

VIBGYOR HIGH

First Preliminary Examination

2020-2021

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

ENGLISH PAPER 1

Grade: X
27/11/2020

Max. Marks: 80 Date :
Time Allowed : 2 hour

Answers to this paper must be written on the paper provided separately.

You will not be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes.

This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.

The time given at the head of this paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

Attempt all five questions.

The intended marks for the questions or parts of questions are given alongside the questions.

Question 1

[20]

(Do not spend more than 30 minutes on this question.)

Write a composition (300 – 350 words) on any one of the following :

- (a) Write an original short story of your own with the theme:
“Absence makes the heart grow fonder”.
- (b) Do violent video games cause behaviour problems?
Express your views either for or against this statement.
- (c) You have lived in your ancestral house since birth [1]. The house is to be sold so that flats may be built[1]. **Narrate the circumstances (2)** that led to this decision and **describe your feelings (4)** about moving out of the house.

(d) Write an essay narrating a special incident or experience in your life which you still recall with happiness.

(e) Study the picture given below. Write a story or a description or an account of what it suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or you may take suggestions from it; however, there must be a clear connection between the picture and your composition.



Question 2

[10]

(Do not spend more than 20 minutes on this question.)

Select any one of the following:

- (a) Write a letter to the Mayor of your town complaining(1/2) about the insanitary conditions in the locality in which you live(1/2). Suggest necessary steps (1/2)to be taken. Request him /her to take urgent action(1/2).
- (b) Your class was taken to visit an old age home where you spent some time with the inmates(1). Write a letter to a friend telling him/ her what you saw(1/2), how you felt(1/2) and in what way you have changed since the visit(1/2).

Question 3

[10]

- (a) You are the Sports Captain of your school. The school is organising an Inter-school Cricket Tournament. Write a notice to be put up in your school, informing about the tournament. [5]

- (b) Write an email to a famous cricketer, requesting him to be the chief guest at the inauguration of the Inter-school Cricket Tournament. [5]

Question 4

[20]

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

My father's family name being Pirrip, and my Christian name Philip, my infant tongue could make of both names nothing longer or more explicit than Pip. So, I called myself Pip, and came to be called Pip. I give Pirrip as my father's family name, on the authority of his tombstone and my sister—Mrs. Joe Gargery, who married the blacksmith. As I never saw my father or my mother, and never saw any likeness of either of them (for their days were long before the days of photographs), my first fancies regarding what they were like were unreasonably **derived** from their tombstones. The shape of the letters on my father's, gave me an odd idea that he was a square, stout, dark man, with curly black hair. From the character and turn of the inscription, "Also Georgiana Wife of the Above," I drew a childish conclusion that my mother was freckled and sickly. **To** five little stone lozenges, each about a foot and a half long, which were arranged in a neat row beside their grave, and were sacred to the memory of five little brothers of mine—who gave up trying to get a living, **exceedingly** early in that universal struggle—I am indebted for a belief I religiously entertained that they had all been born on their backs with their hands in their trousers-pockets, and had never taken them out in this state of existence. Ours was the marsh country, down by the river, within, as the river wound, twenty miles of the sea. My first most vivid and broad impression of the identity of things seems to me to have been gained on a memorable raw afternoon towards evening. At such a time I found out for certain that this bleak place overgrown with nettles was the churchyard; and that Philip Pirrip, late of this parish, and also Georgiana wife of the above, were dead and buried; and that Alexander, Bartholomew, Abraham, Tobias, and Roger, infant children of the aforesaid, were also dead and buried; and that the dark flat wilderness beyond the churchyard, intersected with dikes and mounds and gates, with scattered cattle feeding on it, was the marshes; and that the low leaden line beyond was the river;

and that the distant savage lair from which the wind was rushing was the sea; and that the small bundle of shivers growing afraid of it all and beginning to cry, was Pip. “Hold your noise!” cried a terrible voice, as

a man started up from among the graves at the side of the church porch.

