

**FACULTY HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL
HALF-YEARLY EXAMINATION 2019-20.
CLASS- VIII
SUBJECT: ENGLISH
(SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER)**

TIME : 3 hours.

TOTAL MARKS: 100

General Instructions:

- This paper contains two parts:

**PART I (ENGLISH I) : SECTION A-- MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS (15 MARKS)
SECTION B—LITERATURE (35 MARKS)**

**PART II (ENGLISH II): SECTION A—MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS (15 MARKS)
SECTION B-- READING (10 MARKS)
SECTION C--WRITING SKILLS (10 MARKS)
SECTION D-- GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY (15 MARKS)**

- Write the question numbers correctly against each answer.

PART I : ENGLISH I

SECTION – A: MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS – 15 MARKS

Q. Choose the correct option to answer the questions below. (Write the full sentence)

1. “Who was that who bolted out as we came up?” When did the person say this line?
 - i. When the person saw Vera sitting with Framton, and amusing him with her stories.

- ii. After the person returned from hunting and saw the guest run away.
 - iii. Because the person was tired and did not want to talk.
2. Hauchecome died early in January. The reason of his death was-
- i. He grew old and could not bear the cold weather.
 - ii. He could not win his fight with Malandain.
 - iii. He was mentally and physically broken down after having failed to prove himself right.
3. The poet of "Home They Brought Her Warrior Dead" is-
- i. John Keats.
 - ii. Alfred, Lord Tennyson.
 - iii. George Bernard Shaw.
4. The writer of 'A Piece Of String' is-
- i. George Bernard Shaw
 - ii. Guy de Maupassant
 - iii. Rudyard Kipling
5. Choose the correct meaning of 'infirmity'
- i. Weakness
 - ii. Straight forward
 - iii. Destructive
6. The statue of the Happy Prince was weeping because-
- i. People had placed him outside the palace
 - ii. The swallow had died because of the cold
 - iii. He could see the pain and the misery of the people.
7. How was the news of the lost pocketbook informed to the people?
- i. A public crier beat the drums and announced.
 - ii. The village had told the people of Goderville.
 - iii. It was informed through leaflets and in newspaper headlines.
8. "In my world of _____
I performed such wonderful deeds."
- i) Hunting and fishing
 - ii) Fantasy and imagination
 - iii) Mystery
9. "I hope you don't mind the open window."
Who is the speaker here?
- i) Mrs. Sappleton
 - ii) Mr. Nuttle's sister
 - iii) Vera
10. "And here is a poor bird at his feet!" continued the Mayor.
Why does the Mayor exclaimed so?

- i) because he wanted to help the bird.
- ii) because the Mayor knew that the bird had helped the Prince.
- iii) because the bird lay dead at the statue's feet and felt pity.

11. Fill in the blank:

"All her _____, watching said,
She must weep or she will die."

- i) maidens
- ii) a nurse
- iii) her mother

12. Fill in the blank:

"All the aristocracy of the plough were eating at _____."

- i) near the market place
- ii) Mait'Jourdain's
- iii) Beuzeville

13. The statue of the Prince was brought down and

- i) a new one was placed there
- ii) melted in order to reuse the metal
- iii) thrown away with the swallow.

14. "Poor aunt always thinks that they will come back someday."

Who said this sentence?

- i) The guest
- ii) Mr. Nuttle
- iii) The niece

15. Choose the meaning of 'Virtue'

- i) goodness
- ii) brave
- iii) shy

SECTION B: LITERATURE (35 MARKS)

16. Answer the following questions in about 20-30 words: (2x4=8)

- a) Why does the Happy Prince send a ruby for the seamstress?
- b) What was Framton's reaction to the arrival of the hunting party?
- c) Why did Hauchecome try to conceal the string that he had picked up?
- d) Why did Bassanio and Antonio approach Shylock?

17. Answer the following questions in about 40-50 words: (3x3=9)

- a) Why didn't the swallow leave the Prince in the end?
- b) List the qualities which 'make a Man', according to Rudyard Kipling.
- c) How does George Bernard Shaw describe his world of imagination in his poem?

18. Write with reference to the context: (4x2=8)

a) "Then they praised him, soft and low,
Called him worthy to be loved,
Truest friend and noblest foe
Yet she neither spoke nor moved."

b) "What grieved me," said he, "was not the thing itself, do you understand, but it was being accused of lying."

