

Mock Board Exam

STD: X

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE
AND LITERATURE

ASSESSMENT: Mock Test

Maximum marks : 40

24/3/2022 11:00 - 24/3/2022
22:30

Time Limit : 150 Minutes

General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, WRITING & GRAMMAR and LITERATURE.
 2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
 3. A students has to answer a question either by typing it out, in the space provided, or writing down each answer on paper, and uploading a picture of it using the upload option.
 4. A student is advised to write the answers in a clear, legible handwriting using a blue/black ball point pen before uploading it.
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Section A

10 Marks

5 Marks

Read the passage given below.

1. The colourful plastic ball and the home-made doll, the noisy clown clapping a set of cymbals and the coloured blocks for building towers are a thing of the past. Today, the world of toys has changed. The dolls, the blocks, the coloured balls, the motor toys, the family board games are still there, but also available are toys that stimulate a child's motor and cognitive abilities, interactive high-tech games that aid the development of analytical skills, and smart electronics toys that teach as children [5] play. Yes, there is a lot more thinking and planning that goes into the making of toys today.

2. Colour, shape, material, their effect on children, the learning and the entertainment factors --- all of these considerations are checked and cross-checked by teams of researchers. Says Roshni Bakshi, Vice President, Mattel (India) Pvt Ltd, "We make sure each toy is tested before it comes into the market. A toy is an essential component of childhood and toys today teach the child so many [10] things. They help children co-ordinate motor skills, as well as stimulate them through their colour and texture. Safety is also an important consideration when it comes to young children. Parents wouldn't want their infants to play with a rattle that could hurt them or a teether that runs toxic colour."

3. Pre-schoolers need to be occupied, entertained and taught. There are toys today that fulfil all [15] these requirements and are attractive to boot. For the kid who's just beginning to talk, there are smart electronics toys like Tony the Pony who spout phrases at the touch of a button.

4. For the more adventure-oriented, the range of action heroes inspires valour. "While creating these characters, researchers and psychologists keep in mind that they should serve as positive role models and not as destructive creatures out to kill," explains Bakshi. "So they have little [20] stories about each of them, depicting them as good guys, fighting for a just cause."

5. Once parents could give their child any toy that worked for them in terms of cash and appeal. Today children are so advanced, psychologically and mentally, that toys must challenge and stimulate this precocity. Therefore, when picking a toy, it is essential to go for toys that are manufactured by good companies, are backed by proper research and will foster learning.[25]

Adapted from Femina

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer **ANY FIVE** questions from the six given below.

- 1 i. State two important developmental functions toy manufacturers aim for today? **5 M**
ii. What important considerations do toy manufacturers keep in mind while making toys?
iii. Rewrite the following sentence by replacing the underlined phrase with a word that means the same from lines 5– 15.

Change is to be expected as you age, but deterioration is not inevitable. Many age-linked memory problems are due to poor concentration or motivation or anxiety and stress. However, studies show that mental decline is not an inevitable part of aging. People who lead lives that are intellectually challenging, enjoyably exciting, or interesting are more likely to be free of dementia conditions like Alzheimer's disease.

- iv. What are the two main considerations to be kept in mind while buying toys for preschoolers?
- v. In what ways do action hero toys act as an inspiration for children?
- vi. In what way has the parents' perception of what toys to buy for a child changed over the years?

Read the following passage on women in sports in India.

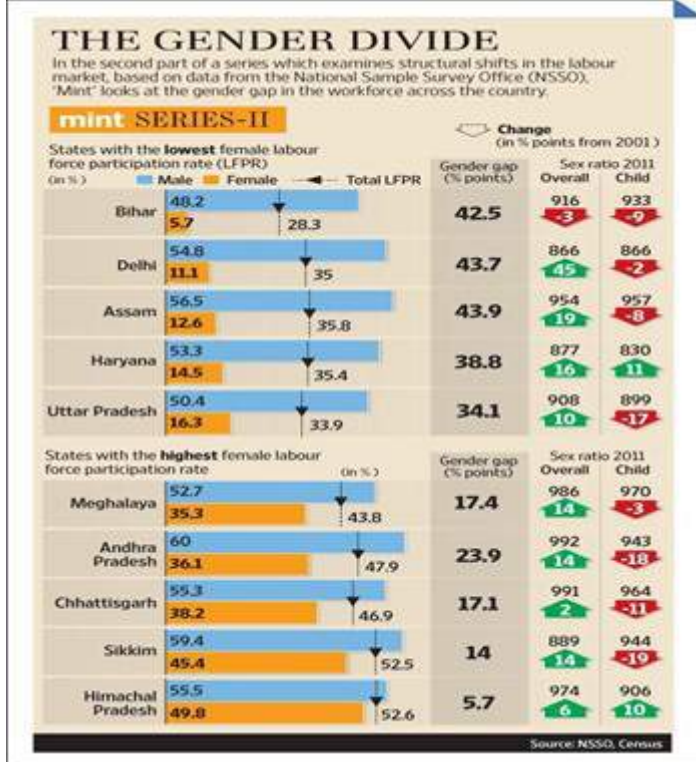
Women and Sports

Women's sports are a neglected area world over, and especially in developing countries like India, where women are yet to achieve equal status in many areas. The female athletes have long occupied marginal and sometimes invisible positions in sports settings and mainstream media.



Haryana, a northern Indian state is home to the nation's worst male-to-female ratio and is infamous for its legacy of female foeticide and honour killings. Yet it produces many of the nation's most well-known female athletes. These include Krishna Poonia, a champion discus thrower and gold medallist at the 2010 Commonwealth Games, and Geeta Phogat, the first Indian woman wrestler at the Olympics. Similarly, Vinesh Phogat has grappled through pain, tears, and disappointments to carve a niche for herself in a society where women are often discarded and pushed to the margins and a gritty woman wrestler Sakshi Malik ended India's painful wait for a medal at the Rio Olympic Games by clinching the bronze in the 58kg category.

