

TENTH CLASS MODEL PAPER (AP)

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT - 1 (2025)

English

Time: 3 Hr. 15 Min.

Max.Marks: 100

Instructions:

- i) The question paper has 37 questions in three Sections (A, B and C).
- ii) Answer all the questions on a separate answer book supplied to you.
- iii) 15 minutes of time is allotted exclusively for reading the question paper and 3 hours for writing the answers.
- iv) Answer all the questions of Section - B (Grammar and Vocabulary) in the same order at one place in your answer book.

SECTION - A

Reading Comprehension

(Questions 1 - 5): Read the following passage carefully.

In life, every man has twin obligations - obligations to his family, to his parents, to his wife and children; and he has an obligation to his people, his community, his country. In a civil and humane society, each man is able to fulfil those obligations according to his own inclinations and abilities. But in a country like in South Africa, it was almost impossible for a man of my birth and colour to fulfil both of those obligations. In South Africa, a man of colour who attempted to live as a human being was punished and isolated. In South Africa, a man who tried to fulfil his duty to his people was inevitably ripped from his family and his home and was forced to live a life apart, a twilight existence of secrecy and rebellion. I did not in the beginning choose to place my people above my family, but in attempting to serve my people, I found that I was prevented from fulfilling my obligations as a son, a brother, a father, and a husband. (Nelson Mandela Long Walk to Freedom)

Now, answer the following questions.

5 × 2 = 10

1. According to the speaker what are the two obligations of a person in his life?
2. What did the speaker say about the life of a man of colour?
3. In the beginning the speaker gave importance to...
A) family B) people C) career
4. What would happen if a man of colour wanted to live as a human being?
A) punished B) become alone C) A and B

5. Which of the following statements is true according to the passage?

- A) In South Africa, all people could easily fulfil both their family and community obligations.
- B) Men of colour in South Africa faced great difficulty and punishment when trying to fulfil their obligations to their people.
- C) The author always chose to put his family before his people.

(Questions 6 - 10): Read the following stanza carefully.

What is the boy now, who has lost his ball.

What, what is he to do? I saw it go

Merrily bouncing, down the street, and then

Merrily over - there is in the water!

No use to say 'O there are other balls':

An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy

As he stands rigid, trembling, staring down

All his young days into the harbour where his ball went. **(The Ball)**

Now, answer the following questions.

5 × 1 = 5

6. What happens when he stares at where the ball went?

7. How did the ball go?

8. What happens to the boy when he has lost his ball?

A) He gets confused B) He becomes sad C) He loses peace of mind

9. Where did the ball go to?

A) It went into the water B) It went into a wooden box

C) It went into the air

10. How does the boy react to the loss of the ball?

A) trembling and staring B) serious and careful C) cheerful and negligible

(Questions 11 - 15): Read the following passage carefully.

I was still a thief when I met Anil. And though only 15, I was an experienced and 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 of late and thought I might be able to get into the young man's confidence. 'You look a bit of 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. (**The Thief's Story**)

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given.

5 × 1 = 5

11. Who is Anil?

A) Thief B) Master C) Wrestler

12. How old was the thief?

A) 25 B) 15 C) 13

13. What kind of person was Anil?

A) rude and simple

B) generous and simple

C) problematic and simple

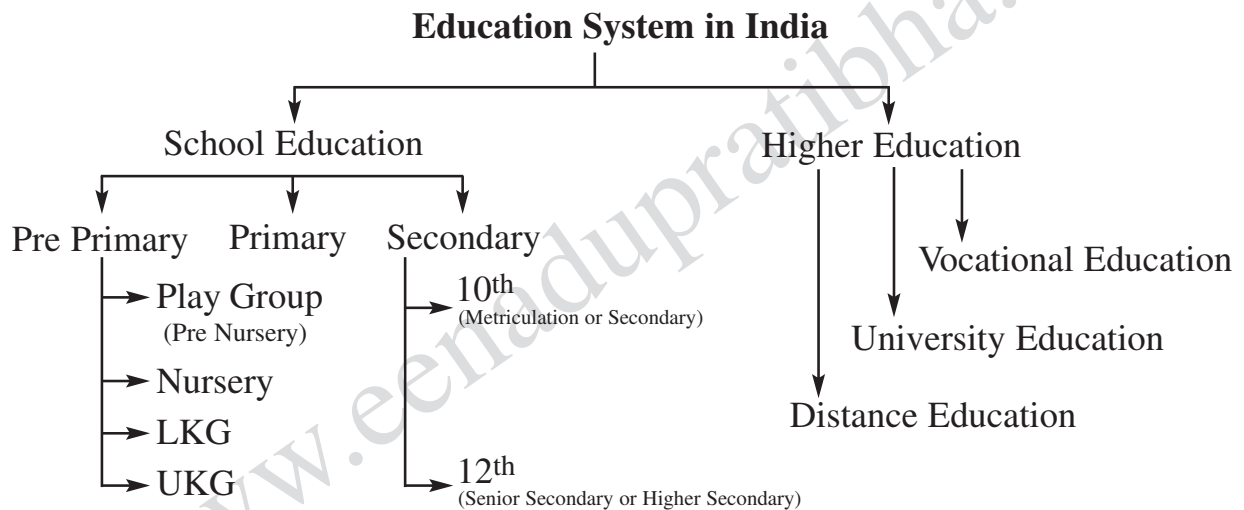
14. What is the real purpose of the thief to meet Anil?

