

Practice Question Paper 2019 - 20 (IInd Shift)

Class - X

Sub :- English

Time :- 3 Hrs.

M.M. - 80

Note :- Attempt all the questions in good hand writing :-

Section - 'A' Reading

Q.1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :- (8 marks)

Water Crisis : Act Now or Perish

The summer of 2019 is turning out to be a searing one for most parts of India. If there is one district that is indicative of a massive crisis that could soon unfold across other parts of the country, it is Beed in Maharashtra. In 2018, the agrarian district faced a 50% rainfall deficit, leading to the drying of its two main water sources, and reduced groundwater recharge. This has led to an acute water scarcity this year, resulting in large - scale forced migration from Beed. The situation is ominous in other parts of the country as well. According to the Central Water Commission, water storage in reservoirs in 2019 is less than the strage of last year and is also less than the average storage of the post 10 years during the corresponding period. If one reads this with the India Meteorological Department's second forecast that northwest and northeast India could have less - than - normal rains, and private weather forecaster Skymet's advisory that Vidarbha, Marathwada, west Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat will have "poorer than normal" rains and southern India will receive below normal rainfall, the overall water scenario looks daunting.

India, in any case, is facing the worst water crisis in its history. According to NITI Aayog, by 2020, 100 million will be affected by a shortage of groundwater in 21 Indian cities. And about 40% of the population will have no access to drinking water by 2030. It's not too difficult to discern why India is facing such an acute crisis. A report released by McGill University and Utrechi University blames irrigation techniques, industrial and residential habits combined with climate

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change for this problem.

While there are no easy solutions, India must turn this crisis into an opportunity by building artificial recharging structures, renovating the existing water harvesting systems, cleaning up water bodies, investing in water recycling, focusing on crops that are not water intensive, improving irrigation efficiency and reducing water leakage, among other things. However, the key will be to make citizens understand that water is a finite resource and it is critical to reduce consumption.

Questions :-

1. What is the reason of migration from Beed ?
  - (a) non - availability of electricity
  - (b) scarcity of water
  - (c) law and order situation
  - (d) none of the above
2. What led to an acute water scarcity ?
  - (a) low rain fall
  - (b) wastage of water
  - (c) both (a) and (b)
  - (d) none of the above
3. What has the Central Water Commission announced ?
  - (a) water storage is less
  - (b) water storage is more
  - (c) water is in sufficient quantity
  - (d) none of the above
4. What does the NITI Aayog say ?
  - (a) 100 million of people will be affected
  - (b) 21 cities will be affected by 2020
  - (c) No scarcity of water
  - (d) both (a) and (b)

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5. What will happen by 2030 ?
- (a) 40% of the population will not get water to drink
  - (b) all will get drinking water
  - (c) half of the population will not get drinking water
  - (d) All of the above
6. What are the reasons of the climate change ?
- (a) irrigation techniques
  - (b) industrial and residential
  - (c) both (a) and (b)
  - (d) all of the above
7. India should .....
- (i) erect artificial recharging structures
  - (ii) renovate the existing water harvesting systems
  - (iii) clean up water bodies
  - (iv) All of the above
8. People must comprehend that .....
- (i) Water is a finite source
  - (ii) Water is unlimited
  - (iii) Water is in abundance
  - (iv) All of the above

Q.2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :- (12 marks)

**For Happiness, You Need to Sow Happy Seeds**

1. Have you wondered why some people go through life smoothly while others face all kinds of challenges ? The law of karma answers such questions. It states that life is governed by a system of cause and effect. It is a universal law, like the law of gravity. These laws are impartial. There are no exemptions.

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2. The law of karma is akin to Newton's law. It says that every action has an equal and opposite reaction. Action includes the desire, intention and thought behind it. Action is like a seed that grows into a sapling, plant and tree. An apple tree will yield an apple tree. It cannot become a mango tree. Similarly a negative action will only result in grief and sorrow; it cannot give happiness. If you want happiness, you must sow happy seeds !
3. Karma, action, is the axle around which life revolves. You are a sportsperson because you desire it, with continuous investment of thought in that field, through vasana, deep rooted interest your inclination for it. You are a combination of all your vasanas put together; they are the blueprint that determines the kind of body, family and environment you have.
4. Every action leaves a distinct footprint on your personality. A good act will create good vasana, a bad act deposits bad vasana. Musical acts create musical vasana, and business actions make business vasanas. Vasana results in thought that consolidates as desire, which manifests as action. Action rebounds as more vasana. All living beings are victims of their vasanas. Only humans are gifted with choice of action. You can choose to passively follow your vasana or break free and chart your own course.
5. The theory of reincarnation connects the unexplained disappearance of traits and aspirations at death with the inexplicable appearance of the same at birth. It says the inner personality of a person just moves from one physical body to another. The movement of mind, intellect and vasanas from one body to another is called death of the former body and birth of the latter.
6. Just as a person discards old clothes to don or wear new ones, a person discards a body and environment no longer conducive for the fulfilment

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of his desires and moves to another body and atmosphere that may fit the will. Thus death allows you to start afresh on your journey to enlightenment.

