

ENGLISH PAPER – II 10th Public Exam Question Paper 2015

MARCH – 2015
ENGLISH PAPER – II

Time Allowed: 2^{1/2} Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

Note: This question paper contains Four Sections.

SECTION - I

(NON - DETAILED : 35 MARKS)

1. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate phrases given below to form a complete meaningful paragraph. 5x1=5

As Hubert painfully staggered inside, he was shocked to hear the voices of the thieves (i). The thieves had tactfully (ii) of the inmates of the house to some huge noise outside, forcing them all (iii) to find out what was happening there. As the inmates were likely to return soon, the three thieves decided to (iv) and wait until night (v).

- (i) to plunder the household
- (ii) to rush onto the streets
- (iii) hide inside a cupboard
- (iv) who had waylaid him
- (v) diverted the attention

2. Read the following sentences and identify the character/speaker : 5x1=5

- (a) There was a lady with dark sunglasses and a white cane.
- (b) He had saved enough money to buy Mum another piano.
- (c) "Years ago I was your model for the child Jesus".
- (d) "I wanted to be there for my daughter and for serge".
- (e) "At least we had some quality time together today".

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3. Match the following appropriately : 5x1=5
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|------------|---|------------------------------|
| (a) Kumar | - | Unfinished for a long time |
| (b) Hubert | - | Serge's partner |
| (c) tinker | - | Green Card holder in America |
| (d) Celine | - | Performed magic tricks |
| (e) Mural | - | Rex Coker's brother |

4. Complete the following sentences choosing the **correct** answer from the options given below : 5x1=5
- (i) I was quick enough to notice a large newspaper _____ displaying a new piano.
(a) announcement (b) application
(c) advertisement (d) declaration
- (ii) A great artist was engaged to paint a mural for the _____ in a Sicilian town.
(a) cathedral (b) exhibition (c) mosque (d) temple
- (iii) The small town Lunel had been battered by a violent storm on Monday, September 22, _____.
(a) 2000 (b) 2003 (c) 2004 (d) 2005
- (iv) Kumar was in a fully furnished apartment in _____.
(a) New Jersey (b) New Delhi
(c) New Zealand (d) New York
- (v) A flying officer during World War II, Dad was dressed in a _____ uniform.
(a) black (b) blue (c) brown (d) red

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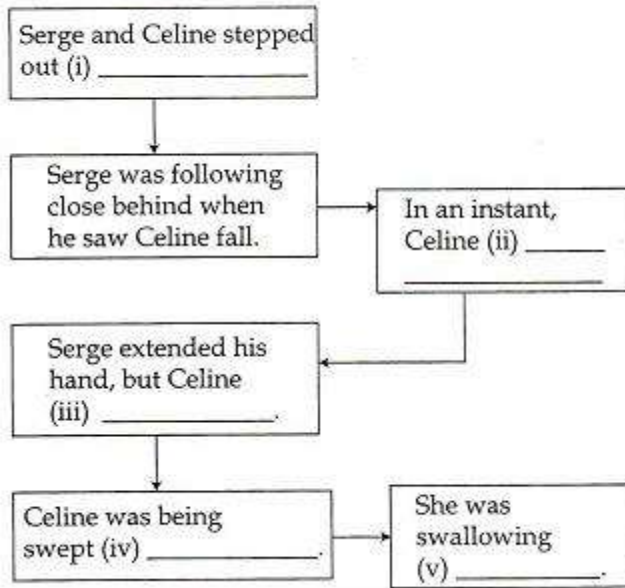
5. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 5x1=5

When Goldy was feeling all better, we played frisbee and football in the yard. He was a very smart dog and knew commands like "Sit", "Stay" and "Come". "Someone must have trained him", Mom said sadly. "That means he has an owner" But still no one came. Secretly, I was glad. I wanted Goldy to be my dog. Mom even put his picture in the paper, and still no one came. "Guess he's your dog now, Shelly", she said one day, as she brought home a new chew toy for Goldy to play with.

- (a) Who played frisbee and football together ?
(b) What were the commands known to the dog ?
(c) Why was Shelly glad ?
(d) What did Mom bring home for Goldy to play with ?
(e) Why did Mom put his picture in the paper ?

