Model Question Paper (2026-27)
Class- 10th
Subject – English

Time allowed: 3 hrs **Maximum Marks: 80**

Instructions: -

(i) All Questions are compulsory

(ii) There are four sections in question paper and each section is compulsory to attempt: -

- Section – A (Multiple Choice Questions) 16 Marks
- Section – B (Reading) 17 Marks
- Section – C (Writing) 17 Marks
- Section – D (Literature) 30 Marks

(iii) While answering your question you must indicate on your answer book the same question number as appears in your answer book.

(Section – A)(Multiple Choice Questions)

Note: - Question number 1 to 16 are Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ) Choose the correct and mark it on the OMR sheet of your answer book in the space provider here.

1. What was the immediate reaction of the postman on seeing the letter? (1)
   a) Laughed whole heartedly
   b) Cried
   c) Felt sad about what happened
   d) Felt empathetic

2. Where did Griffin go first to escape the cold? (1)
   a) A school
   b) A Café
   c) A big London store
   d) A library

3. What does the baker (pader) symbolize in Goas culture? (1)
   a) Modernity
   b) Tradition and joy
   c) Poverty
   d) Foreign influence

4. What did Anne feel the need to write in a diary? (1)
   a) She was lonely and lacked a true friend.
   b) She wanted to be a famous author.
   c) Her father had suggested it to her.
   d) She had nothing else to do.

5. Mandates realization that his "boyhood freedom was an illusion" implies that: - (1)
   a) He was never actually free as a child
   b) His understanding of freedom evolved from personal to collective
   c) Freedom is a concept that doesn't exist in reality
   d) He disliked his childhood

6. Harace Danby is caught because his "Trust" was misplaced in: - (1)
   a) His own professional skills
   b) A lady who pretended to be the owner of the house
   c) The dog Sherry who barked at him
   d) His assistant who betrayed to the police.

7. Evaluate the poet's tome in the line: - (1)
   "to say that for destruction ice is also great".
   a) Sarcastic
   b) Celebratory
   c) Amused
   d) Serious

8. Ted's flight took more than 11 hours he …….be exhausted. (1)

a) Can
b) Must
c) Should
d) Would

9. Each child ……. the right to go to school and learn. (1)

a) Have
b) Has
c) Having
d) Were

10. The teacher said to the students "Don't make a noise". (1)

The teacher…….

a) told the students not to make a noise.
b) Forbade the students to make a noise.
c) Ordered the students that they should not make a noise.
d) Both A and B

11. Joseph has set the alarm for 4 AM ……. over sleep. (1)

a) For
b) In order not to
c) So that
d) to

12. "Don't touch the electric wire" (1)

Which passive form correctly analyses the warning tone of the active sentence?

a) Let the electric wire not be touched
b) You are warned not to touch electric wire
c) The electric wire should not be touched
d) All of the above.

13. "…….by the loud noise, the lady started crying." (1)

a) Frightening
b) Frightened
c) To frighten
d) Being frightened

14. Identifying the correct usages of "Too…….to" (1)

(Infinitive)

(Too/is/walk/he/tried to)

a) He is tired to walk too
b) He is too tired to walk
c) Too tired he is to walk
d) To walk he is too tored.

15. She went to the market ……. some fresh vegetables. (1)

a) To
b) For
c) With
d) At

16. Suppose Bholi (Sulekha) becomes a teacher in her village. What would be the first "Classroom Rule" she creates to ensure no child feels the way she once did? (1)

a) "students must speak only when they are hundred percent sure of the answer.
b) Laughter is allowed only during the lunch break.
c) This classroom is a safe space where mistakes are celebrated as steps towards learning.
d) Only the brightest students will be given the chance to lead.

(Section – B)

17. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: - (10 Marks)

1. In the last decade, the digital revolution has completely transformed how we live, work and learn however, this shift has brought a new challenge: "digital addiction" Many teenagers today are constantly attached to their screens neglecting physical exercise, face to face interaction, and sometimes even sleep. The, so called, "Fomo" (fear of missing out) keeps them glued to social media, leading to anxiety and reduced attention spans.
2. Research suggests that a "digital diet" deliberately reducing screen time – can drastically improve mental health. It doesn't men giving up technology entirely, but using it mindfully. Simple steps, like turning off notifications, banning phones at the dining table, or dedicating an hour before bed for reading, can help reclaim focus and improve cognitive abilities.
3. The benefits of a reduced digital diet are substantial. Studies show improved sleep quality, stronger interpersonal relationship, and a noticeable increase in productivity. When we are not interrupted by a constant barrage of notification, our brains can focus better, allowing for deeper thought and creative thinking.
4. Ultimately, technology should serve us, not control us. Creating a balanced, intentional approach to technology use is crucial in modern life. It requires self-discipline and conscious effort but the long term benefits for mental and emotional well. Being are invaluable.

