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ENGLISH (CLASS-X) (GSEB)

MAJOR TEST #20

TIME: 3 Hrs. MAX. MARKS: 80

Instructions:

- ⇒ All questions are compulsory.
- ⇒ The question paper comprises of five Sections A, B, C, D & E.
- ⇒ Distribution of marks are mentioned in each section along with the question.
- ⇒ You have to write the answers in the answer sheet provided to you.

SECTION-A

Read the following passage and select the appropriate answer from the options given below. [4]

It was only when I learned that my boyhood freedom was an Illusion, when I discovered as a young man that my freedom had already been taken from me that I began to hunger for it. At first, as a student, I wanted freedom only for myself, the transitory freedoms of being able to stay out at night, read what I please and go where I chose. Later, as a young man in Johannesburg, I learned for the basic and honorable freedoms of achieving my potential, of earning my keep of marrying and having a family- the freedom not to be obstructed in a lawful life.

- 1. Identify the speaker of above passage.
 - (1) Rabindranath Tagor

(2) Nelson Mandela

(3) Mahatma Gandhi

- (4) Benitto Musolini
- 2. Identify the odd one out in connection to the ideas expressed in the passage.
 - (1) Freedom
- (2) Slavery

- (3) Independent thoughts
- (4) Music & Dance

- **3.** Which one of the following is closer to the term! Illusion.
 - (1) Haze
- (2) Vague

- (3) Mirage
- (4) Happiness

- **4.** Which of the following statement is not true?
 - (1) The writer advocates slavery.
 - (2) The writer strives for freedom.
 - (3) The writer initially was happy with childhood freedom.
 - (4) The writer advocates freedom for everyone.

Fill in the blanks choosing the correct words given in the bracket and write the answers only. [4] (0.5 to 0.8)

(Polish-American, Suburbs, Warsaw, Second largest)

One of the most notable <u>5</u> communities is in Chicago and its <u>6</u>, so Chicago is sometimes called the <u>7</u> polish city in the world, next only to <u>8</u>.

Answer the Questions in five to six sentences each.

[8]

- 9. Why didn't Maddie ask peggie to stop teasing Wanda? What was she afraid of?
- 10. Why is the Goan Baker an Integral Part of local's life?
- 11. What is the story about the Kodava people's descent?
- 12. Give brief idea about climate of lraq.

SECTION-B

Read the following verse and answer the Questions given below.

[2]

Or if some time when roaming round,

A noble wild beast greets you,

With black stripes on a yellow ground,

Just notice if he eats you.

This simple rule may help you learn

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The Bengal Tiger to discern.

- 13. Why does the Poet call the tiger a noble animal?
- **14.** What is the undertone of the poem?

Select the correct figures of speech from the options given.

[2]

15. The fog comes on little cat feet.

- (1) Oxymoron
- (2) Onomatopoeia(4)Personification
- 16. Belinda is as brave as a barrel full of bears.
 - (1)Simile

(3)Euphemism

(2) Synecdoche

(3) Transferred Epithet

(4) Interrogation

Answer the questions in five to six sentences each.

[6]

- **17.** How does Anne Gregory explode the myth of physical beauty?
- 18. How the Poet has described Custard the dragon physically.
- 19. For Frost What do 'Fire' and 'Ice' stand for?

OR

According to the poet where should be the tiger other than the cage, where he is caged?

Answer the following questions in five to six sentences each.

[6]

- 20. What was source of Income for Anil?
- **21.** "Griffin was rather a lawless person". Explain.
- **22.** Why sulekha would be called 'Bholi by everyone?

OR

Do you think books are being replaced by electronics media?

