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**Class-X  
2025  
ENGLISH**

*Time: Three Hours 15 Minutes]*

*[Max. Marks : 70*

**General Instructions:**

- (i) *First 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question paper.*
- (ii) *All questions are compulsory.*
- (iii) *This question paper is divided into two parts: Part-A and Part-B*
- (iv) *Part-A consists of 20 multiple choice questions carrying 1 mark each.*
- (v) *Read the question-wise instructions and mark your answer on the given OMR sheet.*  
*Do not erase, cut or use whitener on the OMR sheet.*
- (vi) *Part-B consists of descriptive type questions.*
- (vii) *Marks are indicated against each question.*

**PART-A**

**Multiple Choice Questions**

*(Questions No. 1-3) Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow:*

Old people say that childhood is the best part of life. They look back at their childhood and remember all its happy days, the jolly games, the fun they had at school, the sweets and cakes they used to eat, jokes they used to play and endless discussions they had among friends about almost every topic. Perhaps, these old folks are right. And all in a moment, the father was a little boy and his son was a grown- up man like his father. And the father, in the shape of a little boy, had to go

to school, and I can tell you he did not like it at all. A child's troubles may seem small to grown-ups but they are very big to him.

1. According to old people, the best part of life is :

- (a) remembering the present.
- (b) to forget what happened in the past.
- (c) to repent for what is happening.
- (d) childhood.

2. To whom does a child's troubles seem big?

- (a) To a father
- (b) To a mother
- (c) To a child
- (d) To his/her friend

3. Which word in the passage is the opposite of 'endless'?

- (a) continuous
- (b) finite
- (c) speedy
- (d) tiredness

*(Q. Nos. 4-8): Choose the correct option of answer the following:*

4. Which of the following is correctly spelled?

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- (A) Wondar
- (B) Blundar
- (C) Thunder
- (D) Splendor

5. Children will be playing soon.

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- (A) Present continuous

- (B) Future continuous
- (C) Simple future
- (D) Present perfect

6. Rearrange the following word clusters to make a meaningful sentence.  
roses/red/the/in/garden/my/beautiful/are. 1

- (A) my red roses are beautiful in the garden
- (B) red foses in my garden are the beautiful
- (C) In my garden, red roses are the beautiful
- (D) The red roses in my garden are beautiful

7. The Things that has been created by somebody is called: 1

- (A) search
- (B) learning
- (C) invention
- (D) promotion

8. The train will have left the station before he: 1

- (A) reached
- (B) reach
- (C) had reached
- (D) reaches

*(Questions No. 9-10) Read the passage given below and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow:*

With a satisfied expression he regarded the field of ripe corn with its flowers, draped in a curtain of rain. But suddenly a strong wind began to blow and along with the rain very large hailstones began to fall. These truly did resemble new silver coins. The boys, exposing themselves to the rain, ran out to collect the frozen pearls. "It really getting bad now", exclaimed the man. "I hope it passes quickly. "It did not

pass quickly. For an hour the hail rained on the house, the garden, the hillside, the cornfield, on the whole valley.

9. Lencho looked satisfied when:

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- (a) he saw his children playing
- (b) he saw his wife cooking
- (c) he saw his field of ripe-corn
- (d) he saw the heavy downpour.

10. The boy ran out of the house to:

- (a) play hockey
- (b) collect corn flowers
- (c) gather silver coins
- (d) collect the hailstones

*(Questions No. 11-13) Choose the correct option to answer the following questions:*

11. Lencho wrote to God: If you don't help me, my family and i will go.....this year.

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- (A) to the dogs
- (B) dry
- (C) mad
- (D) hungry

12. Which party did Mandela join?

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- (A) Indian National Congress
- (B) African National Congress
- (C) National African Party
- (D) he did not join any party

13. Who is the author of 'Coorg'?

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- (A) Arup Kumar Datta
- (B) Lokesh Abrol
- (C) Lucia Rodrigues
- (D) None of the above

*(Q. Nos. 14-15): Read the given extract and choose the correct option to answer the questions following it:*

