

**ENGLISH****BOARD PRACTICE TEST****CLASS - X****TIME : 3 HRS.****MAX. MARKS : 80**

▶▶ THIS QUESTION PAPER IS DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS:

SECTION A :	READING SKILLS	20 MARKS
SECTION B :	GRAMMAR	10 MARKS
SECTION B :	CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS	10 MARKS
SECTION C :	LITERATURE	40 MARKS

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS :

- ▶▶ ALL QUESTIONS ARE COMPULSORY. YOU MAY ATTEMPT ANY SECTION AT A TIME.
- ▶▶ ALL QUESTIONS OF THAT PARTICULAR SECTION MUST BE ATTEMPTED IN THE CORRECT ORDER.
- ▶▶ ATTEMPT QUESTIONS BASED ON SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR EACH PART.

SECTION-A : READING SKILLS (20 MARKS)**1. Read the passage given below carefully.**

1. In the summer of 1967, when I was ten years old, my father caved into my persistent pleas and took me to get my own dog. Together we drove in the family station wagon far into the Michigan countryside to a farm run by a rough-hewn woman and her ancient mother. The farm produced just one commodity dogs. Dogs of every imaginable size and shape and age and temperament. They had only two things in common: each was a mongrel of unknown and distinct ancestry, and each was free to a good home.
2. I quickly decided the older dogs were somebody else's charity case. I immediately raced to the puppy cage. "You want to pick one that's not timid," my father coached. "Try rattling the cage and see which ones aren't afraid."
3. I grabbed the chain-link gate and yanked on it with a loud clang. The dozen or so puppies reeled backward, collapsing on top of one another in a squiggling heap of fur. Just one remained. He was gold with a white blaze on his chest, and he charged at the gate, yapping fearlessly. He jumped up and excitedly licked my fingers through the fencing. It was love at first sight.
4. I brought him home in a cardboard box and named him Shaun. He was one of those dogs that give dogs a good name. He effortlessly mastered every command I taught him and was naturally well-behaved. I could drop a crust on the floor and he would not touch it until I gave the okay.
5. Relatives would visit for the weekend and returned home determined to buy a dog of their own, so impressed were they with Shaun or "Saint Shaun," as I came to call him. Born with the curse of an uncertain lineage, he was one of the tens of thousands of unwanted dogs in America. Yet by some stroke of almost providential good fortune, he became wanted. He came into my life and I into his- and in the process, he gave me the childhood every kid deserves.
6. The love affair lasted fourteen years, and by the time he died I was no longer the little boy who had brought him along on that summer day. I was a man, out of college and working across the state in my first real job. Saint Shaun had stayed behind when I moved on. It was where he belonged. My parents, by then retired, called to break the news to me. My mother would later tell me, "In fifty years of marriage, I've only seen your father cry twice. The first time was when we lost Mary Ann"-my sister, who was stillborn. "The second time was the day Shaun died."
7. Saint Shaun was the companion of my childhood. He was a perfect dog. At least that's how I will always remember him. It was Shaun who set the standard by which I would judge all other dogs to come.

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the questions that follow :

- (a) Why does the writer say that he ‘grabbed the chain-link and yanked on it with a loud clang’? (1)
- (1) Because all the other dogs didn’t attract him.
 - (2) Because that was the standard procedure to select a dog.
 - (3) Because he wanted to pick the dog who was afraid of him.
 - (4) Because he wanted to see which of the dogs in that cage were timid.
- (b) “It was Shaun who set the standard by which I would judge all other dogs to come.” Why does writer say so? Rationalise your response in about 40 words by finding reasons. (2)
- (c) Complete the given sentence appropriately. (1)
- It can be said that the author’s father loved the dog because _____.
- (d) The passage includes some words that occur as opposite companions with each other. From the sets (1) - (4) below, identify two sets of word-companions. (1)
- (1) unknown and distinct ancestry
 - (2) dozen and so
 - (3) size and shape
 - (4) stayed behind and moved on
- (e) Which of the following sentences is NOT correct based on the given passage? (1)
- (1) The author brought the dog home in a cardboard box and named him Shaun.
 - (2) It was Shaun who set the standard by which the author would judge all other dogs to come.
 - (3) Shaun was naturally well-behaved animal.
 - (4) Author’s mother had seen his father crying thrice in her life.
- (f) Based on the reading of the passage, examine, in about 40 words, how the passage is as much a tribute to the author’s dog as is to his father too. (2)
- (g) Select the option that corresponds to the underlined phrasal verb in the statement. (1)
- “In the summer of 1967, when I was 10 years old, my father caved into my persistent pleas and took me to get my own dog.” (Paragraph 1)
- (1) He made his father succumb to his demand.
 - (2) He made persistent demands on his father for a pet.
 - (3) He consistently requested his father.
 - (4) His father withstood his pleas.
- (h) Why was Saint Shaun stayed behind? (1)