i) What is "Fomo" according to the passage? **(1)**

ii) Name two benefits of a reduced digital diet mentioned in the text. **(1)**

iii) How does the author explain "digital diet" in the passage? **(1)**

iv) What is the main idea of paragraph? **(1)**

v) Based on the passage, what steps would you take to reduce your own screen time? **(1)**

vi) What is the relationship between "notification" "and focus" as explained in paragraph? **(1)**

vii) What is the tone of the author in the passage? **(1)**

viii) "Technology should serve us, not control us". Do you agree with this statement? Justify your answer. **(1)**

ix) Suggest a suitable little for the passage. **(1)**

x) Find a word in paragraph B that means "significant" or "large". **(1)**

18. Assertion and Reasoning based Questions (2 x 2= 4)

(i) Assertion:- Post office employees were moved by Lencho's Letter.
Reason: He wrote a letter to God asking for money

(a) Both A and R are correct and R is the correct explanation of A
(b) Both A and R are Correct but R is not the correct explanation of A.
(c) A is true but R is false
(d) A is false but R is true

(ii) Assertion: The tiger Stares at the stars in the night.
Reason : He was avoiding the patrolling cars

(a) Both A and R are correct and R is the correct explanation of A
(b) Both A and R are Correct but R is not the correct explanation of A.
(c) A is true but R is false
(d) A is false but R is true

19. Match the parts of sentence given in column A, B and C to complete Sentence.

(1 x 3= 3)

	Column A	Column B	Column B
i	They are often seen	come out from their house	Clothes and bare feet
ii	Stray Children	are a common	Before the sunrise and go back after sun set
iii	Many of them	Wearing torn	Sight in Bangladesh

(Section-C)(writing)

20. You are Amit/Amita, class 10th-A, studying in Govt. Sr. Sec School Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh. You could not return the library book in time and now you are fined hundred rupees. Write an application to the Principal of your school for remitting your fine. **(6)**

Or

You have noticed many stray animals on the road during the busy hours of the day. Write a letter to the editor of a leading newspaper about the nuisance created by the stray animals. Sign your name as Kavi/Kavita

21. Describe your views in not more than 150 words on any one of the following topics. **(6)**

1) How I overcome a challenge in school.
2) Your Favorite Food.
3) Your Dream Job.
4) The Importance of Healthy Eating.

22. As a librarian, Govt. Sr. Sec. School Chamba, write a notice in about 50 words informing the students of a book exhibition. Which is going to be organized in your school on Children Day.

Or **(5)**

Increase in the number of vehicle causes pollution and traffic jams. Write an article in 120-150 words about urgent need to solve these man made problems by , giving suitable suggestions**.**

Section-D
(Literature)

23. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

Suddenly she was startled by a voice. "listen, Child," said the voice," you shouldn't stand like that sit down." Sitting down, she looked to see who had spoken. It was an elderly man who had honestly been concerned for her, but she was annoyed by his attention.

'There's nobody here who's a child," she said haughtily. "I've paid my thirty paise like everyone else.The conductor chimed in, "Oh, sir, but this is a very grown-up madam. Do you think a mere girl could pay her own fare and travel to the city alone?"

Valli shot an angry glance at the conductor and said "I am not a madam. Please remember that. And you've not yet given me my ticket" 'I'll remember," the conductor said, mimicking her tone. Everyone laughed and gradually Valli too joined in the laughter.

(i) How did Valli feel when the elderly man expressed concerned that she was standing? (1)

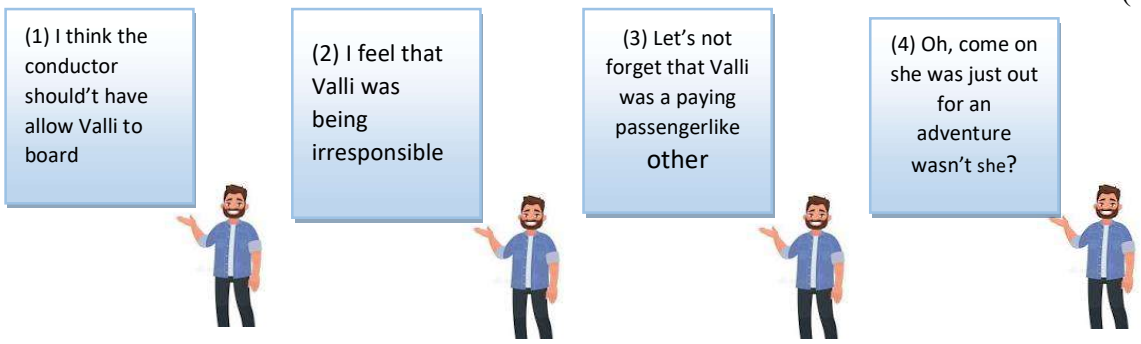
a) Rather shocked
b) Somewhat happy
c) fairly displeased
d) Quite embarrassed