2.1 Answer the following questions in 30-40 words :- 2x4=8

- (a) What geurus life ? (2)
- (b) How is the law of Karma compared to Newton's law ? (2)
- (c) What does the writer say about 'action' ? (2)
- (d) What does the theory of reincarnation connect ? (2)

2.2 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following :-

- (a) The synonym of 'Cosmopolitan' is .....
  - (i) universal (ii) gravity
  - (iii) impartial (iv) wondered
- (b) The synonym of 'aspiration' is .....
  - (i) grief (ii) desire
  - (iii) chart (iv) combination
- (c) The antonym of 'happiness' is ..... (para 2)
- (d) The antonym of appearance is ..... (para 5)

Section - B (Writing and Grammar)

Q.3 You are aware of the fact that trees are essential for the survival of the beings write a letter to the editor of the Times of India. expressing your ideas on Tree Plantation in not more than 150 words. You are Mohit/Mohini (8 marks)

Or

Children like to spend their pocket money of on their food items like chips, kurkures, hot dogs, pizza and cold drinks. But they do not know that these things cause harm to their health. Write an article describing the harmful effects of fast and junk food. Do not exceed 150 words.

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Q.4 Develop the following out lines into a story :- (10 marks)

A silly cricket sings all the summer \_\_\_\_\_ dying of hunger in winter \_\_\_\_\_ goes to an ant \_\_\_\_\_ food refused \_\_\_\_\_  
"If you sing all the spring. You must starve all the winter. Do not exceed 200 words.

Q.5 Complete the paragraph given below by filling in the blanks choosing the correct option from those that follow :- (4 marks)

Change is often met (a) \_\_\_\_\_ suspicious, and the rapidly raging SMS culture (b) \_\_\_\_\_ no exception. As the world and its children went 'mobile', the cell phone's most - loved features - Short Message Service (SMS) - became (c) \_\_\_\_\_ handiest tool (d) \_\_\_\_\_ communications.

- (a) (i) with (ii) to (iii) from (iv) by
- (b) (i) are (ii) is (iii) am (iv) were
- (c) (i) the (ii) a (iii) am (iv) these
- (d) (i) in (ii) at (iii) from (iv) of

Q.6 The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line write the incorrect and correct word in your answer sheet. (4 marks)

	Incorrect	Correct
There is a image of Mother Tersea	a	an
that I will keep on my heart untill	(a) _____	_____
my dying dog. It was of this frail	(b) _____	_____
woman standing in a village with		
baby in her hand. Their was shooting	(c) _____	_____
everywhere Grenades was exploding	(d) _____	_____
She lifted the baby and moved out		

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Q.7 Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences (4 marks)

the most/city/beautiful/was/the/garden/it/in

It was the most beautiful garden in the city

- (a) gulmohar/were/there/shady/many/and/trees/banyan/like
- (b) under/the/clustered/were/banyan/the/tourists/tree
- (c) their/were/foreigners/these/groups/many/in
- (d) appreciating/were/the breathaking/beauty/the garden/of/they

Section - 'C' Literature

Q.8 Read the extracts given below and answer the question that follow :- (4 marks)

But the real play of an otter is when he lies on his back and juggles with small objects between his paws. Marbles were mij's favourite toys for his pastime, he would lie on his back rolling two or more of them up and down his wide, flat belly without ever dropping on to the floor.

Questions :-

- (a) What is the real play of an otter ?
- (b) What are the Mij's favourite toys ?
  - (i) marbles (ii) jumbing (iii) riding (iv) pulling
- (c) How did he conduct with them ?
- (d) Find the word from the passage that means 'most preferred' :-
  - (i) rolling (ii) pastime (iii) favourite (iv) dropping

Or

Belinda lived in a little white house,  
with a little black kitten and a little grey mouse,  
And a little yellow dog and a little red wagon.  
And a realio trulio, a little pet dragon.

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Questions :-

1. Where did Belinda live ?
2. What were the total number of pets that she had ?
3. What kind of a wagon she had ?
4. Is it true that she also had a little pet dragen ?

Q.9 Answer any five of the following questions in 30 - 40 words :- (2x5=10)

1. Why was Mr. Keesing annoyed with Anne ? What did he ask her to do ?
2. In what way was Wanda different from the other children ?
3. Why was the otter named 'Maxwell's otter ?
4. How was Mij to be transported to England ?
5. What are the qualities that go into the making of a scientist ?
6. What kind of a person in Mme Loisel - why is she always unhappy ?

