



DAV BORL PUBLIC SCHOOL, BINA
Practice paper for Summative Assessment-II (2015-16)

Class-X
English Communicative

TIME: 3 Hrs

Maximum Marks: 70

Instructions:

The question paper is divided into three sections.

Section A: Reading 20 marks

Section B: Writing & Grammar 25 marks

Section D: Literature 25 marks

SECTION A (Reading – 15 Marks)

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follows :

If there is a perfect mountain valley in the world, it is certainly the magnificent Valley of Kashmir. It is surrounded by snow capped lofty mountains which make it a land of springs and beautiful lakes. It is 87 miles long and 20-25 miles wide and 5315 feet (1620 kms) above sea level. It is well watered and fertile. River Jhelum is its lifeline and most of the population of Kashmir lives on its banks.

For the last hundreds years the beauty of Kashmir has held visitors spell bound. Mughal emperors were so much enamoured of its beauty that they built magnificent gardens around many springs or on the slopes of mountains touching the edge of Dal Lake. Emperor Jahangir is reported to have said "If there's paradise on earth, it is here". The Kashmir valley has a feminine charm of its own; the beauty of mountains, lakes and the hill slopes makes the valley an ideal place for gardening. Whenever a hill came sloping down gently touching a water reservoir like a lake, a garden was laid out. The general features of mughal gardens are that they are laid out on terraces on the slope of a hill and there is a water channel in the middle of the garden, the water of which flows down from one terrace to another making brilliant cascades. These gardens are full of brilliant flowers of variegated colours and the spray of water falling from the fountains in the water channel protects the visitors from the heat of the day. Srinagar, the chief city of the valley and the summer capital of the state of Jammu and Kashmir , lies on the banks of river Jhelum ; the river is spanned by nine bridges, which add to the picturesqueness of the city.

Generally speaking, houses are situated either on the Jhelum or on the canals with which the city is intersected; but many of the modern buildings do not have the water front. The chief attraction of the city is the Dal Lake. Clear reflection of the mountain and the sky in its calm waters is very charming. The lake is connected with river Jhelum by a canal which also with its magnificent trees and water birds presents a delightful view. Cruising in the lake in a shikara (a decorated small boat with a canopy and cushions) is very enjoyable; it also gives a peep into the life of the people depending on the lake. To spend a few days in a houseboat gliding smoothly on the surface of the lake is also recommended.

- 1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, complete the following statements: (4)
- (a) Jhelum is called the lifeline of Kashmir valley because_____
 - (b) Two general features of Mughal gardens are:
 - (i) ----- (ii) -----
 - (c) Who is reported to have said that Kashmir is a paradise on earth?
 - (d) Why was the Dal Lake chosen by the Mughals for gardening?
- 1.2 Answer the following questions. (2)
- (a) What is the chief attraction of Srinagar?
 - (b) What is a 'Shikara'?
- 1.3 Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following. (2)
- (a) grand (b) waterfalls
2. Read the following passage carefully:

By the time our delayed train reached and I disembarked with my father and baby Lavanya, it was well past midnight. It was cold, dark and foggy. My husband, Manas, who was to receive us, was nowhere in sight. Soon the platform became deserted.

Then, a burly man approached us and offered to carry our bags. He wasn't wearing the usual porter's red shirt and tag, and though I was wary, my father decided to hire him. Leaving Lavanya and me with the man, my father went to look for Manas. I took a closer look at the man and felt apprehensive. He was big hairy, his face was pock marked and his eyes looked bloodshot. Just then Lavanya, who had been sleeping in my arms, awoke and turned to look at the porter. He gave a playful smile and held out his arms. I thought she'd start crying and held her closer. But she smiled back and twisted herself out of my arms into his.

Now I was really scared. What if he ran away with my baby? He must have sensed my fear and, even before I reached out to take Lavanya back, he handed her to me. Turning around, he mumbled that though everyone was scared of him, my innocent baby had accepted him. His eyes had tears in them. I didn't know what to say.

At that moment, my father returned with Manas. The man picked up our bags and walked towards the cars park. As we followed him, I asked Manas to pay him a little extra. But, having put our luggage in the car, the man refused to take payment from

us. Coming up to me, he placed his hand on my baby's head for a moment as if to say, "God bless you!" and walked away.

2.1 Choose the correct option to answer each question: (1x5=5)

(i) The author was apprehensive when a man approached her as:

- (a) he was scary looking
- (b) her father was not with her
- (c) he was drunk and had bloodshot eyes
- (d) her husband was nowhere in sight

(ii) The man refused payment because:

- (a) the money offered was less
- (b) he was not a porter
- (c) he sensed the woman's fears and wanted to help her
- (d) the baby had come to him

(iii) The man handed the baby back to the lady as:

- (a) he feared the baby would start crying
- (b) she reached out for the baby
- (c) he realized that she was scared
- (d) his eyes had suddenly filled up with tears

(iv) This incident made the author realize that one should:

- (a) not be scared of strangers
- (b) only take the services of a regular porter
- (c) not allow strangers to handle their children
- (d) not judge people by their appearance

(v) "Apprehensive" means:

- (a) appreciative
- (b) fearful
- (c) happy
- (d) sad

2.2 Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following: (1x2=2)

- (a) get off
- (b) speak unclearly

SECTION - B (Writing – (15Marks))

3. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the Editor of a National Daily expressing your views on the topic of increase in pollution and the need to curb it at the earliest.

