

CBSE MIXED TEST PAPER 02
CLASS - X
Subject- English (B)

[Time: 3 hrs.]

[M. M.: 100]

General Instructions:

This paper consists of four sections:

Section A Reading:	20 marks
Section B Writing:	30 marks
Section C Grammar:	15 marks
Section D Literature:	45 marks

- (i) Attempt all questions.
- (ii) Do not write anything in the questions paper.
- (iii) All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in answer sheet provided to you.
- (iv) Attempt all questions in each section before going on to the next section.
- (v) Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.
- (vi) Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question. Marks will be deducted exceeding the word limit.

Section-A (Reading) (20 marks)

Q.1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:-

It was very hot in the court room. Every body was feeling sleepy. After a tiring morning, the clerks were anxious to get off a lunch. Even the judge seemed relieved when the last case came up the court. A short, middle aged man with grey hair and small blue eyes was now standing before him. The man had a foolish expression on his face and he kept looking stupidly as if he was trying hard to understand what was going on. The man was accused of breaking into the house and stealing a cheap watch. The witness who was called did not give a very clear account of what had happened. He claimed to have seen the man outside the house one night, but on being questioned further, he confessed that he was not sure. Whether this was the man. The judge considered the matter for sometime and said that as there was no real proof the man could not be found guilty of any crime. He said that the case was dismissed and he then rose to go. Meanwhile the accused looked very puzzled and said suddenly. "Excuse me, Sir, but do I have to give the watch back or not?"

Questions

- (a) Why did the judge feel relieved when the last case came up?
- (b) What did the last person facing the judge look like?
- (c) What was the charge against the man?
- (d) Did the judge find the man guilty? Why or why not?

- (e) Why was the accused puzzled?
- (f) Find out words/phrases from the passage which mean the same as the following-
 - (i) to feel comforted
 - (ii) feeling ashamed when you do something wrong.

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

The pressure of childhood or the pleasures of childhood? Children always wonder why they have to slog. They always want to play and concentration on studies is difficult. Most schools, instead of instilling confidence in the students, Only put fear into them. In many schools the strength of a classroom is about sixty or even more. So, it is practically impossible for teacher, to attend to each student's problems. So, the easiest way to maintaining order and discipline in classrooms is by instilling fear in the minds of students. So, it's a pity that most children grow up in this atmosphere of fear. No wonder that they often lack in confidence.

Parents, too, are to blame for this syndrome for they make the life difficult for their children by setting unrealistic goals without even assessing their strengths and weaknesses. And most parents try to live their dreams through their children. By doing so, I think they are doing great injustice to their wards.

The years in junior college are perhaps the toughest for any teenager. It is bewildering to learn that some of them study for 16 to 18 hours a day. The pressure to excel in academics begins from the eighth or ninth standard. Consequently students are forced to keep punishing schedules, which do more harm than good to them.

Today the competition in any walk of life is very stiff. So, it is very important that we build our self confidence and strengthen ourselves before picking up the gauntlet. Success in school and college does not always spell success. No doubt one has to do well in studies, but even more important is the process of learning. It is essential that we learn new things and move ahead in life.

Questions

- (a) What is the complaint about most schools?
- (b) Why is it difficult for teachers to attend to each student's problems?
- (c) Why do most children lack in confidence?
- (d) Frame two questions based on the underlined part of the passage.
- (e) What is the need to build self-confidence?
- (f) Choose the correct option:-
We move ahead in life by-
 - (i) studying for 16 to 18 hours a day
 - (ii) excelling in academics
 - (iii) learning new things
 - (iv) setting unrealistic goals.
- (g) How do most parents realize their dreams?
- (h) Form verb forms for the following nouns-
 - (i) Success
 - (ii) Competition

Section - B (Writing) (20 marks)

- Q.3. You are Rashmi/Rohan living at 26, Tara Apartments, Alknanda, New Delhi. You are the president of Interact Club of your school. Your club has chalked out a plan for educating adults in the area. Write a letter to your friend Suman/Siddhartha who is in Chennai, that you are busy in this noble task and will not be able to visit him/her during vacations. Do not exceed 100 words.

