

# 10<sup>th</sup> Standard Mid Term Examination - Sep/Oct - 2019

Time : 2.30 hrs.

Subject - ENGLISH

Marks : 80

**General Instructions :** 1) Attempt all the questions.

2) 15 Minutes is allotted as cool-off time. 3) Read the instructions and questions carefully.

**I. Four alternatives are given for each of the following questions / incomplete statements. Only one of them is correct or most appropriate. Choose the correct alternative and write the complete answer along with its letter of alphabet.** **4x1=4**

1. Choose the appropriate question Tag and fill in the blank:

Deepa is a teacher, .....

- a) doesn't she ?                      b) is she?                      c) isn't she?                      d) does she?

2. Fill in the blank with correct 'prefix' choosing from the given alternatives:

Savitha is regular to her work, but her brother is .....regular.

- a) ir                      b) dis                      c) mis                      d) un

3. Read the given conversation and choose the language function for the underlined sentence.

Naveen : Will you please tell me the way to Sparsha Eye Hospital?

Charan : By all means. Go straight for 100 mtrs .Take right turn and there, you can see the hospital.

- a) suggestion                      b) command                      c) seeking information                      d) giving directions

4. Read the following conversation and choose the Infinitive verb:

Arun : Where did you go yesterday?

Anil : I went to Mysore to meet my brother.

Arun : Oh! I see.

- a) did                      b) to meet                      c) went                      d) see

## II. Do as directed

**12x1=12**

5. Fill in the blank with appropriate form of the verbs given in brackets:

One day Vikas ..... (be + stand) in front of the police station.

6. Fill in the blank with appropriate preposition :

Harish received a letter by post ..... 10 O'clock.

7. Fill in the blank with suitable linker given in the bracket:

..... it was raining, I went for a walk. (so, though, if)

8. Fill in the blanks choosing the appropriate words given in the brackets.

Chaitanya ..... (lost, last) her passport yesterday.

9. Combine the word in column 'A' with its Collocative word in column 'B'.

A

B

table

bowl, plate, rice, salt

10. Give one word answer:

A person who travels to workplace daily .....

11. Which one of the following words has two syllables:

family, again, continent, zoo

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12. Write the correct form of the word given in the bracket:  
Adarsha is .....(interest) in cricket.
13. Frame a question to get underlined word as answer:  
Mr. Pramod went to Germany for higher studies.
14. Read the following conversation and change the underlined sentence into Passive Voice:  
Shwetha : Hello, Divya. What are you doing?  
Divya : I am reading a newspaper.
15. Change the following sentence into comparative degree:  
Mandya is not as cool as Kodagu.
16. Use the word 'advice' as a verb in a sentence of your own.

**III )The following lines have two errors. Edit the paragraph and rewrite it in the answer booklet.**

**Clues are given below.**

**1x2=2**

- 17) Roma hands reached for the steel railing above, but finding only air, Roma was thrown out of the coach.  
a) Punctuation mark to be corrected.      b) Spelling error to be corrected.

**IV) Answer the following questions in 2-3 sentences each:**

**7x2=14**

18. Swami was not a real hero but a situational hero. Justify .  
19. How did Roma fall on the tracks?  
20. "Don Anselmo's appearance and manners were quite unusual". Comment on this.  
21. How can you say that Ambedkar had a great thirst for books?  
22. Why is the poet V.K.Gokak , 'querulous'? What does he want to do?  
23. The march of the students was a bit disappointing to Manju and Babu. Support this statement.

**OR**

Why had Patil the Sub inspector come to Mohan's house? Who believed him?

24. What makes you think that Dolma's life as a girl was filled with hardships?

**OR**

"It is not a difficult decision for me to take up the challenge of lofty mountains". Why does Dolma say so?

**V) Answer the following questions in 5-6 sentences each.**

**2x3=6**

25. Nehru described Ambedkar as 'a symbol of social revolt'. Justify.  
26. What contrast do you find in the views of the poet and the vision of mother India in the poem 'The Song Of India'?

**VI) Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow:**

**4x3=12**

- 27) "Aiyo! Something has bitten me".  
a) Who does 'me' refer to?  
b) What is the tone of the speaker?  
c) Why did the speaker utter these words?
28. "Oh! I couldn't thank him."  
a) Who made this statement?  
b) What quality of the speaker is highlighted here?  
c) Why did the speaker want to thank him?

29. I said to him, "We have made a discovery"
- Who is the speaker?
  - What was the discovery?
  - After the discovery, what did the Americans offer to the old man?
30. "A chain link necklace chokes me now".
- Name the figure of speech used here.
  - What does 'A chainlink necklace' refer to?
  - Why did the mother earth feel choked?

**VII Given below is a profile of P.V.Sindhu. Write a paragraph using the clues given below: 1x3=3**

31. Full Name : Pusarala Venkata Sindhu  
 Born : July 5th, 1995.  
 Parents : P.V.Ramana, P. Vijaya.  
 Birth Place : Hyderabad, India.  
 Profession : Badminton Player.  
 Achievements : Silver Medalist in 2016 Rio Olympics, 2019 World Badminton Champion.  
 Awards : Padmashri Award in 2015, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award in 2017.

**VIII. Develop the story using the Clues given below. 1x3=3**

32. Robert Bruce – king of Scotland – waged war –defeated in the war – driven out of the city – hid himself in the cave – saw a spider - trying to build a web – fails many times – succeeds at last – king saw this – learnt lesson – waged war – succeeded.

**IX. Study the picture given below. Write a description of what the picture suggests to you in a paragraph. 1x3=3**



**X. Quote from memory. 1x4=4**

34. The quality of mercy..... It is enthroned .....
- ..... OR .....
- ..... him that takes. ....seasons justice.

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**XI. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:**

**1x4=4 [2x2]**

35. There was a man who made his living selling balloons at a fair. He had balloons of many different colours, including red, yellow, blue and green. Whenever business was slow, he would release a helium - filled balloon into the air. When the children saw the balloon go up, they all wanted one . They would come up to him, buy a balloon and his sales would go up. All day, he continued to release a balloon whenever the sales slowed down. One day, the balloon man felt someone tugging at his jacket. He turned around and a little boy asked, "If you release a black balloon, would that also fly? Moved by the boy's concern, the man replied gently, "Son, it is not the colour of the balloon, it is what inside that makes it go up".

- a) How would the balloon man improve his sale?  
b) "Son, it is not the colour of the balloon, it is what inside that makes it go up".  
What message does this line convey?

**XII. Answer the following question in 8-10 lines.**

**1x4=4**

36. The poet Ruskin Bond's grandma is unique and humorous character. Support this statement.

**OR**

Write the summary of the poem 'I am the Land' in your own words.

**XIII. Write an essay on any one of the following.**

**1x4=4**

37. a) Mobile Phones                      b) Save forest, save earth                      c) National Integration.

**XIV. Write a letter using the information given below:**

**1x5=5**

38. Imagine you are Rohith / Rachitha studying in Government High School, Hubli. Write a letter to the editor of the daily newspaper about lack of basic facilities in your area.

**OR**

Write a letter to your father about your preparation for the SSLC Midterm Examination.

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