

Practice Question Paper 2019 - 20 (1st Shift)

Class - X

Sub :- English

Time :- 3 Hrs.

M.M. - 80

Note :- Attempt all the questions.

Section A - Reading - 20 marks

Section B - Writing & Grammar - 30 marks

Section C - Literature - 30 marks

Section A :- Reading

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 soaring 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 agration 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 reserviors in 2019 is less than the storage of last year and is also less than the average storage of the past 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.

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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 Utrecht University blames irrigation techniques, industrial and residential habits combined with climate 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 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 consumptions.

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

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3. What has the Central Water Commission announced ?
 - (a) water storage in 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)
5. What will happen by 2030 ?
 - (a) 40% of the population will not get water of 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 watercrisis given by Mc. Gill's report ?
 - (a) irrigation techniques
 - (b) industrial and residential
 - (c) climate change
 - (d) all of the above
7. India should
 - (a) erect artificial recharging structures
 - (b) renovate the existing water harvesting systems
 - (c) clean up water bodies
 - (d) All of the above
8. People must comprehend that
 - (a) Water is a finite source
 - (b) Water is unlimited
 - (c) Water is in abundance
 - (d) All of the above

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Q.2 Read the following passage carefully. (12 marks)

1. The more you know, the more you don't know. Take our understanding of the universe, for example. Scientists say that the observable universe is about 46 billion light years in radius. And they accept that there is an unobservable universe that they are not able to fathom, yet.
2. Whenever man becomes proud that he has made a fantastic discovery using his knowledge, it seems as though ignorance makes a quick appearance and taps on his shoulder and says, "Sorry, my friend, you have a long way to go". Take any aspect of life and one is able to see this. Everything that man does is always a work - in - progress. In the resolution of a problem through the invention of a product or process, man invariably lands himself in another new challenge that is waiting to get resolved. And this vicious cycle is going on right from the beginning of mankind.
3. The insufficiency of knowledge is not only in the external, but also in the internal sphere. The statement. "I know you" is quite a superficial statement. It refers to the outer trappings of a person like name, colour, certain peculiar characteristics, skill or talent, occupation, and cultural aspects like language, customs, rituals, festivals, food habits and way of dressing. Based on these superficial differences, one makes a conclusion, that each person is unique and different from the other.
4. However, at a deeper, fundamental level, this is incorrect. Human beings from one corner of the globe to the other, psychologically and emotionally, are exactly the same. Suffering, sorrow, anxiety, uncertainty, hope,

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despair, pain, desire, envy, greed are common to all. But human beings are blind to this truth and therefore are ignorant. Even if they accept commonality because of caste or community, human beings are still hesitant to view all with equanimity.

5. Every person wants to consider himself special, unique and as God's gift to mankind merely based on outer differences. The inability to observe and the ignorance that makes one blind to the core truth of the same ground of consciousness for all mankind has led man to misery. On the basis of the reading of the above passage answer the following questions :-

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the above extract, answer the following questions in 30 - 40 words.

- (a) How does the author prove that 'the more we know, the more we don't know'? (2)
- (b) What is called the vicious cycle here? (2)
- (c) What is the basis of the utterance 'I know you'? (2)
- (d) Why does the writer say that psychologically and emotionally, human beings are the same? (2)

2.2 Answer the following questions :

- (a) The synonym of 'only' is _____ (para 5)
- (i) merely (ii) misery
(iii) consciousness (iv) unique
- (b) The synonym of 'strange' is _____ (para 3)
- (i) superficial (ii) insufficiency
(iii) peculiar (iv) trappings
- (c) The synonym of 'pang' is _____ (para 4)
- (d) The synonym of 'potential' is _____ (para 3)

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Section B Writing & Grammar

- Q.3 Children like to spend their pocket money on their food items like chips, pizza, burger and cold drinks. But they don't know that these things cause harm to their health. Write an article describing harmful effects of fast food and give your suggestions also in not more than 50 words. You are Rajesh Kumar. (8 marks)

Or

You are Amol/Amita, sports Incharge of Sunswine High School Lucknow. You have received the parcel of sports articles ordered by you, but you found some of them to be defective and quite old. Write a letter of complaint to M/s New Sports Company, Meerut in about 100 - 150 words.

- Q.4 Complete the following story in about 200 words :- (10 marks)
A doctor was leading a happy and contented life. He was social and amiable. He helped the poor. Once a person came to his clinic and started abusing him

Or

It so happened that when I was 12 years old. I thought of travelling in a train without ticket.

