



Pre Board Examination 2018  
Std. 10  
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**Set 2**

Max. Marks : 80  
Time : 3 hrs.

The question paper is divided into three sections:

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| Section - A | Reading           | 20 marks |
| Section - B | Writing & Grammar | 30 marks |
| Section - C | Literature        | 30 marks |

General Instructions:

- i) All questions are compulsory.
- ii) You may attempt any section at a time.
- iii) All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

**SECTION - A (Reading)**

1. Read the following passage carefully:

Most people can remember a phone number for up to thirty seconds. When this short amount of time remove of, however, the numbers are erased from the memory. How did the information get there in the first place? Information that makes its way to the short-term memory (STM) does so via the sensory storage area. The brain has a filter which only allows stimuli that is of immediate interest to pass on to the STM, also known as the working memory.

There is much debate about the capacity and duration of the short-term memory. The most accepted theory comes from George A. Miller, a cognitive psychologist who suggested that humans can remember approximately seven chunks of information. A chunk is defined as a meaningful unit of information, such as a word or name rather than just a letter or number. Modern theorists suggest that one can increase the capacity of the short-term memory by chunking, or classifying similar information together. By organizing information, one can optimize the STM, and improve the chances of a memory being passed on to long-term storage.

When making a conscious effort to memorise something, such as information for an exam, many people engage in "rote rehearsal". By repeating something over and over again, one is able to keep a memory alive. Unfortunately, this type of memory maintenance only succeeds if there are no interruptions. As soon as a person stops rehearsing the information, it has the tendency to disappear. When a pen and paper are not handy, people often attempt to remember a phone number by repeating it aloud. If the doorbell rings or the dog barks to come in before a person has the opportunity to make a phone call, he will likely forget the number instantly. Therefore, rote rehearsal is not an efficient way to pass information from the short-term to long-term memory. A better way is to practise "elaborate rehearsal". This involves assigning semantic meaning to a piece of information so that it can be filed along with other pre-existing long-term memories. Encoding information semantically also makes it more retrievable. Retrieving information can be done by recognition or recall. Humans can easily recall memories that are stored in the long-term memory and used often; however, if a memory seems to be forgotten, it may eventually be retrieved by prompting. The more cues a person is given (such as pictures) the more likely a memory can be retrieved. This is why multiple choice tests are often used for subjects that require a lot of memorisation.

- 1.1 Answer the following questions briefly: (1 x 8 = 8 marks)

- a) According to the passage, how do memories get transferred to the STM?
- b) Where can memory be stored?
- c) Why does the author mention a dog's bark?
- d) What is 'rote rehearsal'? Is it useful?
- e) How do theorists believe a person can remember more information in a short time?
- f) How can a lost memory be retrieved?
- g) What is 'elaborate rehearsal'?
- h) What is the meaning of the phrase 'remove of'?

2. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow:

Childhood obesity rates have sky-rocketed in recent years. This trend is worrisome because it greatly increases children's risk for remaining obese in adulthood, which in turn increases their risk for other health related issues such as high blood pressure, heart diseases, stroke, cancer, diabetes, respiratory problems which might increase risk of premature death as adults.

Obesity can set the stage for problems too. Obese children are more likely to suffer from low self esteem, depression, anxiety and social ostracism.

It is, therefore, extremely important for parents to see that their children live a healthy lifestyle. Healthy lifestyle includes eating nutritious meals, getting plenty of exercise and adequate sleep every day. These positive health habits will help children grow strong, stay healthy, and decrease the likelihood of obesity.

Healthy diet and adequate exercise are important in preventing Type II diabetes in childhood as well as obesity. Diabetes is a metabolic disease in which the body cells cannot properly break down the sugars from food. The body then starts accumulating the sugars in the bloodstream instead and ultimately stresses out the kidneys, heart, circulatory system, and eyes. Insulin, which is created in the pancreas, is the chemical that breaks down blood sugar. In Type II diabetes, the body does not produce enough insulin to deal with all the sugars coming into the body. This medical condition is termed as "adult-onset diabetes" because the disorder primarily affects adults with poor eating and activity habits.

This trend sometimes has an adverse impact on others. In contrast to those who overeat and don't get enough exercise, other children become obsessed with over-controlling their food intake and start over exercising.

Media too can sometimes play havoc. By constantly exposing children to a barrage of perfect, photo-shopped bodies on television and magazines, children get tempted to imitate those images and go on a strict diet plan. Overemphasis on extreme thinness can again put children at risk of poor self-esteem, unhealthy exercise patterns, and eating disorders such as anorexia.

Children who practice healthy eating and exercise regularly since their childhood tend to maintain a healthy lifestyle through adulthood. It is imperative for parents to teach children to choose healthy food in preference to junk food and also eat in modest portions.

