

Instructions:

- 1) Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness inform the Hall supervisor immediately.
- 2) Use Blue or Black ink to write or underline

PART I

- i. Answer all the questions. 14x1=14
- ii. Choose the most suitable answer and write the code with corresponding answer.

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the italicised words:

1. The mother seagull *swooped* upwards.
a) leap b) rush c) move very quickly d) ascend
2. The *attic* has always been favourite with children.
a) loft b) terrace c) apartment d) strong room
3. It is a 55-foot sailing vessel built *indigenously* in India.
a) Fully b) collectively c) innately d) specially

Choose the appropriate antonym for the italicised words:

4. She screamed back *mockingly*.
a) disrespectfully b) ridiculously
c) jeeringly d) respectfully.
5. We don't have to use any means of *repulsion*.
a) attraction b) distaste c) hate d) horror
6. I *indulged* in banking.
a) Took part b) participated c) abstained d) yielded
7. Choose the correct plural form of *alga* from the following:
a) Algum b) algi c) algae d) algas
8. Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word– *document*.
a) -ory b) -ise c) -ation d) -ly
9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation **SIM**.
a) Subscriber Information Module
b) Subscriber Identification Module
c) Student Identification Module
d) School Identification Module

10. Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below:
The crew _____ of water and food before they could complete their expedition.
a) ran on b) ran about c) ran in d) ran out
11. Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word 'watch' to form a compound word.
a) hall b) house c) man d) clock
12. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below:
Mulan heard this her tent.
a) by b) from c) at d) for
13. Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below:
After he his lunch, he went across to the window.
a) will finish b) finish c) was finishing d) had finished.
14. Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives.
_____ he is ninety years old, he is in the pink of health.
a) When b) Since c) Even though d) yet

Part II

(10x2=20)

Section I

Answer any three of the following questions in a sentence or two.

3x2=6

15. Mention the special features of INSV Tarini.
16. What prompted the seagull to fly finally?
17. What was the daily routine of Mr. Sanyal?
18. What were the various things that tempted Mr. Franz to spend his day outdoors?

Section II

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any THREE of the following.

3x2=6

19. *Let us learn to walk with a smile and a song,*

No matter if things do sometimes go wrong;

- a) What does the poet want everyone to learn?
b) What should we do when things go wrong?

20. *She's a lioness; don't mess with her.*

She'll not spare you if you're a prankster.

- a) How is a woman described here?
b) Who is a prankster?

21. *Not a flower could he see,*

Not a leaf on a tree.

- a) Who does 'he' refer to?
- b) Mention the season when he could not see a flower or a leaf on a tree.

22. *Beside the house sits a tree*

It never grows leaves.

- a) What is found near the house?
- b) Why does it never grow leaves?

Section – III

Answer any **THREE** of the following.

3x2= 6

23. Rewrite the following sentence to the other voice:

Please assemble in the ground.

24. Rewrite using indirect speech.

"Where are we going, sir?" asked the aero-coachman.

25. Punctuate the following sentence.

Wherefore said miranda did they not that hour destroy us

26. Transform the following sentence into a simple sentence.

As Catherin is a voracious reader, she buys a lot of books.

27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences:

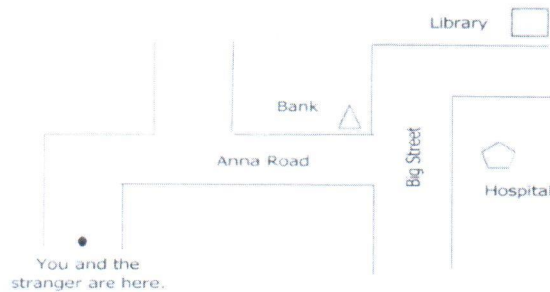
- a) he saw/ When/ in the / platform/the train/he rushed.
- b) as/I/healthy/are you/am/as.

Section- IV

Answer the following question

1x2=2

28. A stranger wants to visit the library. Write the steps to guide him to reach his destination.



Part III

10x5=50

Section I

Answer any TWO of the following in utmost 10 lines.

2x5=10

29. Describe the struggles undergone by the young seagull to overcome its fear of flying.
30. 'Technology is a boon to the disabled'. Justify
31. How did Watson help his friend to arrest the criminal?
32. 'Man does change with time' - What were the various changes that came about in Aditya?

Section II

Answer any TWO of the following in utmost 10 lines:

2x5=10

33. How is mystery depicted in the poem, 'The house on Elms street'?
34. Compare and contrast the attitude of the ant and the cricket.
35. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below:
The weather is always too hot or cold;
Summer and winter alike they scold.
Nothing goes right with the folks you meet
Down on the gloomy Complaining street.
 - i) Pick out the rhyming words from the above lines.
 - ii) Write the rhyme scheme of the given stanza.
 - iii) Identify the figure of speech employed in the fourth line of the given stanza
 - iv) Pick out the alliterating words.

36. Paraphrase the following stanza.

We can pull and haul and push and lift and drive,
We can print and plough and weave and heat and light,
We can run and race and swim and fly and dive,
We can see and hear and count and read and write!

Section III

Answer any ONE of the following:

1x5=5

37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.

- i. Using his powers, Prospero released the good spirits from large bodies of trees.
- ii. Prospero and Miranda came to an island and lived in a cave.
- iii. He raised a violent storm in the sea to wreck the ship of his enemies.

- iv. The King of Naples and Antonio the false brother, repented the injustice they had done to Prospero.
- v. He ordered Ariel to torment the inmates of the ship.

