**GOVT.SECONDARY SCHOOL,BALAWARA**

**PRE BOARD EXAM 2014-15**

**English**

**Class X**

**Time : 3¼ Hrs. MM : 80**

**Section A (Reading)**

**Q.1 Read the following Passage Carefully and answer the Question.**

The camel is the oldest of domestic animals. It has been used for thousand of years by the desert people of Africa and Asia to supply many of their needs. On the fertile edges of the desert, camels pull ploughs, turn wheels to irrigate the field and carry goods to market. In the desert itself, they are still almost the only means of transport. They supply food, milk, and clothing in the form of wool and leather.

This useful animal is well adapted to life in harsh, arid lands. The Arabian camel has one hump, the Bactrian camel has two. The hump is, in fact, a store of fat which is used as a source of energy when food and water are scarce. When it does drink, the camel can take up to 100 litters of water in ten minutes.

The camel has broad, soft feet for a steady grip in the sand. A thick skin protects it from the fierce day time sun and bitterly cold nights. The camel’s eyes have three eyelids to help keep out sand; its ears and nose are also adapted to keep out sand storms.

Camels stand about two meters high at the shoulder and weigh 500-800 kilos. Often called “the ships of the desert”, they can carry loads of 200 kilos and more, travelling up to 160 kilometers a day.

(i) For what has the camel been used?

(ii) How is it useful on the fertile edges of the desert?

(iii) What is the use of the hump?

(iv) What is informed about its feet and skin?

(v) What information is given about its height and weight?

(vi) What has been told about its food?

(vii) Find out the word from the passage which means ‘of home or household’?

(viii) Find out the word from the passage which is opposite in meaning to ‘barren’?

**Q.2 Read the following Passage Carefully and answer the Questions.**

One of the most widely spread habits is the use of tobacco. Tobacco is now smoked or chewed by men, often by women, and even by children, almost all over the world. It was brought into Europe from America by Walter Raleigh four centuries ago, and has thence spread everywhere. I very much doubt whether there is any good in the habit if tobacco is not used in excess; and it is extremely difficult to get rid of habit when once it has been formed. Alcohol is taken in almost all cool and cold climates, and to a very less extent in hot ones. Thus, it is taken by people who live in the Himalayan Mountains, but not nearly so much by those who live in the plains of India. Alcohol is not necessary in any way to anybody. Millions of people are beginning to live without it entirely ; and once the United states of America had passed laws which forbade its manufacturing or sale throughout the length and breadth of their vast country.

(i) How is tobacco used by people?

(ii) From which country was tobacco brought into Europe?

(iii) In which region is alcohol used in India the most?

(iv) What habit is extremely difficult to get rid of?

(v) Who brought tobacco in Europe and when?

(vi) Find out the word from the passage which means ‘completely’?

(vii) Find out the word of passage which is opposite in meaning to ‘die’?

**Section B (Writing)**

**Q.3** Imagine that you are Sumit living in Jodhpur your friend Pritam has lost his mother. Write a letter to your friend expressing deep condolences on the death of his mother. You may touch upon the following points.

(i) How did you get the sad news of the untimely death of his mother?

(ii) How did you feel on his death?

(iii)When did you see his mother last?

(iv) What do you pray to god?

Or

Imagine that you are Sanskriti living in Jawahar Colony, Jaipur. You have passed the secondary school Examination recently. You have lost your mark-sheet. Write an application to the secretary, board of secondary Education Rajasthan Ajmer, requesting him to issue a duplicate copy of the mark – sheet.

**Q.4 Write a Paragraph in about 60 words with the help of the outlines given below.**

.................. mobile ....................keeps in touch................. parents...................... messages ......................... video ................ internet .................. result ..................... counseling ........................ cause diseases.................... attention diverted ........................ vulgar ...................... eyesight ......................

**Write a paragraph on ‘A scene at a polling station’ in about 60 words.**

Q.5 Look at the visual given about a house burnt down by fire. Write a paragraph in about 75 words on the topic telling about the harm caused by the fire.

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**Section ‘C’ (Grammar)**

**Q.6 Fill in the blanks with correct forms of the verbs given in brackets:-**

1. The boys………(play) a football match at this time.

2. My mother………….(already take) her tea.

3. By the end of this month he………..(revise) his course.

4. He………………..(break) all the treaties and attacked his enemy.

5. A vegetarian is a person who never………..(eat) meat.

6. She washed clothes after Gopal……….(go) to office.

7. He had left before she ……….(tell)me his name.

8. She……….(take) tea when the maid rang the bell.

**Q.7 Put the most suitable words in the spaces to complete the following sentences choosing from the brackets given against each space:-**

The people……….(!)………( who / whom / whose / that ) live here believe in superstitions. They think that every incident is caused…………(2)……………..( by / in / on / into) good or bad omens. If someone tries to make them understand, they…………(3)……( do not agree / did not agree / will not agree / would not agree ) with him. That’s…………..(4)…………( what / why / when / which ) Superstitions are prevalent in society.

