

Grade 10 Maharashtra English 2019

Time: 3 hours

Total Marks: 100

SECTION- I (Language Study)

Q.I A1 Follow the given instructions:

i. Make a meaningful sentence of your own using the following phrase "to look into"

Solution:

I may need to look into the reason why he failed in the exam.

ii. Pick out the infinitive from the following sentence

I just had to do it

Solution:

"to do" is the infinitive in the sentence.

iii. Punctuate the following sentence:

did you hear him he whispered

Solution:

"Did you hear him?" he whispered.

iv. Find out two hidden words of minimum four letters from:

"Endurance"

Solution:

cure, race and near are some words of minimum four letters from "Endurance"

v. Spot the error in the following sentence and rewrite it:

The novel was publishing in 1952

Solution:

The novel was published in 1952.

vi. Complete the following word chain of verbs:

write, e____, _____, _____, _____

Solution:

Enter, Remember, Report, Think

vii. Identify the type of sentence:

I could manage well enough.

Solution:

"I could manage well enough" is the example of an assertive sentence.

viii. Write two past participles in which the last two letters are doubled.

Solution:

'slipped' and 'dropped' are two past participles in which two letters are doubled.

A2. Do as directed:

i. Make two sentences by using the given word as a noun and as verb:

dream

Solution:

"Dream" as a noun: Is that your dream?

"Dream" as a verb: I dream of him

ii. We saw a tree, bare of all leaves.

(Rewrite the sentence beginning with "A tree bare")

Solution:

A tree bare of all the leaves was seen by us.

iii. The Dauphin will give me all I need.

(Rewrite the sentence using the present perfect tense).

Solution: The Dauphin has given me all I need.

iv. The Nobel Prize is one of the biggest honours in the world.

(Change the given sentence into positive and comparative degree)

Solution:

(a) Nobel Prize is bigger than most other honours in the world

B. Do as directed:

i. I must tell the truth

(pick out the modal auxiliary verb and state its function)

Solution: In this sentence. "I must tell the truth", the modal auxiliary verb used is "must". It is used to complete the form of a sentence. The 'must', used in this sentence states the need or requirement to tell the "Truth."

ii. Identify the clauses and name it:

The nerves that controlled his muscles were shutting down.

Solution: Adjective Clause of manner is used in this sentence.

Section-II (Textual Passages) (Reading skills, Vocabulary and Grammar)

Q. 2 A. Read the following passage and do the activities

[10 Marks]

I was still a thief when I met Anil. And although only 15, I was an experienced and a fairly successful hand.

Anil was watching a wrestling match when I approached him. He was about 25- a tall, lean fellow, and he looked easy-going, kind and simple enough for my purpose. I hadn't had much luck lately and thought I might be able to get into the young man's confidence.

"You look a bit like a wrestler yourself", I said. A little flattery helps in making friends.

"So, do you", he replied, which put me off for a moment because at that time I was rather thin.

"Well", I said modestly, "I do wrestle a bit."

"What's your name?"

"Hari Singh", I lied. I took a new name every month. That kept me ahead of the police and my former employers.

After this introduction, Anil talked about the well-oiled wrestlers who were grunting, lifting and throwing each other about. I didn't have much to say. Anil walked away. I followed casually. "Hello, again", he said.

I gave him my most appealing smile. "I want to work for you," I said.

"But I can't pay you."

I thought that over for a minute. Perhaps I had misjudged my man.

I asked, "Can you feed me?"

"Can you cook?"

"I can cook," I lied again.

"If you can cook, then maybe I can feed you."

He took me to his room over the Jamuna Sweet Shop and told me I could sleep on the balcony. But the meal I cooked that night must have been terrible because Anil gave it to a stray dog and told me to be off. But, I just hung around, smiling in my most appealing way, and he couldn't help laughing.

A1. Choose the correct alternatives from the given options to re-write the sentences: (appealing, casually, flattery, well-oiled)

i. I followed _____.

Solution: Casually.

ii. Anil talked about the _____ wrestlers.

Solution: well-oiled

iii. I gave him my most _____ smile.

Solution: appealing

iv. A little _____ helps in making friends.

