

MODEL QUESTION 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) In line two the word 'book' refers to

A. memories
B. poems written by the poet
C. an album
D. a diary

- ii) The poem is addressed to

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

- iii) The theme of the poem is

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

- iv) What is the rhyme scheme of the poem?

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

1 x 5 = 5 Marks

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

Mental health is a state of mental, emotional, psychological and social wellbeing. It is pivotal to personal, community and socio economic development. Continued exposure to unfavorable socio-economic, geopolitical and environmental circumstances, poverty, inequality, violence, discrimination and exclusion increase the risk of mental health issues in people. Genetics also plays a crucial role in increasing the risk of having mental disorders. In contemporary times, harsh parenting, relationship discords, bullying, academic and career stress, pandemics and disease outbreaks, humanitarian emergencies, climate crisis, forced displacement and substance abuse significantly contribute to precipitate mental health issues in people. Talking about mental health is considered to be a stigma, preventing people to seek timely help from professionals like clinical psychologists and psychiatrists. The scenario of mental health issues in J&K is alarming. Natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods and pandemics like Covid-19 have increased the risk of mental health issues in people in J&K.

The existing gap in mental health care has also added to the scenario because of lack of Mental Health Literacy (MHL), stigma, and lack of sound research and policy reform to be implemented at the grassroots and unexplored use of psychological therapies.

To foster adolescent mental health and psychological wellbeing one must stay away from drug abuse, and foods that contain neuro-endocrine disruptors. With the onset of mobiles, children don't do physical activities and channelize their energy positively. Students need to reclaim mud and sweat in the real playground. A multi-sector approach is needed to boost and sustain mental and psychological well-being. Good social connections, and physical exercise, relaxation practices such as yoga, mindfulness, deep breathing, meditation and music and spiritual therapy help develop positive coping mechanisms to deal with stress in our lives. From a few thousands in nineties to around few lacs in the year 2023 reflect the unprecedented rise in the number of Mental Health problems in J&K. Taking timely help and breaking the stereotype surrounding stigma will definitely help to identify their problems and cultivate a culture of acceptance and chalking out the best strategies to deal with the issues. Moreover, parents and teachers need to listen to youngsters and spend quality time with them to imbibe and nourish values in them.

The Government is trying to facilitate people to deal with mental health issues. One of the initiatives taken is Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking across States (Tele MANAS), which aims to provide free Tele Mental Health Service 24x7 in J&K also.

1. Which of the following play a role in harbouring mental health issues?
 - A) Violence & Discrimination
 - B) Pandemics & Drug Abuse
 - C) Genetics & Climate Crisis
 - D) A, B & C
2. Which of the following will not help boost Mental Health?
 - A) Physical Exercise & Gymnastics
 - B) Drug Abuse, negativity & relationship discords
 - C) Art & Spiritual therapy
 - D) Yoga & Mindfulness
3. What are the causes of Mental Health disorders?
4. How can parents and teachers help adolescents in strengthening their mental health?
5. How can you boost your mental health?

1x5=5

3. Study the information given below and answer the questions that follow.



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- **Women:** Booster helps to overcome weakness and fatigue by providing additional protein, calcium and iron.
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Add sugar to taste and stir.

Flavours:
Chocolate, Vanilla, Caramel

NET WEIGHT : 250 G

- 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 metabolism
 - B. improve eyesight
 - C. maintain lean tissue mass
 - D. overcome weakness and 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 articles, verbs, prepositions, etc as directed in the brackets.

Global warming refers to the rising temperature of _____ (use correct article) Earth's atmosphere and oceans, and its related effects. In the last hundred years, Earth's average surface temperature _____ (correct form of *increase*) by about 0.8 °C with about two-thirds of the increase occurring _____ (use correct preposition) just the last three decades. One of the major reasons is the increasing concentration of greenhouse gases produced by human activities such as deforestation and burning of fossil fuels.

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An increase in global temperature will cause sea levels to rise and _____ (use correct modal) change the amount and pattern of precipitation and _____ (use correct article) probable expansion of subtropical deserts. Warming is expected to be strongest _____ (use correct preposition) the Arctic and would be associated with continuing retreat of glaciers, permafrost and sea ice.

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.

3 Marks

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! Early (2) in its mission, Curiosity's (3) scientific tools found chemical and mineral evidence of past habitable environments in (4) Mars. It continues to explore the rock record from a time when Mars could have been home to microbial life.

4 Marks

SECTION C: WRITING SKILLS

25 MARKS

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 within 50 words. Do not give any extra information. Put the notice in a box.

The Cancer Society of Kashmir
407 – Tulsi bagh
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, Trikuta 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 within 30 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 home to your uncle's home who lives in another district.
- Write a letter to an editor about the cleaning of a polluted stream that runs through your village and irrigates the agricultural land.

5 Marks

11.

- 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

OR

- 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. Give an appropriate title to the story.

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. 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.

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

3x3 = 9 Marks

14. Answer three of the following questions.

- In 'Snowdrop' the poet uses the word globe to indicate something different from its literal meaning. What is it?
- What poetic device is used in 'As a late winter's moon'? What does Kamala Das use it to express?
- Explain 'don't abandon me my Lord!'
- 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?
Light of the earthen lamp in a wayside modest inn awaits me.
- 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.

- The necklace changes the course of the Loisels' life. Comment.
- How do you estimate Abhiley's response to modern technology?
- Bring out the elements of irony in 'Dusk'.

1x6 = 6 Marks

16. Answer one of the following questions.

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

1x6 = 6 Marks