(ii) Choose the option that lists the set of statements that are not True according to the given extract. (1)

1) Valli was travelling without a guardian.
2) The conductor was bullyingValli
3) Valli was nervous in her interactions.
4) Valli was a child passenger.
5) Valli followed the elderly man’s advice.
6) Valli’sresponse to the elderly man was respectful.

a) 2, 3, 4
b) 5, 6
c) 3, 5
d) 2, 3, 6

(iii) Pick the option that correctly classifies facts (F) and opinion/s (0) of the students below: - (1)



(a) F-1, 2 and 0 -3,4
(b) F-2,3 and 0-1
(c) F-2,4 and 0-1-3
(d) F-3 and 0-1,2,4

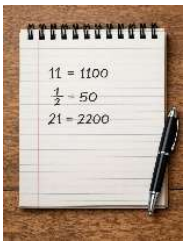
(iv) Choose the characteristic displayed by the conductor when he addressed Vallsi and declared that she couldn't be a mere girl." (1)

(a) encouragement
(b) indulgence
(e) embarrassment
(d) authority

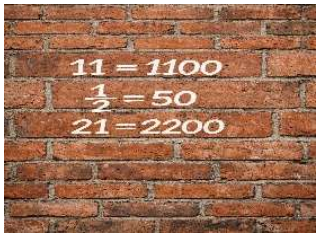
Or

The baker or bread-seller of those days had a peculiar dress known as the Kabai. It was a single piece long frock reaching down to the knees. In our childhood we saw bakers wearing shirt and trousers which were shorter than full-length ones and longer than half pants. Even today, anyone who wears a half paint which reaches just below the knee invites the comment that he is dressed like a pader!

i) Choose the answer that lists the correct option about the recording of the baker's monthly account's. (1)

1. 

2. 

3. 

4. 

(a) Option 1
(b) Option 2
(c) Option 3
(d) Option 4

(ii) When the writer says, "baking was indeed a profitable profession in the old days," he means. (1)

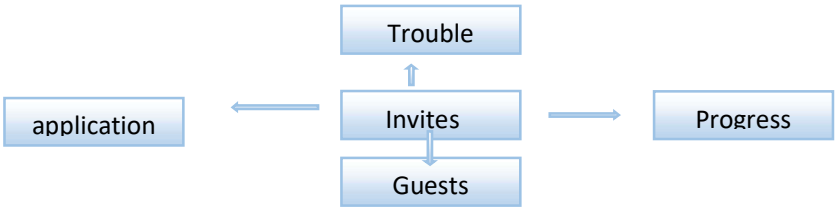
(a) Baking is not as popular in Goa currently
(b) Baking as a job, is not as gainful as it used to be
(c) Bakers have chosen to adopt other profession
(d) Bakes goods were of a better quality in earlier times.

(a) The baker received payments on a daily basis
(b) The baker was paid for his services at the end of the month
(c) The baker insisted that customers pay before the month end
(d) The baker chose to receive payments any day of the month

(iv) The Kabai was a peculiar outfit as it was . (1)

(a) A tight fitting apparel
(b) Too colorful
(c) Made of unsuitable materials
(d) A dress like attire.

(v) The extract uses the phrase, invites (the) comments which of the following expression is incorrect with respect to the word 'invites'? (1)



(a) Option (1)
(b) Option (2)
(c) Option (3)
(d) Option (4)

24. Read the entrant given below and answer the questions that follow:-
He is learning well behind his desperate eyes. The epistemology of loss, how to stand up knowing what every man must one day know and most know many days, how to stand up.

1. what emotions are most appropriately conveyed by the phrase desperate eyes and epistemology of loss?"

(i) despair (1)
(ii) frustration
(iii) helplessness
(iv) anger
(v) confusion

Select the correct option:-
A i),(iii)
B (i), (iv), (v)
C (ii), (iii) (iv)
D (iv), (v)

2 . The poet uses the ball as a metaphor for: - (1)
(a) The boy's lost childhood and innocent days
(b) the harber's beauty
(c) A cheap toy
(d) A Circular world.

3. what does the ball symbolize in the poem? (1)

4. why did the poet not console the boy? (1)

Or

Or if some time when roaming sound,A noble wild beast greets you, with black stripes on a yellow ground Just notice if he eats you This simple rule may help you learn The Bengal Tiger to discern.