Solution: flattery

A 2. Complete the following web-chart:



Solution: Tall, Easy-going, Kind, Simple are the qualities of Anil

A 3. Find the similar meaning words from the passage for the following:

- i. endearing
- ii. miscalculated
- iii. humbly
- iv. awful

Solution:

- (i) appealing
- (ii) misjudged
- (iv) kind
- (v) terrible

A 4. i. "I want to work for you", I said.
(Change it into indirect speech).

Solution: I said that I wanted to work for him.

ii. I can't pay you.
(Rewrite it making it affirmative)

Solution:

I am unable to pay you.

A 5. "We should learn from our own mistakes," Explain.

Solution:

We have to learn from our mistakes so that we do not repeat them. We should also develop wisdom and have the good sense to reach a proper decision and choice. If we always find it challenging to reach a decision or are inclined to blame others for our bad decisions, we have not learnt anything. We should all forget our mistakes, but we should never forget what it taught us. We should take the message we learnt from it and then try to improve it.

B. Read the following passage and do the given activities.

Stephen Hawking (born January 8, 1942) is a British Scientist, Professor and Author who has done groundbreaking work in Physics and Cosmology, and whose books have helped make Science accessible to everyone. At the age of 21, while studying Cosmology at the University of Cambridge, he was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). Part of his life story was depicted in the 2014 film, The

Theory of Everything.

Over the years, Stephen Hawking has written or co-written a total of 15 books. A few of the most noteworthy include:

In 1988 Hawking catapulted to International prominence with the publication of A Brief History of Time. The short, informative book became an account of cosmology for the masses and offered an overview of space and time, the existence of God and the future. The work was an instant success, spending more than four years atop the "London Sunday Times" best-seller list. Since its publication, it has sold millions of copies worldwide and been translated into more than **40** languages.

A Brief History of Time also wasn't as easy to understand as some had hoped. So, in 2001, Hawking followed up his book with The Universe in a Nutshell, which offered a more illustrated guide to Cosmology's big theories.

In 2005, Hawking authored the even more accessible A Briefer History of Time, which further simplified the original work's core concepts and touched upon the newest developments in the field like String theory.

B1. Answer in one word:

i. At what age was Stephen diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis?

Solution:

At the age of 21

ii. Over the years, how many books has Stephen written or co-written?

Solution:

Stephen Hawkins has written or co-written 15 books.

iii. When did Stephen catapult to international prominence?

Solution:

In 1988

iv. In which year, was his life story depicted?

Solution:

The film, The Theory of Everything that came in 2014, depicted his life story.

B 2. Complete the following table with the relevant information about Stephen Hawking

Books	Films
(i)___	(i)
(ii)___	
(iii)___	

Solution:

Books	Films
(i) A Brief History of Time	(i) The Theory of Everything
(ii) The Universe in a Nutshell	
(iii) A Briefer History of Time	

B 3. Find out the "Antonyms" from the passage for the following:

- (i) worst x
- (ii) exclude x
- (iii) duplicate x
- (iv) oldest x

Solution:

- (i) The antonym of worst is noteworthy
- (ii) The antonym of exclude is include
- (iii) The antonym of duplicate is original
- (iv) The antonym of oldest is the newest

B 4. i. It has sold millions of copies worldwide and been translated into more than 40 languages (Change into a simple sentence)

Solution:

Being translated into more than 40 languages, they sold millions of copies worldwide.

ii. The short informative book became an account of Cosmology (Add a question tag)

Solution: Didn't it?

B 5. 'Stephen Hawking was a versatile personality'. Justify.