OR

You are Kirti/Krishan, living at 56, Indira Puram Bangalore. You bought a new 'VIP' washing machine from M/s Rama Electronics, Commercial Street, Bangalore, last week. Now you find that the machine makes an unbearable noise and motor tears delicate fabrics. Write a letter to the dealer complaining about the same and request him to replace the machine.

- Q.4. A Trade Fair was organized in your city. You visited the fair along with your friend. Describe your visit in about 125-150 words telling about the various pavilions visited by you and the articles you purchased. Also mention what interested you most in the fair.

OR

In the wake of terror attacks in the city you wish to discuss about the reason for such anti-social activities and the role of the government as well as the citizens of the country. Write an article for your school magazine in about 125-150 words on the topic 'How to overcome terrorism'. Use any of the following hints.

Terrorist – young men of 16 to 22 years of age – important bombs – create terror – kill innocent people – wrong way of channelising youth – govt – curb terrorism – citizens – stay calm and united – shed feelings of communal hatred
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- Q.5. You are Rita/Ramesh, studying in Govt. Model School, Preet Vihar. You participated in a State Level debate competition on World Population Day held in your school mentioning the date, the topic of the debate, number of participants and other important details. Write a report in about 50-60 words for your school magazine.

OR

Your school is organizing Annual Sports Day in the school premises. Draft a notice for the school board inviting names of the students for participation in different sports events like 100m race, 400m race, long jump, high jump, etc. You are Vinay/Vineeta, Sports Secretary of St. Xavier School, Patna. Put your notice in a box. (word limit 50 words).

Section - C (Grammar) (15 marks)

- Q.6. In the passage given below there is an error in each line. The passage has not been edited. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the correct word. The first one has been done as an example.

Every living creature not alone human beings but also plants and animals long of freedom and want to be independence
 The animals in the zoo is captured and put in cage for our entertainment
 Animals and birds who are captured are train at circus
 If they can talk, they would make us feel guilt and regretful of our actions.

(a).....
 (b).....
 (c).....
 (d).....
 (e).....
 (f).....
 (g).....
 (h).....

Q.7. Read the dialogue and complete the passage given below. Write the correct answer in your answer sheet against the correct number. Do not copy the whole sentence.

Rohan : When are you leaving for Kolkata?
 Natasha : I will leave might after the examination.
 Rohan : Would you like me to drop you at the station?
 Natasha : Thanks, it would really help me.

Rohan asked Natasha (a)..... Natasha replied (b)..... Rohan then (c)..... Natasha thanked him for enquiring and told him (d).....

Q.8. The underlined words in the following passage have been used inappropriately. Replace them with their appropriate forms. Write your answers in your answer sheet with correct number. Do not copy the whole passage.

The Metro Rail would (a) definite change the scenario of the present traffic and solve (b) transport problem for all the travelers. The Metro Rail comes as a (c) relieve, a breath of fresh air for the generations to come. It will provide a (d) value service by (e) reduce the number of buses thus lowering congestion. The commuters are able to travel in comfort, peace and (f) secure. It caters to the masses at an (g) afford price and allows them to (h) reached on time.

Q.9. Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. The first has been done as an example. Write the correct answers in your answer sheet.

The watermelon / thirst quenchers / in summers / is / best one of the.
 One of the best thirst quenchers in summers is the water melon.

- (a) around / it is / 96 countries / cultivated in / the world.
- (b) in Africa / about 5000 years / grown / ago / it / was / first.
- (c) say that / at the / it was grown / some researches / same time / in India.

