

ANNUAL EXAMINATION 2024-25

**PRACTICE QUESTION PAPER 2
ENGLISH**

Time: 2:30 Hrs STD IX Score: 80

Questions 1-5. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below. (1x5=5)

In a world where technology is rapidly advancing, the role of education has become more crucial than ever. Education is no longer just about acquiring knowledge; it is about developing critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills. The traditional methods of teaching, which relied heavily on rote learning, are being replaced by more interactive and engaging approaches. Teachers are now facilitators who guide students in exploring new ideas and concepts. The focus has shifted from memorization to understanding, and from passive learning to active participation.

1. What is the main focus of modern education according to the passage?
2. How has the role of teachers changed in the current educational system?
3. What are the key skills that education aims to develop in students today?
4. Pick out the word from the passage that means 'the process of learning by repetition'.
5. Construct a sentence using the word 'facilitator' as a noun.

Questions 6-10. Read the excerpt from the poem 'Walk Alone' and answer the questions that follow. (1x5=5)

If no one listens to your call
Then you must walk on alone.
Move on alone, move on alone, and move on alone.
If no one speaks to you - oh, oh my hapless one,
If everyone turns the other way; if everyone is afraid,
Then open your heart and speak out your mind alone.

6. What does the poet suggest one should do if no one listens to their call?
7. How does the poet describe the feeling of being ignored by others?
8. What does the phrase "open your heart and speak out your mind alone" imply?
9. Which line in the poem emphasizes the importance of self-reliance?
10. What message does the poet convey through the repetition of the phrase "move on alone"?

11. Read the following lines from the song 'Let It Go' and prepare an appreciation focusing on its theme, imagery, and poetic devices. (5x1=5)

Let it go, let it go
Can't hold it back any more
Let it go, let it go
Turn away and slam the door
I don't care what they're going to say
Let the storm rage on
The cold never bothered me anyway.

Questions 12-16. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. (1x5=5)

The story of the Wright brothers is a testament to the power of perseverance and innovation. Orville and Wilbur Wright, two brothers from Dayton, Ohio, were fascinated by the idea of flight from a young age. Despite having no formal training in engineering, they spent years experimenting with gliders and studying the principles of aerodynamics. Their relentless efforts paid off when they successfully flew the first powered aircraft in 1903. This historic flight lasted only 12 seconds, but it marked the beginning of a new era in aviation. The Wright brothers' achievement was not just a milestone in technology; it was a symbol of human determination and the spirit of exploration.

12. Where were the Wright brothers from?
13. What was the duration of the first powered flight by the Wright brothers?
14. Which sentence in the passage suggests that the Wright brothers' achievement was a turning point in history?
15. What qualities of the Wright brothers are highlighted in the passage?
16. What does the phrase "relentless efforts" imply about the Wright brothers' work?

Questions 17-18. Answer any ONE of the following. (1x7=7)

17. The lesson 'A Shield of Courage' highlights the bravery and selflessness of Neerja Bhanot. Prepare a **write-up** elaborating on the qualities that made her a true hero and how her actions continue to inspire people today.
18. The poem 'Walk Alone' by Rabindranath Tagore emphasizes the importance of self-reliance and resilience. Based on your understanding of the poem, prepare a **speech** on the significance of facing challenges with courage and determination to be delivered on Independence Day.

Questions 19-21. Answer any TWO of the following questions. (5x2=10)

19. After the hijacking incident, Neerja Bhanot's family received numerous messages of gratitude from the passengers she saved. Prepare the likely **conversation** between Neerja's mother and one of the survivors.
20. Your school is organizing a seminar on the topic 'The Impact of Technology on Education'. Prepare a **notice** informing the students about the event and encouraging them to participate.
21. Read the following passage and prepare five questions based on it.

The concept of sustainable living has gained significant attention in recent years. With the increasing threat of climate change, people are becoming more aware of the need to adopt eco-friendly practices. Sustainable living involves reducing waste, conserving energy, and using renewable resources. It is not just about protecting the environment; it is also about ensuring a better quality of life for future generations.

Questions 22-25. Answer any THREE of the following questions. (3x6=18)

22. The meeting between Joseph Barbera and Michael Jackson became a memorable event in the world of animation and music. Imagine yourself as a reporter and draft a detailed **news report** of the meeting between the two legends.

23. The English Club of your school plans to honor a renowned author who has recently won a literary award. As the secretary of the English Club, you are tasked with writing a **letter** to the author to inquire about their availability for the event.
24. The story of the Wright brothers serves as a powerful example of perseverance and innovation. Based on your understanding of their journey, prepare a detailed **character sketch** that showcases the qualities that made them pioneers in aviation.
25. Prepare a short **profile** of Rabindranath Tagore from the given data.

Birth: 7th May 1861

Nationality: Indian

Famous as: Poet, philosopher, musician, and artist

Famous works: Gitanjali, The Home and the World, The Post Office

Awards: Nobel Prize in Literature (1913)

Death: 7th August 1941

Questions 26-30. An advertisement published in a newspaper is given below. Read the advertisement and answer the questions that follow. (5x1=5)

VACANCY

Green Earth Foundation is looking for an Environmental Officer with the following qualifications:

- Should have a degree in Environmental Science or related field.
- Minimum of 5 years of experience in environmental projects.
- Strong communication and leadership skills.

The selected candidate will be responsible for managing eco-friendly initiatives and promoting sustainable practices.

Walk-in interview on 20th March 2025 from 10 am to 4 pm at Green Earth Office, Sector 12, New Delhi.

Contact: Ms. Ananya – 011-23456789 or email: greenearth@foundation.com

26. What is the advertisement about?
27. What is the minimum experience required for the post?
28. Where will the interview be conducted?
29. Who should be contacted for further information?
30. When is the interview scheduled?

31. Complete the paragraph using appropriate forms of phrasal verbs given in brackets. (4x1=4)

One evening, Ravi was(a)..... his homework when he(b)..... an old photograph of his grandparents. He(c)..... it carefully and(d)..... many fond memories.

[look through, come across, pick up, go over]

32. Edit the passage given below.

The teacher asked(a) the students to complete their assignments on time. She also reminded(b) them to submit(c) their projects before the deadline. The students were(d) excited about the upcoming field trip.

33. Read the following conversation and report it. (2x1=2)

Teacher: Have you completed your project?

Student: Yes, I have submitted it online.

- a. What did the teacher ask?
- b. What was the student's response?

34. Read the following conversation between a librarian and a student and complete it suitably. (5x1=5)

Librarian: Good morning.(a).....?

Student: Good morning. I am looking for a book on environmental science.

Librarian:(b).....?

Student: Yes, I have the title. It's called 'Sustainable Living'.

Librarian:(c).....?

Student: Sure, here is my library card.

Librarian:(d).....?

Student: I will return it in two weeks.

Librarian:(e).....?

Student: Thank you for your help.

35. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions from those given in brackets. (3x1=3)

The book is(a)..... the table, and the pen is(b)..... the drawer. The keys are(c)..... the shelf.

[on, in, under]

36. Pick out the noun phrase in the subject position and verb phrase from the following sentences. (1x2=2)

- a. The development of critical thinking skills is essential for students.
- b. The use of renewable resources has become a priority for many countries.