2. Read the passage given below carefully.

1. Data released by India’s food quality regulator, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) earlier, shows that nearly 25% of samples of edible goods it tested this year were found to be adulterated or in violation of prescribed standards.
2. The samples included milk and dairy products, spices, cereals as well as branded food products. A total of 85,729 samples were sent, so far. FSSAI carried out the testing following a spike in complaints from consumers over quality and adulteration, said an agency official.
3. According to the data, 20,390 samples of the 85,729 sent to the agency were found to be non-conforming to prescribed standards. While agency officials maintain that Food Safety Officers in each state regularly test samples to check for compliance and also take recourse in cases of violations according to the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, experts claim that poor enforcement on the ground and a lack of awareness plague the process.
4. Consumer activist Bijon Mishra said the lengthy legal procedure involved in penalizing violators provides an opportunity to the accused to keep doing business. “Law enforcement is very poor. It takes years to finalise a case and by that time, sellers keep on making profits. Moreover, people are also not aware. Hardly anybody complains about adulteration,” he added.

5. Umesh Sharma, an advocate, said enforcement of rules is very poor on the ground. "The issue is directly related to public health and the government should take serious initiatives to implement food safety rules," he said. Data from the agency shows an abysmal conviction rate.
6. In 2017, the Law Commission issued a set of recommendations regarding the issue. The panel had recommended that IPC Sections 272 (dealing with adulteration of food and drinks) and 273 (dealing with the sale of noxious food and drinks) be amended to make adulteration a serious crime. It was also recommended that depending on the gravity of the offence, punishment can include life imprisonment and the minimum sentence should be six months in jail term.
7. The panel, headed by former Supreme Court judge BS Chauhan, also wanted amendments to Section 357 of the Criminal Procedure Code so that courts can order compensation for victims.

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the questions that follow :

- (a) Which samples were tasted by FSSAI and why? Also, what did the data suggest? **(2)**
- (b) What did the data revealed by FSSAI show? **(1)**
- (c) Explain why penalising adulteration in India is challenging in about 40 words. **(2)**
- (d) Fill in the blank to complete the following sentence. **(1)**
 _____ allows the penalised to continue their business.
- (e) Substitute the word 'punishing' with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following sentence from Paragraph 4. **(1)**
 The lengthy procedure involved in punishing violators provides an opportunity to the accused to keep doing business.
- (f) Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the option that lists the punishments set for offenders. **(1)**
 (1) Life imprisonment
 (2) Public shaming
 (3) Sentence of 6 months
 (4) Both (1) and (3)
- (g) What did the panel (headed by BS Chauhan) want? **(1)**
- (h) Complete the following sentence. **(1)**
 IPC 272 and 273 amendments were added to _____.

SECTION-B : GRAMMAR
(10 MARKS)

3. Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions: (10 marks)

- (i) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket.
 Caesar thought that the presence of his fleet in the harbour would tempt his soldiers to _____ (give up) the fight easily and withdraw to the safety of the ships.
- (ii) Read the given sentence. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.
 Elizabeth Fry and Mother Teresa worked all their lives to change the pitiable conditions of prisoners, beggars, and all who was less fortunate than them.
 Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

(iii) Bhavik and Deepa had a conversation about Divya's birthday party. Report Deepa's question.