A) to rob B) to make friends C) to learn to read and write

15. What is the name of the match mentioned in the paragraph?

A) wrestling B) basketball C) football

(Question 16): Observe the following tree diagram.



Now, answer the following questions.

5 × 1 = 5

i) What is the tree diagram about?

ii) How many primary types of education exist within the Indian education system and what are they?

iii) How many sub-divisions are there in school education?

a) four b) three c) two

- iv) Which of the following is NOT a part of higher education?
 a) vocational education b) play group c) distance education
- v) Choose the correct statement from the following.
 a) Secondary education includes 10th and 12th classes.
 b) Higher education has four sub-components.
 c) Playgroup is called post nursery.

(Question 17): Read the following passage carefully.

Brahmagupta is unique. He is the only scientist we have to thank for discovering the properties of precisely zero... Brahmagupta was an Ancient Indian astronomer and mathematician. He lived from 597 AD to 668 AD. He was born in the city of Bhinmal in Northwest India. Although Brahmagupta thought of himself as an astronomer who did some mathematics, he is now mainly remembered for his contributions to mathematics. Many of his important discoveries were written as poetry rather than as mathematical equations!

Now, arrange the following jumbled sentences into a meaningful order. $5 \times 1 = 5$

- a) His contributions in mathematics are remembered even today.
 b) Brahmagupta is a unique scientist who discovered the properties of zero.
 c) Much of his work was in the form of poetry but not as equations.
 d) He was born in Bhinmal and lived between 597 AD and 668 AD.
 e) He thought that he was an astronomer who knew some mathematics.

SECTION - B

Grammar and Vocabulary

Note: Answer all the questions of Section - B in the same order at one place in your answer book.

18. Combine the following sentences using 'which' 2 M
 This is a great book. It is about all freedom fighters.
19. Change the following sentence into 'passive voice'. 2 M
 Nelson Mandela gave a wonderful speech on the tenth of May.
20. Change the following into Reported Speech. 2 M
 The doctor said, "How are you?"
21. Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition given in brackets. $2 \times 1 = 2$
 i) The sight food maddened him. (of, off, at)
 ii) Mr Keesing laughed her arguments. (at, to, with)

22. Edit the following passage.

$4 \times 1 = 4$

Good writing do (a) not come naturally, though most people seems (b) to think it does. Professional writer are (c) constantly bearded by people who say they'd like to "trying (d) a little writing sometime."

a) b) c) d)

23. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles.

$2 \times 1 = 2$

i) History is not only the story of Alexanders.

ii) John is European scholar.

24. Change the following into Repeated action in the past using 'would/used to'.

$2 \times 1 = 2$

i) He spent his afternoons reading comic books.

ii) Thirty years ago, more women were housewives than now.

25. Re write the sentences into a single sentence using Noun- modifiers. $2 \times 1 = 2$

i) I bought a bike. It runs on electricity.

ii) The teacher assigned a project. It was difficult.

26. Give a suitable advice for the situation given below.

$1 \times 2 = 2$

Your sister postpones work. Advise her to complete work on time.

