

ROYAL SCIENCE SCHOOL DHORAJI

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STD 10 ENGLISH
HALF YEARLY

Total Marks : 80

Section A

*** Read the following paragraph and select the correct answer from the options, given below. [2]**

The tiger never brushed his teeth. Hot tea could wash and clean up everything so nicely, after all! Questions :

1. Give the noun form of 'nicely'. A. niceness B. nice C. ennice D. none of above
2. Who has penned the report? A. Gavin Maxwell B. Lucio Rodngues C. Arup Kumar Datta D. Lokesh Abrol

*** Read the following passage and answer the given questions. [3]**

Immediately, Lencho went up to the window to ask for paper and ink. On the public writing-table, he started to write, with much wrinkling of his brow, caused by the effort he had to make to express his ideas. When he finished, he went to the window to buy a stamp which he licked and then affixed to the envelope with a blow of his fist. The moment the letter fell into the mailbox, the postmaster went to open it. It said: "God: Of the money that I asked for, only seventy pesos reached me. Send me the rest, since I need it very much. But don't send it to me through the mail because the post office employees are a bunch of crooks. Lencho.

Questions:

3. How did he affix the stamp?
4. Why did he ask for the rest of the money ?
5. 'Don't send the money through the post.' Why did he say so ?

*** Fill in the blank selecting appropriate option. [5]**

6. (confer, liberty, disaster, humanity, extraordinary)

Today, all of us do, by our presence here1..... glory and hope to newborn2..... Out of the experience of an3..... human4..... that lasted too long, must be born a society of which all5..... will be proud.

*** Answer the following questions in about five to six sentences each. (Write any 3) [6]**

7. Who was Lencho and what circumstances forced him to write a letter to God ?
8. "I'll take the risk". What is the risk ? Why does the narrator take it ?
9. Anne says teachers are most unpredictable. Is Mr Keesing unpredictable ?

10. What did they see on both sides of the gravel-road ?
11. Why did Maxwell put the otter back in the box? How do you think he felt when he did this ?

Section B

*** Read the following line and answer the following questions:** [3]

Some say the world will end in fire Some say in ice.
From what I've tasted of desire I hold with those who favour fire.

Questions:

12. What is The poet's opinion about the world ?
13. What is the contradictory opinion of public ?
14. How are ice and fire similar to each other though they have contradictory traits ?

*** Choose The Right Answer From The Given Options.** [2]

15. 'And saved some part'
- (A) Synecdoche (B) Onomatopoeia (C) Alliteration (D) D.None of these three
16. 'But if they weep they're crocodiles'.
- (A) Metaphor (B) Personification (C) Simile (D) Both 'A' and 'B'.

*** Answer the following questions in about 4 to 5 sentences each. (Write any 3)** [6]

17. What is the central idea of the poem 'Dust of Snow' ?
18. Why does the poet support those who favour fire to end the world?
19. Describe the tiger's movements in the cage.
20. How does the poet suggest that you identify the lion and the tiger ? When can you do so, according to him ?
21. Give the central idea of the poem 'The Ball Poem'.

*** Read the following passage and answer the given questions.** [3]

Mrs. Hall almost fell down the stairs in hysterics. She was convinced that the room was haunted by spirits, and that the stranger had somehow caused these to enter into her furniture.

22. Who had caused this to happen ?
23. Which word in the extract means the same as 'fits of crying'?
24. Who is the author of the story ?

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25. Why did Mrs. Hall think that the room was haunted by spirits ?
 26. Who had caused this to happen ?

Section C

*** Write the error and its correction as shown in the example. [4]**

27.	Error	Correction
	So, whom helped me to arrive	
	their safely without a compass or a radio,	
	and with any more fuel in my tanks ?	
	Whom was the pilot	
	over the strange black aero plane,	
	fly in the storm, without lights?	

*** Punctuation Paragraph : [2]**

28. Then you make out that Im a landgrabber Madam never in my life have I grabbed anybody elses land and I shant allow anybody to accuse me of having done so Quickly steps to carafe and drinks more water Oxen Meadows are mine

*** Fill in the blanks using articles(s), conjunction(s) and preposition(s) at the correct places. Write the answers only. [4]**

29. [With, Most, Like, In]
 Lata Mangeshkar is the _____ famous playback singer of Indian cinema. She was born on September 28, 1929 in Indore, Madhya Pradesh. Her father, Pt. Dinanath gave her training _____ music, the first few years. She has sung for films _____ well known singers _____ Mohammad Rafi, Mukesh and Kishore Kumar.