Section - D (Text Books) (45 marks)

Q.10. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

Tenth May dawned bright and clear. For the past few days I had been pleasantly by dignitaries and world leaders who were coming to pay their respects before the inauguration. The inauguration would be the largest gathering ever of international leaders on south African soil. The ceremonies took place in the lovely sandstone amphitheatre formed by the Union Buildings in Pretoria. For decades this had been the seat of white supremacy, and now it was the site of rainbow gathering of different colours and nations for the installation of South Africa's first democratic, non-racial government.

- Who is 'I' in the above passage?
- Why had the world leaders come there?
- Where did the ceremony take place?
- Explain the line - 'rainbow gathering of different colour and nation.'
- Pick out the word from the passage which means the same as 'to be surrounded by closely'.

Q.11. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:-

Mark! While relatives are looking on and lamenting deeply, one by one mortals are carried off, like an ox that is led to the slaughter. So, the world is afflicted with death & decay, therefore, the wise do not grieve knowing the terms of the world. Not from weeping nor from grieving will anyone obtain peace of mind. On the contrary, his pain will be greater and his body will suffer. He will make himself sick and pale, yet the dead are not saved by lamentation. He who seeks peace should draw out the arrow of lamentation and complaint and grief. He who has drawn out the arrow and has become composed will obtain peace of mind. He who has overcome all sorrow will become free from sorrow and be blessed.

- Why did Buddha give this sermon to Kisa Gautami?
- What fact of life did he convey in this Sermon?
- Who can obtain peace of mind in this world?
- Find out words from the passage which mean the same as following-
 - Killing of animals, etc.
 - feeling sorry / sorrowful.

Q.12. Answer the following question in about 80 - 100 words.

Do you agree that the story 'The Black 'Aeroplane' is a mystery? Justify.

OR

How did Anne finally stop Mr. Keesing from punishing her?

Q.13. Answer any two of the following in 30-40 words each-

- Why does Chubukou suspect Lemon when he comes to his house?
- Why didn't Maddie ask Peggy to stop teasing Wanda? What was she afraid of?
- What information did Valli collect about the bus journey?

Q.14. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:-

All night the roots work
To disengage themselves from the cracks
In the veranda floor
The leaves strain towards the glass
Small twigs stiff with exertion
Long cramped boughs shuffling under the roof
Like newly discharged patients
Half dazed moving
To the clinic doors.

- (a) Where are trees in the poem?
 - (b) What do the roots & the leaves do?
 - (c) Which poetic device has been used in the line - "Like newly discharged patients"
- OR**

Belinda embraced him, Mustard licked him No one mourned for his pirate victim.
Ink and Blink in glee did gyrate, Around the dragon that ate the pirate.

- (a) Who is 'him' here? Why did Belinda embrace him?
- (b) Who are Ink and Blink?
- (c) Why did no one mourn the death of 'his victim'?
- (d) What is the Rhyme scheme of the above passage?

Q.15. Answer any two of the following on the basis of the lines given below:-

- (a) "He is learning, well behind his desperate eyes"
What is the boy learning from the loss of his ball?
- (b) "Where the sole inhabitant is me - a mermaid, drifting blissfully."
Why does Amanda wish to be a mermaid?
- (c) "I think I could turn and line with animals"
Why does the poet wish to live with animals and not human beings.?

Q.16. Answer the following question in 80-100 words:-

How did Griffin's invisibility come to his help whenever he found himself in trouble? Give three examples to support your answer. **OR**

Dr. Herriot was a brilliant doctor who could treat his patients even without giving them medicines. Prove it, through the story 'A Triumph of Surgery'.

Q.17. Answer the following question in about 30- 40 words:-

For what reasons did Bholi feel that the school was a better place than home? **OR**
What would have happened if Matilda had confessed to her friend that she had lost the necklace?

Q.18. Answer the following question in 20-30 words:-

Why is the twentieth Century called 'the era of books'? **OR**
"Horace Danky was good and respectable but not completely honest." Why can't he be categorized as a typical thief?