1. what does the poet imply by referring to the Bengal Tiger as a noble wild beast?" (1)

(A) The-liger is kind and considerate towards humans
(B) The tiger is a symbol of fear destruction
(C) The tiger is majestic and dignified despite its ferocity
(D) The tiger has a royal lineage and should be roved?

(ii) The word 'ground in the line with black stripes on a yellow ground refers to (1)
(iii) How does the poet use humour in the description of the Bengal tigers. (1)
(iv) Identify the phrase in the stanza that is advisory in nature (1)

25. Answer the following questions in 40-50 words (2X2½)=5

(i) What would you say was the greatest obstacle faced by the narrator in transporting migbil to camusfearna?

Or

Why do you think Natalya Stepanova asked her father to call Lomov Back when she heard that he had come with a proposal?

(ii) Why do you think the narrator used to feel that 'friends' were more trouble than help? What could have led him to believe them?

Or

"The most successful people work smart, not hard". Justify the quote with reference to 'A Question of Trust'.

26. Are there people like Lencho in the real world? What kind of person would you say he is? (4)

Or

Why was the young Seagull afraid to fly? Do you think all young birds are afraid to make their flight, or some birds are timid than others?

27. Why does not Anil hand the thief over to the police? Do you think most people would have done so? In what ways is Anil different from such employers? (4)

Or

What would have happened to Matilda if she had confessed to her friend that she had lost her necklace?

28. Why are books referred to as man's best companion? Which is your favorite book and why? Write a paragraph about that book? (4)

Or

How did Valli plan her bus ride? What did she find out about the bus and how did she save up the fare?

29. Write a character sketch including these key components of Anne "from the diary of Anne Frank". (4)

Introduction -------- physical features---------- personality----------background story----- interest----------relationship strength and weaknesses.

Or

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

Ramlal stood rooted to the ground his head bowed with weight of grief and shame. The wedding party turned back. The band struck up a confused tune, thinking the ceremony was over. Bishamber Nath walked away with his friends, defeated and empty handed.

Sulekha stood on the steps of her house, her eyes clear, steady and devoid of fear. Her mother whispered in despair/ "What will become of you now? No one will ever marry you". Sulekha looked at her mother and spoke in a voice that was calm and strong: "Don't you worry, pitaji. In your old age, I will serve you and Mother, and I will teach in the same school where I learnt so much. Isn't that right , Ma'am?" the teacher, who had been standing in a corner watching the drama, smiled warmly and nodded her head in silent approval.

1. Which of the following best describes the contract between Ramlal and sulekha.
(a) Ramlal is worried about financial loss, while sulekha is worried about her career.
(b) Ramlal is paraysed by sociateal shame while sulekha is empowered by self-respect.
(c) Ramlal wants to punish bishamber, while sulekha is grateful to her family.

2. The teachers silent approval at the end of the passage signifies that:
(a) She was shoked by sulekha's sudden misbehavior.
(b) She felt proud to see her years of dedication and education bear fruit.
(c) She wanted to avoid getting into a fight with ramlal
(d) She was planning to offer sulekha a job immediately

3. State whether the statement is True or False
" Sulekha's Decision to call off the wedding was an act of impulsive anger rather than a calculated choice of self-worth"

4. How does Sulekha's plan for her future challenge the traditional expectations that her mother holds for a girl in their society?

Format of Design
Question Paper/Test

Subject: **English**

Class: **10th** **Time: 3 Hrs**

Marks: **80**

1. Weightage to Objectives

Objective	Knowledge of language elements	Comprehension (Understanding)	Expression (Application)	Appreciation (Analytical)	Evaluation	Creative	Total
Percentage of Marks	20%	20%	10%	20%	20%	10%	100%
Marks	04	03	02	03	03	01	16

2. Weightage to Form of Question

Forms of Questions	E/LA	SA	VSA	O (MCQ)	Total
No. of Questions	7	1	5	16	29
Marks allotted	33	5	26	16	80
Estimated time	105 min	11 min	32 min	32 min	3 Hrs (180 Min)

3. Weightage to Major Content Areas

S.No.	Unit/Sub-Units		Marks	
1	MCQs		16	
2	Reading	(Unseen passage) (Assertion & Reason) (Match the Column)	10 04 03	17
3	Writing	(Application/Letter)	06	
4		(Paragraph Writing)	06	17
5		(Notice/ Article)	05	
6	Literature	(First Flight)	19.5	30
7		(Footprints without Feet)	10.5	
		Total	80	

Index of Abbreviations

E/LA: Essay/Long Answer; SA: Short Answer; VSA: Very Short Answer; O: Objective