

SAMPLE PAPER

Subject - English

Class - X

Time : 3.15 Hrs

Maximum Marks: 80

(Section-A) (Reading)**Q.1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (1x8=8)**

Honesty is one of the most important moral values in human life. It means being truthful in words, actions, and thoughts. An honest person always speaks the truth and does not try to deceive others for personal gain. Honesty builds trust, and trust is the foundation of all healthy relationships, whether in family, society, or the workplace.

In daily life, people often face situations where dishonesty seems easier or more profitable. Some may lie to escape punishment, gain money, or achieve success quickly. However, such success is temporary and often leads to guilt, fear, and loss of self-respect. On the other hand, honesty may appear difficult at first, but it gives long-term peace of mind and inner satisfaction.

Honesty plays a vital role in shaping a person's character. A child who learns honesty at an early age grows into a responsible and respected adult. Teachers and parents play an important role in teaching children the value of honesty through their own behavior. When elders act honestly, children naturally follow their example.

In society, honesty helps maintain order and harmony. Honest citizens obey laws, respect others' rights, and contribute positively to the nation's progress. Corruption, fraud, and injustice arise mainly due to the lack of honesty. A society where honesty is practiced becomes strong, fair, and trustworthy.

Though honesty does not always bring immediate rewards, it always brings dignity and respect. History shows that great leaders were admired not only for their achievements but also for their honesty. Thus, honesty is not just a virtue but a way of life that leads to true success and happiness.

- (i) What does honesty mean?
- (ii) Why do some people choose dishonesty in life?
- (iii) What does honesty give in the long run?
- (iv) Who plays an important role in teaching honesty to children?
- (v) Write the similar word from the passage for: '**Truthful**'
- (vi) Write the opposite word from the passage for: '**Temporary**'

Q.2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (1x8=8)

Swami Vivekananda was one of the greatest spiritual leaders of India. He was born as Narendranath Datta in 1863 at Kolkata. From his childhood, he was curious, intelligent, and deeply interested in spirituality. He questioned everything and never accepted ideas blindly. His bold nature and sharp intellect made him different from other children of his age.

Swami Vivekananda believed that the true aim of life was to serve humanity. According to him, service to mankind was service to God. He strongly opposed social evils like poverty, superstition, caste discrimination, and blind faith. He believed that the strength of a nation lay in its youth and constantly inspired young people to be fearless, confident, and self-reliant.

He gained world recognition after his historic speech at the Parliament of the World's Religions held in Chicago in 1893. His opening words, "Sisters and Brothers of America," received a standing ovation and instantly made him famous across the world. Through his speech, he explained the philosophy of Vedanta and the spirit of universal brotherhood. He emphasized tolerance, harmony, and respect for all religions.

Swami Vivekananda stressed the importance of education. However, he believed that education should not only provide information but also build character and confidence. According to him, education should help in the development of moral values and inner strength. He wanted an education system that would empower people and make them capable of facing life's challenges.

Swami Vivekananda lived a simple life and practiced what he preached. Though his life was short, his teachings continue to inspire millions. His message of strength, faith, and service remains relevant even today. He taught people to believe in themselves and reminded them that each soul is potentially divine. His life was a shining example of courage, wisdom, and dedication to humanity.

(i) Swami Vivekananda was born in

- (a) Delhi (b) Kolkata (c) Mumbai (d) Chennai

(ii) What was the original name of Swami Vivekananda?

- (a) Rammohan Datta (b) Narendranath Datta
(c) Mahendranath Datta (d) Devendranath Datta

(iii) Swami Vivekananda believed that service to mankind was

- (a) a social duty (b) a political duty
(c) service to God (d) a personal choice

(iv) Which event brought him international fame?

- (a) Indian National Congress
(b) Freedom Movement
(c) Parliament of the World's Religions
(d) United Nations Conference

(v) What was the main focus of his message?