This year Haryana's state government has introduced various incentive schemes and promises of employment to medal-winning athletes. It also recently made it compulsory for school children to play at least one sport. These measures, analysts say, have affected the state of women in Haryana as a whole. Last year, Haryana reported a rise in the sex ratio to 877 females per 1000 males, its best in the last 110 years. This silent social shift is becoming visible in the least likely places.



As a result of discriminatory practices, opportunities to conduct meaningful outreach to young women and girls are weakened.

(Source - <https://fiinnovationblogs.wordpress.com/2016/08/23/women-and-sports-a-csr-activity-that-shouldnt-be-neglected/amp/>)

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer **ANY FIVE** questions from the six given below.

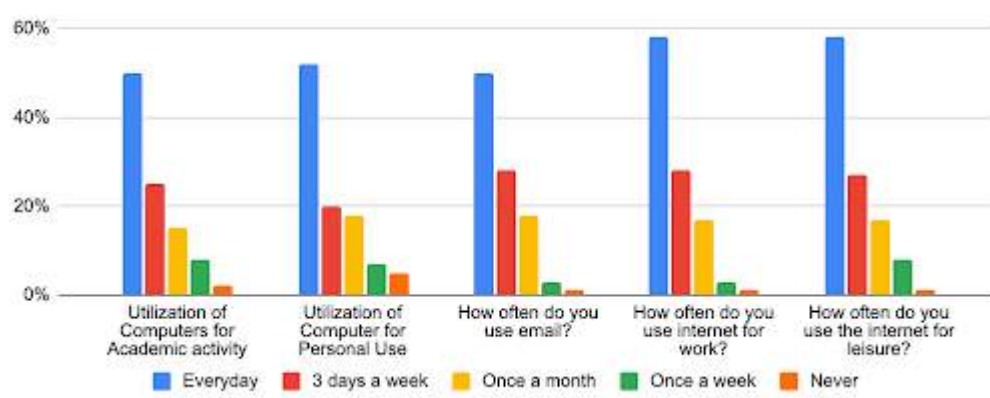
2. i. Cite a point in evidence that shows that women sportspersons in India are marginalised. 5 M
- ii. What is the relationship between working women and the gender gap?
- iii. What is the Haryana government doing to encourage the participation of women in sports?
- iv. What is the change that has come about in the status of women in Haryana with the encouragement of the state government for women athletes?
- v. What is the reason that Himachal Pradesh has the lowest gender gap?
- vi. What is the message that the writer has conveyed in the passage?

Section B

10 Marks

10 Marks

3. The present generation is well updated in the use of the internet and computers. The rapid development in computer technology and increase in accessibility of the internet for academic purposes has changed the face of education for everyone associated with it. Look at the data arising out of a recent survey that was done to ascertain the time spent on utilization of the computer and internet. Write an analytical paragraph explaining the bar graph. 5 M



OR

You are PQR. You saw an advertisement about a course in Spoken English, published by 'A to Z in English', 22 , Gandhi Nagar, Chennai 20 . You wish to join the course. Write a letter to the advertiser in about 120 words inquiring about all the details that you require. **5 M**

- 4 The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line indicated. Identify the error and write its correction against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the correction. The first one has been done for you. **3 M**

	Error	Correction
The body could be consider a permanent furnace.	consider..	considered
The food we take in is 'fuel', who the body 'burns up'.	a) _____	
In this process, about 2,500 calories are being use	b) _____	
every day in the body. Its enough heat to bring 23	c) _____	
litres of water to the boiling point!		

- 5 Read the conversation between two flatmates and complete the passage that follows. **2 M**

Vineeta: Our flatmate, Shaina, has run away with my gold watch.

Shikha: I am going to the police station to report the theft.

Vineeta told Shikha that (a) _____ gold watch.

Shikha replied (b) _____ the theft.

Section C

20 Marks

12 Marks

Answer ANY SIX questions in 30-40 words each.

- 6 "Did I pass that way huge times ago and negligently drop them/" What does the poet of the poem *Animals* mean by *that way* and *them*? **2 M**
- 7 Personal losses are a part of life. How does Gautam Buddha convey the message that we must move on in life. **2 M**
- 8 Justify the statement, "Bakers in Goa are synonymous with celebrations." **2 M**
- 9 Lomov and Natalya represent a society driven by money. Comment. **2 M**
- 10 What allusion does the poet use in Amanda? What effect does it create? **2 M**
- 11 Bring out the irony in the life of Matilda Loisel after she lost the necklace she had borrowed from her friend. **2 M**
- 12 Bring out the theme of appearance versus reality in The Tale of Custard the Dragon. **2 M**

Group 2

8 Marks

Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 120 words each

- 13 As Bholi was being taken to school, she was frightened. She remembered their old cow Lakshmi had been turned out of the house and sold. She cried and shouted in terror as she was led to the school. However, her teacher changed her life. Based on your understanding of the story, develop a conversation between them. **4 M**
You may begin like this:
Teacher: Bholi, what a pretty dress you are wearing! And you have such nice long hair. Come on, give us a smile.
Bholi: I am so scared. I've never been out of the house before.
- 14 By three methods we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest; Second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is the bitterest.' – Confucius. How is this true of the young lawyer in The Hack Driver? **4 M**
- 15 "You seem to have done your homework before coming," Pranjol's father says to Rajvir. **4 M**
How is this true of both Rajvir and Valliamma?