

# SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER

**Subject: English (202)**

**Secondary Course**

**Time: 3 hrs**

**Maximum Marks: 100**

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**Note:**

- i. There are **35** questions all divided into two parts.
- ii. All questions are compulsory.
- iii. Marks for each question are indicated against it.
- iv. Question Nos. **1 to 16** are carrying **1 mark** each. Some of them are in subparts that include MCQ, Fill in the blanks, True-False, Match the column, One-word answer type questions.
- v. Question Nos. **17 to 20, 22, 24 to 25, and 29 to 34** are very short answer type questions carrying **2 marks each**. Answers to these questions should not exceed 30 words each.
- vi. Question Nos. **26, and 35** are short answer type questions carrying **3 marks each**. Answers to these questions should not exceed 40 words.
- vii. Question Nos. **21, 27, and 28** are long answer type questions carrying **4 marks each**. Answers to these questions should not exceed 100 words.
- viii. Question Nos. **23** is an essay-type question carrying **6 marks**. Answers to these questions should not exceed 150-200 words.

## **PART A**

**Note: All questions are compulsory except where an internal choice is given.**

### **Section A: Reading**

**Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

In a city, never mind what it was called, there lived a small girl of about five. The little girl had a mother and no one else. They lived together, the two of them, not well, not badly, but life of some hardship. The mother was a charwoman\*—the income was meagre, every kopek\*—had to be saved. But the girl was fed, dressed and had shoes on her feet. And, the mother brought a lot of different goodies from the hospital—sometime candy, sometimes apples. The patients often gave her treats, especially when they were being discharged. They were too happy to bother about carrying things back and so gave them away to the little girl's mother. They even gave away oranges. But patients who had oranges to give away were few and far between. Perhaps they went to other hospitals, or, perhaps they were discharged less frequently.

Anyhow this has nothing to do with oranges...

“We’ll still live.” the mother joked.

“We’ll still live,” the girl agreed.

Frankly speaking, the girl badly needed a wonderful blue ball, which she and her mother had seen in a toy shop. She felt she simply must acquire it for a truly happy life.

If you remember what it was like when you were five, you will understand what the girl felt when the blue ball finally turned up in the girl’s hands.

When the ball bounced, the little girl bounced and even mother gave a little bounce. Because happiness makes everyone bounce a bit.

\*Charwoman: a woman who is employed to clean an office

\*Kopek: name of currency/money used in Russia at that time.

**1. Based on your understanding of the above passage, write True or False. 3x1= 3**

- i. The passage highlights the concern of a mother for her child.
- ii. The mother and the daughter were not generally satisfied with what they had.
- iii. Patients who gave away oranges were less in number because they were discharged less frequently.

**2. Answer the following questions in one word. 3x1= 3**

- i. Who bounced with the ball?
- ii. How many members are there in the family?
- iii. What did the mother do?

**3. Pick out the correct word as instructed from the above passage. 1x1= 1**

Opposite of ‘plentiful’:

- A. Merge
- B. Badly
- C. Wonderful
- D. Kopek

### **Section B: Writing**

**4. Answer the following questions, with reference to the context below: 5x1= 5**

You are Debashree, a resident of Siliguri, West Bengal. You have to write a letter to the editor of a national daily drawing attention towards the difficulty faced by differently-abled people at tourist places.

**Choose the correct alternatives to the following questions.**

i. Select the appropriate subject for this letter.

- A. Drawing attention towards differently-abled people
- B. The Differently-abled: Neglected or Misunderstood?
- C. Tourist places are an inconvenience to differently-abled people
- D. Inconvenience Faced by the Differently-abled at Tourist Spots

ii. Select the option with relevant aspects that Debashree should select, for this letter.