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6. Study the given mind map and fill in the incomplete details. 5x1=5



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7. Answer in a paragraph **any one** of the following questions : 1x5=5
- (a) How did the author's mother overcome her disappointment of not being able to play the piano ?
- OR
- (b) Bring out the element of irony in the story, 'The Face of Judas Iscariot'.
- OR
- (c) How did the brothers realise their affection for each other through the close encounter ?

SECTION - II
(LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS : 15 MARKS)

8. Make notes of the following passage and prepare a summary using the notes. 5+5=10

The buying and selling of commodities is termed as trade. People who buy and sell things are called traders. Finished products are bought by traders and sold in markets. People who buy and sell large quantities of commodities are called wholesale merchants. People who buy and sell small quantities are called retailers. When there is surplus of commodities, there is a fall in price. When there is deficit in commodities, there is a rise in price. The Government supplies essential commodities like rice, dhal, sugar and oil through fair price shops. The Government has taken several steps to control price rise through the enforcement of laws. When there is a shortage of commodities, the Government imports them from other countries and distributes them through fair price shops.

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9. Complete the following dialogue appropriately : 5x1=5
- Rekha : Hi Sheela ! (i) _____ ?
Sheela : Oh ! I had been to Ooty to enjoy the flower show. So I could not come to school on Saturday.
Rekha : (ii) _____ ?
Sheela : No, there was only a slight shower. It did not rain heavily.
Rekha : (iii) _____ ?
Sheela : I returned only last night.
Rekha : What attracted you a lot, there ?
Sheela : Well, the flowers (iv) _____ .
Rekha : The arrangement of flowers in various shapes must have been very attractive. Next year, (v) _____ .
Sheela : Sure, I shall take you with me, after getting the consent of your parents.

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SECTION - III
(COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS : 15 MARKS)

10. Write a dialogue with a minimum of five utterances for the situation given below : 5
Harish wants to spend his summer holidays usefully. He informs his father about his interest in computer courses. They discussed about what summer course he has to take up, and which institution he has to join in.
11. Babu wanted to join a technical course in the evenings at an institution. He started writing a letter to the Principal of his school, requesting him to provide him with a bonafide certificate enabling him to join the course. Babu could not complete the letter. Complete the content of his letter in about 100 words. 5

From

A. Babu,
X Standard A,
ABC. Hr. Sec. School,
XXXX.

To

The Principal,
ABC Hr. Sec. School,
XXXX.

Respected Sir,

Thanking you,

Date :

Place :

Yours faithfully,

A. Babu

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12. Prepare an advertisement on the information given below. 5
 MN silks - all varieties - latest collections - low cost - authorised silk mark
 showroom - festival offer - good customer service.

OR

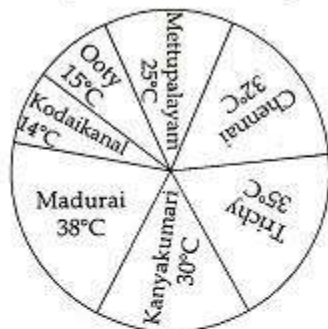
Grand Discount Sale - Mobile store - exchange offer - Buy one and get one free -
 Dual SIM Mobile Rs. 1,299/- Android mobile even at Rs. 2,499/- -All spare parts
 available - Sunday working day.

SECTION - IV
 (EXPANSION OF IDEAS : 35 MARKS)

13. Expand the following headlines : 5x1=5
- Bird census commences in TN
 - Prime Minister to inaugurate National Games
 - Passengers injured in accident
 - India to host SAARC meet in UP
 - Scientist discovers new planet

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14. Study the pie-chart and answer the questions given below : 5x1=5
 Temperature of various places in Tamil Nadu



- _____ is the coolest place of all.
 (a) Ooty (b) Trichy
 (c) Kodaikanal (d) Mettupalayam
- Ooty is almost as cool as _____.
 (a) Mettupalayam (b) Kodaikanal
 (c) Trichy (d) Kanyakumari
- _____ has the second highest temperature.
 (a) Trichy (b) Chennai
 (c) Madurai (d) Kanyakumari
- Trichy is less hotter than _____.
 (a) Ooty (b) Kodaikanal
 (c) Madurai (d) Mettupalayam
- Kanyakumari is hotter than _____.
 (a) Mettupalayam (b) Trichy
 (c) Chennai (d) Madurai

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15. Write a paragraph using any ONE of the following outlines in about 100 words : 5

- (a) Agra - tourist spot - Taj Mahal - red walls - tomb - whole of Quran inscribed - marble stone - breathtaking effect - entrance - long pool - reflection of Taj in moonlight - very beautiful - Taj reveals - love of Emperor Shah Jahan - wife Mumtaz Mahal

OR

- (b) Prevention - better than cure - good habits - good character - few diseases - study regularly - avoid failure - save money - avoid debts - regular exercise - avoid sickness and medicines - well-planned life - happiness - result.