27. Read the following paragraph and write the synonyms of the underlined words, choosing the words given in the box.

$4 \times 1 = 4$

devote, round, 10 years, century, ill-treatment, injury

The policy of apartheid created a deep and lasting wound (a) in my country and my people. All of us will spend (b) many years, if not generations, recovering from that profound hurt. But the decades (c) of oppression (d) and brutality.

a) b) c) d)

28. Read the following paragraph and write the antonyms of the underlined words.

$4 \times 1 = 4$

Since no one would understand (a) a word of my stories to Kitty if I were to plunge right in, I'd better (b) provide a brief (c) sketch of my life, much as I dislike (d) doing so.

a) b) c) d)

29. Fill the blanks with the right form of words given in the brackets. $2 \times 1 = 2$

So, in order not to shake the writer's (a) (faithfully /faithful/ faith) in God, the postmaster came up with an idea: (b) (answered/ answer/answering) the letter.

a) b)

30. Complete the words with correct Prefixes and Suffixes given in the brackets.

2 × 1 = 2

i) They walked on the big plateau, taunting him with his coward (ly, ice)

ii) I was assigned to write an essay on "An (in, un) corrigible chatterbox."

31. Find the wrongly spelt word and write the correct spelling. 2 × 1 = 2

i) glance, predictable, calm, quarter

ii) pretty, annoy, ramble, argumant

32. Read the following dictionary entry of the word given below. 2 × 1 = 2

ex-cru-ci-at-ing /ik'skru:sieitng/ adj. extremely painful or bad: The pain in my back was excruciating. She groaned at the memory, suffering all over again the excruciating embarrassment of those moments. ex-cru-ci-at-ing-ly adv.: excruciatingly uncomfortable excruciatingly painful / boring / embarrassing.

Now, answer the following questions.

i) What is the part of speech of the word "excruciatingly"?

ii) Write any two collocations using the word "excruciatingly".

33. Use the following expressions in sentences of your own. 2 × 1 = 2

i) Phrasal verb: "Take over"

ii) Idiomatic expression: "Rise to the occasion"

34. Match the following. 4 × ½ = 2

Part - A

Part - B

i) plunge in ()

a) submits an assignment to an authority

ii) fly high ()

b) goes straight to the topic

iii) calm down ()

c) be successful

iv) hand in ()

d) make/remain quiet

SECTION - C

Creative Expression

35. A) In the lesson.. 'The black Aeroplane', the narrator went to the control centre, immediately after landing at the airport, to enquire about the pilot and the black Aeroplane. Now, write a possible conversation between the narrator and the woman in the Control Centre. 10 M

(OR)

B) In the lesson 'From the Diary of Anne Frank', Anne got along pretty well with all her teachers except Mr. Keesing, who teaches mathematics. Mr. Keesing was annoyed with Anne for a long time because she talked so much in the classroom. After several warnings, he assigned Anne extra homework. Imagine you are in the place of Anne Frank and write a diary entry describing your feelings when Mr. Keesing assigned you extra homework as a punishment for talking in class.

- 36. A)** Usage of plastic carry bags has resulted in many detrimental environmental effects, including animal choking, pollution, and blockage of canals, streams, and rivers. Plastic bags take many years to decompose. Toxic substances are released into the soil. Awareness campaigns should be organised, and people should be encouraged to use eco-friendly alternative bags made from natural fibre.

Write a letter to the commissioner of your municipality to implement the ban on plastic carry bags with stringent punishment. **10 M**

(OR)

B) You are the school pupil leader of XYZ Public School. For the Mega PTM. You are assigned the duty of ensuring discipline and plant distribution to the students under the programme 'Ek ped Ma Ke naam'. On this occasion, you gathered the students of classes 6 to 10 to inform the necessity to meet the needs of the above-mentioned aspects.

Prepare a script for a speech on why discipline is important and how things can be well-maintained if there is discipline. You may educate them on the necessity of growing plants and take initiative to choose at least one plant in the name of their mother.

- 37. A)** In the lesson 'The Triumph of Surgery', Tricki, the pet dog, was overfed by his mistress, Mrs. Pumphrey, who pampered him with excessive care and treats. Gradually, Tricki became hugely fat, like a bloated sausage. His health declined significantly. Mr. Herriot, a veterinary surgeon, was shocked to see Tricki's condition. He had to hospitalize Tricki to put him on a strict diet and exercise plan. Now, describe the feelings of Mr. Herriot towards Mrs. Pumphrey's indulgence of Tricki and the importance of responsible pet ownership. **10 M**

(OR)

B) Study the following Table and write a paragraph based on the information-given in it. Literacy Rate of South Indian States.

Literacy Rate of South Indian States

State	Male Literacy	Female Literacy	Overall Literacy
Kerala	97	93	95
Tamil Nadu	86	73	79.5
Karnataka	83	67	75
Andhra Pradesh	73	59	66
Telangana	72	55	63.5

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