- (1) The newspaper's name
- (2) Attached proof of the newspaper subscription
- (3) Debashree's address
- (4) Formal tone
- (5) Expected date of the letter's receipt

- A. (1) and (5)
- B. (2), (3) and (4)
- C. (3) and (5)
- D. (1), (3) and (4)

iii. Which option should Debashree select, to elaborate on the difficulties faced by the differently-abled?

- A** Absence of ramp for wheel chair  
Unclean toilets  
high ticket-prices.
- B** Unsuitable visiting timings  
Tourists guides untrained in sign language  
Lack of braille-script tourist pamphlets
- C** Absence of ramp for wheel chair  
Tourists guides untrained in sign language  
Lack of braille-script tourist pamphlets
- D** Unsuitable visiting timings  
Unclean toilets  
high ticket-prices.

iv. Debashree shares some suggestions in her letter, to address the issue. Select the option that helps her complete these suggestions, appropriately.

In my opinion, the media can play a pivotal role in transforming people's (a) \_\_\_\_\_.

Also, (b) \_\_\_\_\_ against negligence to the needs of the differently-abled, at the tourist spots, shall go a long way in bringing about a positive change.

- A. (a) beliefs and traditions (b) composing songs
- B. (a) perceptions and attitudes (b) cautioning the authorities
- C. (a) preferences (b) protesting
- D. (i) interactions (b) keeping minimum interference

v. Select the option that correctly justifies the choice of the concluding portion of this letter.

1. *I expect the authority to take steps on the issue. Please post my thoughts in your newspaper.*

2. *I hope my views get published in the columns of your newspaper so that the issue may garner more public support and awareness.*

- A. Yes, to Option (1) because of the authoritative tone.
- B. No, to Option (1) because of the informal tone.
- C. Yes, to Option (2) because of the tone of polite expectation.
- D. No, to Option (2) because of the certainty in the tone.

**5. Answer the questions given, with reference to the context below.**

**4x1= 4**

The secretary of the Janata Group Housing Society, Pushpvihar, New Delhi, has to write a notice about the suspension of the water supply. It will be suspended for eight hours (10 am to 6 pm) on the 6th of March for cleaning of the water tank.

Choose the correct alternatives to the following questions:

i. Select the most appropriate title for the notice:

- A. ATTENTION!
- B. STORE WATER FOR A DAY
- C. SUSPENSION OF WATER SUPPLY
- D. NO WATER SUPPLY

ii. Select the most appropriate conclusion for the notice:

- A. Stay informed
- B. Collaboration solicited
- C. Stay prepared

D. Inconvenience regretted

iii. Choose the point at which the secretary will advise his notice:

- A. to check the water supply
- B. to curb water consumption
- C. to store water for a day
- D. all of these

iv. Points that must be written on the notice.

- A. Date of water suspension
- B. Duration of water suspension
- C. Reason for water suspension
- D. All of these

**6. The questions given below are based on the given text. Read the text carefully and answer the questions. 4x1= 4**

Ravi is a member of Co-existence, a school club that actively promotes animal rights and care. He has to write an article emphasising the need for the prevention of cruelty to animals and peaceful coexistence between animals and human beings.

i. Which suggestions, from those given below, would be appropriate for Ravi's article?

1. *reducing human-wildlife conflict, banning habitat destruction, and creating more wildlife sanctuaries.*
2. *protecting the environment, and penalising poachers.*
3. *strengthening execution of animal rights laws, increasing awareness, and reducing human-wildlife conflict.*
4. *creation of more wildlife sanctuaries and promotion of research on animals.*

- A. Option 1
- B. Option 2
- C. Option 3
- D. Option 4

ii. Select the option that lists an appropriate title for Ravi's article:

- A. Man and Animal: A Struggle to Co-exist
- B. Remodelling the Future by Peaceful Co-existence
- C. The Rehabilitation and Conservation of Species
- D. Smart Moves: Survival of the Fittest

iii. Which option would help Ravi with the appropriate organisation of relevant ideas for this article?