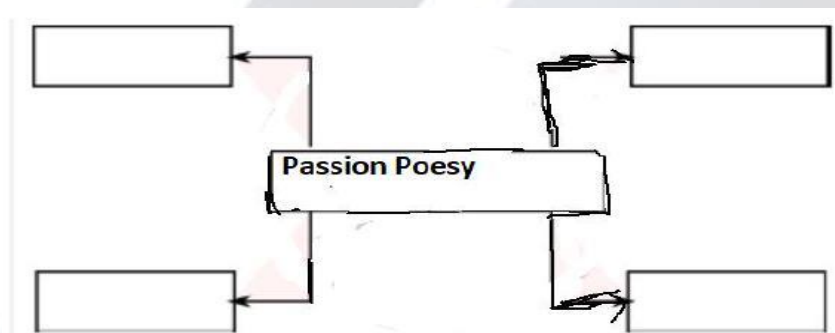
Solution: Stephen Hawking, the British Scientist, diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), at the age of 21, was given about five years to live. Despite his disabilities, he proved the doctors and the people wrong. He worked hard and completed his best works, which also came to be known worldwide. A film was also made on his life, and it became popular. Stephen Hawking was a real inspiration to people. He taught us that Intelligence is not our IQ and that there is a way out of the black hole. He taught us that it is crucial to learn from the mistakes in life and never take life for granted. His intellect and zest for life is a chief example of the triumph of the human spirit. Thus, we can justify the statement that Stephen Hawking is a versatile personality.

Section-III (Poetry)

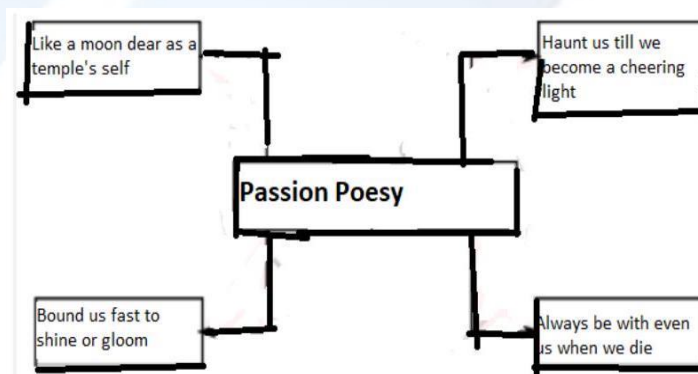
Q3 A. Read the following extract and do the given activities: (5 marks)

..... and clear rills
 That for themselves a cooling covert make
 'Gains the hot season; the mid forest brake'
 Rich with a sprinkling of fair musk-rose blooms:
 And such too is the grandeur of the dooms
 We have imagined for the mighty deed;
 All lovely tales that we have heard or read:
 An endless fountain of immortal drink
 Pouring unto us from the heaven's brink.
 Nor do we merely feel these essences
 For one short hour; no, even as the trees
 That whisper round a temple become soon
 Dear as the temple's self, so do the moon,
 The passion poesy, glories infinite,
 Haunt us till they become a cheering light
 Unto our souls, and bound to us so fast,
 That, whether there be shine, or gloom o'er-cast
 They always must be with us, or we die.

A1. Fill on the web with what passion poesy can do to you
 The Learning App



Solution:



A2. List the things which express sorrow from the extract.

Solution:

Lines from this extract that express sorrow are:

- And such too is the grandeur of the dooms
- Nor do we merely feel these essences
- For one short hour; no, even as the trees.

A3. Write down the rhyme scheme of the last five lines.

Solution:

Find here the rhyme scheme of the last five lines:

aa-bb-c.

(B) Read the following poem and write an appreciation of it with the help of the given points in a paragraph format: (10 marks)

The Pulley

When God at first made Man,
 Having a glass of blessings standing by:
 Let us (said He) "pour on him all we can :
 Let the world's riches, which dispersed lie,
 Contract into a span.

So strength first made a way.
 The beauty flow'd, then wisdom, honour, pleasure:
 When almost all was out, God made a stay,
 Perceiving that alone of his treasures
 Rest in the bottom lay.

For if should(said He)
 Bestow this jewel also on my creature,
 He would adore my gifts instead of me,
 And rest in Nature, not the God of Nature.
 So both should losers be.

Yet let them keep the rest,
 But keep them with repining restlessness :
 Let him be rich and weary, that at last,
 If goodness lead him not, yet weariness
 May toss him to my breast.

- George Herbert

- The title of the poem
- The poet
- Central Idea/ theme

- Rhyme scheme
- Figure of speech
- Special features
- Favourite line/ lines
- Why I like/ don't like the poem

Solution:

Title of the poem is 'The Pulley.'