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

People who make a study of the stars (a) _____ called astronomers. They tell us that long long ago, (b) _____ earth and all the planets (c) _____ part of the sun. The sun was then, as it is now, a mass (d) _____ flaming matter.

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| (a) | (i) | are | (ii) | is |
| | (iii) | am | (iv) | was |
| (b) | (i) | is | (ii) | am |
| | (iii) | the | (iv) | these |
| (c) | (i) | were | (ii) | are |
| | (iii) | is | (iv) | was |

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- (d) (i) of (ii) if
(iii) at (iv) on

Q.6 The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet as given below against the correct blanks number. Remember to underline the word you have supplied. (4 marks)

	Incorrect	Correct
Schools are once thought to be the temples	are	were
of learning. Teachers love their students as	(a) _____	_____
her own children, students held their teachers	(b) _____	_____
their role models. They ever touch their	(c) _____	_____
feet in reverence. But time have changed now.	(d) _____	_____

Q.7 Read the dialogue and complete the passage given below :- (4 marks)

Seema : Why does your flat remain closed ?

Rashmi : We have shifted to a rented house.

Seema : Why have you done so ?

Rashmi : We are getting our flat renovated.

Seema asked Rashmi (a) _____. Rashmi replied (b) _____.

Seema enquired (c) _____ Rashmi replied (d) _____.

Section C Literature

Q.8 Read the extract and answer the question that follow :-

All night the roots work
to disengage themselves from the cracks
in the veranda floor.

The leaves strain towards the glass
small twigs stiff with exertion
long - cramped boughs shuffling under the roof
like newly discharged patients half dazed moving.
to the clinic doors

- (i) What do the roots do all night ?
(ii) What are the boughs compared to ?

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- (iii) What do the leaves do ?
- (iv) Name the poem and the poet.

Or

I knew that the oppressor must be liberated just as surely as the oppressed. A man who takes away another man's freedom is a prisoner of hatred; he is locked behind the bars of prejudice and narrow - mindedness. I am not truly free if I am taking away someone else's freedom.

- (1) Who does 'I' refer to here ?
 - (i) Nelson Mandela
 - (ii) Anne Frank
 - (iii) Amanda
 - (iv) Arun
- (2) Who are the people to be liberated ?
- (3) Who is a prisoner of hatred ?
- (4) What two things stand between a man and a man ?

Q.9 Answer any five of the following question :- (2x5=10)

- (i) Why was the young seagull afraid to fly ?
- (ii) What importance does a baker enjoy in a Goa village ?
- (iii) Who was Hari Singh ? What was his Vocation ?
- (iv) What happened when Maxwell took Mijbil to the bathroom ? What did it do two days after that ?
- (v) What does Bill say about Lutkins to the lawyer ?
- (vi) What did the girls write to Wanda ?

Q.10 Lencho had faith in God but lacked faith in humanity. Elaborate in reference to 'A Letter to God'. (100-150 words) (8 marks)

Or

Anne had loving parents and a number of friends. Even then she thought that she was alone. Why ?

Q.11 Ostentation and vanity often land people in trouble. Matilda is an apt - example of this. Justify.

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Griffin's unlawful activities devalue his scientific discovery. What were some of these activities that led to his downfall. (100 -150 words) (8 marks)

PRACTICE TEST 2019-20

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Marking Scheme

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Section A - Reading. (20 marks).
Comprehension.

Q1. MCQ. 1 mark each.

- (I) (b) Scarcity of water
- (II) (a) Low rainfall
- (III) (c) water storage is less
- (IV) (d) both (a) and (b)
- (V) (a) 40% of the population will not get water to drink.
- (VI) (d) all of the above
- (VII) (d) all of the above
- (VIII) (a) Water is a finite source

Q2 Short answer questions - $2 \times 4 = 8$.

- 2.1. (a) Scientist say that universe is about 46 billion light year in radius. And they accept that there is an unobservable universe that they are not able to fathom. Thus he proves it.
- (b) The vicious cycle is about the ups and downs of life. It is a bare fact that in the resolution of a problem through the invention of a product or process, man invariably lands himself in another new challenge that is waiting to get resolved.
- (c) It is a superficial statement as it is based on the outer trapping of a person like name colour certain peculiar characteristics, culture, customs food habits and the way of dressing.
- (d) Human beings are emotionally and psychologically the same as suffering, sorrow, anxiety, hope, pain despair, envy and greed are common to all.

- 2.2. (a) (i) merely.
- (b) (ii) Peculiar
- (c) Pain
- (d) talent.

Section B - Writing and Grammar (30 marks)

Q3 - Article writing (100-150 words) (8 marks)

Format : 1 mark (Heading and writer's name)

Content - 4 marks.