1. *Expressing concern about several cases of cruelty to animals-Exploring the reasons-Stating the effects-Providing suggestions for peaceful co-existence Presenting a conclusive outlook.*
2. *Stating the effects of cruelty to animals- Presenting a concluding viewpoint-Providing suggestions for peaceful co-existence-Expressing concern for animal cruelty-Exploring the reasons for cruelty to animals.*
3. *Introducing the purpose of the article-Information about policies and laws for animal protection-Exploring the reasons for the laws- Providing suggestions for peaceful co-existence - Presenting a pledge for awareness.*
4. *Exploring the laws for animal protection-Questioning the efficacy of the laws-Providing suggestions for improvements in the behaviour towards animals- Introducing the purpose of the article-Appeal for joining Co-Existence.*

- A. Option 1
- B. Option 2
- C. Option 3
- D. Option 4

iv. An article does not include

- A. Title of the article
- B. Date of the article on which it was written
- C. The concern of the writer
- D. Names of those who have gone through the issues

### **Section C: Grammar**

**7. Fill in the blanks to complete the note about the Wangala Festival of Meghalaya.**

**3x1=3**

The Wangala (i) \_\_\_\_\_ an important festival for the Garo in Meghalaya, Assam and Nagaland. It is a post-harvest festival (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ (celebrate) the end of the agricultural year. It is popularly known as ‘The hundred drums’ festival. During the signature dance, the leading warrior (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ the youngsters with synchronized dance steps and specific hand-head movements.

- i. 

A. is important	B. are an important
C. was the important	D. is an important

- ii.                    A. being celebrated for making                    B. celebrated to mark  
                           C. was the important                                 D. being celebrated for mark
- iii.                    A. leads the youngsters                                B. is lead the youngsters  
                           C. was leading the youngsters                        D. had leads the youngsters

**8. Fill in the blanks to complete the note.**

**3x1=3**

I \_\_\_\_\_(i) \_\_\_\_\_ (realise) that I \_\_\_\_\_(ii) \_\_\_\_\_ (know) one of the two men by sight, and I \_\_\_\_\_(iii) \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) a few seconds thinking why he sought me out on a Sunday afternoon.

**9. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete the passage.**

**3x1=3**

Upset with Baby's addiction to TV, her father decided to wean her away from it. He promised that (i) \_\_\_\_\_ five hundred rupees. The prospect of making five hundred rupees had its effect on Baby for she immediately replied that (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ watching TV if she got the money. Quite happy that the trick had worked, the father appreciated her saying that she was a good girl. But the very next moment he was shocked to hear Baby said that (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ several movies.

i.

- A. he would give her  
 B. he will give her  
 C. she would give him  
 D. I would give her

ii.

- A. she will be stopping  
 B. she has stopped  
 C. she would be stopping  
 D. she would stop

iii.

- A. with your five hundred rupees she can watch  
 B. with his five hundred rupees she could watch  
 C. with his five hundred rupees she could be watching  
 D. with his five hundred rupees she will watch

**10. Fill in the blanks with the correct preposition.**

**4x1=4**

- i. His success was due \_\_\_\_\_ the support he got from the team.
- ii. My house is \_\_\_\_\_ the end of the street.
- iii. He hinted \_\_\_\_\_ some lost treasure.
- iv. He is suffering \_\_\_\_\_ prostate cancer.

**11. Fill in the blanks with the correct conjunction.**

**2x1=2**

- i. Hardly had he left \_\_\_\_\_ his brother came.
- ii. I was ill \_\_\_\_\_ I didn't go to work.

**Section D: Literature**

**12. Complete the following sentences.**

**3x1=3**

- i. The event which is being described in the poem *Nine Gold Medals* is the ..... event of the day.
- ii. Gold medal stands for ..... rank.
- iii. .... among all athletes could not run.

**13. Identify the following sentences as TRUE or FALSE.**

**3x1=3**

- i. The poem "The Truth" is written by Barrie Wade.
- ii. 

