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## CLASS 10

### SYLLABUS AND SAMPLE QUESTIONS

#### SYLLABUS

The Actual Question Paper contains 40 questions. The duration of the test paper is 40 Minutes.

Section I. Comprehension □ General topics □ Story / Incident based □ Based on current affairs □ Stanza based. Section II. Knowledge □ Classification □ Analogy □ Word-meanings □ Jumbled sentences □ Antonym/ synonym. Section III. Applied Grammar (All Topics). Section IV. Analysis □ Inferring information □ Judging completeness of process □ Judging logic of actions □ Judging story logic. Section V. Writing Skills □ Notice, Message, Telegram and Reports □ Paragraph □ Letters

Direction (QNo. 1 - 3) : Read the following passage and answer the questions.

On the smaller and comparatively unsacred ghats the crowd was less densely packed than on the holiest steps. On one of these less crowded ghats of Banaras we witnessed the embarkation. Canopied and curtained with glittering cloth of gold, a palanquin came staggering down through the crowd on the shoulders of six redliveried attendants. A great barge, like a Noah's ark, its windows hung with scarlet curtains, floated at the water's edge. The major-domo shouted and shoved and hit out with his rod of office; a way was somehow cleared. Slowly and with frightful lurchings, the palanquin descended. It was set down, and in the twinkling of an eye a little passage-way of canvas had been erected between the litter and the door of the barge. There was a heaving of the cloth of gold, a flapping of the canvas; the lady – the ladies, for there were several of them in the litter – had entered the barge unobserved of any vulgar eye. A few minutes later when the barge had been pushed out into mid-stream, the naked faces of the curious passerby stared at them from lifting the scarlet curtains and peering out with naked faces and unabashed curiosity at the passing boats and our inquisitive camera. Poor princesses! They could not bathe with their plebeian and unimprisoned sisters in the open Ganges. Their dip was to be in the barge's bilge-water. The sacred stream is filthy enough under the sky.

1. Which river is discussed in this text?  
(A) Ganga (B) Yamuna (C) Saraswati (D) Brahmaputra

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2. What is coming on the Ghat?  
(A) Palanquin (B) People (C) Children (D) Girls

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3. What is the meaning of barge ?  
(A) a place near the coast (B) boat (C) stream of river (D) big hall of a palace

4. Arrange P, Q, R and S in order to make a sensible sentence. Arrange the four parts in correct order.  
P : the persons by Q : whom they R : dogs soon know S : are kindly treated  
(A) P Q S R (B) P R Q S (C) R Q S P (D) R P Q S
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5. In the question given below, four pair of words which have some similarity with each other. Find the pair which is differently related.  
(A) Crime-Punishment (B) Judgement-Advocacy (C) Enterprise-Success (D) Exercise-Health
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6. Choose the antonym of word given in CAPITAL letters: AGONY  
(A) Pleasure (B) Bliss (C) Ecstasy (D) Fear
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7. Cordial : Hostile :: Chaos : ?  
(A) Peace (B) Stale (C) Worst (D) Deny
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8. Which one of the following is same as ohm, volt, amp. ?  
(A) Light (B) Metre (C) Hour (D) Watt
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9. Choose the word which is not the synonym of the word given in capital letters. LIBERATE  
(A) Emancipate (B) Free (C) Pardon (D) Liberate
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10. Which of the following sentence represents future perfect tense?  
(A) I shall be twenty next Saturday.  
(B) We were listening to the radio all evening.  
(C) He will have left before you go to see him.  
(D) I suppose it will be raining when we start.
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11. Fill in the blanks with suitable options.  
I shall be able to do nothing .....
- (A) when there is so much noise around  
(B) as he likes  
(C) that he soon became breathless  
(D) after he had finished his homework
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12. Change the voice: One should keep one's promise.  
(A) One's promise should be keep by one.  
(B) One promise should be kept.  
(C) Promise shall been kept by one.  
(D) Promises should be kept.
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13. The given sentence is: It is not good for the old people to expect the young to accept all their beliefs. When it is rewritten, using ought to, it becomes  
(A) old people oughted not to expect the young to accepting all their beliefs.  
(B) old peoples ought not to expecting the young to accepts all their belief.  
(C) old people ought not expect young to accept all beliefs.  
(D) old people ought not to expect the young to accept all their beliefs.

