

# RBSE Class 10 English Question Paper 2015

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**S—02—English**

## SECONDARY EXAMINATION, 2015

### ENGLISH

Time : 3  $\frac{1}{4}$  Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

#### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE EXAMINEES :

1. Candidates must first write their Roll Nos. on the question paper.
2. *All* the questions are compulsory.
3. Write the answer to each question in the given answer-book only.
4. For questions having more than one part, the answers to those parts are to be written together in continuity.
5. Write the correct serial number of each question as mentioned in the question paper.

**SECTION — A**

( Reading )

( Marks : 15 )

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

We sometimes think that it would be very nice to have no work to do. How we envy rich people who do not have to work for their living but can do just what they please all the year round. Yet when we feel like this we make a mistake. Sometimes rich people are not as happy as we think they are, because they are tired of having nothing to do. Most of us are happy when we have regular work to do for our living, specially if the work is what we like to do. The first thing work does for us is to give us happiness. He is like a beggar in the streets who takes the money of others who work hard to earn it. Such people do not live independently and ought to feel ashamed of themselves. But the honest worker who earns his living by useful toil can hold up his head and respect himself. Lastly regular work builds up character. It teaches us such good habits as punctuality, carefulness, thoroughness and faithfulness in work. It is the man who works, not the idler, who as a rule develops the best character.

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| (i) Why do we envy rich people ?   | 1 |
| (ii) Why are rich people not so happy as we think ?                            | 1 |
| (iii) What does regular work give us ?   | 1 |
| (iv) What kind of people have been compared to beggars ?                       | 1 |
| (v) How can an honest man earn respect in society ?                            | 1 |
| (vi) Write the word from the passage which means 'a person who does not work'. | 1 |
| (vii) Write the word from the passage which means 'hard unpleasant work'.      | 1 |
2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

I have talked of the necessity for prayer, and I have dealt with the essence of prayer. We are born to serve our fellow men, and we cannot properly do so unless we are wide awake. There is an external struggle raging in man's breast between the powers of darkness and of light, and he, who has not the sheet anchor of prayer to rely upon, will be a victim to the powers of darkness. The man of prayer will be at peace with himself and with the whole world : the man who goes about the affairs of the world, without a prayerful heart, will be miserable and will make the world also miserable. Apart, therefore, from its bearing,

on man's condition after death prayer has incalculable value for man in this world of living. We, inmates of the ashrama, who came here in search of Truth and for insistence on Truth, professed to believe in the efficacy of prayer, but had never up to now made it a matter of vital concern. We did not bestow on it the care that we did on other matters. I awoke from my slumber one day and realized that I had been woefully negligent on my duty in the matter. I have, therefore suggested a measure of stern discipline, and far from being any the worse, I hope, we are the better for it, it is so obvious.

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| (i) Why, according to the author, are we born ?                          | 1 |
| (ii) What kind of struggle is raging in man's heart ?                    | 1 |
| (iii) Who will become the victim to the powers of darkness ?             | 1 |
| (iv) Why do the inmates come to the Ashrama ?                            | 1 |
| (v) What did the author realize one day when he awoke from his slumber ? | 1 |
| (vi) Who will get peace with himself and the world ?                     | 1 |
| (vii) Write the word from the passage opposite in meaning to 'happy'.    | 1 |
| (viii) Write the word from the passage which means 'sleep'.              | 1 |

**SECTION — B**

( Writing )

( Marks : 15 )

3. Suppose you are Sumana / Sunil living at Civil Lines, Agra. Write a letter to your friend describing about your new school. You may use the following points : 5
- (i) The building, classroom etc.
  - (ii) The Principal, the staff, the students.
  - (iii) Other facilities of computer, games etc.

OR

Suppose you are the owner of the New Ajanta Furniture, Suratpur. You have supplied some furniture in Govt. Senior Secondary School, Kokary. Send an e-mail to the principal requesting him to send the payment of the furniture. His e-mail address is :

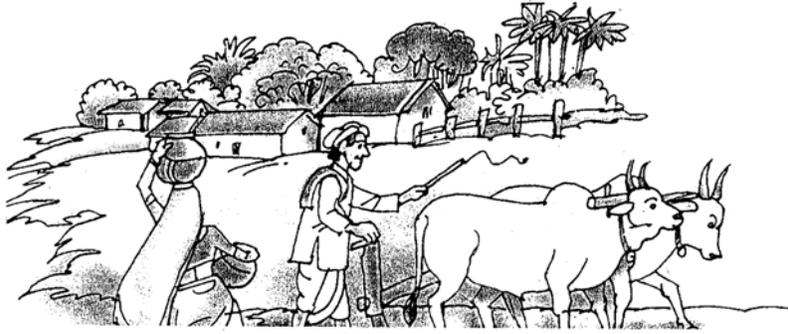
principalgssskkari@yahoo.com.

4. Write a paragraph in about 60 words with the help of the outlines given below : 4
- A free medical camp — organise — in our village — many doctors — nurses — extend service — social workers — volunteers — help — free medicine — food — given — 100 patients — checked and cured.

OR

Write a paragraph in about 60 words on the topic 'My Favourite Festival'.

5. Write a paragraph in about 75 words using the visual aid given below : 6



OR

Write a paragraph in about 75 words on the topic 'A visit to a zoo'.