40. A deep silence met the reading of this letter (Question tag)

SECTION-C

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Rectify the errors in the given passage.			[3]
	Error	Correction	
23. It is a new bus			
24. Painting a gleaming white			
25. On some green stripes			
26. Along a sides			
27. Inside, the overdown			
28. Bars shining like silver			
Fill in the blanks using article(s), conjunction(s) an	nd preposition(s) at the cor	rect place. Write t	he
answers only. (Q.29 to Q.34)			[3]
(was, to, at, with	h, of, and)		
I 29 dreaming 30 my holiday 31 looking	forward 32 being 33	my family. I loo	ked
<u>34</u> my watch, one thirty in the morning.			
Punctuate the following passage. (35 to 38)			[2]
Attention class everyone back to their seat when	the shuffling of feet had stop	pped and the room	was
still and Quiet Miss Mason said I have a letter from W	Vanda's father that I want to	read to you.	
39. Convert the following into Indirect speech.			[3]
"Wanda", she'd say, giving one of her friend a nudg	e, tell us. "Tell us, How man	ny dresses did you s	ay
you had hanging up in your closet?" "A hundred", Wa	anda would say.	-	
Do as directed [Transportation of sentence]			[5]



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- **41.** The first period was study period. (Interrogative)
- **42.** There was not a sign of life about the house. (Change into Affirmative)
- **43.** Those eaters of loaves have vanished but the makers are there.(Change into complex)
- **44.** When I reformed. There was an appalling spectacles.(Change into simple)

SECTION-D

Comprehend the passage and answer the given questions.

[4]

Ranjit Singh, the Lion of Punjab, was once walking along a road with his followers. Suddenly a stone struck his head. As the king stumbled with pain, his followers ran about searching for the miscreant who had dared to harm their sovereign.

They brought before the king a poor old woman who trembled in fear and dread.

"Have Mercy, your Highness," she wept, "But I was only aiming at those apples on that tree. My children have eaten nothing for three days and I struck the tree for its fruit. Woe on me that I missed and hit you instead."

The king pressed his wounded head with one hand and ordered his Chief Minister to see that the old woman received sufficient food and money.

The Chief Minister was quite taken aback.

"Your Majesty", he said in wonder, "you are rewarding the woman who struck you?"

"What is there to wonder at?" said the king. "If a lifeless tree can give fruit when it is struck, should't I, who am alive and have reason, give even more?"

Questions:

- 45. Why did the king stumble in Pain?
- **46.** Who was the 'Miscreant'?
- **47.** How should the king have treated the old woman? How did he treat her instead?
- **48.** What king of a person was the king?

Read the passage and answer the questions given below it.

[4]

I rise in the down, and I kneel and blow

Till the seed of the fire flicker and glow;

And then I must scrub and bake and sweep

Till stars are beginning to blink and peep;

And the young lie long and dream in their bed

Of the matching of ribbons for bosom and head,

And their day goes over in idleness,

And they sing if the wind but liftstrees:

While I must work because I am old,

And the seed of the fire gets feeble and cold.

Questions:

- **49.** What work does the writer do after lighting the fire?
- **50.** What do the young girls dream of?
- **51.** How do we know that the speaker mentions only daughters?
- **52.** Write words from the poem that indicates the hard life of the woman.
- 53. You witnessed an incident which you cannot forget easily. Make a diary entry about the same. [4] OR

Write at least four dialogues between a teacher and a student who are meeting each other after ten years of completion of student's High school.



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54. Your school is on a campaign to spread awareness of 'No Pollution'. Design a poster with a title and a slogan for it. [4]

OR

You are the Head Boy or Head Girl of the school. Write a notice to be displayed on the Notice Board about the elocution competition to be held.

SECTION -E

55. Write a Report on the "Cricket Word cup 2019". (125 words)

[4]

56. Write a letter to the editor of a daily newspaper complaining about the construction work on your road in the middle of monsoon season causing inconveniences to the people of your locality. [5]

OR

Write an email to the Publishers Sultan Chand and Sons, Delhi ordering a set of books for STD 10th stating the mode of payment.

57. Write an essay in about 200 words on any one of the following:

[7]

(a) Cricket VS other Games in India

[Introduction- Many different games played across the country- Cricket gets maximum importance-Mindset changing relating to other games also-Conclusion]

(b) White revolution in India

[Introduction- India suffered shortage of Milk in early days- NDDB (Amul) played important role- Now India self sufficient in Milk and Milk products- conclusion]

OR

Complete the story and give a suitable title. (200 words)

[When Amit woke up in the morning- Looked at his face in the mirror- did not recognize the face looking back at him- This is not me he cried aloud]