

**Sample Question Paper**  
**Class-X**  
**Sub: English**  
**Semester-II**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Total Marks: 70**

**1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:-**

Ashoka was one of the greatest ruler of India. He extended the Maurya Empire to the whole of India, reaching out even into Central Asia. Ashoka succeeded in conquering Kalinga after a bloody war in which 1,00,000 men were killed, 1,50,000 injured and thousands were captured and retained as slaves. The sight of the slaughter involved in his conquest deeply effected his mind. He renounced war and sought peace in Budha's preaching of love and non violence. So he gave up hunting.

**Questions:**

1. Who was one of the greatest rulers of India?
2. What happened in the war of Kalinga?
3. Why did Ashoka renounce war?
4. Complete the following sentences:-
  - (a) Ashoka extended the Maurya Empire.....
  - (b) He sought peace in Budha's.....of love.
5. Match the words in column **A** with their meaning under column **B**

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
Gave up	Well known
Famous	Left

**OR**

Stone walls do not a prison make  
Nor iron bars a cage  
Mind's innocent and quiet take  
That far hermitage.  
If I have freedom in my love,  
And in my soul am free,  
Angels alone that soar above  
Enjoy such liberty.

**Questions:**

1. What does not make a prison?
2. According to the poet, what does not make a cage?
3. Which quality of mind makes a hermitage?
4. Complete the following sentences:-
  - (a) Mind's innocent.....
  - (b) If I have freedom.....
5. Match the words in column **A** with their meaning under column **B**

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
Prisor	Freedom
Liberty	Jail

**Section B (Text Books)**  
**English Main Course Book**

**2. (A) Answer each question in 15-20 words.** 2 x 3 = 6

1. What was the sacrifice of Saint Dadhichi?  
(Some Glimpses of Ancient Indian thoughts and Practices)

**OR**

2. Who was Phatik? (Home Coming)  
Define solar system. (The making of the Earth)

**OR**

3. What is the basis of social contract? (The rule of the Road)  
What does Shylock want? (The Merchant of Venice)

**OR**

- Where was George sent by his father? (Father and sons)

**(B) Answer the following questions in 30-50 words each.** 2 x 4 = 8

1. What does the practice of "langor stand for? Explain.  
(Some Glimpses of Ancient Indian thoughts and Practices)

**OR**

2. Draw a character-sketch of Makhan. (Home Coming)  
How were oceans and seas formed? (The making of the Earth)

**OR**

- What is the penalty imposed upon Shylock? (The Merchant of Venice)

**English Literature Book**  
**(Supplementary Reader)**

**3. (A) Answer the following questions in 20-30 words each.** 3 x 3 = 9

1. What was Holmes's condition when Watson saw him?  
(The Dying Detective)

**OR**

- What was the Bacteriologist experimenting on?  
(The Stolen Bacillus)

2. What did the traders tell Pakhom?  
(How Much land does a Man Need)

**OR**

- What is duck-driving? How is it taught?  
(Return to Air)

3. Was Terry a confident child? Give examples.  
(Terry's Tree)

**OR**

- How did the convicts escape the prison?  
(The Unexpected)

**POETRY**

**4. (A) Answer any two of the following questions after reading the stanza.**

2 x 2 = 4

Where the mind is without fear  
And the head is held high:  
Where knowledge is free:  
Where the world has not been broken in to  
Fragments by narrow domestic walls'?

1. Name the poem and the poet.
2. What does the poet mean by narrow domestic walls?
3. Why does the poet want knowledge to be free?

**(B) Answer the following question in 25-30 words:**

1 x 4 = 4

1. What are Razia's fears? (Razia The Tigress)

**OR**

How is nature better teacher than books? (The Tables Turned)

**Section C (Vocabulary) (4 Marks)**

**5. (A) Correct any two of the following sentences:-**

1 x 2 = 2

1. These cattles are mines.
2. Abha is my cousin sister.
3. She wrote very good poetries.

**(B) Give one word for any two of the following :-**

1 x 2 = 2

1. A girl who is about to be married.
2. A period of one hundred years.
3. One who does not believe in God.

**Objective Section D: (Grammar)**

**6. Do as directed:**

1 x 3 = 3

Fill in the blanks with suitable determiners.

1. .... people came to see the fair. (Many/Much)
2. Cat jumped ..... the wall. (Into/Over)
3. .... God bless you with a son! (Will/May)
- 4.(a) He goes for a walk every day. (Change into future perfect tense) 1 x 2 = 2
- (b) She has gone to school. (Change into past indefinite tense) 1 x 2 = 2

**5. Change the voice**

- (a) They did not listen to me.
- (b) Nobody has touched it.

1 x 2 = 2

**6. Change the Narration.**

- (a) Ram said, "I will write the book".
- (b) The teacher said, "Why are you making a noise"?

**7. Fill in the blanks with suitable sentence connectors: -**

1/2 x 2 = 1

- (a) One day.....went to my friend's house, I was surprised to see a man.....was wearing nothing.

**8. (A) Identify the principal clause: -**

1 x 2 = 2

She told us that she had failed.

**(B) Identify the subordinate clause.**

- This is the boy who won the prize.
9. **Punctuate the following:-** 1 x 3 = 3
- (a) he said to the boys please come to the ground
  - (b) we bought apples, oranges, peaches and bananas
  - (c) My brother is MA bed.

**Section-E**  
**(GUIDED CREATIVE WRITING)**

7. **Develop a paragraph of not more than 100 words:**
- (a) A street Hawker: A familiar figure ..... seen near schools, but stands, streets .....shout in full voice ..... attract the customers ..... sell vegetables, fruits, ice cream.....sometimes stale things ..... high rates ..... lives hard life.

**OR**

- (b) Leisure: life is not worth living ..... remain busy in work..... lot of energy wasted ..... restored by leisure ..... enjoy sights of nature.....develop new tastes and creative hobbies..... busy men miss all this..... overwork causes ailments.....make right use of leisure.

8. (a) **Read the telephonic conversation given below and write the message in about 50 words:**

Raj: Hello, is it that Ravi?

Mohit: It's Mohit speaking. Ravi is not at home at the moment. What is the matter.

Raj: We had planned to see "Krish" running at Upkar Palace this evening. Please tell him to wait for me at the main gate.

Mohit: Do not worry, I shall leave a message for him.

Raj: Thank you Mohit, Bye.

Mohit has to go to market and he will not be able to meet Ravi.

Write a message on his behalf.

**OR**

Advertise "Futura coconut hair oil".

(4 Marks)