Expression - 3 marks (Accuracy, fluency and relevance of ideas and style.)

or

Letter writing (word limit 100-150 words)

Format : 1 mark (Sender's ~~name~~ address, Date, Receiver's address, Subject, Salutation, Complementary close)

(Note: No marks to be awarded if only the format is given.)

Content : 4 marks.

Expression : 3 marks (Accuracy and fluency coherence and relevance of ideas and style)

Suggested value points :

- * Order detail with Invoice No & date
- * Details of items found defective
- * Suggestions to repair/replace
- * Conclusion mentioning the quality needed.

Q4. Story writing (word limit - 150-200 words) (10 marks)

Format : 1 mark for Title.

Content : 4 marks (The story must start with cue given)

Expression : 5 marks (Creativity, grammatical accuracy, fluency, originality of ideas and style. Moral of the story)

Q.5 - Complete the passage by choosing the correct option given below

- (a) (i) are
- (b) (iii) the
- (c) ~~(ii)~~ (i) were
- (d) (i) of.

(1x4)

Q6 - Editing. 1 mark each. (1/2 mark to be awarded for identifying the error and 1/2 mark for giving the correct answer.)

- (a) love loved
- (b) her their
- (c) touch touched
- (d) have has

Q7 - Reported speech (1x4=4)

(For a partially correct answer no mark to be awarded)

- (a) why her flat remained closed
- (b) that they had shifted to a rented house.
- (c) why they/she had done so.
- (d) that they were getting their flat renovated.

Section C Literature (30 marks)

Q8. (This section is meant to test the students' familiarity with the recommended texts. However, if the faulty expression prevents clear communication 1/2 mark may be deducted.)

Q8 - Extract from the poem/prose.

- (a) The roots try to free themselves from the cracks of the veranda floor.
- (b) The boughs are compared to newly discharged patients moving out of the clinic in a half dazed state of mind.

- (c) The leaves try to come out of the glass.
- (d) The Trees , Adrienne Rich.

OR

- Q8 (1) (a) Nelson Mandela.
- (2) Both oppressor and oppressed must be liberated.
- (3) A person who takes away other's freedoms is a prisoner of hatred
- (4) Prejudice and narrow-mindedness stand between man and man.

Q 9. Answer any 5 questions (30-40 words) (2x5=10)

Content - 1 mark
 Expression - 1 mark.

Suggested value points

- (1) The young seagull was afraid of to fly because it thought that its wings would not support it.
- (2) Goan baker is an important part of the life of a village in Goa. His bread and cakes are an essential part of the Goan life. They are needed on marriages, festivals and other occasions.
- (3) Han Singh was a thief who used to change his name and place after cheating his employers.
- (4) Mijbil enjoyed there too much because its natural instinct is to play and enjoy in water. It plunged and rolled in bathroom. It itself went to the bathroom and struggled with the taps until the water came out
- (5) Bill ^{tells} tells him that Lutkins is a very cunning man. It is very difficult to catch him. He never pardons anybody a cent. He tells that he knows most the places where he Lutkins can be found.

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(6) The girls wrote a friendly letter to Wanda, telling that she had won the contest. They wanted to say that they were sorry. They also appreciated her drawings.

Q 10. These questions are meant to test student's understanding of the text and their ability to interpret, evaluate and respond to the themes/issues raised. (8 marks)

Content - 4 marks

Expression - 4 marks.

Suggested Value Points.

- * Lencho - a simple man
- * started correspondence with God with immense faith and asked for money.
- * Postmaster ~~received~~ read the letter, thought to help him.
- * Collected money and sent to him.
- * Lencho - received lesser amount, blamed the Post office employees who contributed to help him.

OR

- Anne Frank had a family, parents, loving aunts and sister. But she felt alone.
- She can only talk about ordinary things with them.
- She could not share her feelings with them and with her friends.
- She wants the diary to be her friend.

Q11 - Long answer question - 8 marks.
Content - 4 marks
Expression - 4 marks.

Value Points.

- * Matilda longs for a life of luxury and wealth.
- * borrowed a necklace from her friend when she was invited for a party
- * lost the necklace, paid heavily
- * she and her husband worked day & night
- * loses all her charm
- * it's better to be satisfied with what you have, do not show off.

or

- * Griffin was a lawless person - did not follow law and order of the ~~country~~ country.
- * Set fire to the house of his landlord.
- * robbed a shopkeeper - stole money from the clergymen's desk.
- * Griffin did an extraordinary discovery - the human body could be invisible
- * Used his discovery with bad intentions.