



DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, GWALIOR
MODEL TEST PAPER
CLASS – VI
SUBJECT – ENGLISH

Time: 03 hrs.

M.M.:80

The question paper is divided into *four* sections:

Section A :	Reading	15 Marks
Section B :	Writing	20 Marks
Section C :	Grammar	20 Marks
Section D :	Literature	25 Marks

General Instructions:

1. All questions are **compulsory**.
2. An additional 15 minutes time has been allotted to read this question paper.

Section A - Reading

Q1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

India has a monsoon-type of climate, which is marked by relatively dry winters and rainy summers. The word ‘monsoon’ is derived from the Arabic ‘mousim’ which means season. The term basically refers to a seasonal wind, which blows with consistency and regularity during a part of the year, and which is either absent or flows from another direction for the rest of the year. Such changes of winds are primarily due to differential heating and cooling of the various parts of the earth. The monsoon is vital to the Indian way of life because agriculture is dependent on its arrival. Delayed or absent monsoon showers can cause disaster to the crops.

During summer, moisture laden winds coming from the southwest bring rain over much of India. Only the regions in the northwest, such as the Thar desert are left dry. In winter, a branch of northeast trade winds bring rain to the southeastern coast. The usual date for the onset of monsoons in India is 1st June. Irregular monsoon can mean droughts or floods, resulting in thousands of deaths annually across India. Lashing monsoon rains cause rivers to swell and overflow their banks. Large scale deforestation and mismanagement of water resources worsen the situation.

Answer appropriately:

1. A suitable title for the passage would be _____.
2. India has a type of climate.
(a) dry winters (b) rainy summers (c) colourful (d) monsoon
3. Mousim means
(a) monsoon (b) season (c) differential heating (d) winds
4. Which of the following pairs are not antonyms?
(a) Heating–Cooling (b) Drought–Flood (c) Monsoon–Rains (d) Annually–Monthly
5. The simple past tense of
(i) has -
(a) had (b) have (c) had been (d) have been

Q.2 Read the passage carefully.

Think of the shehnai and the first thing you'll probably imagine is a wedding or a similar function. The next would probably be Ustad Bismillah Khan, the shehnai maestro. Emperor Aurangzeb banned the playing of a musical instrument called *pungi* for it had a shrill unpleasant sound. Pungi became the generic name.

A barber of a family of professional musicians, who had access to the royal palace, decided to improve the tonal quality of pungi. He chose a pipe with a natural hollow stem that was longer and broader than pungi. He made seven holes on the body of the pipe. When he played on it, closing and opening some of these holes, soft and melodious sounds were produced. He played it in the royal palace and everyone was impressed.

As the story goes, since it was first played in the Shah's chamber and was played by nai (barber), the instrument was named the Shehnai.

Read the questions. Choose the correct option and write it in the given space.

1. Who is called the shehnai maestro?

- (a) Aurangzeb (b) Shah
(c) Ustad Bismillah Khan (d) Akbar

2. Why did Aurangzeb ban the playing of pungi?

- (a) it had an unpleasant sound (b) it had a pleasant sound
(c) it was broken by somebody (d) Aurangzeb was not happy

3. Who decided to improve the pungi?

- (a) a musician (b) barber
(c) Aurangzeb (d) Ustad Bismillah Khan

4. How did the improved pungi get its name 'Shehnai'?

- (a) after the name of the Shehnai who first played it
(b) as it was first played by a nai at the Shah's chamber
(c) as it was a new musical instrument at the Shah's chamber
(d) after the sweet voice it produced

5. Which of the following word from the passage means 'official order to stop something'?

- (a) imagine (b) hollow (c) banned (d) impress

Q3. Read the poem carefully and choose the following.

Eight Tentacles

*If only I had an octopus.
I'd soon get my housework done.
I'd soon set him to work on the hovering.
With tentacle number one.*

*Tentacle two would grab the mop
And start on the kitchen floor,
While he dusted and polished the furniture,
With tentacles three and four.*

*Tentacle five would turn on the tap
And tackle the washing up,
While tentacle six took a well-earned break
And curled round a china cup.*

*Tentacle seven would make the beds
And set the pillows straight,
And all the while he'd balancing
On tentacle eight.*

1. The tentacle number two would :

(a) wash the utensils (b) drive the car (c) do the poet's homework (d) clean the floor

2. Which tentacle of the Octopus would polish the furniture?

(a) Number one (b) Number five (c) Number eight (d) Number four

3. Tentacle six would curl round the China cup to :

(a) Serve tea to the poet
(b) clean the cup
(c) give the Octopus some break and sip some tea
(d) write 'Made in China' on the cup

4. Which of the following works does the poet NOT mention for the Octopus to do?

(a) Doing the poet's housework (b) Clean the floor
(c) Watering the plants in the garden (d) Making the bed had and setting the pillows

5. Which of the following pairs does not rhyme :

(a) done – one (b) floor – four (c) straight – eight (d) tap - up

Section B (Writing)

Q4. Read the following telephonic conversation between Mr. Prasad and Anil.

Mr. Prasad : Hello.

Anil : Hello. Good evening. May I talk to Raj?