*** Turn the following dialogue into the Indirect Speech: [3]**

30. Wife: There is no one who can help us. We'll all go hungry this year. Lencho: Don't be so upset, even though this seems like a total loss.

*** Do as Directed. [5]**

31. The voice from the radio answered me immediately. (Change the voice)
 (A) Immediately the voice from the radio had answered me.
 (B) I was answered immediately by the voice from the radio.
 (C) I am answered immediately by the voice from the radio.

- (D) Immediately the voice from the radio has answered me.
32. His first flight had been made by him. [Select the correct Active voice]
- (A) He has made his first flight.
 - (B) He made his first flight.
 - (C) He had made his first flight.
 - (D) His first flight was made by him.
33. And you've not yet given me my ticket.(Select the correct Passive voice)
- (A) And you have not yet been given my ticket.
 - (B) And I am not given my ticket by you.
 - (C) And I have not yet been given my ticket by you.
 - (D) And you are not given my ticket by you.
34. I gave a pen to my brother. (Change the voice)
- (A) My brother was given a pen by me.
 - (B) My brother was gives a pen by me.
 - (C) My brother was given a pen by me.
 - (D) My brother was given a pen by you.
35. Help the poor. (Change the voice)
- (A) The poor should be helped.
 - (B) The poor should be helped.
 - (C) The poor would be helped.
 - (D) The poor should be help.

Section D

*** Read the following passage and answer the given questions.**

[4]

The most important aspect in life is to be humble 'Pride goeth before a fall'. Education and culture should be magestically felt through your personality. A laughing face, polite, courteous talk, Clean, Pure heart, sympathetic and understanding attitudes are better passports through life's journey. Lazy, selfish, egocentric rude behaviour speak low about the individual Respect for elders concern for family and love for mankind are gifts given by God. All are talented but do not equally bear this maxim in mind as you sail through the ocean of life. Let not false praise trap you. Have self - respect but not false empty pride.

Questions :

- 36. What are the passports through life's journey?
- 37. What is reflected by your personality?
- 38. What are the rare gifts given by God?

39. Give the noun forms of (1) courteous (2) important

OR

* The frog half fearful jumps across the path,
The little mouse that leaves its hole at eve Nimble's with timid dread beneath the
swath;
My rustling steps awhile their joys deceive,
Till past, and then the cricket sings more strong,
And grasshoppers in merry moods still wear
The short night weary with their fretting song.
Up from behind the molehill jumps the hare,
Cheat of his chosen bed, and from the bank
The yellowhammer flutters in short fears From off its nest hid in the grasses rank,
And drops again when no more noise it hears,
Thus nature's human link and endless thrall
Proud man still seems the enemy of all. -John Clare

Questions:

Q.1. Which living creatures (other than man) has the poet mentioned in this poem?

Q.2. Explain the Figure of Speech in the fifth line.

Q.3. What does the poet mean when he says that the grasshopper wears 'the short night weary'?

Q.4. What happens with the poet's 'rustling steps'?

*** Answer as requested :** **[4]**

40. You were one of the volunteers in the Howdy Modi Campaign at USA. Prepare a
Diary entry on the same.

OR

* Write a dialogue between a learner and a swimming coach.

*** Answer as requested :** **[4]**

41. Write a notice for the students about an Inter-school Folk Dance Competition to
be held by the school.

OR

* You are the sales executive of a famous tea company and you have been asked
to draft an advertisement for the product. Draft the advertisement using the
information you collected for the role play. You can draw pictures or add
photographs and make your advertisement colourful.

OR

* Your school has participated in a campaign 'Say No to Plastic'. Design a poster

with a title and a slogan for it.'

Section E

*** Write a report describing the expedition in about 150 words. [4]**

42. You are Vidhi Patel. Write a report on "Selfie Mania among the youngsters"

*** Answer as requested : [6]**

43. Write a letter to your father requesting him to help your poor but bright classmate who is unable to pay his fees.

OR

* Write an e-mail to your friend informing! him/her about the newly fitted Water Percolation System in your society and how it saves water.

*** Answer as requested : (Write any 1) [8]**

44. Flight in an Aeroplane [long-cherished dream came true - nervous in the beginning - boarded - take off - description of views from plane - joy of flying - landing -a pleasure flying]

45. Chandrayaan 2-A Mission that Made India Proud [Introduction - dream mission - contribution - how it was different from other mission ?- uniqueness - appreciation in spite of negligible failure - Conclusion]

OR

* Nature is a Giver[Points : Big forest - very tall pine tree - ragged, skinny girl - crying - lost way - frightened - took shelter in a cave like place - pine tree guarded the place - little girl amazed - withered flowers - pine tree shook flower trees - surprised. bag of gold coins.]