The poet is George Herbert.

The poem's central idea or theme focus on the reason for the man's continuous restlessness in his life. According to the poet, God has made sure that the man will suffer hard so that their thoughts would ultimately return to his creator, God. There are five lines in every verse of the poem.

The rhyme scheme for the poem is a-b-a-b-a.

Metaphor is the key figure of speech used in the poem. 'Glass of blessings' is a term used to depict the total of all human qualities bestowed on a man, while the quality of "rest" or "contentment" is compared with that of a "jewel."

In the meantime, the poem comes with a message. The message is that however rich or whatever abundance of qualities we may have, we must always believe in our God and thank him for the blessings that he has bestowed upon us.

My favourite line from the poem is "If goodness lead him not, yet weariness May toss him to my breast." Here, it talks of the fickle nature of man. It says that if goodness and luxury do not lead a man to God, then man will be reminded of God in difficulties for sure. A tired and weary man is most likely to believe more in God than someone living in luxury, who has not undergone much trouble.

I like this poem very much as it teaches us not to be self-satisfied and content but to believe in God, thank God, and to always remember him for all the kindness and blessings that he has showered upon us.

Section-IV
(Non-textual passage)
(Reading skills, Vocabulary and Grammar)

4 A. Read the following passage and do the given activities. (10 marks)

Human and dogs are inseparable for thousands of years, and they are dependent on each other for protection and survival. Relationships between humans and dogs are often characterised by strong emotional bonds which run both ways. Dogs are very popular as pets and companions. The dog is the "Man's best Friend" and a family member. The dog is one of the most loyal, faithful and devoted animals. In earlier days dogs were kept mainly for hunting and guarding; now they are kept for companionship, protection and showmanship.

There are millions of people all over the world who are dog lovers. Puppies need more attention at an early age. As much as possible, try many methods of socialisation, such as playing with them, taking them for a walk, expose them to crowds, make them obey orders, etc.

A 1. Fill in the blanks, with the virtues of dogs.

- (i) _____
- (ii) _____
- (iii) _____
- (iv) _____

Solution:

- (i) Companion
- (ii) Loyal
- (iii) Faithful
- (iv) Protection

A2. Methods of socialisation of puppies are

- i. _____
- ii. _____
- iii. _____
- iv. _____

Solution:

- (1) Playing with them
- (2) Taking them for a walk
- (3) Expose them to crowds
- (4) Make them obey orders

A 3. Cross the odd one out from the following:

- (i) inseparable, dependent, protection, popular
- (ii) Hunting, guarding, playing, petting
- (iii) Earlier, human, relationship, family
- (iv) Often, mainly, now, emotional

Solution:

- (i) popular
- (ii) petting
- (iii) earlier
- (iv) emotional

A4.

- i. There are millions of people all over the world.
(pick out the determiners and write them)

Solution:

All

- ii. Puppies need more attention

(Re-write the sentence without changing its meaning beginning with: Puppies don't _____)

Solution:

Puppies don't need less attention.
Puppies don't need negligence.

A 5. Should we ban keeping pets?

Solution:

I am all for no ban on keeping pets. Pets are faithful and are man's best friends. They bring love and happiness to people who have adopted them. Pet dogs are also used for protection. Pets are good companions, and some pet dogs are also used for guarding and hunting. Pets are loyal and devoted to you. However, I also believe that pets should be kept only by people who can take proper care of them, and give them the required attention. It is a huge responsibility, and the owner should be willing to take care of the pets.

B. Write a short summary of the passage given in Q. No. 4(A) and suggest a suitable title.

Solution:

"Man's Best Friend" or "Unconditional Love" are the titles.

The passage depicts the bond between the dog and human beings, the love existing for so long. Dogs, considered as a loyal animal, is also Man's best friend. They are known for their unconditional love towards humans. Millions of people over the world keep dogs and are known to be dog lovers. Dogs are said to be the best companions and are also used to guard and protect us. Puppies also need more attention and have to be trained well. They will continue to love you if you take care of them.

