

**SENIOR SECONDARY EXAMINATION, MODEL QUESTION PAPER-2021**

**Model Paper  
English**

समय: 3¼ घण्टे

पूर्णांक 80

परीक्षार्थियों के लिए सामान्य निर्देश :-

GENERAL INSTRUCTION TO THE EXAMINEES:

1. Candidate must write first his/her Roll No. on the question paper compulsorily.
2. All the questions are compulsory.
3. Write the answer to each question in the given answer book only.
4. For questions having more than one part the answers to those parts are to be written together in continuity.
5. If there is any error/difference/contradiction in Hindi & English version of the question paper, the question of the Hindi version should be treated valid.
6. Write down the serial number of the question before attempting it.
7. Weightage of marks for the question is as follows.

Section	Number of Questions	Marks of each question	Total Marks
Section (A)	1 ( i to x ), 2 to 11 = 20	1	20
Section (B)	12 to 19 = 8	2	16
Section (C)	20 to 23 = 4	4	16
Section (D)	24 to 25 = 2	5	10
Section (E)	26 to 28 = 3	6	18

## SECTION - A

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

Gandhiji was a first class nurse to the sick. Where he picked up nursing was a mystery. He certainly did not pass through a nursing school. As in many other things, when nursing became necessary to him in life, he learned it by the hard way of experience. In the Ashram at Sabarmati, all sick persons came directly under his eye and care. Doctors were, of course, consulted, but the care of the sick, Gandhiji arranged in person. It was a joke, especially among the people in the Ashram that if you wanted to see Gandhiji every day and talk to him and hear him crack jokes,, you had only to be ill and get into bed ! For Gandhiji visited the sick every day, spent a few minutes at every bed-side, himself saw to things carefully and never failed to crack a joke or two with the patient. There was no day too busy for Gandhiji to attend sick persons.

There was once a young lad who went down with dysentery. He had done his best to accustom himself to Ashram food, but failed. He had a great liking for coffee. But in the Ashram there was no coffee for him nor was coffee allowed. In good time, he got rid of his dysentery and was npw recovering. Gandhiji visited him for a few minutes every day during his usual rounds. Those few minutes were like a tonic to the poor lad.

He pined for a cup of good coffee. One day he was lying on his back dreaming of it when he heard the welcome sound of the wooden sandals of Gandhiji. A minute later Gandhiji entered with his never – failing smile and cheering word.

He looked at the lad and said, “Now you are decidedly better. You must have recovered your appetite. What would you like to eat? Ah! Some good uppuma or dosai ?”

Gandhiji evidently knew all about the lad’s partiality for these two good old South Indian dishes. Gandhiji was laughing. The youngster had a sudden brain-wave. “ Could I have a cup of coffee, please,” he blurted out. Gandhiji answered with a peal of laughter, “Oh, you old sinner, that is what you want! “ And then seeing the look on the lad’s face, he added, “ You certainly shall have your cup of coffee. Yes, light coffee will soothe your stomach. And what will you have with the coffee? I don’t think we can make uppama or dosai, but warm toast would go well with coffee. I shall send you a tray. ”

Gandhiji's cottage was at the other end of the Ashram. Gandhiji himself prepared the coffee because his wife was taking rest. It was an untimely hour. He did not want to give unnecessary trouble to anyone. Coffee was light but excellent. The young lad was troubled when he thought that he had given trouble to Gandhiji to prepare coffee and toast for him.

**Choose the correct answer from the passage and write it in the answer book:**

(I) What was a mystery ? 1  
(a) Gandhiji's experience as a nurse.  
(b) attend sick persons.  
(c) meeting a young lad.  
(d) liking coffee.

(II) What was the joke about Gandhiji ? 1  
(a) nursing.  
(b) just be ill and get into bed.  
(c) talking to people.  
(d) laughing with patients.

(III) What was served with Coffee? 1  
(a) biscuit.  
(b) snacks.  
(c) Toast.  
(d) nothing.

(IV) Why was the young lad troubled? 1  
(a) because he troubled Gandhiji.  
(b) he did not like anything.  
(c) he was not feeling good.  
(d) he wanted to go somewhere else.

(V) Where was Gandhiji's cottage in the Ashram? 1  
(a) at the shore of river.  
(b) at the end of Ashram.  
(c) at the end building.  
(d) at the end of station.

(VI) Why did Gandhiji himself prepare coffee? 1  
(a) because it was untimely hour  
(b) because he did not want to trouble his wife  
(c) both (a) and (b)  
(d) none

(VII) What disease did the young lad have ? 1  
(a) typhoid.  
(b) cold.  
(c) fever.  
(d) dysentery.

