

PRACTICE PAPER
2019-20
ENGLISH CORE (Set-1)
CLASS XII

Time: 3 Hours

Max.Marks:80

General Instruction:

- (i) The paper is divided into three Sections: A, B and C. All the sections are compulsory.
- (ii) Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.
- (iii) Read these instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.
- (iv) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION A (Reading)

20marks

Q1. Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow: 12 marks

1 Stinking and blackish polluted water of the Sutlej, which is contaminated with industrial waste and urban sewage, has reached flooded villages in Jalandhar district. With the polluted water seeping into the fields over large areas, there will be long-term environmental consequences and immediate health issues in the district soon.

2 Even as flood water level has considerably receded in most of the areas, but a strong unbearable stink emanates from the flood water in the areas where it is still a few high.

3 Notably, the highly polluted Buddha Nallah, which carries waste from Ludhiana including waste generated by industries, and Chitti Bein flow into the Sutlej. A memo prepared by Punjab Pollution Control Board in January last year had confirmed that water quality at 100 meters downstream of Buddha Nallah with Sutlej had deteriorated to class 'E'—classified as hazardous. Similarly, downstream of the confluence of the East Bein, Popularly called Chitti Bein, which brings along with it sewerage and industrial effluents from Nwashahar, Phagwara and Jalandhar, the water quality was found to be Class 'E'.

4 Even as huge quantity of rain water flowing into the river diluted the polluted water in the river, the condition of the villages like Nall, Mehrajwala and other neighboring areas reflects that polluted water is present in the flood water because of the unbearable stink and the black color.

5 The Chitti Bein flows close to these villages. "While the Sutlej diluted the pollutants, the villages which are very close to the Chitti Bein and have suffered breaches are worst affected in terms of pollution in the water inundated in their fields". Said environmentalist Baba Balbir Singh Seechewal, who has been moving around in his motorboat to ensure that supplies reach the marooned villages.

6 "The water is stinking as some dirty water from waste drains has mixed into the river water," NDRF personnel working near Nall village told TOI. The blackish, stinking water was between 3-6 feet high in some areas around the village while the road to the village had knee-deep water, but several people were walking out or in of the village from the rout.

7 "Stinking water is still around 4-5 feet high in our house", said Hazaara Singh of Mandi Chohalian village while standing on the roof of his house with other members of his family. Around 6 feet high blackish water still surrounded their and other houses in the area till late on Monday evening.

8 The chief agriculture officer, Jalandhar, Nzar Singh said though the pollutants have diluted due to heavy quantity of rain water, polluted residue would still be there which would now mix in the soil in the villages and fields. Responding to a query, he said that the possibility of the residue of the hazardous pollutants getting into the food chain via soil and underground water could not be ruled out.

The farmers of the area said polluted water could also spoil the underground water table as the flood water could also seep through submersible motors.

9 The state health department has established several OPDs in the flood affected areas. Many patients with skin problems are visiting these clinics. Out of total 641 patients seen in the OPDs in Lohian on Monday, 186 complaints were about skin diseases. After that, came 109 complaints of fever, 100 of acute respiratory infections, and 67 of eye infections. (Report published on 28 Aug 2019 TOI)

1.1 On the basis of your understanding of the above passage answer each of the questions given below by choosing the most appropriate option:

a. What has contaminated the Sutlej River?

- i) Industrial waste
- ii) Urban sewage
- iii) Stinking water
- iv) All the above

B. Which of the following is not causing the stink in the river even after the water has receded

- i) Budhanallah
- ii) Waste from Patiala industry
- iii) Chitti Bein
- iv) Kali Bein

C. Health problems not faced by the people in flood affected area

- i) Skin problem and eye infection
- ii) Fever and respiratory
- iii) Problems related to ears
- iv) None of the above

d. The Govt is reaching out the people to attend to their health problems by

- i) Opening several OPDs
- ii) Through Mobile Vans
- iii) Health visitors making door to door visit
- iv) None of the above

E. East Bein popularly known as Chitti Bein brings along with it sewage and industrial waste from

- i) Ludhiana and Jalandhar
- ii) Nawan Shahr and Phagwara
- iii) Jalandhar Phagwara and Nawan Shahr
- iv) All the above

1.2. Answer the following questions briefly:

1x5=5

- a) What are the long term and short term hazards which the flood affected area is facing?
- b) What do the experts fear?
- c) What does the class E pollution denote?
- d) Who is ensuring that the supply reach the villages which are cutoff due to floods?
- e) Explain the meaning of 'Waters meet' from the par 3 of the passage.

1.3 Find words/phrases from the passage which are similar in meaning to each of the following: 1x2=2

- a) Spreading out (Para 2)
- b) Isolated (Para 5)

Q.2 Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

8 Marks

The construction of the Leaning Tower of Pisa began in August 1173. It was interrupted several times by wars, debt and while engineers worked on solutions to correct the lean. We now know that without these interruptions that allowed the soil to compress under the tower, it would have certainly toppled over. Pisa Tower was eventually completed in the mid-1300s. The Tower of Pisa is the church's bell tower. The city of Pisa was at the beginning a simple but important Italian seaport. With its growth, so did its religious buildings. Its fame and power grew gradually over the years, as the people of Pisa were involved in various military conflicts and trade agreements. The Pisans attacked the city of Palermo on the island of Sicily in 1063. The attack was successful and the conquerors returned to Pisa with a great deal of treasure.