Q.10 Answer any one of the following questions in about 150 words :- (8 marks)

What does valli mean when she says "I was just agreeing with what you said about things happening with out our knowledge.

Or

How does Wanda feel about the dresses game ? Why does she say that she hand a hundred dresses ?

Q.11 What was the cause of Mathilda's ruin ? How could she have avoided it. (8 marks)

Or

Griffin was rather a lawless person "Comment".

Marking Scheme

English - Language and Literature  
Class - X

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  - (c) both (a) and (b)
  - (a) water storage is less
  - (d) both (a) and (b)
  - (a) 40% of population will not get water to drink.
  - (d) all of the above
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Q3: Letter to Editor (8 Marks)  
Format — 01 mark  
Content — 4 Marks  
Expression — 03 Marks

OR

Article writing  
Content — 04 marks  
Expression — 04 marks

Q4: Story Writing (10 Marks)  
Content — 04 Marks  
Fluency — 03 Marks  
Accuracy — 03 Marks

Q5: Gap Filling (4 Marks)

- (a) (I) with
- (b) (II) is
- (c) (I) the
- (d) (IV) of

Q6: Editing (04 Marks)

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- (a) on in
- (b) was is
- (c) their these
- (d) was were

Q7: There were many shady trees like gulmohar and banyan (04 Marks)

- (b) The tourists were clustered under the banyan tree
- (c) There were many foreigners in these groups
- (d) They were appreciating the breathtaking beauty of the garden.

Section 'C' Literature

Q8: The real play of an actor is when he lies on his back and juggles with small objects between his paws.

(b) Mily's favourite toys are marbles.  
(c) He would lie on his back.  
(d) favourite

1. Belinda lived in a little white house

OR

2. She had 4 pets.
3. She had a little red wagon.
4. She knew that she also had a little pet dragon.

99. Mr Keating was an old-fashioned man. He didn't

like his students talking in the class. He was annoyed with Anne as she talked too much in the class. As a sort of punishment he asked her to write an essay on 'A class Herob'.

Wanda was different from the other children because she was a Polish girl, not an English or American girl. Secondly her name sounded

strange. Finally she was poor.

3. The other was named after it's mother, Maxine because it belonged to a race previously unknown to zoologists.

4. It was not an easy job to transport Mibbel to England. The British airlines would not allow animals on it's flight so Maxine booked a flight to Paris. Mibbel was put in a small box of less than 18 inches square as required by the airline.

5. Richard Ebright possessed all the qualities necessary for the making of a scientist. He had scientific curiosity and the desire to learn. Mr Weikner Ebsigitts teacher, listed these such qualities that went into the making of a scientist. These were - a just rate mind, curiosity to know and learn and the will to win.

for the quality of the job.

6. Mrs Loisel is a pretty young lady. She is born in a family of clerks as if through an error of destiny. She lost all hopes of becoming rich and famous and allowed herself to marry a petty clerk. She was not satisfied with her lot and always remained unhappy.

Q 10. Valli returned home after bus ride. At that time her mother was talking with an aunt. They were talking about things happening without their knowledge in the world outside. Valli also agreed with their views because she had enjoyed a bus journey and they did not know about it. Some times we know the things but can't understand.

OR

The only time Wanda talked in the school yard was about her hundred dresses. She would say that all of them were lined up in the closet. She was a poor girl who was usually seen in a faded blue dress which was not ironed properly. Actually it was beyond her means to buy one hundred dresses. However she was not telling a lie. She had designed a hundred dresses all different and all beautiful.

Q 11. The cause of Matilda's ruin was her dreaming nature and the intoxication of her beauty. She was blind to the hard realities of life. After marriage she remained unhappy. She wanted to live like princess. She fought against the destiny.

She did conquer the party with her glamour. But her success proved very short lived. As soon as she discovered the loss of the borrowed necklace, her joy turned into despair. She had to pay with her youth and beauty for the thrill of one evening. She became a crude and old woman in ten years. Had she listened to her husband's advice, she could have avoided the ruin.

Or:

Griffin was decidedly a brilliant scientist. He discovered a wonderful drug that could make a person invisible. But he was neither nor law abiding. He was revengeful and eccentric. He committed many anti-social deeds for which he never felt guilty. He first set fire to the house of his landlord. He slipped into a store and stole clothes and food. Then he attacked a shopkeeper and robbed him of all the money he could find. In the village Spring he robbed the clergyman and clashed with the constable. He knocked Jaffers unconscious and hit the people.