(VIII) The coffee was - 1  
(a) light  
(b) strong  
(c) both  
(d) none

(IX) What is the right word for 'being used to' ? 1  
(a) certainly  
(b) evidently  
(c) partiality  
(d) accustomed

(X) Choose the right word for 'desire for food': 1  
(a) appetite  
(b) delicious  
(c) tasty  
(d) tonic

**Q. 2-8 Answer the following questions in one line :**

- 2. Where did Saheb's family settle ? (Lost Spring) [1]
- 3. Which diseases are caused by stress? (How Yoga Heals) [1]
- 4. Who is pure according to the author? (Purity is Power) [1]
- 5. Why did Gandhiji plan to go to Muzzafarpur? (Indigo) [1]
- 6. Name three important feats performed in the show. (A walk through the Fire) [1]
- 7. Where did the author find himself lying? (Deep Water) [1]
- 8. Who suggested the room size 10'x 8' and to whom? (A Room 10' x 8') [1]

**Q. 9-11 Fill in the blanks :**

- 9. Douglas decided to learn swimming at the ..... pool. [1]
- 10. Mukesh belongs to a family of bangle makers in ..... [1]
- 11. .... Books never become outdated. [1]

**SECTION - B**

**Q. 12-14 Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each:**

- 12. What is the theme of the poem, 'The Hope'? (The Hope) [2]
- 13. Why is a lily better than an oak? (The Noble Nature) [2]
- 14. How does a man play his role in the last age? (The Seven Ages Of Man) [2]

**Q.15-19 Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each:**

- 15. Why was Sherlock Holmes interested in getting the letters and photographs at the earliest? (Trouble In Bohemia) [2]
- 16. Who killed Mahesh and Why? (Drought) [2]
- 17. What was the King's offer to the man who could beat his daughter in whistling ? (Svayamvara) [2]

18. How much money did the Tiger King pay to the British jewellers for rings?  
(The Tiger King) [2]
19. Discuss the aptness of the title, 'Love across the Salt Desert'?  
(Love across the Salt Desert) [2]

### SECTION – C

**Q.20 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

“Then a soldier.

Full of strange oaths and bearded like the pard  
Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel  
Seeking bubble reputation,  
Even in the Cannon’s mouth.”

- (a) How does a soldier play his part in this age? [1½]  
(b) Why is a soldier ready even to go in cannon’s mouth? [1½]  
(c) Write the name of the poem. [1]

OR

Hope makes life go on.  
Life is a derivative of the Function called Hope.  
Hope is the prime excellence.  
Right from the day one is born.

- (a) What is the importance of hope in life?  
(b) What is the prime excellence?  
(c) What does hope make ?

**Q.21-22 Answer the following questions in about 60-80 words each:**

21. Why did Gandhiji scold the lawyers? (Indigo) [4]

OR

Mention the benefits of Yoga. (How Yoga Heals)

22. Describe how Douglas tried to save himself from drowning.  
(Deep Water) [4]

OR

Explain how Mrs. Malik took keen interest in getting her house built and furnished.  
(A Room 10’x 8’)

- Q.23 Your friend Rashmi or Rajat has invited you to attend the wedding ceremony of his or her brother. Write an informal reply expressing your inability to attend the ceremony due to unavoidable reasons.  
(word limit – 50 words) [4]

OR

Your school is going to publish its 25<sup>th</sup> annual magazine next month. Write a notice inviting the articles from students. (word limit -50 words)

## SECTION – D

**Q.24 Answer the following question in about 100-125 words**

What are the merits of purity? (Purity is Power) [5]

OR

Mention the qualities of a great book and how is its greatness determined? (On Reading in Relation to Literature)

**Q.25 Answer the following question in about 100-125 words**

Attempt a character sketch of the peddler. (The Rattrap) [5]

OR

Write a character sketch of the author's grand – mother.  
(The Portrait Of a lady)

## SECTION – E

Q. 26 Yesterday, two robbers robbed the Punjab National Bank of your City.

Write a report on it in about 100 words. You may use the following outline.

(PNB – robbed - two robbers – 11:30 a.m. – customers – cash- counter – Manager – Pistol – guard – injured – telephone line – masks – safe – fifty lakh rupees – police- investigation) [6]

OR

You are Anil/Anita of Government Sr.Sec.School, Kota. Your school celebrated Annual function cum Alumini meet. Write a report on it in about 100 words.

OR

You are Ajay/Archana studying in Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Dholpur. Your school celebrated a two days 'Van- Mahotsav' programme last week. Write a report on it in about 100 words.

Q.27 You are Rehana or Rahim living in Kota and perusing M.C.A. Write a letter to the C.E.O., Oracle India Pvt. Ltd. Surat for the post of a software engineer giving your resume. [6]

OR

You are Ankush or Anu living at 3 – Basant Vihar, Ajmer. Write a letter to the editor, The Time of India, Jaipur, expressing your views on the topic, 'Influence of mobile and internet on students.'

OR

You are Rakesh/ Rani. You are a student of XII class. Your half- yearly exams are drawing near. People in your locality use loudspeakers till late night. Write an application to the district Collector requesting him to ban the use of loud speakers till late night during exam period.

Q.28 Your Principal has asked you to deliver a speech in your school prayer assembly on the topic 'Water Conservation' Write a speech on it in about 100 words. [6]

OR

Write an article in about 100 words on the topic 'Women Empowerment'.

OR

Write an article to be published in the Indian Express in about 100 words on 'Demonitization and its impact.'