**Q.8 Rearrange the following words and phrases in meaningful sentences:-**

(1) yesterday / How many / attended / students / the class.?

(2) hands / possess / do not / animals

**Q.9 Rewrite the following sentences by transforming them from direct to indirect speech:**

(1) Radha: What will Mr.Anurag teach us today?

Sanskar: Mr.Anurag will teach us grammar.

(a) Radha asked Sanskar……………………………

(b) Sanskar replied that……………………………..

(2) Mary:Bring me a glass of water.

John: Wait a minute.

(a) Mary asked John ……………….

(b) John asked Mary……………………

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**Q.10 Complete the following sentences by choosing the correct passive form of the verbs given:-**

(1) Since then I ………………to talk and haven’t been assigned any extra homework.

(a) has been allowed (b) have been allow (c) have been allowed (d) have allowed

(2) Rice…………..all over the world.

(a) is eating (b) is eaten (c)are eaten (d ) are being eaten.

**Q.11 Fill in the blanks with suitable modals given below:-**

( should, could, must, may, might, shall)

(a) You have completed your homework. Now you……………go home.

(b) He has became very weak. So, he……………give up smoking.

(c) Work hard lest you………..fail.

(d) He belonged to a poor family. there fore, he………..not buy a car.

**Section ‘D’ (Text books)**

**Q.12 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

Writing in a diary is really a strange experience for someone like me. Not only because I’ve never written anything before, but also because it seems to me that later on neither I nor anyone else will be interested in the musings of a thirteen year old school girl. Oh well, It doesn’t matter. I feel like writing and I have an even greater need to get all kinds of things off my chest.

(i) What is really a strange experience ?

(ii) What makes writing in a diary a strange experience for Anne Frank?

(iii) What does Anne want to do?

(iv) Find out the word from the passage which means ‘Deep Thinking’.

**Q.13** **Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

He spent hours shuffling a rubber ball round the room like a four –footed soccer player using all four feet to dribble the ball, and he could also throw it, with a powerful flick of the neck, to a surprising height and distance. But the real play of an otter is when he lies on his back and juggles with small objects between his paws. Marbles were Mij’s favorite toys for this pas time: he would lie on his back rolling two or more of them up and down his wide, flat belly without ever dropping one to the floor.

1. How did Mij spend hours?

2. What is the real play of Mij?

3. How did Mij play with marbles?

4. Find out the word from the passage which means ‘a quick, light movement’.

**Q.14** **Answer any one of the following questions in about 60 words:**

1. What important decision does Maddie come to?(The Hundred Dresses II)

2. How can you say that the presence of the baker’s furnace is absolutely essential in the village?(Baker from Goa)

Q.15 **Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words:**

1. How does the quarrel between Lomov and Chubukov make us laugh?(The proposal)

OR

2. Why does Natalya decide to send her mowers to the oxen meadows?(The proposal)

**Q.16** **Explain any one of the following stanzas with reference to the context:**

“I would not intrude on him ;

A dime , another hall , is worthless. Now

He senses first responsibility

In a world of possession. People will take balls, halls will be lost always, little boy.

OR

The trees inside are moving out into the 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.

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

1. What message does the poem ‘A Tiger in The Zoo’ impart?(A tiger in the Zoo)

2. How does a bear confuse a novice? (How to tell wild animals)

3. What is the theme of the poem?(Animals)

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

1. Give a character sketch of Oliver Lutkins.(The Hack Driver)

2. Give a character sketch of Horace Danby.(A question of Trust)

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

1. How would you assess Griffin as a scientist?(Footprints without feet)

2. How did Bholi’s teacher play an important role in changing the course of her life?(Bholi)

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

1. What does the thief say about the different reactions of people when they are robbed? (TheThief’s Story)

2. How is A usable different from other secret agents? (The Midnight)

**Q.NO.10 PASSIVE VOICE – 2 MARKS**

**Q.10. Complete the following sentences by choosing correct passive form of**

**the verbs given : 2 × 1 = 2**

**(A)** Ramayana ..................... by Tulsidas.

(a) are written (b) was written

(c) will be written (d) was been written.

**(B)** The sale of tickets for the show .................... from next week.

(a) is started (b) are started

(c) will start (d) was started.

**Q.10. Complete the following sentences by choosing correct passive form of**

**the verbs given : 2 × 1 = 2**

**(A)** The Teachers' Day .................... on 5th of September every year.

(a) is celebrated (b) was celebrated

(c) will be celebrated (d) are celebrated.