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

The country Shining was governed by a despotic leader who though a warrior, had a great and cowardly shrinking from anything suggestive of failing health and strength. This caused him to send out a cruel proclamation. The entire province was given strict orders to immediately put to death all aged people. Those were barbarous days, and the custom of abandoning old people to die was not uncommon. The poor farmer loved his aged mother with tender reverence, and the order filled his heart with sorrow. But no one ever thought twice about obeying the mandate of the governor, so with many deep and hopeless sighs, the youth prepared for what at that time was considered the kindest mode of death.

- i. Who governed Shining?
- ii. What was the cowardly act of the governor?
- iii. What proclamation did the governor send out?
- iv. How did the poor farmer treat his mother?
- v. Did the people obey the governor's order?

Section IV

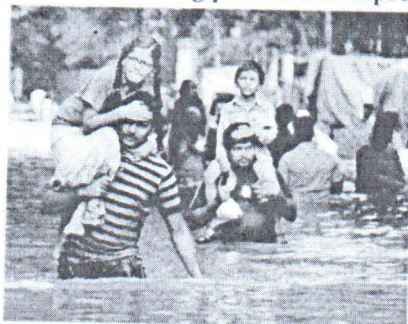
Answer any FOUR of the following.

4x5=20

39. Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.

Home appliances – Aadi Sale – 20-50% - Special Combo Offers – Aadhi & Co., Raja Street, Chennai.

40. Write a letter to the manager of a famous daily, ordering subscription for your school library.
41. You are Adhira / Athiran, the school pupil leader of GHSS, Trichy. Prepare a notice on behalf of your school inviting the grandparents of the students to celebrate World Elders' Day in your school auditorium on the 20th of next month.
42. Look at the following picture and express your views on it in about five sentences.



43. Make notes or write a summary of the following passage:

There are many different kinds of books that are published each year. These are the new titles available for us to read. Besides these, there are books that have been published through the years. Together,

there are millions of books available throughout the world in as many languages as are spoken by people. There are different genres in which books are published. There are fiction and non-fiction categories in books, and each of these categories has many different genres of books. The academic books we study at school belong to the text book category. We study them to complete our syllabus and pass the examinations at the end of each academic session. There are other books that we read for our pleasure and enrichment. We read story books of different types. There are comedy, horror, detective and thriller stories in prose, plays and poetry forms. Books are our best friends.

44. Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences.

- a) You may speak politely to the elders.
- b) This is the boy whom won the race.
- c) He come late to school every day.
- d) Though he was hungry but he did not eat.
- e) Is this a book that you wanted to buy.

Section-V

45. Quote from memory

1X5=5

Let me live back in fear.

Part IV

46. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints.

(2x8=16)

a) Many years ago- China- the emperor ordered- one man from-family-join army- Mulan heard- told father- she join army- father objected- she is a girl- Mulan- wore-fathers robes cuts her hair- convinced father- she has learnt- Kung fu- no one will find -she is a girl. Mulan left - village -fought bravely-war-given top- position- very soon- fever swept -the army- Mulan - sick- doctor examines - finds the truth- spreads the news in the army- everyone objects- to follow a girl leader- Mulan stood tall- gave command - soldiers - followed her- attacked enemies- won the battle-Emperor glad- offered Mulan positions-court- Mulan refused-went back- village -royal-gifts.

(OR)

b) Holland-land -below sea level- dikes protected the country- everyone did best to-protect-Holland- Years ago- little- boy Peter-lived Holland-His father -attended-dyke gates- opened-closed dykes- one day - Peter mother- gave cakes to Peter- to be given- old blind friend of peter- across the dyke- Peter happily left home- Peter visited- old man- returned near by the dyke- heard-water trickling-stopped to see- small hole-dyke-called for help-in vain- he put his little-finger- throughout the night- slept near the dyke- morning - found by passer by- alerted the people-Peter and Holland- saved.

47. Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below:

Kung Fu – 'kung' meaning 'energy' and 'fu' meaning 'time' – is a Chinese martial art whose recorded history dates back to around 525 CE, during the Liang dynasty. The man credited with introducing martial arts to China is said to be an Indian monk known as Bodhidharma.

Many people have a misconception that Chinese Kung Fu is about fighting and killing. It is actually based on Chinese philosophy and is about improving wisdom and intelligence. Taoist philosophy is deeply rooted in and had a profound influence on the culture of Chinese martial arts.

The five traditional animal styles of Shaolin Kung Fu are the dragon, the snake, the tiger, the leopard and the crane. The union of the five animal forms clearly displayed the efficacy of both hard and soft movements, of both internal and external energy – this form of Chinese martial arts was known as Shaolin Kung Fu, named after the temple in which it was developed.

Questions:

- Which country does the martial art Kung Fu belong to?
- What is the meaning of the term "Kung Fu"?
- Write any two martial arts of India?
- What are the five animal styles followed in Shaolin Kung Fu?

(OR)

Read the following poem and answer the questions given below:

It you can't be a pine on the top of the hill,
Be a scrub in the valley – but be
The best little scrub by the side of the rill;
Be a bush, if you can't be a tree.
If you can't be a bush, be a bit of the grass,
And some highway happier make;
If you can't be a muskie, then just be a bass-
But the liveliest bass in the lake!
We can't all be captains, we've got to be crew,
There's something for all of us here.
There's big work to do and there's lesser to do
And the task we must do is the near.
If you can't be a highway, then just be a trail,
If you can't be the sun, be a star;
It isn't by size that you win or you fail-
Be the best of whatever you are!

Questions:

- Where does the best scrub grow?
- What makes a highway traveller happy?
- Does size matter? Give reason.
- What is the underlying theme of the poem?

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