“Keep still, you little devil, or I’ll cut your throat!” A fearful man, all in coarse grey, with a great iron on his leg. A man with no hat, and with broken shoes, and with an old rag tied round his head. A man who had been soaked in water, and **smothered** in mud, and lamed by stones, and cut by flints, and stung by nettles, and torn by briars; who limped, and shivered, and glared, and growled; and whose teeth chattered in his head as he seized me by the chin. “Oh! Don’t cut my throat, sir,” I pleaded in terror. “Pray don’t do it, sir.” “Tell us your name!” said the man. “Quick!”

“Pip, sir.” “Once more,” said the man, staring at me. “Give it mouth!” “Pip. Pip, sir.” “Show us where you live,” said the man. “Pint out the place!” I pointed to where our village lay, on the flat in-shore among the alder-trees and pollards, a mile or more from the church.

The man, after looking at me for a moment, turned me upside down, and emptied my pockets. There was nothing in them but a piece of bread. When the church came to itself, —for he was so sudden and strong that he made it go head over heels before me, and I saw the steeple under my feet— when the church came to itself, I say, I was seated on a high tombstone, trembling while he ate the bread ravenously. “You young dog,” said the man, licking his lips, “what fat cheeks you ha’ got.” I believe they were fat, though I was at that time undersized for my years, and not strong. “Darn me if I couldn’t eat em,” said the man, with a threatening shake of his head, “and if I han’t half a mind to’t!” I earnestly expressed my hope that he wouldn’t, and held tighter to the tombstone on which he had put me; partly, to keep myself upon it; partly, to keep myself from crying.

(a) Give the meaning of the following words or phrases as used in the passage. One word answers or short phrases will be accepted.

- (i) Derived [1]

- (ii) Exceedingly [1]
- (iii) Smothered [1]

(b) Answer the questions given below in your own words:

- (i) What did the person that Pip met, look like? [2]
- (ii) Why had Pip not seen his parents? [2]
- (iii) What was Pip’s idea about their physical appearance and from where had he got this idea? [2]
- (iv) What was the place where Pip had a very vivid memory? [2]
- (v) What was Pip's full name? [1]

(c) In not more than 50 words, state what the man did to Pip to find food. [8]

Question 5 [20]

(a) Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of words given in brackets. Do not copy the passage, but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space. [4]

Answer: (0) called

The man (0)_____ (call) Boone, (1)_____ (wake) up at the crack of dawn and (2)_____ (make) his way to the pier. His assistant was already (3)_____ (pack) the fishing net as the boat gently bobbed in the calm waters.

“What (4)_____ (do) it look like Jon?”, (5)_____ (ask) Boone. “The forecast (6)_____ (mention) a quiet start to the day with a spell of rain (7)_____ (come) later on in the afternoon.” “Well then, let’s set off then as soon as you are done.”

“Sure. How do you think Mrs. Boone (8) _____ (react) to the news once you tell her this evening?”

(b) Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word: [4]

- (i) Gold price has come _____ recently.
- (ii) Don't hold _____ the information.
- (iii) Where are you putting _____ nowadays?
- (iv) The young scholar bore _____ the first prize.
- (v) The decision rests _____ you.
- (vi) It is _____ the power of medicine to cure him.
- (vii) It is not wise to go _____ appearances. (viii) He set _____ to explore the country side.

(c) Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using *and*, *but* or *so*. [4]

- (i) We have to wade through the flooded lane. Alternately, we have to take a long detour.
- (ii) He prepared hard all through the year. He barely secured the pass marks in the exam.
- (iii) The payment to the vendor was delayed. The invoices were not approved in time.
- (iv) This is the same hotel. We spent a night the last time we visited.

(d) Re-write the following sentences according to the instructions given in the brackets. Make other changes that may be necessary, but do not change the meaning of each sentence. [8]

- (i) Ronaldo is the best footballer in the world. (Use:better....)
- (ii) It is better to help than to give advice. (Begin: Instead)
- (iii) Italy is the prettiest country I have been to. (Use:pretty.....)
- (iv) It is a crazy way to lose one's wicket. (Begin: What)
- (v) Jenny will receive a medal for her performance. (Use:..by...)
- (vi) Students with a valid ticket will be allowed to stay. (Use:without.....)
- (vii) No sooner did the sun come out than the birds began to sing. (Begin: As soon)
- (viii) If the weather is bright and warm tomorrow, we will go for a picnic.

(Begin: If the weather is not ...).

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