**(B)** The model question paper .................... by the Board last month.

(a) is published (b) was published

(c) will be published (d) were published

**Q.10. Complete the following sentences by choosing the correct passive**

**forms of the verbs given : 2 × 1 = 2**

**(A)** A set of this new furniture ...................... to our office by Mewar

Furniture last year.

(a) is supplied (b) was supplied

(c) were supplied (d) are supplied.

**(B)** The daily newspaper 'The Rajasthan Ujala' ...................... in our

town even now.

(a) was published (b) will be published

(c) were published (d) is published.

**10. Complete the following sentences by choosing correct passive form of the verbs given. 2x1=2**

**(i)** Every year a grand fair …………… In Pushkar in the month of Kartik.

(a) are held (b) is held

(c) will be held (d) was held.

**(ii)** A number of horses, camels and other cattle …………… to sell in this fair.

(a) is brought (b) will be brought

(c) are brought (d) was brought

**Q.10 Complete the following sentences by choosing the correct passive form of the verbs given:-**

**(1)** Since then I ………………to talk and haven’t been assigned any extra homework.

(a) has been allowed (b) have been allow

(c) have been allowed (d) have allowed

**(2)** Rice…………..all over the world.

(a) is eating (b) is eaten (c)are eaten (d ) are being eaten.

**Q. 10. Complete the following sentences by choosing correct passive form of the verb given.**

**(i)** Badminton ……………. in a small court generally.

(a) is being played (b) was played (c) is played (d) was being played

**(ii)** I saw Tom yesterday but he …………. today.

(a) hadn’t been seen (b) hasn’t been seen (c) was not seen (d) wasn’t be seen

**Q. 10 complete the following sentences by choosing correct passive form of the verbs given. 2**

**(A)** MOM (Mars orbiter Mission) ............................... successfully by ISRO last month.

(a) is launched (b) has launched (c) was launched (d) will be launched **(B)** ICC world cup matches ............................ in Australia next month.

(a) was played (b) will be played (c) is played (d) has been played.

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**Q.NO.8 RELATIVE PRONOUN – 2 MARKS**

A **relative pronoun** is used to connect a clause or phrase to a noun or **pronoun**. You see them used everyday with the most common **relative pronouns** being:

**that, when, which, whichever, whichsoever, who, whoever, whosoever, whom, whomever, whomsoever ,whose, whosesoever ,whatever, whatsoever.  
Q. 8 Join the following sentence using the given relative pronoun.**

(i) He is Mr. Suresh Verma. He has been appointed as scientist in the ISRO (who)

(ii) My father was transferred to Kota. I was seven years old.(when)

**Q. 8 Join the following sentences using the given relative pronoun. 2 x 1 = 2**  (i) I met an old man. He was very poor. (who)

(ii) Sita is a girl. Her father is a doctor. (whose)

**Q.8. Join the following sentences using the given relative pronoun : 2**

(i)The woodcutter cut down the old tree. The tree was planted by my grandfather. (which)

(ii) Anil supported the movement. The movement was started by his friend. (that)

**Q.8. Join the following sentences using the given relative pronoun : 2**

1. She worked for a man .The man used to be an athlete.(who) 2. We broke the computer .The computer belonged to my father.(that)

**Q.8. Join the following sentences using the given relative pronoun : 2** 1. He is a cheerful boy. Everybody loves him.(whom) 2. This is the house. Jack built it.(that)

**Q.8. Join the following sentences using the given relative pronoun : 2** 1. He is the person. I want to see him.(whom) 2. He is the offender. The police have arrested him.(whom)

**Q.8. Join the following sentences using the given relative pronoun : 2** 1. My father hardly received any formal education. He went on to become a great leader.(who) 2. He was my teacher. I will never forget him.(whom)

**Q.8. Join the following sentences using the given relative pronoun : 2** 1. I sent an email to my brother .My brother lives in Australia.(who) 2. They live in a city.The city is in the north of England.(that)

**Q.8. Join the following sentences using the given relative pronoun : 2** 1. This is the player. The committee selected him captain.(whom) 2. That is the road. It leads to the railway station.(which)

**Q.8. Join the following sentences using the given relative pronoun : 2** 1. My uncle died last week. He had been ailing for a while.(who) 2. The car dashed against a tree. It was going at over 100 mph.(which)

**Q.8. Join the following sentences using the given relative pronoun : 2**  1. This is the building. It was built by my grandfather.(which) 2. The parcel reached me this morning. It was sent by my brother.(which)

**Q.8. Join the following sentences using the given relative pronoun : 2** 1. James is very lazy. He was punished by his teacher.(who) 2. The boy is my cousin. You see him there.(whom)

**Q.8. Join the following sentences using the given relative pronoun : 2** 1. The guests have arrived. I was speaking of them.(whom)2. The boy tells lies. He needs to be punished.(who)