Slant and curved the word swords fall  
To pierce and stick inside me

The figure of speech used in the given lines is a Metaphor.

- iii. Words are called ghosts that haunt us because they trouble our minds for a long time.

**14. Read the following passages.**

The well was highly useful to the people who lived in the surrounding huts. They had dug it two years before because the only water tap in the colony was not enough for the slum's growing population. There had never been any money for a wall around the well. The mouth of the well had gradually widened as the soil and rocks on the sides fell in. The bottom was narrow, muddy and filled with weeds.

**Based on your understanding of the passage fill in the blanks given below.**

**3x1=3**

- i. The mouth of the well had widened as \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii. The people had dug the well because \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii. It was narrow, muddy, and filled with weeds at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the well.



**15. Identify TRUE or FALSE sentences given below.**

**3x1=3**

i. Raja was bitten by the snake.

iii. Raja's grandfather send gifts to the old man because he thought that the old man has cured Raja.

iv. Grandmother said, "Thank God, you brought Raja in time."

**16. Match the character with the story.**

**3x1=3**

i. Jijabai

a. *A Birthday Letter*

ii. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

b. *The Return of the Lion*

iii. Pt. Nehru

c. *Co-operate and Prosper*

## **PART B**

**Note: All questions are compulsory except where an internal choice is given.**

### **Section A: Reading**

**Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

Gorilla is the largest of the great apes. A large male gorilla living in the wild may weigh 204 kilograms. Standing up on its legs, it may be about 6 ft tall. Females usually weigh 91 kilograms and are shorter than males. Gorillas live in the rain forests of Central Africa. They are unaggressive creatures living in family groups led by a big male. Each group wanders in its own home range. During the day gorillas rarely travel much more than one kilometre because the leaves and shoots that they eat are plentiful in the forests where they live. A gorilla's day starts at dawn at about 6 a.m. when the party wakes and searches for food. From about 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. they rest. When the adults rest, younger apes wrestle with each other, play games and swing back and forth on vines. After this, the party travels through the forest again looking for more food until dusk i. e. about 6 p.m. Gorillas are always on the move and never spend more than one night in the same place. They sleep in nests made of branches which they break or bend to make a crude platform either on the ground or in trees. Adult gorillas build their own nests while baby gorillas snuggle in with their mothers. A new nest is made every day. Because of hunting, destruction of rainforests and human wars that affect gorilla habitat, gorillas are now very rare. There are less than 400 gorillas left in the wild.

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions:**

17. i. Why gorillas have become rare?

**2**

OR

ii. Which two things in the passage indicate that the gorilla is the largest of the great apes?

18. i. What do gorillas do from 6:00 a.m. in the morning till 2 O'clock in the afternoon?

**2**

OR

ii. What do young gorillas do from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.?

19. Who is the leader of a gorilla family? What is the usual weight of a female gorilla? 2

20. Pick out the words that mean: 2

- a) To get into a warm
- b) Take part in a fight
- c) The natural home or environment of an animal, plant, or other living things

### Section B: Writing

21. You are Aman /Amita, Librarian, Public School, Hauz Khas, Delhi. Write a letter to Jindal Publisher, Pratap Vihar, Delhi to place an order for English to Hindi dictionaries, illustrated children's encyclopedias, fiction books, etc., for your school library. Request them for a catalog, discount offered, mode of payment, and time taken for delivery. 4

OR

You are Ravi. Your friend, Ram, is interested in taking up a course in Personality Development. Write an email to him, informing him about The Centre for Personality Development, an institute in your city that conducts this course and has the best faculty by filling up the blank spaces suitably.

22. Read the telephone conversation given below: 2

Caller: Could I talk to Mr. Bharat? I am R. N Sharma from INFO Tech Company.

Sumit: Sorry, he is out with the guests. I'm his son, Sumit.