To show the world just how important the city was, the people of Pisa decided to build a great cathedral complex, the Field of Miracles. The plan included a cathedral, a baptistry, a bell tower (the Tower of Pisa) and a cemetery. The real identity of Tower of Pisa's architects is a mystery. The most accredited architects of this first phase of work are Bonanno Pisano and Gherardodin Gherardo. The second phase of construction started in 1275, and the work is attributed to Giovanni di Simone. Tommaso Pisano (1350-1372) was the architect who finished the work.

The leaning of the Tower of Pisa comes into the story in 1173, when construction began. Thanks to the soft ground, it had begun to lean by the time its builders got to the third story, in 1178. Shifting soil had destabilized the tower's foundations. Over the next 800 years, it became clear the 55-metre tower wasn't just leaning but was actually falling at a rate of one to two millimeters per year. Today, the Leaning Tower of Pisa is more than five meters off perpendicular. Its architect and engineer tried to correct this by making the remaining stories shorter

on the uphill side - but to no avail. It kept leaning more and more. The lean, first noted when three of the tower's eight stories had been built, resulted from the foundation stones being laid on soft ground consisting of clay, fine sand and shells. The next stories were built slightly taller on the short side of the tower in an attempt to compensate for the lean. However, the weight of the extra floors caused the edifice to sink further.

(a) On the basis of your reading of the passage above, make notes using points only, use abbreviations wherever necessary. Supply a suitable title. 4marks

(b) Write a summary of the passage above in about 80-100 Words. 4marks

SECTION –B (Advanced Writing Skills) 30marks

Q.3 You are secretary welfare club of Adarsh Public School, Agra. You have been asked by the Principal to draft a notice in 50 words to be put on the notice board motivating the students to donate old clothing, beddings for the flood victims . Or

As President of the Residents Welfare Association of Mayur Colony, Delhi, design a poster in 50 words for promoting 'Fit India Movement'. 4 marks

Q.4 You are Kavya/Kavita of 16 Greater Kailash, South Extension, New Delhi, Write a letter in 120- 150 words to your friend who lives in 15 Modern Complex, Manimazra Chandigarh telling her how social media gave a boost to Ranu Mondal 's singing career in Bollywood .

Or

As Librarian of St. Joseph's School, Jalandhar, Write a letter in 120-150 words to Parijat Publishers, 22 Church Road, Daryagange, New Delhi placing an order for English Text Books for class XI & XII that you urgently need for your Library. 6 Marks

Q.5 Write an article in 150-200 words on P.V. Sindhu to be published in your School Magazine based on the verbal inputs given. You are Rahul/Ritika of Class XII

Pusarla Venkata Sindhu ----- Indian Professional Badminton Player----- Born 5 th July 1995----- Hyderabad----
- Career title 15----- Career Record 293 Win, 120 Loss---- Coach Pullela Gopichand----
International Debut in 2009--- first Indian ever to become World Champion----- Gold Medal 2019.

Or

You are Sandeep/Sandeepa Head Boy /Head Girl of DPS Bangalore. Your school organized Swachh Bharat Abiyan in your vicinity. You have been asked by your Principal to write a report in this regard to be sent to DPS Society New Delhi. 10Marks

Q.6 Write a debate in 150 to 200 words either for or against the motion "POLITICS AND RELIGION SHOULD NOT BE MIXED WITH"

OR

Inculcating the right values in a child is the joint responsibility of school and home. You are Jatin/Jahnvi, write a speech in 150 to 200 words for your School's Morning Assembly on the topic mentioned. 10marks

SECTION – C (LITERATURE: Text Books) 30 marks

Q.7a. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow 1x4= 4

It would be an exotic moment
Without rush, without engines,
We would all be together
In a sudden strangeness.

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| (1) What has been said to be an exotic moment? | 1 |
| (2) How would it be without rush, without engines? | 1 |
| (3) How shall we feel in this moment? | 1 |
| (4) who is the poet speaking to? | 1 |

Q. 7 b Read the following extract and answers the following questions briefly: (1x4=4)

"And then sheer, stark terror seized me, terror that knows no understanding, terror that knows no control; terror that no one can understand who has not experienced it."

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| 1. Name the chapter and the author of these lines. | 1 |
| 2. Who is 'me' here? | 1 |
| 3. What is the kind of terror being mentioned here? | 1 |
| 4. What is the meaning of the word- STARK? | 1 |

Q.8 Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each **2x5=10**

- a) Give an example from the chapter 'Indigo' to show that Rajkumar Shukla was a resolute man?
- b) What makes human beings love life in spite of all the troubles they face?
- c) Why did Jo think Roger Skunk was better off with the new smell?
- d) What forced Dr. Sado to be impatient and irritated with his patient?
- e) Why did the peddler decline the invitation?
- f) What is suggested by the image 'massive weight of uncle's wedding band'?
- g) How does Mr. Hamel arouse patriotic feelings in the people of Alsace?

Q.9 Answer any one of the following questions in 120-150 words? **6marks**

The story 'The Rattrap' focuses on human loneliness and the human need to bind with others. Elaborate

Or

What idea do you get about the narrator from the chapter 'Poets and Pancakes'?

Q 10. Answer any one of the following questions in 120-150 words. **6marks**

Describe how did Jung Bahadur, the tiger king, meet his end?

Or

Do you agree that between crime and punishment it is mainly a battle of wits? Discuss with respect to the story 'Evans Tries An O-level'