

ENGLISH SAMPLE PAPER # 2

Time Allowed : 3 hour and 15 minutes

Maximum Marks : 80

- ▶ This question paper comprises of subject: English
- ▶ This question paper contains 20 question. All Questions are compulsory.
- ▶ The question paper contains four Section A : Reading skills, Section B : Writing, Section C : Grammar and Section D : Text books.
- ▶ Distribution of marks are mentioned along with the questions.

SECTION – A : READING SKILLS

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: [Q.(i) to Q. (viii) questions carries 1 marks each.(8)]

The majestic Himalayas, often referred to as the 'Abode of Snow', constitute one of the most magnificent natural wonders of the world. Stretching across five countries—India, Nepal, Bhutan, China, and Pakistan—this mountain range is not just a geographical feature but a vital lifeline for millions. Formed millions of years ago due to the collision of tectonic plates, the Himalayas host the world's highest peaks, including Mount Everest. Beyond their physical grandeur, they serve as a climatic barrier, protecting the Indian subcontinent from the cold Central Asian winds and ensuring the arrival of the monsoon rains. The dense forests on the foothills are home to diverse flora and fauna, including the elusive snow leopard and the Himalayan monal. However, in 2026, the region faces unprecedented challenges due to climate change. Glaciers are retreating at an alarming rate, threatening the water security of rivers like the Ganges and the Brahmaputra. Sustainable tourism and stringent environmental policies are now the need of the hour to preserve this fragile ecosystem for future generations.

- (i) Which mountain range is known as the 'Abode of Snow'?
 (1) Andes (2) Alps (3) Himalayas (4) Rockies
- (ii) How many countries do the Himalayas stretch across?
 (1) Three (2) Five (3) Seven (4) Four
- (iii) What caused the formation of the Himalayas?
 (1) Volcanic eruption (2) Tectonic plate collision
 (3) Soil erosion (4) Earthquakes
- (iv) The Himalayas protect the Indian subcontinent from:
 (1) Cyclones (2) Cold Central Asian winds
 (3) Desert storms (4) Floods
- (v) Which animal mentioned in the passage is described as 'elusive'?
 (1) Himalayan Monal (2) Tiger
 (3) Snow Leopard (4) Elephant
- (vi) What is the primary threat facing the region in 2026?
 (1) Overpopulation (2) Deforestation
 (3) Climate change (4) Lack of tourism
- (vii) Find the word in the passage which means the same as 'Grandeur':
 (1) Magnificent (2) Fragile (3) Vital (4) Barrier
- (viii) Find the word in the passage which is the opposite of 'Advancing':
 (1) Retreating (2) Stretching (3) Protecting (4) Protecting

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: [Q.(i) to Q. (viii) questions carries 1 marks each. (8)]

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. In the digital era of 2026, the definition of literacy has evolved beyond just reading and writing; it now encompasses digital literacy and critical thinking. Modern education systems are shifting from rote memorization to skill-based learning. This transition is crucial because the job market now demands adaptability and emotional intelligence over stagnant knowledge. However, the core purpose of education remains the same: the holistic development of an individual. It should instill values of empathy, integrity, and social responsibility. A truly educated person is not one who holds a prestigious degree, but one who uses their knowledge to uplift society and solve global crises like poverty and inequality. Teachers today act more as facilitators than mere lecturers, guiding students through a vast ocean of information available on the internet. As we move forward, bridging the rural-urban educational divide remains a significant goal for developing nations to ensure that every child has the opportunity to dream and achieve.

- (i) How has the definition of literacy changed in 2026?
- (ii) Why is the shift toward skill-based learning considered crucial?
- (iii) What does the job market demand in the current era?
- (iv) What is the core purpose of education mentioned in the text?
- (v) Who is a 'truly educated' person according to the author?
- (vi) What is the evolving role of teachers in the modern classroom?
- (vii) Find a word from the passage which is a synonym of 'Inculcate':
- (viii) Find a word from the passage which is an antonym of 'Dynamic':

SECTION – B : WRITING

3. Imagine that you are Saroj. Write a letter to your friend Seema inviting her to attend your elder sister's marriage. You may touch upon the following points :

(4)

- (a) The day and date of wedding.
- (b) The bridegroom and his family.
- (c) Preparations already made.
- (d) The help you expect from her.

