

CLASS	SUBJECT	EXAM	DATE	MARKS	TIME	NO.OF SIDES
X	ENGLISH LANGUAGE	PRELIM	3.01.19	20	2 hrs	4

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 the questions.

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

You are advised to spend not more than 30 minutes in answering Question 1

and 20 minutes in answering Question 2.

Question 1

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

[20]

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

a) Write a short story which begins with : "He picked out from his bundle a copy of the local Thane newspaper and _____"

b) "We need to be selfish .It's the demand of the times."

Write for or against the proposition. Relate from a real -life -perspective.

c) Children of metropolitan cities are generally found to be smart ,informed and physically and mentally mature. Which factors might have contributed in bringing about this happy situation? Explain the idea by taking examples from your life.

d) You were visiting your uncle at Shriharikota , where your uncle is a scientist at ISRO. (INDIAN SPACE RESEARCH ORGANIZATION). Your dinner - table - conversation would invariably centre around the One - Way - Mars - Mission and other such scientific missions. Narrate how you would try to convince him that India as a developing country has more urgent issues to deal with, rather than extravagant space programmes and , how he would try to convince you of the necessity of space -missions.

e) Study the picture given below. Write a short story or description or an account of what the picture suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or you may take suggestions from it.



Question 2

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

Select one of the following :

- [10]
- a) You have been selected to represent India at the U.N.O. as a budding artist. You will be delivering a speech on India's contribution to the world of art and culture. Write a letter to your cousin on what you wish to speak on and how you are a little nervous at the idea of speaking at such a world stage.
- b) Write a letter to the Chief Minister of Maharashtra on the necessity of offering support and help to the children of farmers who are in a difficult situation right now.

Question 3.

a) As the school captain of your school, write a notice informing the students that the Annual Day of the school will be held on 25th January, 2018. Give all the necessary details and invite the students to participate in such an extravaganza. [5]

b) On behalf of the school, write an email to Mr. Vijaypath Singhania, inviting him to be the chief guest for this special occasion. [5]

Question 4.

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

Maycomb was an old town, but it was a tired old town when I first knew it. In rainy weather the streets turned to red slop; grass grew on the sidewalks, the courthouse sagged in the square. Somehow, it was hotter than a black dog suffered on a summer's day; bony mules hitched to carts flicked flies in the shade of the live oaks on the square. Men's stiff collars wilted by nine in the morning. Ladies bathed before noon, after their three-o'clock naps, and by nightfall were like soft teacakes with frostings of sweat and sweet talcum.

People moved slowly then. They ambled across the square, shuffled in and out of the stores around it, took their time about everything. A day was twenty-hours long but seemed longer. There was no hurry, for there was nowhere to go, nothing to buy and no money to buy it with, nothing to see outside the boundaries of Maycomb county. But it was a time of vague optimism for some of the people: Maycomb county had recently been told that it had nothing to fear but fear itself.

We lived off the main residential street in town — Atticus, Jem and I, plus Calpurnia our cook. Jem and I found our father satisfactory; he played with us, read to us and treated us with a certain detachment.

Calpurnia was something else again. She was all angles and bones; she was nearsighted; she squinted; her hand was wide as a bed slat and twice as hard. She was always ordering me out of the kitchen, asking me why I couldn't behave as well as Jem when she knew he was older, and calling me home when I was not ready to come. Our battles were epic and one-sided. Calpurnia always won, mainly because Atticus always took her side. She had been with us ever since Jem was born, and I had felt her tyrannical presence as long as I could remember.

Our mother died when I was two, so I never felt her absence. She was a Graham from Montgomery; Atticus met her when he was first elected to the state legislature. He was middle-aged then, she was fifteen years his junior. Jem was the product of their first year of marriage; four years later I was born; and two years later our mother died from a sudden heart-attack. They said it ran in her family. I did not miss her, but I think Jem did. He remembered her clearly, and sometimes in the middle of a game he would sigh at length, then go off and play by himself behind the car-house. When he was like that, I knew better than to bother him.

When I was almost six and Jem was nearly ten, we were not allowed to go beyond Mrs. Henry Lafayette Dubose's house two doors to the north of us, and the Radley Place, three doors to the south. We were never tempted to break these rules. The Radley Place was inhabited by an unknown entity the mere description of whom was enough to make us behave for days on end; Mrs. Dubose was plain hell.

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

i) frostings ii) ambled iii) courteous [3]

b) Answer the following questions briefly, in your own words:

i) How does the narrator describe the poor infrastructure of Maycomb? [2]

ii) Describe the lives of the people of Maycomb. [2]

iii) How does the narrator describe the siblings' relationship with their father? [2]

iv) Why did Jem miss his mother more than the narrator? What did he do then? [3]

c) In not more than 50 words, describe the little girl's relationship with Calpurnia. [8]

Question 5

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

i) _____ (be) was _____ [4]

It _____ (be) not until two days later that Miss Lomas _____ 1 _____ (speak) to him. In the interval he _____ 2 _____ (has) twice taken the girl out again, once to the cinema, in the afternoon, and once to the pier, late in the evening. _____ 3 _____ (come) out of the cinema, he _____ 4 _____ (surprise) to see Miss Lomas. With umbrella and mackintosh on her arm, she _____ 5 _____ (walk) rapidly along the promenade, as though in a great hurry _____ 6 _____ (get) somewhere. He got ready to raise his hat. And, then suddenly she _____ 7 _____ (cross) the street and _____ 8 _____ (not see) them at all.

b) Fill in each blank with an appropriate word: [4]

i) Please call _____ the names of the winners once again.

ii) Don't scold the boy; he will come round _____ time.

iii) The rules must be complied _____.

iv) Teenagers often go _____ the rules.

v) On being re-elected, the Prime Minister was deluged _____ congratulatory messages.

vi) He was completely taken _____ by the cheat.

vii) The slogan was a play _____ words.

viii) The fan was directly _____ my head.

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

i) He galloped off very fast. His horse could not carry him faster.

ii) The school appointed Radha. She would teach Geography.

iii) The mouse tried for a long time to get free. At last it succeeded.

iv) The sun has set. The boys have not finished the game.

d) Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given after each. Make other changes that may be necessary, but do not change the meaning of the sentence. (8)

i) He wondered how anyone could call Neeta a liar. (Begin: He said.....)

ii) This was too great an honour not to excite the envy of his rivals. (Remove: too)

iii) The bells were rung as soon as the moon appeared. (Begin: No sooner.....)

iv) He acted rashly and suffered on that account. (Begin: If.....)

v) Do we not feel pain when we are pricked? (Begin: We.....)

vi) The smell of something burning caused Rekha to dash to the kitchen. (Begin: Rekha dashed.....)

vii) The money was paid to a woman whose husband was drowned by the order of the government. (Rearrange the sentence to correct it)

viii) Loud and painful was/were the lamentations. (Choose the correct alternative and rewrite the sentence.)

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