2.1. Answer the following questions in 25 - 30 words each: (2 x 4 = 8 marks)

- What concern is the writer expressing in the above article?
- Why does the writer insist that a healthy lifestyle should be adopted right from one's childhood?
- Which two factors impact children negatively?
- How does media influence children?

2.2. Complete the following statements in one word or phrase. (1 x 4 = 4 marks)

- By saying obesity rates have \_\_\_\_\_ the writer implies that they have increased drastically.
- Both overweight and underweight children tend to suffer from \_\_\_\_\_.
- Obesity can lead to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ including premature death in adulthood.
- Type II diabetes can be prevented by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

#### SECTION - B (Writing and Grammar)

3. We have become crazy about cricket and have started celebrating a victory like any festival, cutting across religious lines. Write an article for your school magazine in about 150-200 words on the topic, 'Cricket is a Religion in India.'

(OR)

In all big cities road rage has become a serious problem. A minor scratch or a little push can lead to a scuffle sometimes resulting in a murder. Write a letter in about 150 words to the editor of Times of India expressing your views on this problem. You are Karan/Karuna a resident of M-114 Mall Road, Delhi. (8 marks)

4. Complete the following story in 150-200 words. Also provide a suitable title. (10 marks)

The prize distribution ceremony was going on. The parents and the awardees were seated but then suddenly...

(OR)

Computers are sophisticated electronic devices, but Raj never felt so...

5. Fill in the blanks with one word only: (1 x 4 = 4 marks)

Large parts of north India wake up to a chilly Sunday morning (a) \_\_\_\_\_ the minimum temperature settling at 8°C. (b) \_\_\_\_\_ Kashmir shivered (c) \_\_\_\_\_ sub zero temperatures, Punjab and Haryana also saw the mercury (d) \_\_\_\_\_.

6. The passage below has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Identify the error and correct it by writing both the incorrect and correct word in the space provided: ( $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$  marks)

|  | Correct  | Incorrect |
|--|----------|-----------|
| Virat Kohli has been in unstop form          | a) _____ | _____     |
| over the last three years and captaincy seem | b) _____ | _____     |

to have add to his steely determination  
to succeed. Hapless Srilankans was flattened  
on Sunday as the India skipper hit a majestic

c) \_\_\_\_\_  
d) \_\_\_\_\_  
e) \_\_\_\_\_

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243 on the final test at the Ferozeshah Kotla  
ground on Sunday. The beauty of Kohli's knock  
are that they had been rapid affairs  
and come as great advertisement for entertaining test cricket.

f) \_\_\_\_\_  
g) \_\_\_\_\_  
h) \_\_\_\_\_

7. Rearrange the words/phrases to form meaningful sentences: (1 x 4 = 4 marks)

- a) for / disadvantaged / NGO's attract / of the / many / uplift / to / people / deeply committed / working/the
- b) social organizations / real / their / indeed / calling / certain / many have / found / in
- c) their skills / can / welfare / of the society / the / they / use / for
- d) and / foreign agencies / the / a lot of / sector / the government / gets / from / funding

SECTION - C (Literature)

8. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: (1 x 4 = 4 marks)

And tell them that I will not come today:  
Cannot, is false, and that I dare not, falser  
I will not come today: tell them so

- a) Who says these words and to whom?
- b) Why is the speaker so particular about which words to use?
- c) Why did the speaker say "I will not come today"?
- d) 'Them' refers to \_\_\_\_\_

(OR)

And every tongue through utter drought  
Was withered at the root;  
We could not speak no more than if,  
We had been choked with soot

- a) Name the poem and the poet.
- b) What is the condition of the people around him?
- c) What is soot?
- d) Why are the people in this state?

9. Answer the following questions in about 30 - 40 words each: (2 x 4 = 8 marks)

- a) Why did the clerk consider Ali to be a mad man?
- b) Why did the other knight say 'its me who needs rescuing'?
- c) Bring out the irony in the poem 'Ozymandias'.
- d) William Stanley Houghton deals with a serious topic in a light hearted manner. Elucidate. (The Dear Departed)

10. Answer the following question in 100 - 120 words: (8 marks)

'War may destroy one's life and property but it cannot break one's spirit.' Explain with reference to the chapter 'Two Gentleman of Verona'.

(OR)

'The Frog and the Nightingale', is a satire on the contemporary world. Justify.

11. Answer the following question in about 200 - 250 words: (10 marks)

Mrs. Frank and Mrs. Van Daan were poles apart from each other in demeanour and temperament. Substantiate this statement with examples from the text.

(OR)

Anne's diary describes two wars – one within the Annex and the other outside the Annex. Comment.