"Can you tell me Bhavik why you declined the invitation to Divya's party?"

(iv) Read the dialogue between Vidhi and Garima about their school.

Vidhi: When did you go to school last time?

Garima: What you want to know is even unknown to me.

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue.

Vidhi asked Garima when she had gone to school last time to which Garima replied _____.

(1) that what she wanted to know was even unknown to her

(2) what she had wanted to know was even unknown to her

(3) what she wants to know is even unknown to me

(4) what she wanted to know was even unknown to them

(v) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the given sentence.

If someone _____ (glue) to a screen for many hours, this can be seen as an important symptom of losing concentration.

(vi) Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence.

A peal of laughter is an excellent exercise for the facial and neck muscle.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

(vii) Identify the error and supply the correction for the given sentence.

Great man like Caesar and Napoleon cultivated the power to decide instantly which course of action to pursue.

Use the format given below.

Error	Correction

(viii) Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option.

Our liver and intestines need to perform many important functions besides _____ food.

(1) digested

(2) digesting

(3) digestion

(4) digestive

(ix) Change the following sentence into indirect speech.

The saint asked a man, "Can I get some water from your pitcher when you are done?"

(x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the given quote by Helen Keller.

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even heard but _____ with the heart.

(1) had been felt

(2) must be felt

(3) are feeling

(4) could be felt

(xi) Complete the line from a self-awareness song, by filling the blank with the correct option.

I've known rivers:

I've known rivers ancient as the world and older than the

flow of human blood in human veins.

My soul _____ deep like the rivers.

(1) had grown

(2) has grown

(3) can be grown

(4) grew

(xii) Identify the error and supply correction for the following sentence.

In the hustle and bustle of the material world, we forget who we are, what the goal of life are, and how to achieve it.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

SECTION-B : CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (10 MARKS)

4 Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. (5 Marks)

A. You are Anita of Adarsh Public School, Nagal, Punjab who had arranged a trip for fifty students of Nanital in summer vacations for ten days with 'Mount Travel and Tourism'. The arrangements done by the travel agency were far below standard. The accommodation and food facilities were inferior in quality. Write a letter of complaint to the director of the agency to stop duping tourists with false promises as it tarnishes the image of locals. (100-120 words)

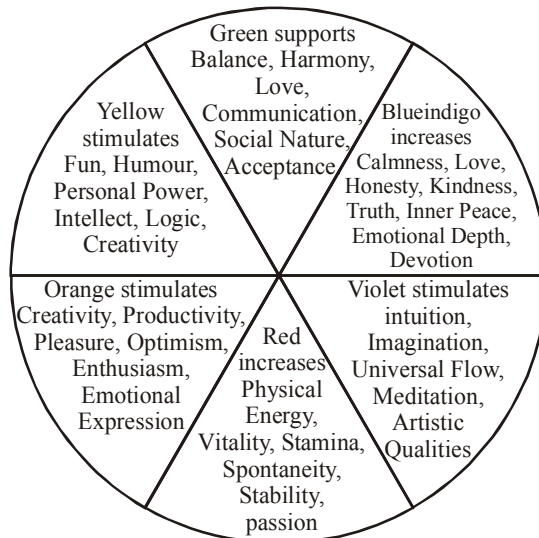
OR

B. Drinking water is becoming a rare commodity. Industrial development is filling our rivers, seas and oceans with toxic pollutants which are a major threat to human health. You are deeply saddened to see water pollution as an appalling problem, which is powerful enough to lead the world on a path of destruction.

Write a letter to the Editor of the Express News to make the public aware about the causes of water pollution and also suggest the measures to prevent water pollution. You are Parul Aggarwal, C-316, Jaswant Lane, New Delhi.