Mr. Prasad : May I know who is calling?

Anil : I am his classmate, Amar from his school. I heard Raj was unwell, so he had not attended school today.

Mr. Prasad : I'm sorry, Raj has gone to the doctor with his mother. May I take a message?

Anil : Thank you uncle. Please inform him that there shall be an extra class of English tomorrow. The school shall get over at 2 O'clock, instead of 1:30 p.m. The English Teacher, Mr. Das has told us to get our reader tomorrow.

Mr. Prasad : I shall inform Raj. Thank you for your consideration.

Anil : My pleasure, uncle. I hope Raj gets well soon. Goodbye.

Mr. Prasad : Goodbye.

Since Mr. Prasad (Raj's father) has to go out, he leaves a message for Raj.

Write a message from Mr. Prasad to Raj, in about 50 words. Put the message in the box.

Q5. Your elder brother is getting married. Write a diary entry about the preparations and tell how excited you are. (50-60 words).

Q6. You are Deep/Deepak studying in Delhi Public School, Gwalior. Write an application to the Principal of your school, requesting him to permit your class to go for a school picnic.

Q7. Write an article for your school magazine in about 100 words on the following topic: Importance of reading books in our lives. (100 words).

Section C – Grammar

Q8. Fill in the blanks with the correct option:

1. She was late as she _____ late.
(a) waked up (b) woke up (c) wakes up
2. She has been living in this house _____ 1999.
(a) till (b) far (c) since
3. The school fete _____ organised very well.
(a) was been (b) has been (c) are being
4. The teacher _____ the students for a long time.
(a) has known (b) knew (c) having known

Q9. Choose the correct answer for indirect speech.

- (i) “Why are you late?”. Reena asked Arun.
Reena asked Arun that, _____ late.
(a) why he was (b) why was he (c) why is he
- (ii) Raghu informed Anu, “Hemant has not eaten anything.”
Raghu informed Anu that Hemant _____ anything.
(a) is not eaten (b) was not eating (c) had not eaten
- (iii) Ram said, “We are all going out to play.”
Ram said that _____ out to play.
(a) they were all going (b) we are all going (c) we will go
- (iv) Rajeev said, “I can’t go alone here.”
Rajeev said that _____.
(a) I couldn’t go alone here (b) he couldn’t go alone there
(c) I could not go alone there

Q10. In the passage given below one word has been omitted and indicated with a ‘/’. Write the omitted word in your answer sheet.

Sunita said that she was going / Europe (a) _____
next year. The children jumped / delight. (b) _____
“Please pick up my pen which is / (c) _____
the table. Let’s make a list / things we (d) _____
shall need”, she said. Ravi dropped the (e) _____
pen / the floor and it rolled down (f) _____
/ the chair. He tried to pick it (g) _____
up, / could not reach it. Rani opened (h) _____
her bag / took out another pen
to give to her mother.

Q11. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions.

1. The movie lasted _____ four hours.
2. My aunt is arriving _____ 3rd of April.
3. The class begins _____ 10 O’clock.
4. Republic day is celebrated _____ the month of January.

Q12. Rearrange the jumbled words to form meaningful sentences.

1. moves / The Earth / the Sun / round
2. The / ferocious / at the / cow / jumped / tiger
3. must / We / reach / early / school / punishment / to avoid
4. was baking / Mother / a delicious / home / at / cake

Section D – Literature

Q13. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

1. *Blue as the wing of a halcyon wild,
We weave the robes of a new-born child.*
 - a. Name the poet and the poem.
 - (i) ‘Indian Weavers’ by Sarojini Naidu
 - (ii) ‘Six and Out’ of G. D. Martineau.
 - (iii) ‘Off to Outer Space Tomorrow Morning’ by Norman Nicholson.
 - b. The blue colour of a new born child’s dress is compared to
 - (i) the colour of sky
 - (ii) the wings of halcyon
 - (iii) the colour of the ocean.
 - c. The mood of the poet in this poem changes from
 - (i) sadness to happiness
 - (ii) happiness to anger
 - (iii) happiness to sadness.
2. *“I’ve kept this bloodstain here for 300 years, 11 months and 15 days.”*
 - a) Name the lesson from which the above extract is taken.
 - b) Who is the speaker of the above lines?
 - c) Why did the speaker say this?
3. *“We planted it ourselves.”*
 - a) Who is the speaker of the above lines?
 - b) Why did the speaker say so?
 - c) What were they talking about?

Q 14. Answer any five of the following:

1. Why was Sir Simon upset with the family?
2. Why did people value olive trees in ancient days?
3. What is ‘Khobar’?
4. The nurse who helped perform the autopsy was transferred to England. Why?
5. What is duck diving? How were the children taught by the instructor, to duck dive?
6. How did the earthquake in 1934 in Mithila help the artists?

Q 15. Answer the following question in 30-40 words.

Describe Gaura Devi in your own words.

Q 16. Answer any one of the following questions in 50-60 words.

Can you think of two qualities that are equally important on sports ground as well in everyday life? Give reasons.

OR

If you were given an opportunity to learn a craft what would it be and why?

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