

Model Question*

Class X : English : Term I (Half yearly): 2021-22 : Marks 40

Section A : Reading

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

a) The importance and advantages of reading books are many. Reading not only enhances our vocabulary or language skills but also widens our horizon and improves our social and thinking skills. The best way to begin to read is to start with the classics of literature. Classics are those books which have become recognized for their excellence. When one wants to read a novel, it is best to begin with the works of well-known and established writers. The importance of reading the classics is that one will develop the habit of being satisfied only with the best of everything. Having once read the best, one will never compromise with anything less than good. Reading of classic form one's taste and judgment. Once this is achieved the reader can be left to himself.

b) Modern books, however, cannot be ignored. Modern poetry or novels should be read only after one's taste has been formed by reading the classics. One must always keep reading books on general topics for getting knowledge and information. In these days, it is necessary to know a great deal of many things. Books on history, politics and science should always be widely read. It is wise to consult a teacher or a well-read librarian. Attempt should always be made to get the best available books. One should also read books dealing with the people and problem of one's country. One should read books on self-improvement or related to some vocation in order to be updated and in sync with the times.

c) The man, who has stopped reading as soon as he begins to earn, has shut the doors to information and self-improvement. For specialized knowledge of one's vocation, one must continue reading as it is sure to increase one's efficiency. As for the choice of books, what is good for one may not be so for another. Thus no reading could be compulsorily prescribed for all. A student is more likely to be attracted to those books which are not in his prescribed course of study. As one's interests grow, tastes are more specialized and books are picked up for a variety of reasons not always connected with one's vocation. Reading of books is a pleasure. It has a joy of its own. We forget our cares and anxieties for the time being and live in a world created for us by the author.

**A. Complete the following statements by choosing the correct options from the given ones :
(1×5)**

- i) Reading enhances
(a) physical prowess (b) vocabulary (c) language (d) both (b) and (c)
- ii) According to this passage, can advise us while choosing books for reading.
(a) a teacher or a librarian (b) a friend (c) a neighbour (d) a relative
- iii) The best way to start reading is to start with
(a) modern novels (b) modern poetry (c) classics of literature (d) science fiction
- iv) The man who has stopped reading, has shut the doors to
(a) violence (b) entertainment (c) information and self-improvement (d) his neighbours
- v) Reading of books gives us
(a) pleasure (b) cares (c) relief from anxiety (d) both (a) and (b)

**B. Answer the following very short answer type questions :
(1×5)**

- i) What do we learn from reading?
- ii) What are classics?
- iii) Why should one always keep reading books on general topic?
- iv) Why should one read books for self improvement?

v) Why cannot the same kind of reading be compulsorily prescribed for all?

Section B : Writing and Grammar

2. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct options from the given ones :

(1×5)

- a) The letters which are written to the editors of newspapers are classified as
(i) informal letters (ii) formal letters (iii) deeds (iv) affidavits
- b) Arjun a good friend of Lord Krishna.
(i) is (ii) are (iii) was (iv) were
- c) Cross-Border terrorism increase if there is no check now.
(i) shall (ii) will (iii) ought to (iv) used to
- d) Mathematics my favourite subject.
(i) is (ii) are (iii) has (iv) have
- e) The poet and the philosopher present in the meeting.
(i) was (ii) were (iii) is (iv) had

Section C : Literature

3. Answer the following very short answer type questions :

(1×15)

- a) Where was Lencho's house located?
- b) What did Lencho predict?
- c) In whom does Lencho have complete faith?
- d) Who was sworn in as first deputy president?
- e) What was Nelson Mandela overwhelmed with on the day of the inauguration?
- f) What did the crow throw on Frost?
- g) How did Frost feel after the change of his mood?
- h) Who is the poet of the poem, "Fire and Ice"?
- i) What are the two things which are equally capable of destroying our world?
- j) Where should have the tiger waited for its prey?
- k) Whom does the tiger ignore?
- l) What was Tricky's only fault?
- m) What was the name of the owner of Tricky?
- n) Why did Horace rob a safe every year?
- o) What did the lady advise Horace regarding his hay fever?

4. Answer the following questions in not more than 40 words each :

(2×5)

- a) What did Lencho write in his letter addressed to God?
- b) What does courage mean to Mandela?
- c) How has the tiger's cage been described in the poem, "A Tiger in the Zoo"?
- d) How did lunch become "a ceremonial occasion" for Mr Herriot and his partners?
- e) Why did everyone think that Horace Danby was a good and respectable citizen?

- Model Question for Term II is identical.