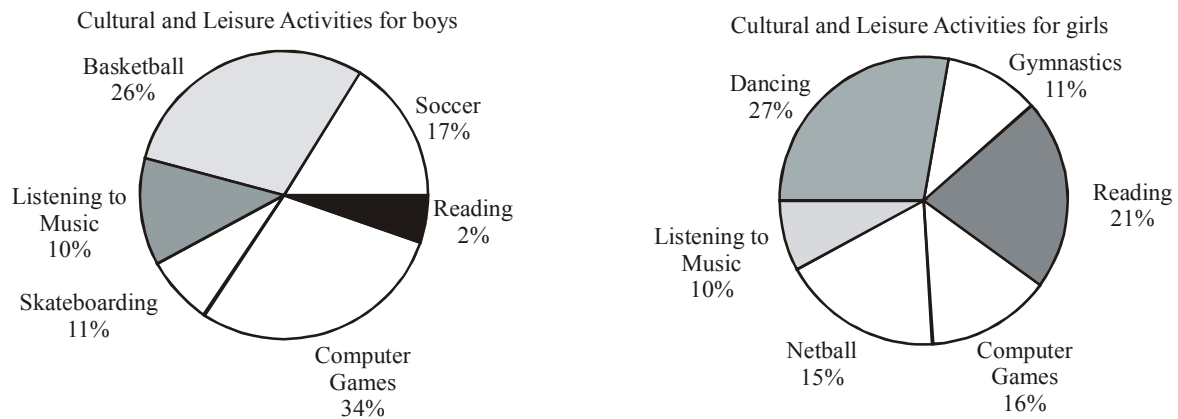
5 Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. (5 Marks)

A. Colours play a very important role in our lives. They have a healing power also. Read the pie chart given below and write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words on colour therapy.



OR

- B.** Given below is an info graphic related to the cultural and leisure activities that boys and girls engage in. Look at the pie charts and extract information to write an analytical paragraph in about 100-120 words. Interpret, analyse and explain the information.



SECTION-C : LITERATURE (40 MARKS)

- 6. Attempt ANY ONE of the two extracts given. (5 Marks)**
- A.** Our entire class is quaking in its boots. The reason, of course, is the forthcoming meeting in which the teachers decide who'll move up to the next form and who'll be kept back. Half the class is making bets. G.N. and I laugh ourselves silly at the two boys behind us, C.N. and Jacques, who have staked their entire holiday savings on their bet. From morning to night, it's "You're going to pass", "No, I'm not", "Yes, you are", "No, I'm not". Even G's pleading glances and my angry outbursts can't calm them down. If you ask me, there are so many dummies that about a quarter of the class should be kept back, but teachers are the most unpredictable creatures on earth. (From the Diary of Anne Frank)
- (a) What does the following imply? (1)
C. N and Jacques staking their entire holiday savings on their bet.
- (b) Anne says that there were so many dummies in the class that about a quarter of them shouldn't be promoted. Is she being rude or brutally honest? Evaluate in about 40 words. (2)
- (c) State TRUE or FALSE. (1)
Though the teachers were to decide whom to promote to the next form, a quarter of the class was dummies who should be kept back.
- (d) Which emotion is portrayed in the expression 'quaking in their boots'? (1)
(1) Joyful (2) Relaxed (3) Anxious (4) Careless

OR

- B.** "It was only when I began to learn that my boyhood freedom was an illusion, when I discovered as a young man that my freedom had already been taken from me, that I began to hunger for it. At first as a student I wanted freedom only for myself, the transitory freedoms of being able to stay out at night, read what I pleased and go where I chose. Later; as a young man in Johannesburg, I yearned for the basic and honourable freedoms of achieving my potential, of earning my keep, of marrying and having a family, the freedom not to be obstructed in a lawful life." (Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom)

(a) The speaker's attitude towards his freedom when he was in his boyhood can be summed up as _____. (1)

- (1) being self-centered (2) being naive
 (3) being foolish (4) being indifferent to others

(b) How does Nelson Mandela understand the concept of "transitory freedoms"? Answer in about 40 words. (2)

(c) In the statement, 'I discovered as a young man that my freedom had already been taken from me, that I began to hunger for it,' what was Mandela hungering after? (1)

- (1) The desire to lead a normal respectful life as a citizen
 (2) The desire to fulfil all his professional dreams
 (3) The breaking of the chains that bound his fellow citizens
 (4) The greed of having job and money