Section- V (Writing Skills)

5 A. Attempt any One: (5)

Letter writing:

Imagine you are Dipesh/ Disha Shastri, residing at J.M.Road, Shivaji Nagar, Pune.

Attempt any one letter based on the given advertisement.

Blood Donation Camp

Donate Blood-Save Lives:

- Blood means life
- A noble work
- Higher requirement
- Can bring a smile on many faces

Venue: F.C Road, Pune

Date: 5th March

Time: 10 a.m to 6 p.m

Contact: The Secretary, Lions Club, Pune

FORMAL LETTER	INFORMAL LETTER
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Write a letter to 'The Secretary requesting him to enroll your name for the Blood Donation Camp

Write a letter to your friend Manish/ Manisha appealing him or her to donate generously. Tell him or her the importance of Blood Donation.

Solution:

From,
Dipesh/ Disha Shastri,
J.M.Road,
Shivaji Nagar,
Pune.

02 March 2019

To,
The Secretary
Lion's Club
Pune

Subject: Letter of request to enroll for 'Blood Donation Camp' in 'Gokuldham Society.'

Sir,

I, Dipesh/Disha Shastri, a member of Gokuldham Society, sincerely invite you to participate in our Blood Donation Camp, organised to support the Blood Bank Group. The camp is scheduled for 5th March 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at F.C. Road, Pune.

We understand that you have a busy routine, but we earnestly request you to take some time to join us in this meaningful cause. Your contribution can help save lives, and your presence would be greatly valued.

Looking forward to your kind support.

Yours sincerely,
Dipesh/Disha Shastri
Committee Member
Gokuldham Society

B.

B1. Dialogue writing: (5)

Draft an imaginary dialogue between a Scientist and Ritesh/ Ruta about the importance of developing Scientific attitude. You can use the following points:

- Helps to fight against social evils
- Develops rational and logical thinking
- Helps to understand the latest technology
- For the betterment of humanity

- Strengthens economy

OR

B. 2

Interview Questions: (5)

Imagine you are the monitor of the class. You are asked to conduct an interview of a famous singer. Frame a set of 8 questions with the help of following points:

- Early life and education
- Interest tot- thin particular field
- Guru or Mentor
- Awards/ Achievements
- Future Plans and Advise to Youngsters

Solution:

Good morning, Sir!

I am thrilled to have this opportunity to interview you and gain deeper insights into your journey. Your experiences and thoughts will inspire many. Here are a few questions to help us learn more about you:

- What inspired you to pursue a career in singing?
- Could you name a mentor who guided you and a role model who influenced you?
- How did you feel when you received the award last year?
- How did your family react to your achievement?
- What are your thoughts on today's era of music?
- How do you prepare yourself before a recording session or a concert?
- How long have you been in the field of singing? What challenges have you faced along the way?
- Can you share one of your most memorable experiences from your musical journey?
- In your opinion, what qualities define a great singer? What philosophy or mantra has guided your success?
- What message would you like to convey to your fans and aspiring artists?

6 A. Attempt any one of the following:

Information Transfer (5)

A1. Verbal to non-verbal:

Read the given information and prepare a pie diagram for it.

Annual Water Usage in Maharashtra

Water is life. It is a universal solvent and an important resource. The annual usage of water differs in various sectors of Maharashtra. The major occupation of Maharashtra being agriculture, the maximum amount of available water is used for

irrigation that is 86%. The distant following pace of 7% is contributed by the domestic sector, including drinking, washing, cooking, etc. There is a close competition of other sectors which is not far away with 6% usage of water. One of the key factors which play an important role in the development of a nation is the industrial sector. The consumption of water in the industrial sector is very negligible, which is 1%. We know the energy sector plays a vital role in the development of a nation. In this sector, the use of water is almost nil. If we try to observe its place in the chart, we do realise that it holds 0% usage and is yet to open its account.