Caller: Sumit, Your father had to attend a meeting in Chennai. The meeting has been postponed. Please inform him about the change so that he can cancel his flight.

Sumit: I'll do the needful, Mr. Sharma.

You are Sumit. You will not be at home when your father returns. Write a brief message to be left on his table.

23. You had gone to a bank to get a Bank Draft made to deposit the exam fee. It was a busy day at all the counters. Suddenly, three young robbers entered the bank building and started firing. There was commotion and terror all around. The robbers ransacked the cash boxes at the counters. They were about to leave when two young men appeared from nowhere and caught hold of them. This encouraged the other customers to act. Write a report about this incident in about 100 words for publication in the local newspaper. 6

OR

Write an article on 'Importance of Morning Walk.' You are SOHAM/ SONIKA. Use the following clues:

- make you rise early
- fresh air
- blood rushes through your body
- energy for the day hungry for breakfast

- good for studies
- all-day active

### Section C: Grammar

**24. Complete the following dialogue by filling in the blanks with suitable words. The first one has been done as an example. 2**

Rohit: Sir, I want to use the library facility. May I know the rules and regulations?

Librarian: Sure, the first thing is that you- \_\_\_\_\_(i)\_\_\_\_\_ carry your NIOS Identity Card because we don't allow outsiders.

Rohit: Alright. How many books \_\_\_\_\_(ii)\_\_\_\_\_ I borrow from the library?

**25. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions. 2**

i. I had a busy week so would like to stay \_\_\_\_\_ home \_\_\_\_\_ the weekend.

**26. Change to reported speech. 3x1= 3**

i. She said, "Shut the door!"

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ii. She said to him, "It is good to see you!"

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iii. The King ordered that they should celebrate their victory.

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**27. Complete the passage given below with conjunction words. 4x1=4**

Whether you are a family man .....(i)..... a monk, the most important thing is how you look at .....(ii)..... reflect upon life and the experience it brings. ....(iii)..... your attitude is positive and accepting, you live with God even .....(iv)..... in the world.

**28. Complete the following passage by filling in the blanks using the correct form of verbs given in brackets. 4x1=4**

A. Mridula goes for an evening walk daily. Yesterday, she \_\_\_\_\_(i)\_\_\_\_\_ (come) late from her office but she \_\_\_\_\_(ii)\_\_\_\_\_ (do) not miss her walk. When she \_\_\_\_\_(iii)\_\_\_\_\_ (return) home from her walk she found that her little daughter \_\_\_\_\_(iv)\_\_\_\_\_ (injure) her left wrist.

OR

B. Coffee is a beverage .....(i)..... (drink) by many past generations of people. What most people do not realize is that coffee is .....(ii)..... (make) from beans .....(iii) ..... (pick) from trees. Coffee trees .....(iv)..... (grow) either from seeds or cuttings.

### **Section D: Literature**

**Answer the following questions in one or two sentences each.**

**29. i.** What kind of garments do the weave make in the morning? **2**

OR

ii. What was the reaction of Gopal's father to the suggestion of shifting to Agra?

**30.** Why does the child feel helpless? **2**

**31.** What is the similarity between the break of the day and the birth of a baby? **2**

**32. i.** When did Gandhiji give up the idea of smoking? **2**

OR

ii. When did the tiger realize that he was totally wrong about the opinion he had formed about human beings?

**33.** What are the top four civilian awards that Bismillah Khan received? **2**

**34.** Where did Aunt Ruby get the parakeet from? **2**

**35. Answer the following question.** **3**

i. Why did the old man admire Salim? Why did the old man believe that there was nothing that he could teach Salim?

OR

ii. Why wasn't the Magistrate happy to see the affidavit? Why did he finally accept it?