(d) If 'Point of View' is the narration of a story that can be told from a first, second or third-person's point of view, the given extract is told in _____. (1)

7. Attempt ANY ONE of the two extracts given. (5 marks)

A. The fog comes
 on little cat feet.

It sits looking
 over harbour and city
 on silent haunches
 and then moves on. (Fog)

(a) The fog arrives and departs _____. (1)

- (1) by announcing its arrival (2) silently
 (3) as sneakily as a cat moves (4) Both (2) and (3)

(b) Which image does the poet give to the fog? What are the similarities between that image and fog? Answer in about 40 words. (2)

(c) Identify the figure of speech which is prominent in the poem 'Fog' _____. (1)

- (1) Simile (2) Metaphor
 (3) Poetic Licence (4) Hyperbole

(d) What is fog doing over the city? (1)

OR

B. Belinda embraced him, Mustard licked him,
 No one mourned for his pirate victim.

Ink and Blink in glee did gyrate

Around the dragon that ate the pirate. (The Tale of Custard the Dragon)

(a) Choose the correct option to fill in the blanks. (1)

The figure of speech other than alliteration in 'Ink and Blink in glee did gyrate' is _____ because of _____.

- (1) hyperbole, emphasis (2) simile, comparison
 (3) metaphor, comparison (4) assonance, 'i' sound

- (b) What is the reason for this sudden show of affection? Which words indicate this change in behaviour and mood in the extract? (1)
- (c) Which of the following best describes the way the dragon drove fear into the heart of the pirate? (2)
- (1) He whistled like an engine. (2) He snorted like an engine.
(3) He cluttered, clinked and jangled. (4) He clashed and crushed the pirate.
- (d) What role does the rhyme scheme play in the given stanza? (1)
- 8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each. (4 × 3 = 12 Marks)**
- (a) How far would you agree that one's positivity can bring in a spark of brightness even in adverse circumstances? (A Letter to God)
- (b) How would a life on a tower be different from a life anywhere else for Amanda? (Amanda!)
- (c) How is divine love different from human love? (For Anne Gregory)
- (d) How did Anne Frank's friends behave just before the declaration of the exam results? (From the Diary of Anne Frank)
- (e) Why did Maxwell call the airhostess "the very queen of her kind"? (Mijbil the Otter)
- 9. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each. (2 × 3 = 6 Marks)**
- (a) 'If the theory proves correct, it will be a big step towards understanding the processes of life.' What is the theory and who proposed it? (The Making of a Scientist)
- (b) "The two boys stared in surprise at the fresh muddy imprints of a pair of bare feet." What did the bewildered boys observe while looking at these footprints? (Footprints Without Feet)
- (c) What are the subtle ways in which the lady manages to deceive Horace Danby into thinking she is the lady of the house? (A Question of Trust)
- 10. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. (1 × 6 = 6 Marks)**
- (a) Nelson Mandela and Carl Sandburg both described the arrival of things that were inevitable to stop democracy and fog, respectively. Assume that they both discuss their viewpoints. Write this conversation as per your understanding of Nelson Mandela and Fog. You may begin like this:
- Mandela:** I could feel the change in weather of South Africa's political environment when our voice became united against apartheid.
- Sandburg:** And I could sense the literal change in weather with the arrival of fog. Some things have way of announcing their coming.
- OR**
- (b) One should understand that human beings are mortal and no one can escape death. Revelations made by Lord Buddha teach us so. Share two key opinions from what you learnt from the lesson 'The Sermon at Benares'. (The Sermon at Benares)
- 11. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. (1 × 6 = 6 Marks)**
- (a) Our sins never go unpunished. Horace Danby ultimately had to go to prison. This shows that in spite of planning a crime intelligently and carefully, a criminal can't escape the law. Explain. (A Question of Trust)
- OR**
- (b) Noodle avoids offending Think-Tank but at the same time corrects his mistakes. What does this say about the character of Noodle? (The Book That Saved the Earth)