- (a) Wealth and power
(b) Tolerance and universal brotherhood
(c) War and victory
(d) Political reforms

(vi) According to Swami Vivekananda, education should mainly develop

- (a) Money-making skills (b) Physical strength
(c) Character and confidence (d) Technical knowledge only

(vii) Write the similar word from the passage for: 'Famous'

(viii) Write the opposite word from the passage for: 'Fearful'

(Section-B) (Writing)

- Q.3** Imagine that you are Viren/Varsha, living at Arjun Nagar, Bharatpur. Write a letter to your friend Mayor/Maya living at Jagatpura, Jaipur. Inviting him/her on your elder sister's marriage on 02/01/2026. (5)

OR

Write an E-mail to your school principal for to organize annual sports meet in your school. E-mail id – principal05@gmail.com

- Q.4** Write a story with the help of given outlines in about 100 words. Also give title and moral to it. (4)

Old Farmer _____ four sons _____ lazy _____ quarreling _____ farmer _____ understand _____ no effect _____ his sons _____ to give a bundle of sticks _____ advised _____ broke _____ lesson _____ left quarrelling.

OR

A shepherd _____ grazes sheep _____ thinks of _____ mischief _____ cries "wolf!" _____ villagers run to help _____ no wolf _____ angry _____ a wolf really comes _____ help _____ do not believe _____ many sheep.

- Q.5** Write a paragraph of about 100 words using the visual aid given below. (4)



OR

Write a paragraph in about 100 words on "Internet its uses and abuses".

[Internet has its uses and abuses, job inquiries, online exams, paying bills, exam results, rail/bus/air reservation, abuses too, obscenity, net-chat, online fraud]

(Section-C) (Grammar)

- Q.6** Choose the correct form of verb:- (4)

(i) She _____ (go) school daily.

(a) go (b) goes (c) going (d) is going

(ii) They _____ (take) tea when the postman rang the bell.

(a) Are taking (b) Was taking (c) Were taking (d) Took

(iii) The students _____ (leave) the class before the teacher arrived.

(iv) I _____ (write) this book for last four years.

- Q.7** Fill in the blanks with a verb in agreement. With its subject. (2)

(i) Neither of the girls _____ (has/have) brought box.

(ii) Niether Meena nor her brothers _____ (was/were) playing.

Q.8 Complete the following pairs of sentences using the words given in brackets:- (2)

(i) Rakesh participated in the race. He had a leg injury. (though)

(ii) It was a boring movie. We left before it ended. (Such-that)

Q.9 Change the following into passive voice. (1)

The boys were making a noise in the class.

Q.10 Rewrite the following changing it into indirect speech:- (1)

He said, "what a beautiful picture this is!"

(Section-D) (Literature)

Q.11 Read the passage carefully and answer the question that follow:- (6)

Marriage gifts are meaningless without the sweet bread brown as the bol Just a party or a feast loses its charm without breed. Not enough can be said to show how important a baker can be for a village. The lady of the house must prepare sandwiches on the occasion of her daughter's engagement. Cakes and bolinhas are a must for Christmas as well as other festivals. Thus, the presence of the baker's furnace in the village is absolutely essential.

The baker or bread-seller of those days had a peculiar dress known as the kabai. It was a single-piece long frock reaching down to the knees. In our childhood we saw bakers wearing a shirt and trousers which were shorter than full-length ones and longer than half pants.

(i) With what name is the sweet bread known?

(a) Paden (b) Bol (c) Cake (d) Sandwich

(ii) What is absolutely essential in a village?

(a) A pond (b) Baker's furnace
(c) Butcher's shop (d) A sweets shop

(iii) The peculiar dress of baker was known as:-

(a) Kawai (b) Kabai (c) Kanai (d) Kalai

(iv) What is considered meaningless without the bol?

(a) Birthday (b) Marriage gifts (c) Picnics (d) School functions

(v) What does the lady of the house do on her daughter's engagement?

(vi) What is must on Christmas and festivals?