19. Answer the following questions in about 70-80 words: (5x2=10)

a) Describe how Shylock try to take revenge upon Antonio and what happened to Shylock in the end.

b) What was Framton's reaction to the arrival of the hunting party? Why did he react that way?

PART II : ENGLISH II

SECTION A : MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS (15 MARKS)

Q. Choose the correct answer from the given options. (Write in full sentence)

1. She has only _____ relatives in Delhi.

a) few b) a few c) the few

2. _____ USSR has broken into smaller units.

a) A b) an c)The

3) Choose the synonym of the word 'Thick'

a) mild b) dense c) force

4. Choose the correct form of narration of-

He says, "Tea is ready."

a) He said that tea was ready.

b) He says tea was ready.

c) He says that tea is ready.

5. The indirect speech of the given sentences:

The teacher said, "The earth revolves around the sun."

a) The teacher said that the earth revolves around the sun.

b) The teacher said the earth revolved around the sun.

c) The teacher said that the earth revolved around the sun.

6. Twenty minutes _____ a very short time.

a) is b) are c) were

7. The interrogative form of the given sentences

“I go to school in a car.’

- a) Did you go to school in a car?
 - b) Do you go to school in a car?
 - c) Has he gone to school in a car?
8. _____ people have died in malaria.
- a) many
 - b) more
 - c) much

9. _____ candles have gone out.

- a)any
- b)none
- c)some

10. He tried to reason himself, but in _____.

- a) vain
- b) vein
- c)vaen

11. _____ party is ready for a compromise.

- a) neither
- b)both
- c)some.

12. _____ soldier has a gun in his hand

- a) each
- b) some
- c) many

13. I have no _____ in the principal.

- a) excess
- b) access
- c)axis

14. The superlative degree of the given sentence is

‘No other girl is as tall as Vanita.’

- a) Vanita is taller than the other girls.
- b) Vanita is the tallest of all other girls.
- c) The other girl is tallest of all.

15. Choose the direct speech of the given sentence:

The teacher advised that I had to concentrate on my studies.

- a) The teacher said, “You have to concentrate on your studies.”
- b) The teacher told, “I have to concentrate on my studies.”
- c) The teacher said, “I have to concentrate on my studies.”

SECTION B: READING: MARKS 10

16. From your understanding of this passage answer the questions that follows:

The Warii paintings are traditionally painted on the walls of their homes, which are prepared by smearing the surface with cow-dung. The area to be painted is given a coating of Red mud, which dries up to reddish brown surface. Traditionally, only women painted the pictures, using a thin twig as a brush, by using nee powder mixed with water to form the pigment. The walls seem to come alive with simple pictorial depiction of people full of zest and of nature’s elements. The human figures are formed by two triangles that intersect at the apex, whereas in delineating a deity the triangles do not intersect. A head, arms, legs are added to both the sacred human forms; women are distinguished by a bouffant at the bark

of their heads. Though only white rice paste, with occasional red and yellow dots, is used for the painting; the theme of the composition, the sense of movement and ebullience in the figures creates a sense of joy.

In the last two decades, Warii paintings have been much sought after in India and abroad. Responding to this demand, many Warii artists have taken to decorating different articles with their paintings as well as working on small canvases of cloth. To simulate the effect of mud walls, they either work on paper surfaced with brown paint or coat a cloth with a thin layer of clay to which a littered colour and natural binder has been added. Substituting white poster paint for rice paste, they create scaled down versions of the same compositions that grace the walls. If the cloth paintings are framed in glass, to prevent moisture, they can last upto fifty years or more. Warii paintings are now available on bedspreads, dupattas, cards, decorative pots, etc.

Contact with the fast paced life has now influenced the Warii style of painting. As a result, it blends elements such as trains, carp health-centres, in a composition depicting fields, forests, lush green vegetation, wild animals and joyous dances. Catering to the demands of the people, the Warii artists have adapted not only to the urban elements in their painting, but also to the medium on which they work and the material with which they paint. The initiative of the government and the non-government organizations have helped them organize exhibitions, nurture their talent and interact with the urban world. This has improved the quality of life of many artists, in terms of healthcare, better housing, and income. With growth and transformation, as the artists adapt to the needs of the emerging market, it is hoped that dictates of the market do not alter the essence of their simple, natural paintings that are truly the stamp of the Warii artist.