14. Complete the sentences below by arranging the correct form of verb.

My uncle is a very jolly man. I always ..... A ..... myself when he is with us. Yesterday we ..... B ..... to the station to receive him. He arrived by the Gorakdham Express. He has promised that he ..... C ..... with us for the whole vacation. Tomorrow he ..... D ..... me to the zoo.

The correct match of the blanks with verbs is

- P: went            Q: enjoy            R: will take            S: will stay  
 (A) R P S Q    (B) R S Q P    (C) R Q P S            (D) Q R S P

15. Arrange P, Q, R and S in order to describe a process.

P : Put one teaspoonful of instant coffee powder into a cup.

Q : Then, put the required quantity of sugar in the cup.

R : When the milk starts boiling, pour it into the cup containing sugar and coffee powder.

S : Take one cup of milk in a kettle and keep it on the gas stove to boil.

T : After doing so, mix the sugar and coffee powder with a spoon and serve hot coffee.

- (A) PQRST                            (B) SQRTP                            (C) SPQRT                            (D) RSTPQ

Direction QNo. (16-17) Read the following statements carefully and answer the questions given below each of them.

There are 5 villages P, Q, R, S and T. Two of these are on the highway and each have a school. The population of one of them is less than 3000. Out of these two, one village also has a school and its population is more than 3000, has no school. In one village, having population of more than 3000 and a school, there is a post office. There is a police station in one of the villages, which has a population of more than 3000 and which lies on the highway. Village 'P' has a school and its population is less than 3000. There is no school in village 'Q' and it does lie on the Highway. 'R' lies on the Highway and its population is more than 3000. Population of 'S' is less than 3000 and village 'E' neither lies on the highway nor it has a post office.

16. Other than 'R' which village lies on the Highway?

- (A) Q                                    (B) T                                    (C) S                                    (D) P

17. Which village, with a population less than 3000, has no school ?

- (A) Q                                    (B) T                                    (C) S                                    (D) P

18. In the following question identify the alternative which represents a meaningful order of words?

1. Post-box                            2. Letter                            3. Envelope  
 4. Delivery                            5. Clearance

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

19. Arrange A, B, C, D, E and F in order to make complete paragraph.

A : Each room has doors, windows and ventilators.

B : I read in a school. Its name is Vidya Bhavan. It is situated in Kamla Nagar.

C : About eight hundred students read in the school. The teachers are very capable. They teach us very nicely. They are hard-working.

D : The building of the school is very fine. It has twenty class-rooms. Each room has brick walls and cemented floor.

E : I am very proud of my school. It shows bright results every year.

F : It is close to my house.

Select the correct option :

- (A) A B C D E F                            (B) F E D A C E                            (C) D A C E B F                            (D) B F D A C E

20. A letter is given below with blanks I, II, III and IV which should be filled by the statements A, B, C and D given after the letter.

69/B Sarita Nagar  
12 November 08

To

The Editor

"The Hindu"

Sir,

Sub:- Repair of Konarak road

Our Municipality is paying no heed to our complaint ; and, ..... I ..... II ..... III .....  
IV ..... and I hope by the publicity the public will bring pressure on the municipal authorities. Then they will get the road repaired without further delay.

Thanking You

Yours faithfully,

Anil Singh

P : We are facing lots of inconvenience for weeks.

Q : The surface is badly broken up by the heavy rains and on dark night it is dangerous for motors or carriage to pass that way.

R : As individual appeals to their office had no effect, perhaps a little publicity through your newspaper will be helpful. Since the last month Konark road has been almost impassable.

S : Moreover, there are heaps of roadmetal on both sides of the road, which leave very little room for traffic

Select the correct option :

(A) S R Q P

(B) R Q S P

(C) Q S P R

(D) R S P Q

#### A N S W E R S

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|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1. (A)  | 2. (A)  | 3. (B)  | 4. (D)  | 5. (B)  | 6. (C)  | 7. (A)  | 8. (D)  |
| 9. (C)  | 10. (C) | 11. (A) | 12. (D) | 13. (D) | 14. (A) | 15. (C) | 16. (D) |
| 17. (C) | 18. (B) | 19. (D) | 20. (B) |         |         |         |         |