OR

Recently you have read the news on "Ban on the Use of Plastic Bags in Rajasthan". Write a letter to the editor of Rajasthan Patrika to publish your views. Imagine that you are Kavita from Jaipur.

OR

Imagine that you are Sunil/Sonakshi. Compose an e-mail drawing attention of your principal over the non-completion of syllabus in English and Maths. Don't forget to mention the reason.

4. Write a short story with the help of the given outline in about 100 words. Also mention the title and the moral of the story.

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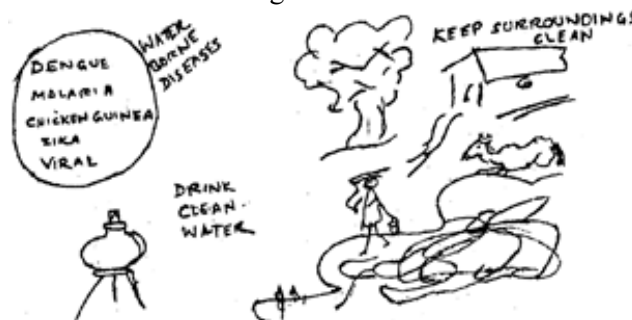
A good boy falls in bad company..... disobeys.....father advises to shun all in vain decides to teach a lesson brings apples puts them in almirah notices one rotten apple next day all apples rotten.....teaches a lesson.

OR

A thief caught brought before the king the king orders him to hang thief clever says a secret tree with golden fruit king interested thief prepares small pellets of gold tells the king sown by one never stolen anything.

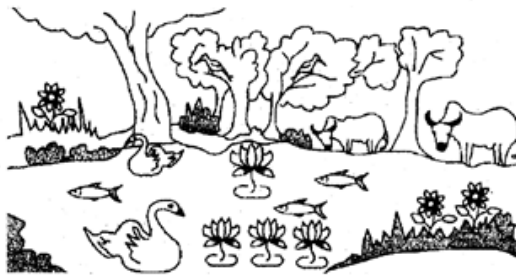
5. Write a paragraph in about 100 words on the given visual aid.

(4)



OR

Write a paragraph in about 100 words on the picture given below :



SECTION – C: GRAMMAR

6. Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of the verbs given in brackets: [(1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 4)]
- The train _____ (leave) the station before we reached there.
 - I _____ (read) three novels by this author so far.
 - Mr. Sharma _____ (live) in this city for ten years.
 - By the end of this month, the workers _____ (finish) the construction.
7. Fill in the blanks with a verb in agreement with its subject: [(1 + 1 = 2)]
- Either the principal or the teachers _____ (is/are) responsible for the event.
 - One of my cousins _____ (own/owns) a large bakery in the city.
8. Combine the following pairs of sentences using the words given in brackets: [(1 + 1 = 2)]
- The tea was very hot. I could not drink it. (too—to)
 - This is the house. I was born here. (where)
9. Change the following sentence into passive-voice .
- (1)
The gardener is watering the plants in the garden.
10. Rewrite the following sentence changing it into Indirect Speech. (1)
The captain said to the team, "Do not lose hope until the last minute."

SECTION – D: TEXT BOOKS

11. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: [Q.(i) to Q. (vi) questions carries 1 marks each.(6)]
- It was impossible for him to gather together the hundred pesos, so he was able to send the farmer only a little more than half. He put the money in an envelope addressed to Lencho and with it a letter containing only a single word as a signature: God. The following Sunday Lencho came a bit earlier than usual to ask if there was a letter for him. It was the postman himself who handed the letter to him while the postmaster, experiencing the contentment of a man 'who has performed a good deed, looked on from his office.
- The postmaster put the money in..... .
(1) a hag (2) a box (3) an envelope (4) a pocket
 - A man who has performed a good
(1) smile (2) trick (3) deed (4) none of these
 - What was put in the envelope?
 - Who handed the letter to Lencho?
 - Find out the word from the passage which means : 'next'
 - Find out the word from the passage which has opposite meaning of : 'now'

OR

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : [1 × 6 = 6]

Paper has more patience than people.' I thought of this saying on one of those days when I was feeling a little depressed and was sitting at home with my chin in my hands, bored and listless, wondering whether to stay in or go out. I finally stayed where I was, brooding: Yes, paper does have mote patience, and since I'm not planning to let anyone else read this stiff-backed notebook grandly, referred to as a 'diary', unless I should

ever find a real friend, it probably won't make a bit of difference. Now I'm back to the point that prompted me to keep a diary in the first place: I don't have a friend.