I) Complete the following statements:

(1x6=6)

1. The traditional Warii painting was _____.
2. The Warii painters have now started _____.
3. The human figures differ from the deities as _____.
4. Traditionally, the Wariis were painted by the women using _____.
5. The Warii painting are now _____.
6. The quality of life _____.

II) Fill in the blanks with ONE word only:

(2 marks)

The traditional Warii was painted on the (a)_____ of homes but today they are (b)_____ on bedspreads, cards, etc. Even the Warii artists have (c)_____ themselves to the urban elements in their paintings. The quality of the life-style (d)_____.

ANS: (a)____ (b)____ (c)____ (d) _____

III) Find a word from the passage that means the following:

(2 marks)

(a) Spread with

(b) Rounded shaped hair-style

SECTION C : WRITING SKILL (10 MARKS)

17. You are Ram Prakash. You are the Head Boy of St. Cathedral School, Ajmer. Your school is organizing a Cultural Function in order to raise fund for an orphanage in your city. Write a notice in not more than 50 words for your school notice board. Put the notice in a box.
4marks.
18. Write a letter to the Editor of the Times of India regarding the nuisance of stray dogs in your colony. 6 marks

SECTION D: GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY (15 MARKS)

19. Insert 'the' where necessary. 1x2=2
- a. Babar defeated Rana Sanga.
b. Punjab is a land of five rivers.
20. Make sentence with the given words to show their difference in meaning. ½ x2=1
'Imminent' and 'eminent'
21. Give the synonym and antonym of the word 'wise'. 1 x 2=2
22. Write the correct form of the verb so that it agrees with the subject. ½ x4=2
- a. These girls ___ very charming. (look)
b. Travelling by bus ___ some women sick. (make)
c. My mother ___ to temple daily. (go)
d. A kite ___ higher than a peacock. (fly)
23. Change the following sentences as directed in the bracket: 1x4=4
- a. In spite of old age he can run fast. (compound)
b. We have won the match. (exclamatory)
c. Let the order be given. (change the voice)
d. He is too old to walk. (complex)
24. Change the narration of the given sentence. 1x4=4

- a. The Principle said to the office assistant, “How many students have already taken admission?”
- b. He said to me, “ I assure you that I shall help you in all circumstances.”
- c. She exclaimed in distress that she looked very ugly.
- d. Sarika said that she wanted to buy a computer.

SOLVED SAMPLE QUESTION AND ANSWERS

Q. Multiple choice questions:

- 1) . She has only a few relatives in Delhi.
- 2) The USSR has broken into smaller units.
- 3) The synonym of ‘thick’ is ‘dense’.
- 4) c) He says that tea is ready.
- 5) a) The teacher said that the earth revolves around the sun.
- 6) Twenty minutes is a very short time.
- 7) Do you go to school in a car?
- 8) Many people died in Malaria.
- 9) Some candles have gone out.
- 10) He tried to reason himself but in vain.
- 11) Neither party is ready for a compromise.
- 12) Each soldier has a gun in his hand.
- 13) I have no access to the principal.
- 14) Vanita is the tallest of all other girls.
- 15) The teacher said, “You have to concentrate on your studies.”

Q. Why did Bassanio and Antonio approach Shylock? (20-30 words) 2 marks

Ans: Bassanio had squandered his money and Antonio too did not have enough wealth to help his friend as all his ships were in sail. So, they approached Shylock who was a professional moneylender for a loan of three thousand ducats.

Q. Why didn't the swallow leave the Prince in the end? (40-50 words) 3 marks

Ans: The Prince looked ugly after he gave away all the gold, the precious stones and turned blind after he donated his eyes. So, the sympathetic swallow, who also shared a strong bond with the Prince, felt pity and decided to stay with him for the rest of his life and be his constant companion.

Q. What was Framton's reaction at the arrival of the hunting party? (70– 80 words) 5 marks

Ans: Framton was made to believe in a fictional story created by Vera, which was about her aunt's husband and her three brothers along with a spaniel and that they all had died in a hunting accident. So, when he saw the hunting team return, he was taken aback and the spooky sight took to his nerve. Horrified, Framton, grabbed his stick and his hat, and without any second thought or pause, he immediately dashed out of the room sans a word.