OR

Otters belong to a comparatively small group of animals called mustelines, shared by the badger, mongoose, weasel, stoat, mink and others. I narrator faced a continuous barrage of conjectural questions that spayed all the mustelines but the otter. More random guesses hit on 'a baby seal' and 'a squirrel'. Is that a walrus, mister? Reduced me to giggles, and outside a dog show I heard 'a hippo' a beaver, a bear cub, a leopard-one, apparently, that had changed its spots-and a 'brontosaur'. Mij was anything but an otter. But the question for which I awarded the highest score came from a laborer digging a hole in the street. I was still far from him when he laid down his tool, put his hands on his hips, and began to stare. As I draw nearer I saw his expression of surprise and affront, as though he would have me know that he was not one upon whom to play jokes.

(a) Reptiles (b) Mustelines (c) Cannibals (d) Langurs

(a) Problems
(b) Conjectural questions
(c) Risks
(d) None of the above

(a) A mason (b) A labourer (c) A contractor (d) An architect

(a) Walrus (b) Beaver (c) Leopard (d) Baby seal

(vi) What did the narrator see when he went near the labourer?

(i) Why was Mr. Kessing annoyed with Anne? What did he ask her to do?

(ii) Why couldn't the young seagull rise above the green sea?

(iii) Lencho was an ox of a man. How?

(iv) What are “twin obligations” according to Mandela?

(i) How can you say that the presence of baker's furnace in the village is absolutely necessary?

(ii) What made the women in the control centre look at the narrator strangely?

(i) How does the play ‘The proposal’ conclude?

(ii) Discuss about the aptness of the title ‘The Proposal’.

My head is full of whispers

Which tomorrow will be silent.

Listen. The glass is breaking.

The tree are stumbling forward.

Into the night. Winds rush to meet them.

The moon is broken like a mirror,

its pieces flash now in the crown of the tallest oak.

(i) What happens to the moon in the extract?

(a) It disappears

(c) Broken into pieces (d) all of these

(ii) What are the noises that poet listens at night?

(iii) Why is all this noise being made?

Or if some time when roaming round

A noble wild beast greets you,

With black stripes on a yellow ground,

Just notice if he eats you.

The simple rule may help you learn

This Bengal Tiger to discern.

(i) What is the tone of the stanza?

(a) Serious and scary

(b) Humorous and playful

(c) Sad and emotional

(d) Mysterious and suspenseful

(ii) When can one know that one is in front of a Bengal Tiger?

(iii) What does the poet describe about the appearance of a Bengal Tiger?

Q.16 Answer any two questions:- (20-30 words)

(2×2=4)

(i) What is the behaviour of a cat and how it is similar to fog?

(ii) How was the behavior of Belinda's brave friends in adversity?

(iii) What happens to the house when the trees move out of it?

Q.17 Answer any one questions:- (60 words)

(3×1=3)

(i) How does Amanda respond to her mother's constant instructions?

(ii) What is the central theme of the poem, "A Tiger in Zoo"?

Q.18 Answer any two questions:- (20-30 words)

(2×2=4)

(i) What does the thief say about the different reactions of people when they are robbed?

(ii) What was the aim of max's visit to Ausable's room.

(iii) What was Tricki's only fault that made him sick?

Q.19 Answer any one questions:- (60 words)

(3×1=3)

(i) The course of the Loisel's life changed due to the necklace. Comment.

(ii) What is DNA fingerprint and what are its uses?

Q.20 Tick the correct answer:-

(1×4=4)

(i) What was the worry of the housekeeper?

(a) Horace was unmarried

(b) Horace was married

(c) Health of Horace

(d) How to save from winter

(ii) Drury lane was famous for:-

(a) Doctors

(b) Business centres

(c) Book-stores

(d) Theaters

(iii) Who served food to dogs?

(a) Herriot

(b) Tristan

(c) Joe

(d) Henny

(iv) How much money did Anil give to Hari Singh?

(a) A fifty rupee note

(b) A hundred rupee note

(c) A two hundred rupee note

(d) One rupee