

ENGLISH SAMPLE PAPER # 3

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 digital revolution has fundamentally altered how we communicate, work, and learn. By 2026, Artificial Intelligence (AI) has moved from a futuristic concept to a daily utility. From personalized learning apps in schools to sophisticated healthcare diagnostics, AI is everywhere. However, this rapid integration brings significant concerns regarding data privacy and the digital divide. While urban centers enjoy high-speed connectivity and AI-driven services, many rural areas still struggle with basic internet access. To ensure equitable progress, governments are focusing on "Digital Inclusion" policies. Furthermore, the rise of deepfakes and misinformation has made digital literacy more critical than ever. We must teach the younger generation not just how to use technology, but how to evaluate the information they consume critically.

(i) What has fundamentally altered human communication by 2026?

- (1) Traditional mail (2) Digital revolution (3) Radio (4) Printed books

(ii) In which field are personalized apps mentioned?

- (1) Sports (2) Cooking (3) Schools (4) Fashion

(iii) What is a major concern regarding the rapid integration of AI?

- (1) High costs (2) Data privacy (3) Lack of hardware (4) Space travel

(iv) What does "Digital Inclusion" aim to solve?

- (1) Overpopulation (2) The digital divide (3) Global warming (4) Traffic

(v) Why is digital literacy critical now?

- (1) To play games (2) To combat deepfakes
(3) To buy phones (4) To code

(vi) Which areas still struggle with basic internet access?

- (1) Urban centers (2) Capitals (3) Rural areas (4) Coastal cities

(vii) Find the word in the passage which means the same as 'Complex':

- (1) Basic (2) Sophisticated (3) Rapid (4) Daily

(viii) Find the word in the passage which is the opposite of 'Fair/Equal':

- (1) Equitable (2) Futuristic (3) Critical (4) Equitable

(Note: Look for 'Equitable' and its context) -> Answer: Inequitable (implied context) / Divide

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

Water is the elixir of life, yet it is the most undervalued resource. In Rajasthan, the traditional art of water harvesting has been a way of life for centuries. Structures like 'Baoris' (stepwells) and 'Tankas' not only collected rainwater but served as social hubs. In 2026, as climate change intensifies, these ancient techniques are being revived alongside modern desalination plants. Conservation is no longer a choice but a necessity. Households are being encouraged to install greywater recycling systems to reduce waste. Every drop saved today ensures a more secure tomorrow for the arid regions of our state.

(i) Why is water described as the 'elixir of life'?

(ii) Name two traditional water harvesting structures in Rajasthan.

(iii) What purpose did 'Baoris' serve besides collecting water?

(iv) Why are ancient techniques being revived in 2026?

(v) What modern technology is being used alongside traditional methods?

(vi) How can households contribute to water conservation?

(vii) Find a synonym for the word 'Strengthens/Increases' from the passage.

(viii) Find an antonym for the word 'Modern' from the passage.

SECTION – B : WRITING

3. You are Rohit Sharma living at 104 Madar Gate, Ajmer. You are a social worker. You feel upset as some of the good schools are admitting as many as 60-70 students in a class just to mint money. Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily highlighting this corrupt practice. Sign the letter as Rohit Sharma. (4)

OR

You are Gaurav/Gauri of class X. Write a formal e-mail to be sent to the Editor of Dainik Sawera requesting him to publish Model Papers for the preparation of Board Examination. The e-mail address is dainik.sawera@gmail.com.

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. (4)

A boy gets into a bad company.....father gives him a few good apples and a rotten apple.....all apples put together.....the rotten apple spoils the good ones.....boy realises.....give up bad company.

OR

Four bulls.....friends.....powerful.....no other animal fought.....a lion.....wants to eat them.....says something to one bullthree bulls go away.....one bull not powerful.....the lion eats all the bulls one by one.

5. Write a paragraph in about 60 words on the topic 'SUPW Camp'. (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)]
- She _____ (sleep) for two hours when the alarm went off.
 - I _____ (not visit) the Taj Mahal yet.
 - My brother _____ (study) in this college for three years.
 - By next month, the construction crew _____ (complete) the bridge.
7. Fill in the blanks with a verb in agreement with its subject: [(1 + 1 = 2)]
- One of my friends _____ (live/lives) in London.
 - Neither the captain nor the players _____ (was/were) happy with the decision.
8. Combine the following pairs of sentences using the words given in brackets: [(1 + 1 = 2)]
- The news was very shocking. I could not believe it. (so---that)
 - He is the scientist. He discovered the new element. (who)
9. Change the following sentence into passive-voice. (1)
- The principal distributed the prizes among the winners.
10. Rewrite the following sentence changing it into Indirect Speech. (1)
- The mother said to her son, "Have you finished your lunch?"

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)]

At least Peggy hadn't considered they were being mean but she, Maddie, had thought they were doing wrong. She could put herself in Wanda's shoes. Goodness! Wasn't there anything she could do? If only she could tell

Wanda she hadn't meant to hurt her feelings. She turned around and stole a glance at Peggy, but Peggy did not look up. She seemed to be studying hard. Well, whether Peggy felt badly or not, she, Maddie, had to do something. She had to find Wanda Petronski. Maybe she had not yet moved away. Maybe Peggy would climb the Heights with her, and they would tell Wanda she had won the contest, that they thought she was smart and the hundred dresses were beautiful.