(4)

4. We all know that animals complete our environmental cycle and help in maintaining the ecological balance. Taking tips from the clues given below write an article in

about 120 words on : 'Animals don't need humans, humans need animals'. (maintain the food chain, check the ecological balance, animals get everything from nature, can save themselves from natural calamity, animals are slaughtered) (4)

5. Write a short story beginning with the words given below in 150-200 words. (7)

As I walked through the thick pine forest in Shimla, I sensed someone following me and.....

SECTION - C (Grammar – 10 Marks)

8. Choose the most appropriate options from the ones given below to complete the following passage. Write the answer in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole passage. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$)

There is no doubt that fish as food is very good for us. Not only (a) _____ it contain proteins, important vitamins and minerals (b) _____ it is also low in fat and calories. In white fish (c) _____ fat content can be as low as 1% or 2% and (d) _____ average serving provides atleast one third of the daily recommended amount (e) _____ niacin which is vital for healthy skin. It is fish that contains omega-3 fatty acids (f) _____ are thought to lower the risk of heart disease.

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| (a) | (i) does | (ii) did | (iii) do | (iv) done |
| (b) | (i) and | (ii) or | (iii) but | (iv) as |
| (c) | (i) a | (ii) an | (iii) the | (iv) there |
| (d) | (i) an | (ii) their | (iii) that | (iv) this |
| (e) | (i) in | (ii) on | (iii) of | (iv) at |
| (f) | (i) who | (ii) what | (iii) this | (iv) which |

9. Complete the dialogue given below by choosing the correct options. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. (1x3=3)

Interviewer: When did you pass your M.Sc.?

Ritu: I passed my M.Sc. in the year 2009.

Interviewer: (a) _____?

Ritu: Maths, Physics and Chemistry.

Interviewer: (b) _____?

Ritu: Both my parents are doctors.

Interviewer: Are you (c) _____?

Ritu: I am not so willing to go for training but if required I shall go.

- (a) (i) What would be your subjects at B.Sc.
(ii) What were your subjects in B.Sc.
(iii) What had been your subjects in B.Sc.
(iv) What are your subjects at B.Sc.
- (b) (i) What are your parents doing
(ii) What does your parents do
(iii) What do your parents do
(iv) What have been your parents doing
- (c) (i) willing to go for training
(ii) going for training
(iii) willing for going to training
(iv) willing to going for training
10. Arrange the following words/phrases into meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. (1x1=1)
Example : tend to/ worry about/ most of us/ we take/ the risks/ in life
Answer : Most of us tend to worry about the risks we take in life.
(a) changes/ the world/ are/ technological/ sweeping
12. Read the following conversation carefully and complete the paragraph that follows: (1x3=3)
- Mala : Are you leaving now?
Geeta : Yes, I'm planning to shop at the Instore.
Mala : Can you drop me at Panagal Park? Geeta
: Sorry, I'm already late.
Mala asked Geeta if (a) _____. Geeta replied (b) _____ at the Instore. Mala wanted to know (c) _____ at Panagal Park. Geeta apologized and refused as she was already late.

SECTION - D (Literature – 25 Marks)

13. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the correct options. (1x3=3)
- A. At length did cross an Albatross,
Through the fog it came;
As it had been a Christian soul,
We hailed it in God's name.

- (i) What did the sailors see afterwards?
(a) Dense fog
(b) God
(c) An old man
(d) Albatross, a large sea-bird
- (ii) The sailors thought that the huge bird _____ .
(a) would disturb them
(b) would kill them
(c) was a noble soul sent by God
(d) was a bad soul sent by ghosts
- (iii) The sailors _____ .
(a) killed the bird
(b) drove away the bird
(c) welcomed the bird
(d) got panicked to see the bird

OR

- B. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. (1x3=3)

Ten minutes or so later Naresh Dutt went looking for Patol Babu near the paan shop and found that he was not there. 'That's odd – the man hadn't been paid yet. What a strange fellow!'

- (i) Where had Patol Babu gone?
(ii) Why was Naresh Dutt looking for Patol Babu?
(iii) What does the incident tell us about Patol Babu?

14. Answer any **two** of the following questions in 30-40 words each: (2x4=8)
- (a) What does the expression 'Look upon my works, ye Mighty, and despair' reflect about Ozymandias?
(b) What had Sebastian been doing at the time of his accident? How did Michael realise this?
(c) Why is Decius Brutus successful in taking Caesar to the senate in spite of Calpurnia's efforts to prevent him from going?
(d) Why did John wish that he were dead?

15. Answer any one of the following questions in 80-100 (4)

words:

“Remember one thing, Patol; however small a part you're offered, never consider it beneath your dignity to accept it. As an artist your aim should be to make the most of your opportunity, and squeeze the last drop of meaning out of your lines. A play involves the work of many and it is the combined effort of many that makes a success of the play.”

Taking clues from the above lines, write an article in 120-150 words, stressing everyone to concentrate on the given job and devote all his energies and skills to accomplish the desired success in life.

OR

Mark Antony in 'Julius Caesar' says,
“Now let it work. Mischief, thou art afoot,
Take thou what course thou wilt!”

How was Antony successful in instigating the people of Rome against the conspirators?

SECTION - E (Long Reading Text – 10 Marks)

16. Helen Keller says she depended on books for pleasure, wisdom and knowledge- mention what she says about books and how they affected her. (120 -150 words) **(5)**
17. After reading the book we realize Helen's teacher Anne Sullivan was indeed a Miracle Worker in the life of Helen Keller. Comment with examples. (120 -150 words) **(5)**