(i) Anne decided to write a diary because she did not have

- (1) father (2) mother (3) friend (4) nobody

(ii) Anne will share her diary with.....

- (1) her parents (2) a true friend (3) her sister (4) nobody

(iii) What was the saying that Anne remembered?

(iv) Where did Anne decide to stay?

(v) Write the similar word of the following, from the passage : worrying

(vi) Write the opposite word of the following, from the passage : left

12. Answer ANY THREE out of four following questions in about 20-30 words each. This question carries 6 marks ($2 \times 3 = 6$).

(i) Do you think that Lencho was right to call the post office employees a bunch of crooks? Why or why not? (A letter to god)

(ii) From whom have the inhabitants of Coorg descended, as per the legend? (Glimpses of India)

(iii) Describe about Anne Franks early education. (From the Diary of Anne Frank)

(iv) Why did the young seagull remain all alone on the ledge? (Two Stories About Flying)

13. Answer ANY ONE out of two following questions in about 60 words each. This question carries 3 marks ($1 \times 3 = 3$).

(i) What great truth about life does the Buddha want to teach Gotami through her experience? How is this lesson important? (The sermon at Benares)

(ii) Give a brief character sketch of Valli. (Madam rides the bus)

14. Answer ANY ONE out of two following questions in about 60 words each. This question carries 3 marks ($1 \times 3 = 3$).

(i) How does Natalya react when she comes to know about Lomov's proposal? Explain her behaviour.

(ii) Explain the first argument between Lomov and Natalya. What does it reveal about their characters?

15. Read any One of the following extracts and answer questions that follow. This question carries 5 marks ($1 + 2 + 2 = 5$).

*Some say the world will end in fire
Some say in ice
From what I've tasted of desire
I hold with those who favour fire,*

(i) 'Desire' in the third line stands for :

- (1) Happy memories (2) Noble purposes (3) Uncontrolled passions (4) Bare necessities

(ii) What is 'Ice' here symbolic of?

(iii) According to the poem what the world will end in ?

OR

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow.

*The way a crow
Shook down on me
The dust of snow
From a hemlock tree.*

(i) The dust of snow has made the poet :

- (1) appreciative of nature (2) thoughtful (3) happy (4) cold

(ii) Which tree is mentioned?

(iii) What are 'crow' and 'hemlock tree' usually symbolic of?

16. Answer ANY TWO out of three following questions in about 20-30 words each. This question carries 4 marks ($2 \times 2 = 4$).

(i) What has happened to the boy in the poet's opinion?

[The Ball Poem]

- (ii) What is dust of snow? [Dust of snow]
 (iii) Why does Amanda wish to be alone in a sea? [Amanda]
17. Answer ANY ONE out of two following questions in about 60 words each. This question carries 3 marks ($3 \times 1 = 3$).
 (i) What is the attitude of the tiger towards the visitors? Why?
 (ii) How does the poet describe the hyena and the crocodile?
18. Answer ANY ONE of the following three questions in about 20-30 words each: ($2 \times 2 = 4$)
 (i) Why did Hari Singh approach Anil ? [The Thief's story]
 (ii) Who tried to invade the earth in the twenty-first century? [The Book That Saved The Earth]
 (iii) Why is Bholi's father worried about her? [Bholi]
19. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in about 60 words: (3)
 (i) Why does Mrs. Pumphrey think the dog's recovery is "a triumph of surgery"? [A triumph of surgery]
 (ii) How is Ausable different from other secret agents? [The midnight visitor]
20. Choose the correct answer: [Q.(i) to Q. (v) questions carries 1 marks each.(5)]
 (i) Where did Richard grew up ? [The Making of a Scientist]
 (1) Pennsylvania (2) Chicago (3) New York (4) London
 (ii) Who was Max? [The Midnight Visitor]
 (1) waiter (2) shopkeeper (3) hotel employee (4) secret agent
 (iii) Who is referred to as 'artist' in this story? [Bholi]
 (1) Bholi's friend (2) Bholi (3) Bholi's mother (4) Bholi's teacher
 (iv) She was born into a family of [The Necklace]
 (1) Scientists (2) Doctors (3) Engineers (4) Clerks
 (v) How old was Hari Singh ? [The Thief's Story]
 (1) 20 yrs (2) 15 yrs (3) 25 yrs (4) 30 yrs

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