

PRACTICE PAPER**STD:- XI****Sub: - English****Time:- 2 hours****Marks:- 50****INSTRUCTION:**

1. This paper consists of 4 sections.
 - SECTION 'A' READING – 8 Marks
 - SECTION 'B' WRITING – 13 Marks
 - SECTION 'C' GRAMMAR – 5 Marks
 - SECTION 'D' LITERATURE – 24 Marks
2. The paper is divided into four sections – A, B, C and D. All the sections are compulsory.
3. Separate instructions are given with each section. Read the instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.
4. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit.
5. Please write the correct serial number in the answer sheet before attempting it.

SECTION – 'A'**READING**

Q. 1) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:-

THE LITTLE GIRL (An excerpt from a story)

1. To the little girl he was figured to be feared and avoided. Every morning before going to work he came into her room and gave her a casual kiss to which she responded with "Goodbye father". And oh, there was a glad sense of relief when she heard the noise of carriage growing fainter and fainter down the long road!
2. "Well, Kezia, have you been a good girl today?"
"I d-d-do not know, Father." "You d-d-don't know? If you stutter like that Mother will have to take you to the doctor.
3. She never stuttered with other people : but only with Father; because then she was trying so hard to say the words properly. "What's the matter? What are you looking so wretched about? Mother, I wish you taught this child not to appear on the brink of suicide..... Here, Kezia, carry my teacup back to the table carefully." He was so big- his hands and his neck, especially his mouth when he yawned. Thinking about him alone was like thinking about a giant.

4. On Sunday afternoons grandmother sent her down to the drawing-room to have a “nice talk with father and mother”. But the little girl always found mother reading and father stretched out on the sofa, his handkerchief on his face, his feet on one of the best cushions, sleeping soundly and snoring.
She sat on a stool, gravely watched him until he woke and stretched and asked the time – then looked at her. “Don’t stare so, Kezia. You look like a little brown owl.”
One day, when she was kept indoors with a cold, the grandmother told her that father’s birthday was next week, and suggested she should make him a pin- cushion for a gift out of a beautiful piece of yellow silk.
5. Labouriously, with double cotton, the little girl stitched three sides. But what to fill it with? That was the question. The grandmother was out in the garden and she wandered into mother’s bedroom to look for ‘scraps’. On the bed table she discovered a great many sheets of fine paper, gathered them up, tore them into tiny pieces, and stuffed her ease, then served up the fourth side.
That night there was hue and cry in the house. Father’s great speech for the Port Authority had been lost. Rooms were searched –servants questioned.
Finally mother came into Kezia’s room.
“Oh! Yes, she said, I tore them up for my surprise.”
“What!” screamed mother. “Come straight down to the dining room this instant”.
6. And she was dragged down to where father was pacing to and fro, hands behind his back. “Well”? He said sharply.
He stopped and stared at the child. “Did you do that?”

1.1) Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate options from the ones given below:

(7M)

- 1) On hearing the noise of the carriage growing fainter Kezia felt relieved because...
- she dreaded the horses
 - she was afraid of the coachman
 - she did not like cluttering sound
 - she feared her father and avoided him
- 2) Kezia strutted only with her father because...
- her father loved her too much
 - she loved him too much
 - she tried hard to say the words properly
 - she tried to see fluently
- 3) To the little girl, her father appeared to be a giant because.....
- he had a very big body
 - he had big legs
 - he had a wide mouth
 - he had big arms

- 4) Her grandmother asked her to make a pin-cushion because.....
- (a) her father needed a pin-cushion
 - (b) her father's birthday was coming
 - (c) she was good at making things
 - (d) she could display it to her friends
- 5) Her father was angry because
- (a) Kezia's mother had not given him tea
 - (b) the grandmother had disturbed him while he was writing
 - (c) his great speech for the Port authority had been lost
 - (d) his invitation card for the annual meeting was missing
- 6) The word 'stutters' in para 4 means.....
- (a) to walk proudly and confidently
 - (b) to support by a thin piece of wood or metal
 - (c) to move or start with difficulty
 - (d) to speak haltingly
- 7) Give the antonym of the word laboriously (para 5).
- (a) seriously
 - (b) not happy
 - (c) great effort
 - (d) sharply

1.2) Describe the little girl in the passage in your own words. **(1M)**

SECTION – 'B'

WRITING

Q.2) Your school has just completed the construction of an auditorium. It has been decided by the school Administration that the Inaugural programme of the Auditorium should be a Charity Show. Money collected out of it would be donated to an Oldage Home. As the Head Boy of OAS Public School, Frame a Notice for the Notice Board, asking students to sell out the tickets for the Charity Show. Construct the necessary details and write the notice in not more than 50 words. **(5M)**

Q.3) After the scorching heat of summer, rains are welcomed joyously. Men, women, children, animals, even plants and trees rejoice in the first monsoon shower. Describe the scene in your neighbourhood showing how people, especially little children come out in the little streets and parks to enjoy the first cooling showers. You have to write this for your school magazine in not more than 150 words. **(8M)**

SECTION – 'C'**GRAMMAR**

- Q.4) Complete the following dialogues by filling the blanks in a suitable way. Write the correct answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole sentence. (3M)**

Anita and Nita have just met on the road.

Anita: Hello Nita! Where are you coming from?

Nita: I have just been to the railway station (a) _____ a ticket for my brother for Delhi.

Anita: (b) _____ to Delhi?

Nita: On the 18th of this month. My brother told me that your (c) _____.

Anita: Yes. He is also going to Delhi on the same day. They will be a good company to each other.

- Q.5) Re-order the jumbled words to form meaningful sentences. (2M)**

- (a) some / history / ancient/ I would / books / look at / like / to / Indian / on.
- (b) minutes / you / could / a few / for / please / wait / ?
- (c) relativity / Albert Einstein / of / theory / is / known / for / best / his.
- (d) know / you / light / do / travels / always/ line / that / a straight / in

SECTION 'D'**LITERATURE READER**

- Q.6) Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that (4M) follow:**

All three stood still to smile through their hair
At the uncle with the camera. A sweet face
My mother's that was before I was born.
And the sea which appears to have changed less
Washed their terribly transient feet.

- (a) Name the poem and the poet.
- (b) Who are the three mentioned in the first line?
- (c) Why did they stand still and smile?
- (d) How did the mother's face look? Which time does it refer to?

Q.7) Answer the following questions in 30 to 40 words. (4X2=8M)

- (a) 'When the people are pious, even the nature mourns their death'. Justify this statement with reference to 'Portrait of a Lady.'
- (b) How does the story, 'We are not afraid to die if we can all be together' suggest that optimism helps to endure the direst stress.
- (c) 'Eternal I rise impalpable out of the land', why does the rain call itself eternal?
- (d) What does the poet mean by 'Poem of the Earth'?

Q.8) Do you think John Byro recognised his horse? How do you know? Why did he not accuse the boys of stealing his horse? (6M)

Q.9) Answer the following questions in 30 – 40 words. (2X3=6M)

- (a) How did the narrator realise that she had come to the right address?
- (b) Why does the narrator say, 'I was in a room I knew and did not know'?
- (c) How did Aram fare in his solo ride?

Answers

1. 1

1) D

2) D

3) A

4) C

5) D

6) B

2.1

1. -D

2.D

3. C

4. B

5. B

6. B

5)

a) Of going to

b) Need to take

c) To go with me

d) Is he going out

6.

a) A thousand years ago the foundations for a whole city in the sea were created.

b) In the 1960s, much more oil was found under the North Sea.

c) As a result, those from the new rigs were designed very differently in calmer waters.