

**PRE- BOARD II 2025-26**

**Class -X**

**English Paper -I (Language)**

**(Two Hours)**

**Time: 2Hrs.**

**M.M-80 marks**

*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 FIVE questions.*

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

You are advised to spend not more than 35 minutes in answering Question 1 and 20 minutes in answering Question 2.

**Question 1. Write a composition (300-350 words) on any one of the following: (20)**

(Do not spend more than 35 minutes on this question.)

- i) Write an original short story which clearly illustrates the friendship between a girl and her pet.
- ii) You are a regular traveller in your school bus. Describe what you see on your way home from school each afternoon. Give details of the familiar sights and sounds you experience each day.
- iii) Narrate your experience of visiting your ancestral village after a gap of five years. State what changes you saw in the place and what were your feelings at the end of the day.
- iv) 'For High School students attendance should be optional.' Express your views either for or against this statement.
- v) 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; however, your composition must have a clear connection with the picture.



**Question 2: Select ONE of the following:**

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

[10]

(i) Your sister had passed the Class X exams with 95% marks. However she gets confused which stream of course she should choose. She had written a letter to you in this regard. Reply to her letter and suggest the course she should go for. Also give valid suggestions for your answer.

OR

(ii) Your village lacks good services and the people are forced to face a lot of difficulty because of this. Write a letter to the Chief Officer of your district in this regard by requesting him to provide a solution to this problem.

**Question 3. (i) Your school is hosting an Inter-school Music Competition. Write out a notice to be put up in your school informing students about the event and inviting them to participate in the Inter-school Music Competition. (5)**

(ii) Write an e-mail to the Principal of a neighbouring school requesting him / her to send a team to participate in the event. (5)



(iii) Answer the following questions briefly in your own words:

- a) What was Michael doing in the market-place? What attracted his attention? [2]
- b) What did Michael long to do? What did he plan to do to accomplish this? [2]
- c) How did Michael display 'a cool head and iron nerves'? [1]
- d) Which sight filled Michael's heart with delight and why? [2]
- e) Why did Michael not wait for rescue? [2]

(iv) With close reference to the extract and in not more than 50 words, trace Michael's descent from the top of the ball to the foot of the spire. [8]

**Question 5.** (i) 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 correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space. [4]

Example : (0) made

In recent years, significant progress has been .....(0) (make) in the .....(1) (develop) of electrified roads and wireless charging technology. In 2016, France.....(2)(develop)the world's longest photovoltaic road. ....3(cover) a distance of one kilometer and .....4 (equip) with 2.880 square meters of photovoltaic electric panels. This road had been designed in such a way so as to generate sufficient power to not only charge Electric Vehicles(EVs) but also provide surplus energy for streetlights in nearby towns. However, the test result.....5.....(fall) short of expectations because of .....6..... (reduce ) sunlight .....7.....(expose). leaf cover. and the impact of vehicles , including tractors ,.....8.....(cause) wear and tear.

ii) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words: [4]

- a) Where can we dispose ..... this rubbish?
- b) The prisoner broke ..... under questioning.
- c) I now call ..... the chairman to speak.
- d) It is one of the best collections I have come .....
- e) I can't make ..... what he means.
- f) The miser will not part ..... his money.
- g) I looked at the stars .....the telescope.
- h) The aeroplane flew.....the clouds.

iii) Choose the correct option. Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using and, but or so. [4]

- 1) I was wrong . My father said this.
  - a) My father says that I am wrong.
  - b) My father said I was wrong.
  - c) My father said this that I was wrong.
  - d) My father said that I was wrong.
- 2) We met the manager at the office. We were very lucky.
  - a) We were very lucky of meeting the manager at his office.
  - b) We were very lucky that we met the manager at the office.
  - c) We met the manager at the officeso we were very lucky.
  - d) We were so lucky that we met the manager at the office.
- 3) He is ambitious. He is hard working.
  - a) As he is ambitious, he is hard working.
  - b) Besides being ambitious he is hard working.
  - c) He ambitious yet he is hard working.
  - d) He is ambitious, however he is hard working.

4) They were waiting for a bus. They saw two cars collide.

- a) Two cars collided. they saw while waiting for the bus.
- b) As they were waiting for a bus, they saw two cars collide.
- c) As they were waiting for a bus. they saw two cars were colliding.
- d) They saw that two cars collided. they were waiting for a bus.

iv) Choose the correct option from the following sentences according to the instructions given after each. Make other changes that may be necessary, but do not change the meaning of each sentence. [8]

1) The new machine did a good job of compressing the garments. (Rewrite using "compress")

- a) A good job was done by the new machine to compress the garments.
- b) A good job was done by the new machine for compress the garments.
- c) New machine compressed the garments in a good way.
- d) A good job was being done by the new machine for compress the garments

2) When did you notice this crack in the wall? (End .....you?)

- a) When this crack was noticed by you?
- b) When this crack in the wall was noticed by you?
- c) This crack was noticed by you in the wall?
- d) Was this crack in the wall notice by you?

3) Hardly had the school bell rung, the students entered the class. (Begin: No sooner...)

- a) No sooner did the school bell ring then the students entered the class.
- b) No sooner had the school bell rung than the students entered the class.
- c) No sooner did the school bell rang than the students entered the class.
- d) As soon as the school bell rings, the students enter the class.

4) Who will not help a man in distress? (Begin with: Anybody.....)

- a) Anybody will have to help a man in distress.
- b) Anybody will help a man in distress.
- c) Anybody has to help a man of distress.
- d) Anybody have to help a man in distress.

5) This is the best book that I have read. ( Begin with : I have not read.....)

- a) I have not read any book best of this.
- b) I have not read a better book than this.
- c) I have not read the book good than this.
- d) I have not read a best book than this.

6) The teacher said, "Akhtar, why were you absent yesterday?" (Begin: The teacher asked Akhtar.....)

- a) The teacher asked Akhtar why he was absent yesterday.
- b) The teacher asked Akhtar why were you absent yesterday.
- c) The teacher asked Akhtar why are you absent yesterday.
- d) The teacher asked Akhtar why he was absent the previous day.

7) The parents have trained their children well. (Begin with: The children ...)

- a) The children were trained well by their parents.
- b) The children is being trained well by their parents.
- c) The children had been trained well by their parents.
- d) The children have been trained well by their parents.

8) Mother was too angry to argue with the shop keeper. (Remove 'too'.)

- a) Mother was too angry so that she could not argue with the shop keeper
- b) Mother was so angry to argue with the shop keeper.
- c) Mother was so angry that she could not argue with the shop keeper.
- d) Mother was so angry not to argue with the shop keeper.