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5x1=5

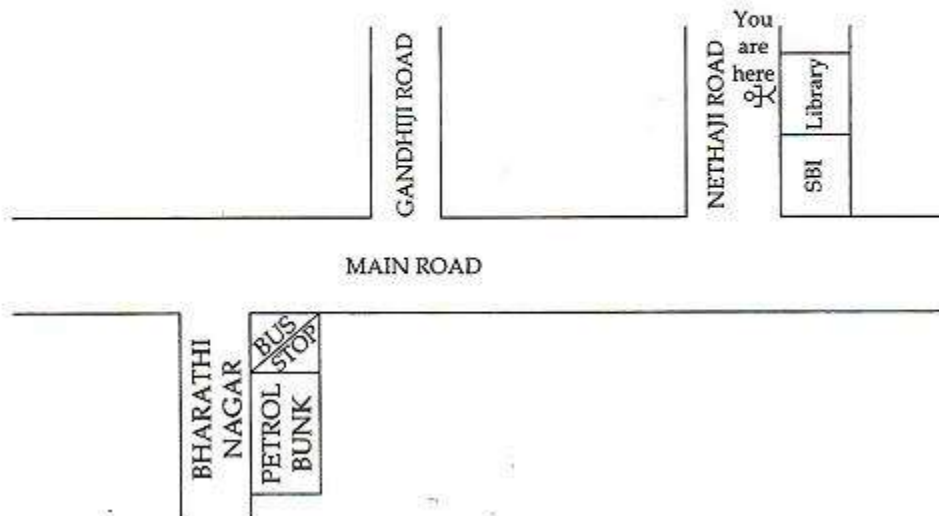
16. Match the following products and slogans appropriately :

- (a) cement - it removes adamant stains
(b) bike - it binds for centuries
(c) pen - storehouse of knowledge
(d) library - it glides on the paper
(e) washing powder - it races like a horse

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17. Observe the map given below and write the instructions required.

Guide the stranger to the Petrol Bunk. Give instructions to help him.



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18. Read the poem given below and complete its paraphrase with suitable words or phrases in the given blanks. 5x1=5

MY DOG

Have you seen a little dog anywhere about ?
A raggy dog, a shaggy dog, who's always looking out
For some fresh mischief which he thinks he really ought to do

He's very likely to do at this minute, biting someone's shoe.
If you see that little dog, his tail up in the air,
A whirly tail, a curly tail, a dog who doesn't care
For any other dog he meets, not even for himself;
Then hide your mats, and put your meat upon the top-most shelf.

If you see a little dog barking at the cars,
A raggy dog, a shaggy dog, with eyes like twinkling stars,
Just let me know, for though he's bad, as bad as he can be,
I wouldn't change the dog for all the treasures of the sea !

- E. Lewis

The dog is a raggy and (i) dog. He always looks out for some fresh mischief which he thinks he (ii). This minute he is very likely to be biting (iii). He doesn't care for other dogs and not even for himself. If you see this dog you must hide your mats and put your meat (iv). Though the dog is as bad as he can be, the poet is not ready to (v).

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19. (a) Translation : 5

You see a notice in the railway station. A North Indian who cannot read tamil, needs your help in understanding the notice. Give him the message in English.

எச்சரிக்கை :

அறிமுகம் இல்லாத நபர்களிடமிருந்து உணவு பொருட்களை ஏற்காதீர். ஓடும் இரயிலில் ஏறவோ இரயிலிலிருந்து இறங்கவோ கூடாது. எளிதில் தீப்பற்றக் கூடிய பொருட்களை இரயிலில் கொண்டு செல்லக் கூடாது.

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- (b) Look at the picture given below and express your views on it in about five sentences.
"Help the Needy"



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