OR

6. A. 2 Non-verbal to Verbal:

Observe the following table and transfer the information into a paragraph:

State-wise Distribution of Urban and Rural Population in India:

STATES	POPULATION IN MILLIONS	
	Rural	Urban
Maharashtra	560	410
Gujarat	320	190
Madhya Pradesh	440	160
Chhattisgarh	170	40
Andhra Pradesh	550	210
Karnataka	350	180

Solution:

The table below presents the State-wise Distribution of Urban and Rural Population in India. Maharashtra records the highest population, with 560 million in rural areas and 410 million in urban areas.

Following Maharashtra, Gujarat has a rural population of 320 million and an urban population of 190 million. In Madhya Pradesh, 440 million people reside in rural regions, while 160 million live in urban areas. Chhattisgarh has a comparatively lower population, with 170 million in rural areas and 40 million in urban areas. Andhra Pradesh closely follows Maharashtra in rural population, with 550 million, while 210 million live in urban regions. Lastly, Karnataka has 350 million rural residents and 180 million urban residents.

From this data, we observe a clear variation in the distribution of rural and urban populations across different states. Maharashtra leads in both categories, while Chhattisgarh records the lowest population figures.

6. B Attempt any one of the following:

Speech writing/View-Counterinterview: (5)

B.1. Speech writing:

Prepare a speech to be delivered for the District Level Elocution Competition. The subject given to you is How to live a happy and joyful life. Use the following points:

- Live in a stress-free environment
- Daily meditation and exercise
- Be in a company of cheerful people
- Take inspiration from great people

Or

B. 2 View-Counterinterview

Write your counterinterview on 'Children should work to earn during vacations.'

Use the following points:

View:

- Fruitful use of time
- Development of skills
- Financial support to own education and parents
- Knowledge of transaction
- Awareness of responsibility

Solution: B1

How to Live a Happy and Joyful Life

Respected judges, teachers, and dear friends,

Happiness is something we all seek, yet it often feels out of reach. However, by following a few simple principles, we can create a joyful life.

Firstly, living in a stress-free environment is essential. Worrying too much drains our energy, so we must focus on the present and let go of unnecessary tensions. Secondly, daily meditation and exercise keep our minds calm and bodies active, leading to overall well-being.

Another key to happiness is being in the company of cheerful people. Positive surroundings uplift our mood and motivate us. Lastly, taking inspiration from great people helps us stay determined and learn valuable life lessons.

Happiness is not about material wealth but about a positive mindset. By adopting these habits, we can truly live a happy and joyful life.

Thank you!

Section-VI (Creative Writing)

7 A. Attempt any one of the following:

7. A1. Expand the theme: (5)

Nature-The Best Teacher

Or

7. A. 2 News Report: Prepare a News Report based on the following headlines: '14 Child Labourers were rescued from Firework Factory'.

Solution:

A1. Nature – The Best Teacher

Nature has always been a great source of wisdom and inspiration. It teaches us valuable life lessons through its beauty, resilience, and balance.

Firstly, nature teaches patience—a seed does not grow into a tree overnight; it takes time and care. Similarly, in life, success requires hard work and perseverance. Secondly, it shows the importance of adaptability. Just as animals and plants adjust to changing seasons, we must learn to face challenges with flexibility.

Nature also demonstrates harmony and coexistence. Different species live together, supporting one another, just as humans should embrace unity and kindness. Lastly, nature's selflessness inspires us to give without expecting anything in return, like trees that provide shade and fruits for all.

By observing and learning from nature, we can become better individuals, leading a balanced and meaningful life.

7. B Attempt any one of the following:

7. B1. Developing a story: (5)

Develop a story in about 80-100 words with the following ending:

Give a suitable Title.

_____and that's how he got inspired to avoid the use of plastic.

Or

7. B2. Narrating Experience:

Narrate an experience in about 80-100 words beginning with the given words:

It was Sunday, and I was enjoying the latest movie in the theatre with my parents_____

Solution:

B1.

The Turning Point

Amit loved buying snacks from a nearby shop, always carrying them home in plastic bags. One day, while playing near the lake, he saw a bird struggling with a piece of plastic wrapped around its beak. Despite his efforts, the bird couldn't be saved.

Saddened, Amit realised the harm plastic causes to nature. Determined to make a change, he started using cloth bags and encouraged his friends to do the same. His small step soon inspired others in his neighbourhood.