**Q.8. Join the following sentences using the given relative pronoun : 2** 1. We got into a bus. It was over-crowded.(which) 2. Little Red Riding Hood went to visit her grandmother. Her grandmother lived in a small hut in the woods.(who)

**PASSAGES**

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

About 400 years ago the Greek began to move across from their home in the mountain of Asia towards the western Mediterranean Sea. At this time they were wandering shepherds, living in groups of families called tribes. They had no real government. Such a thing was unnecessary because there was no public business, there were no taxes and nobody owned any land, since the tribes moved from place to place the whole time looking for grass for its sheep and goats. There were also no law cases and no lawyers and men were controlled by a few customs, such as the one that said that if one man killed another, one of the dead man’s relations had to find and kill the killer.

(i) How did the Greek live 400 years ago ? Where did they migrate to ? 1

(ii) Why did they not have any government ? 1

(iii) Why did the tribes move from place to place ? 1

(v) What penalty was fixed for a killer among the Greek tribes ? 1

(vi) Persons qualified for legal practice are called ……………… 1

(vii) Find out from the passage the word which means

‘’A person whose job is to take care of sheep.’’ 1

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

A pleasing personality is a combination of a person’s attitude and behaviour. And you can develop a pleasing personality anytime, anywhere, age no bar, sex no bar, designation no bar. Let me share with you some techniques of people’s skills which have a huge impact on my life. I have always admired my mentor for his skill to connect with people so well. All his employees, customers and vendors believe that he is a charismatic leader. The reasons for his success dealing with people are many but the one thing that strike me most about him is his ability to make others talk.

He is an attentive listener. He asks questions that other people will enjoy answering. He encourages them to talk about themselves and their accomplishment. As a result after every conversation with him a person leaves his cabin with a great feeling. He is a friend and a sympathetic listener. Even in times of difficulty every one wants to reach to him not because they believe that he will have solutions to all the problems but that they feel easy after a talk with him.

(i) What is a pleasing personality ? 1

(ii) Are there any conditions for developing a pleasing personality ? 1

(iii) What has made the writer’s mentor a charismatic leader ? 1

(iv) How do people feel after a talk with him ? 1

(v) Who can develop a pleasing personality ? 1

(vi) Mention two qualities of a man with pleasing personality. 1

(vii) Pick out from the passage the word which means ‘giving joy and satisfaction’. 1

(viii) Find out from the passage the word which is opposite of ‘condemned’ 1

**Q.3 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

The modern age is an age of science and technology. Science has now become a part and parcel of our daily life. It grows and cooks our food. It lights our homes. It cools us in summer and heats us in winter. It takes us very quickly from one place to another. It provides us with means of entertainment and recreation. It cures our diseases. In fact, there is hardly anything which science does not do for us.

The possibilities of yesterday have become the possibilities of today. There are things which were not even in our imaginations previously. Due to air journey, we can now have our breakfast in Delhi, our lunch in London and dinner in Washington. Such things would have appeared impossible only a few years ago.

The wireless is another great wonder of science. Radio is an out come wireless. Sitting in our home we can enjoy songs, talks, musical concerts etc. without going on to far off places.

1. What is the role of science in our day to day life ? 1

2. What does science do for us in our daily life ? 1

3. What is the advantage of air journey ?

4. What has science done for enjoyment ? 1

5. How can we enjoy music without going to far off places ? 1

6. Find out the word from the passage which means 'result'. 1

7. Find out the word from tha passage opposite in meaning to 'disappeared'. 1

**Q.4. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follows.**

Jambaji was much affected by this drought. Many were the nights he spent in wakefulness because of the suffering he saw around him. The dying cattle, the starving children : they haunted him day and night. And finally, at the age of thirty four, he had a vision. He saw man intoxicated with his own power, destroying the world around him. And he decided to change it all. If life was to flourish again in this desolate land, Jambaji saw that man would have to live in a different way and according to different tenets and beliefs. Jambaji wanted the earth to be covered once again by an abundance of Khejdi, Ber, Ker, and Sangri trees, he wanted herds of black buck to frolic again and he wanted men to work for this. Jambaji knew the way to achieve this and began to broadcast his message in the year 1485. His message included twenty nine basic tenets. It's two major commandments were a prohibition against the cutting down of any green tree or the killing of any animal.

1. Why was Jambaji much affected by the drought ? 1

2. What did he see in his vision ? 1

3. When did Jambaji have a vision ? 1

4. Which were the two major commandments of Jambaji's message ? 1

5. What did Jambaji want ? 1

6. How many basic tenets did his message include ? 1

7. Find out the word from passage which is opposite to 'scarcity'.

8. Find out the word from the passage which means 'develop quickly'. 1