**SECTION — C**

( Grammar )

( Marks : 15 )

6. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in brackets :

$$8 \times \frac{1}{2} = 4$$

- (i) The Prime Minister ..... ( *address* ) the people on the television yesterday.
- (ii) We ..... ( *see* ) a big snake on the ground while we were cleaning it.
- (iii) The date of examination has been declared so the students ..... ( *prepare* ) for it these days.
- (iv) The farmer ..... ( *divide* ) his property among his sons before he died.
- (v) The Principal ..... ( *distribute* ) the annual prizes tomorrow.
- (vi) Look ! an old man ..... ( *run* ) after the bus to catch it.
- (vii) Most of the people ..... ( *worship* ) God daily before taking tea.
- (viii) When the rain started we ..... ( *stand* ) in the field.
7. Rearrange the following words / phrases in meaningful sentences :

$$2 \times \frac{1}{2} = 1$$

- (i) returned / I / an appalling / there / when / was / spectacle.
- (ii) did not / Wanda / there / was / because / she / sit / rough / and / noisy.

8. Join the following sentences using the given relative pronouns : 2
- (i) Rajveer helps the needy people.  
He is liked by everybody. ( *who* )
- (ii) My mother reads the book daily.  
My uncle gave it to me. ( *which* )
9. Rewrite the following sentences by changing them from direct to indirect speech :  $4 \times 1 = 4$
- (i) Gopal said to the bookseller, "Please provide me some new books."  
Gopal requested the bookseller .....
- (ii) The bookseller asked Gopal, "Which book do you want ?"  
The bookseller asked Gopal .....
- (iii) Gopal said, "I want some English Grammar books."  
Gopal said .....
- (iv) The bookseller said, "I have got a lot of new books."  
The bookseller replied .....
10. Complete the following sentences by choosing the correct passive forms of the verbs given :  $2 \times 1 = 2$
- (i) The merit holder students ..... by the Board last month.
- (a) is awarded (b) was awarded  
(c) are awarded (d) were awarded.
- (ii) Many books ..... by the city library every year.
- (a) is bought (b) are bought  
(c) was bought (d) were bought.
11. Fill in the blanks with suitable modals given in the brackets below :  $4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2$
- ( *could, must, would, may, shall, will* )
- (i) Everybody ..... follow the rules and regulations of the country.
- (ii) This seat is vacant. You ..... sit here.
- (iii) The weather is cold. We ..... have a snowfall.
- (iv) You ..... not make a noise in the class.

### SECTION — D

( Textbook )

( Marks : 35 )

12. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :
- Mij was out of the box in a flash. He disappeared at high speed down the aircraft. There were squawks and shrieks, and a woman stood up on her seat screaming out "A rat ! A rat !" I caught sight of Mij's tail disappearing beneath the legs of portly white-turbaned Indian. Diving for it, I missed, but found my face covered in curry. "Perhaps," said the

air hostess with the most charming smile, “it would be better if you resumed your seat, and I will find the animal and bring it to you.”

- (i) Who is Mij ? 1  
 (ii) What happened in the aircraft when Mij came out of his box ? 1  
 (iii) What did the air hostess say to the author ? 1  
 (iv) Write the word from the passage which means ‘delightful’. 1
13. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :
- The river, Kaveri, obtains its water from the hills and forests of Coorg. Mahaseer — a large freshwater fish — abound in these waters. Kingfishers dive for their catch, while squirrels and langurs drop partially eaten fruit for the mischief of enjoying the splash and the ripple effect in the clear water. Elephants enjoy being bathed and scrubbed in the river by mahouts. The most laid-back individuals become converts to the life of high-energy adventure with river rafting, canoeing, rappelling, rock climbing and mountain biking.
- (i) Where does river Kaveri get its water from ? 1  
 (ii) Why do squirrels and langurs drop partially eaten fruit into water ? 1  
 (iii) Write some of the adventures you can experience in Coorg. 1  
 (iv) Write the word from the passage which means ‘to change into another form’. 1
14. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 60 words : 4  
 (i) What sights of sufferings did prince Siddhartha see and why did he leave his palace and family ? ( *The Sermon at Benares* )  
 (ii) How did Valli gather the details about the bus journey ? ( *Madam Rides the Bus* )
15. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 30 - 40 words : 3  
 (i) Why did Lomov want to marry Natalya immediately ? ( *The Proposal* )  
 (ii) Write the theme of the play “The Proposal”. ( *The Proposal* )
16. Explain any *one* of the following stanzas with reference to the context : 4
- (i) The trees inside are moving out into forest  
 the forest that was empty all these days  
 Where no bird could sit  
 no insect hide  
 no sun bury its feet in shadow  
 the forest that was empty all these nights  
 will be full of trees by morning.

- (ii) Did you finish your homework, Amanda ?  
 Did you tidy your room, Amanda ?  
 I thought I told you to clean your shoes Amanda !  
 ( I am an orphan, roaming the street.  
 I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet.  
 The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet. )

17. Answer any *two* of the following questions in about 30-40 words :

2 × 3 = 6

- (i) Write the names of Belinda's animals.  
 ( *The Tale of Custard the Dragon* )
- (ii) How does a tiger in the zoo live ? ( *A Tiger in the Zoo* )
- (iii) What text did the old religious man find about God's love ?  
 ( *For Anne Gregory* )

18. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 80 words : 5

- (i) How did the charming young lady befool Horace Danby for the jewel robbery ? ( *A Question of Trust* )
- (ii) Why was the author sent to New Mullion ? What kind of place was it ? ( *The Hack Driver* )

19. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 30-40 words : 3

- (i) How did Loisel arrange money to buy a new necklace ?  
 ( *The Necklace* )
- (ii) Why did Griffin set fire to the house of his landlord ?  
 ( *Footprints Without Feet* )

20. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 20-25 words : 2

- (i) Write the name of the book which saved the earth from Martian invasion.  
 ( *The Book That Saved the Earth* )
- (ii) Why did Hari Singh change his name every month ?  
 ( *The Thief's Story* )