

ANNUAL EXAMINATION 2024-25

PRACTICE QUESTION PAPER

ENGLISH

Time: 2:30 Hours | Standard: IX | Score: 80

SECTION A

(Questions 1-5) Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. (1×5=5)

On a foggy morning, as Anil walked to his school, he saw an old man struggling to carry a heavy bag of books. The man's frail body trembled under the weight, yet he moved forward determinedly. Anil, noticing his difficulty, hurried forward and offered to help. The old man smiled warmly and handed over the bag. As they walked together, the man shared stories of his youth and his love for literature. When they reached his home, he blessed Anil and gave him a book as a token of gratitude.

1. What made Anil stop while on his way to school?
 2. How did Anil help the old man?
 3. What does the passage teach us about kindness?
 4. Find a word from the passage that means 'weak and delicate.'
 5. Construct a sentence using the word 'gratitude.'
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SECTION B

(Questions 6-10) Read the following lines from the poem 'The Journey Forward' and answer the questions that follow. (1×5=5)

*The road ahead is winding and steep,
Yet I walk, I do not weep.
With hope as my guiding star,
I shall reach, no matter how far.*

6. What is the central theme of the poem?
 7. How does the poet describe the journey?
 8. Identify a metaphor used in the poem.
 9. What emotion does the poet express?
 10. How is this poem relevant to personal challenges?
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SECTION C

(Questions 11-15) Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow. (1×5=5)

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam was one of India's most beloved scientists and leaders. Born in Rameswaram, he played a key role in the country's missile development program. Despite his achievements, he remained humble and dedicated to inspiring students. He often said, "Dream, dream, dream! Dreams transform into thoughts, and thoughts result in action."

11. What field of science was Dr. Kalam associated with?
12. What message did Dr. Kalam emphasize?
13. Which quality of Dr. Kalam is highlighted in the passage?
14. Why is he considered an inspiration for students?
15. Find a synonym for 'beloved' from the passage.

SECTION D

(Questions 16-20) Answer any ONE of the following. (1×7=7)

16. The lesson 'The Power of Words' discusses how words can influence emotions and actions. Write a speech on how positive words can build confidence and change lives.
17. Imagine you met a famous author at a book fair. Write a diary entry describing the experience, the conversation you had, and what you learned.

SECTION E

(Questions 21-24) Answer any TWO of the following. (5×2=10)

18. Prepare a conversation between a young girl and her grandmother discussing the importance of preserving cultural heritage.
19. Draft a notice for your school's debate competition on the topic **'Technology: A Boon or a Bane'**.
20. Read the following passage and frame five questions based on it.

In a small village, there lived a boy who loved music. He would craft his own instruments and play melodies that enchanted everyone. One day, a music teacher passing by heard him and offered to teach him. With practice and passion, he grew into a great musician.

SECTION F

(Questions 25-28) Answer any THREE of the following. (3×6=18)

21. Imagine you are a journalist covering an art exhibition in your city. Write a detailed news report about the event.
 22. Your school's English club is organizing a storytelling event. Write a formal letter inviting a renowned storyteller to be the chief guest.
 23. Write a character sketch of Malala Yousafzai, focusing on her courage and advocacy for education.
 24. Prepare a short profile of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar using the given data:
 - Birth: April 14, 1891
 - Nationality: Indian
 - Contributions: Architect of the Indian Constitution, social reformer
 - Legacy: Advocated for equality and social justice
 - Death: December 6, 1956
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SECTION G

(Questions 29-32) Read the advertisement below and answer the questions that follow. (1×5=5)

Vacancy: Science teacher required for a reputed school. Should have 5+ years of experience. Interview on April 10, 2025, at Wisdom Academy.

29. What is the advertisement about?
 30. How much experience is required for the post?
 31. Where is the interview scheduled?
 32. Who should be contacted for more details?
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SECTION H

(Questions 33-35) Grammar & Writing Skills. (1×3=3)

33. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions:
She was born _____ a small village and later moved _____ the city to study _____ a prestigious university. (*in, to, at, from*)
34. Identify the noun phrase and the verb phrase in the following sentence:
The inspiring words of the teacher changed my perspective on life.
35. Complete the paragraph using appropriate phrasal verbs:
As I was _____ (going through / bringing up) my old diary, I _____ (came across / gave away) a letter from my childhood friend. I decided to _____ (write down / reach out) to her after all these years.

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