- (i) Maddie put herself in Wanda's shoes. This means.
 (1) She wore shoes of Wanda. (2) She imagined herself in Wanda's place.
 (3) She does not have her own shoes. (4) All the above.
- (ii) How are the hundred dresses?
 (1) Ugly and worn out (2) Beautiful but worn out
 (3) Beautiful but unfit (4) Beautiful
- (iii) What did she want to tell Wanda?
 (iv) What had Peggy not consider?
 (v) Find out the word from the passage opposite in meaning to—'right'.
 (vi) Find out the word from the passage similar in meaning to—'thought'.

OR

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: [Q. (i) to Q. (vi) questions carries 1 marks each.(6)]

Over many days and months Valli listened carefully to conversations between her neighbours and people who regularly used the bus, and she also asked a few discreet questions here and there. This way she picked up various small details about the bus journey. The town was six miles from her village. The fare was thirty paise one way — "which is almost nothing at all," she heard one well-dressed man say, but to Valli, who scarcely saw that much money from one month to the next, it seemed a fortune. The trip to the town took forty-five minutes. On reaching town, if she stayed in her seat and paid another thirty paise, she could return home on the same bus. This meant that she could take the one-o'clock afternoon bus, reach the town at one forty-five, and be back home by about two forty-five.

On and on went her thoughts as she calculated and recalculated, planned and replanned.

- (i) How far was the town from her village?
 (1) Five miles (2) Six miles (3) Four miles (4) Nine miles
- (ii) How much time did the bus take to reach town?
 (1) One hour (2) Forty minutes
 (3) Thirty five minutes (4) Forty five minutes
- (iii) What did Valli carefully listen?
 (iv) What was the fare to the town?
 (v) Find out the word from the passage similar in meaning to—'hardly'
 (vi) Find out the word from the passage opposite in meaning to—'answer'.

12. Answer ANY THREE out of four following questions in about 30-40 words each. This question carries 6 marks ($2 \times 3 = 6$).

- (i) Where did Buddha preach his first sermon ? What was it all about ? [The Sermon at Benares]
 (ii) What risk did the narrator take while flying ? Describe his feelings. [The Black Aeroplane]
 (iii) What is the Chinese legend associated with the discovery of tea ? [Glimpses of India]
 (iv) How does Natalya excite Lomov to the point of verbal fighting ? [The Proposal]

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) What did the pilot of Dakota encounter 150 km away from Paris ? Recount his experience inside the black clouds.

[The Black Aeroplane]

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

- (i) Why does Lomov suffer from frequent physical and emotional breakdowns? How do others respond to it?

(ii) Discuss the role of Ivan Vassilevitch Chubukov in the play. How does he contribute to the conflicts?

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

*No use to say 'O there are other balls':
An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy
As he stands rigid, trembling, staring down
All his young days into the harbour where
His ball went.*

- (i) What has happened to the boy's ball?
(1) It has been stolen (2) It has gone into the harbor
(3) It has burst (4) It has been taken by another boy
- (ii) Why does the poet say that there is no use to tell the boy about other balls ?
- (iii) What does the phrase "all his young days" suggest?

OR

*There is a languid, emerald sea,
where the sole inhabitant is me—
a mermaid, drifting blissfully.*

- (i) Who is the speaker in the extract?
(1) A sailor (2) A mermaid (3) A fisherman (4) A dolphin
- (ii) How is the life of a mermaid in the sea?
- (iii) What does the phrase "drifting blissfully" tell us about the mermaid's mood?

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

- (i) What is the experience of the poet about this world? [Fire and ice]
- (ii) What is the theme of the poem 'How to Tell Wild Animals'? [How to Tell Wild Animals]
- (iii) Why will no one be sad according to the poet? [For Anne Gregory]

17. Answer ANY ONE out of two following questions in about 60 words each. This question carries 3 marks (3 × 1 = 3).

- (i) How does the poet contrast a tiger in the wild with a tiger in the zoo in the poem "A Tiger in the Zoo"?
- (ii) What role does humor play in the poem "How to Tell Wild Animals"?

18. Answer ANY ONE of the following three questions in about 20-30 words each: (2 × 2 = 4)

- (i) Mention any two contributions of Ebright to the world of science. [The Making of Scientist]
- (ii) How did Horace Danby plan his robberies ? [A Question of Trust]
- (iii) What was Ramlal's status in the village? [Bholi]

19. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in about 60 words: (3)

- (i) Write about Anil's lifestyle and his earnings. [The Thief's Story]
- (ii) How did Griffin find himself naked in the chill January air for the second time ? [Footprints without feet]

20. Choose the correct answer: [Q.(i) to Q. (v) questions carries 1 marks each.(5)]

- (i) Max threatened Ausable with a:
(1) Knife (2) Revolver (3) Bomb (4) Rope
- (ii) In A Question of Trust, Horace Danby was a:
(1) Doctor (2) Thief (3) Lawyer (4) Banker
- (iii) What mistake did Horace Danby make?
(1) He forgot the keys (2) He trusted the lady
(3) He stole wrong jewels (4) He called the police
- (iv) In Footprints Without Feet, Griffin was:
(1) A magician (2) A scientist (3) A thief (4) A detective
- (v) Griffin became invisible by:
(1) Magic (2) A chemical experiment
(3) A curse (4) A machine

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