The way a crow

The way a crow  
Shook down on me  
The dust of snow  
From -a hemlock tree

14. Who composed the above lines? 1

- (A) John Berryman
- (C) Carolyn wells
- (B) Leslie Norris
- (D) Robert Frost

15. A dust of snow was dropped by? 1

- (A) a cloud
- (B) a crow
- (C) a monkey
- (D) a squirrel

*(Q. Nos. 16-20): Choose the correct option following questions: to*

16. Who was Mrs. Pumphrey? 1

- (A) The maid
- (B) The caretaker
- (C) The nurse
- (D) The mistress

17. What did Hari Singh want from Anil? 1

- (A) Work
- (B) Money
- (C) eatables
- (D) home

18. Ebright graduated from; 1

- (A) Harvard
- (B) Oxford
- (C) Cambridge
- (D) London

19. For what had loisel saved four hundred francs? 1

- (A) to buy a gun
- (B) to buy a TV



- (C) to buy a bike  
(D) to buy accessories
20. Who was Ramlal's eldest daughter?  
(A) Mangla  
(B) Champa  
(C) Radha  
(D) Sulekha

### PART-B Reading

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

A man was kept in jail without any fault. When the King visited the jail, he told him that he was innocent. The King found out that it was true. The King gave him a sum of money and set him free. He went straight to the market, where some birds were kept in cages for sale. He purchased all the birds from the shopkeeper and set them free. At this, the shopkeeper was surprised. Then the man said to him, "If you had been in prison like me for no fault, you would have done the same."

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| 1. Why was the shopkeeper surprised?                            | 2 |
| 2. What did the man say to the shopkeeper?                      | 2 |
| 3. Find out a word in the passage which means 'jail'.           | 2 |
| 4. Find out a word in the passage, which is opposite of 'sold'. | 1 |

### Writing

22. Write a letter to your friend inviting him to attend sister's marriage. 4

OR

Write an application to the Principal of your college requesting him to make your library active which is almost dead.

23. Write a report on The 'Independence Day' celebration in your school in about 60-80 words on the basis of the hints given below: 6

(Decoration of school building, flags hoisting ceremony, singing of National Anthem, organising cultural programmes, Principal's speech, distribution of sweets.)

OR

Computers have become a rage with children and play a major role in today's age. However, one must understand its function as a major distraction. Write an article highlighting the role of computers while also pointing out the hazards their excessive use can cause. You are Arjun / Arundhati

## Grammar

24. (a) Change the following sentence into indirect speech : 2

He said to me, " I am waiting for your father today."

(b) Change the following into passive voice:

He has answered all the questions. 2

(c) Punctuate the following using capital letters wherever necessary: 2

Mohan said to his friend who teaches you hindi in your class.

(d) Translate the following into English: 4

ईमानदार व्यक्ति सच्चाई का मार्ग कभी नहीं छोड़ता है । वह परिश्रमी होता है वह दूसरों का हिस्सा नहीं लेना चाहता है । वह सदा जीवन-उच्च विचार पसन्द करता है ।

## (Literature)

25. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each: 3 + 3 = 6

a) What was single hope for the family of Lencho?

**Or**

What is Coorg famous for?

b) What is the greatest wealth of a nation in Mandela's opinion?

**OR**

How does Anne feel about her father, her grandmother, Mrs Kuperus and Mr Keesing? What do these tell you about her?

26. Answer any one of the following in about 60 words: 4

a) What were the difficulties faced by Nelson Mandela in achieving freedom for his people?

b) How did post-office employees help Lencho? How did Lencho react to their help?

27. Why dose the poet hold with those who favour fire? 3

**OR**

Write four lines of any poem prescribed in your syllabus.

(Do not copy the lines given in the question paper)

**28.** Write the central idea of any one of the following poems: 3

- a) Fire and Ice
- b) A Tiger in the Zoo
- c) The Trees.

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

- a) How does the narrator treat the dog in the story 'A Triumph of Surgery'?
- b) What kind of thief he (Hari Singh) was?

**30.** Answer any one of the following in about 60 words: 4

- a) Describe the most important character of the chapter 'Tricki', in detail.
- b) Write a character sketch of Hari Singh.

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