## MARKING SCHEME

Q. No.	Marking Scheme	Marks
<b>PART: A</b>		
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. True</li> <li>ii. False</li> <li>iii. False</li> </ul>	3
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Both the mother and the daughter bounced with the ball.</li> <li>ii. There are 2 members in the family.</li> <li>iii. The mother is a Charwoman.</li> </ul>	3
3.	A. mearge	1
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. D. Inconvenience Faced by the Differently-abled at Tourist Spots</li> <li>ii. D. (1), (3) and (4)</li> <li>iii. C. Absence of ramp for wheel chair, Tourists guides untrained in sign language, Lack of braille-script tourist pamphlets</li> <li>iv. B. (i) perceptions and attitudes (ii) cautioning the authorities</li> <li>v. C. Yes, to Option (2) because of the tone of polite expectation.</li> </ul>	5
5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. C. SUSPENSION OF WATER SUPPLY</li> <li>ii. D. Inconvenience regretted</li> <li>iii. B. to curb water consumption</li> <li>iv. D. All of these</li> </ul>	4
6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. C. Option 3</li> <li>ii. A. Man and Animal: A Struggle to Co-exist</li> <li>iii. A. Option 1</li> <li>iv. D. Names of them who have gone through the issues</li> </ul>	4
7.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. D. is an important</li> <li>ii. B. celebrated to mark</li> <li>iii. A. leads the youngsters</li> </ul>	3
8.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. realised</li> <li>ii. knew</li> <li>iii. spent</li> </ul>	3
9.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. A. he would give her</li> <li>ii. D. she would stop</li> <li>iii. B. with his five hundred rupees she could watch</li> </ul>	3

10.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. to</li> <li>ii. at</li> <li>iii. at</li> <li>iv. from</li> </ul>	4
11.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. when</li> <li>ii. so</li> </ul>	2
12.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. last</li> <li>ii. first</li> <li>iii. One</li> </ul>	3
13.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. True</li> <li>ii. True</li> <li>iii. True</li> </ul>	3
14.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. the soil and rocks on the sides fell in</li> <li>ii. the water tap was not sufficient</li> <li>iii. bottom</li> </ul>	3
15.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. False</li> <li>ii. True</li> <li>iii. False</li> </ul>	3
16.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Jijabai</li> <li>ii. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel</li> <li>iii. Pt. Nehru</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. <i>The Return of the Lion</i></li> <li>c. <i>Co-operate and Prosper</i></li> <li>a. <i>A Birthday Letter</i></li> </ul>	3
<b>PART: B</b>		
17.	<p>i. Because, of hunting, distraction of rainforests and human was that affect gorilla habitat, gorillas are now very rare. There are less than 400 gorillas left in the wild.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>ii. The weight is 204 kg and the height is 6ft.</p>	2
18.	<p>i. They search for food from 6 am to 10 am and then rest from 10 am to 2 pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>ii. younger apes wrestle with each other, play games, and swing back and forth on vines from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.</p>	2
19.	<p>The male gorilla is the leader of the family.</p> <p>A female gorilla usually weighs 91 kilograms.</p>	2



	they are destroying the world by making arms. Instead, they deceive the children and themselves with lies.	
31.	The similarity between the break of the day and the birth of a baby is that both symbolize a new beginning.	2
32.	<p>i. Gandhiji and his friend gave up the idea of smoking after they had given up the idea of suicide.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>ii. The tiger's opinion about men changed when he came out on the street and saw men running for their lives.</p>	2
33.	The top-four civilian awards that Bismillah Khan received were: Bharat Ratna, Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan, and Padma Vibhushan.	2
34.	Aunt Ruby brought the parrot from a bird catcher who visited all the houses on their road.	2
35.	<p>i. Salim's concern for the old stone mason, his timely help in carving the statue, and his skill in carving made the old man admire Salim.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Salim was carving the face of the statue like an expert craftsman.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>ii. The Magistrate was not happy to see the affidavit because it was written in Sanskrit which he could not read. So, he was unable to make out what was written in it.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">He finally accepted it because Sanskrit is one of the official languages of India and being a government officer, he could not have refused it.</p>	3