

10th ICSE English Mock Test

Time allowed: 2 Hrs.

M.M: 60

General Instruction :

- Answers to this Paper must be written on the paper provided separately.
- You will not be allowed to write during the first 10 minutes.
- This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.
- The time given at the head of this Paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.
- The paper has five sections
- Section A is compulsory – All questions in Section A must be answered.
- Sec B - Compulsory
- Sec C and D (Attempt 1 question each)
- Section E - Compulsory

Section-A

1. Choose the correct answers to the questions from the given options. (Do not copy the question write the correct answer only.)
- (i) The author of the poem, ‘Abou Ben Adhem’, was:
- (a) David Roth
 - (b) William Wordsworth
 - (c) Leigh Hunt
 - (d) Robert Browning
- (ii) In the poem ‘Nine Gold Medals’ the poet focuses on values like:
- (a) Generosity and victory
 - (b) Respect and sportsmanship
 - (c) Compassion and cooperation
 - (d) Love and compassion
- (iii) In the lesson ‘My Greatest Olympic Prize’ speaks of Adolf Hitler’s belief in:
- (a) Aryan Superiority Theory
 - (b) Nazism
 - (c) Anti-communism
 - (d) German Nationalism
- (iv) In the lesson ‘My Greatest Olympic Prize’ Jesse Owens is the _____ athlete
- (a) Indigenous Negro
 - (b) African Negro
 - (c) German resident
 - (d) American Negro
- (v) In the lesson ‘All Summer in a Day’ why is Margot not accounted for by the teacher?
- (a) Margot had gone ahead before the teacher
 - (b) Margot was locked in the closet without the teacher’s knowledge
 - (c) The children ran ahead of the teacher
 - (d) The teacher had no control of the children

- (vi) The theme explored in ‘ All Summer in a Day’ is:
 (a) Jealousy and bullying
 (b) Egoism and anger
 (c) Admiration and concern
 (d) Pride and understanding
- (vii) What is the importance of the short scene, Act 4, scene (ii)?
 (a) The scene shows that Bassanio loves Antonio more than he loves Portia
 (b) Bassanio tests Portia in the scene
 (c) It was mandatory to have more than one scene in the penultimate act
 (d) The scene lays a foundation for the last Act
- (viii) What were the emotions of Bassanio when he chose the right casket?
 (a) happiness and gratefulness
 (b) gratitude and incredibility
 (c) incredibility and confusion
 (d) joy and ecstasy
- (ix) What did Portia confess to Bassanio when she met him?
 (a) It wasn’t love or hate that made her wish him to tarry
 (b) a maiden hath mind but no tongue
 (c) she wished she wasn’t forsworn and hence could teach him choose the right casket.
 (d) she wished to eke time
- (x) What were the emotions of the children when they returned from the forest to the underground room?
 (a) joyous and fulfilled
 (b) heartbroken
 (c) guilt ridden and remorseful
 (d) all the above

Section-B
DRAMA

2. (The Merchant of Venice by William Shakespeare - Acts 3) (10)
 Merchant of Venice
 Answer all the questions lucidly
- (a) What were the emotions of Portia before Bassanio chose the right casket? (2)
- (b) What according to Portia would have been the role of music when Bassanio chose the casket? (3)
- (c) Who bereft whom of words? What did he/ she do that left the other person tongue tied?(3)
- (d) What were the harshest contents that ever did blot a paper?(2)

Section-C
PROSE - SHORT STORIES

3. (Treasure Trove - A Collection of ICSE Poems and Short Stories) (Attempt any one question) (10)
Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:
A thousand forests had been crushed under the rain and grown up a thousand times to be crushed again. And this was the way life was forever on the planet Venus, and this was the schoolroom of the children of the rocket men and women who had come to a raining world to set up civilization and live out their lives.
"It's stopping, it's stopping!"
"Yes, yes!"
(i) Why were the children so excited? (2)
(ii) What was the impact of the rain upon children, Margot and the entire planet?(4)
(iii) Why didn't the children remember the sun? (2)
(iv) What did the children dream about the sun? (2)

Or

4. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :
I guessed that if Long won, it would add some new support to the Nazis' Aryan-superiority theory. After all, I am a Negro. A little hot under the collar about Hitler's ways. I determined to go out there and really show Der Fuhrer and his master race who was superior and who wasn't.
An angry athlete is an athlete who will make mistakes, as any coach will tell you. I was no exception. On the first of my three qualifying jumps, I leaped from several inches beyond the take-off board for a foul. On the second jump, I fouled even worse. "Did I come 3000 miles for this ?" I thought bitterly. "To foul out of the trials and make a fool of myself?"
(i) Why was Jesse not worried about Hitler's declaration of the supremacy of Master's race? (2)
(ii) What surprised him? (3)
(iii) An angry athlete is an athlete who will make mistakes, as any coach will tell you. Justify this statement. (3)
(iv) What was the Nazi's Aryan-superiority theory?(2)

Section-D
POETRY

- (Treasure Trove - A Collection of ICSE Poems and Short Stories) (Attempt any one extract) (10)
5. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :
The athletes had come from so many countries
To run for the gold, for the silver and bronze
Many weeks and months in training
All building up to the games.
(i) Where did the athletes 'come from so many countries'? Why? (2)
(ii) What do the words 'gold', 'silver' and 'bronze' stand for in the extract? Do you think the contestants were prepared well for the event? Give a reason for your answer. (3)
(iii) What event is referred to here by the poet? What kind of athletes were they? What was their aim?(3)

(iv) How had they prepared themselves for the special event?(2)

Or

6. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

Abou Ben Adhem (may his tribe increase!)
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,
And saw, within the moonlight in his room,
Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,
An angel writing in a book of gold: –
Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold,

(i) Who was Abou Ben Adhem? What is meant by 'may his tribe increase'? (2)

(ii) Describe the phrase that has been used by the poet to describe the great charm of the angel? (3)

(iii) Describe the imagery of the scene. (3)

(iv) What does the last line mean here? (2)

Section E (Grammar) (20 marks)

7. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of verb given in the bracket (10*0.5=5)
Long Long ago, there _____(live) a beautiful yet lonely princess whose life _____(fill) with melancholy. _____(Sit) under the tree, she often pondered what _____(happen) to her parents when she was a child. No one ever _____(tell) her. All she _____(hear) were stories - stories with different interpretations. She often _____(remember) her childhood and also how she _____(struggle) alone after they _____(leave). However one thing she was proud of was how she was now - strong and resilient. She finally decided to continue _____(follow) her heart and set an empire that her parents would have been proud of.

8. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions (5)

(a) The patient waited _____the night, waiting to be called.

(b) Sohan warned the two siblings not to fight _____petty issues.

(c) The scheme has fallen _____ due to the strict new policies.

(d) Sonali lay _____the mattress thinking about new plans.

(e) While waiting for the food, the child sat _____ the table.

9. Do as Directed (10)

(a) The weather is too dull to step out.(Remove- too)

(b) But for her support, we would have collapsed. (Remove - But)

(c) Unless he agrees, we can't even think of proceeding forward.

(Begin : We can)

(d) He is mostly insincere.

(use : sincere)

(e) As soon as Suvarna makes food, Prateek runs out of the house.

(Begin- No sooner)

(f) Hardly had I lain the table when my friends arrived.

(Begin No sooner)

(g) Tushar is a great human being. Tushar is an amazing book writer.

(Join without using and, but or so)

(h) Jitaksh is one of the shortest guys in the class.

(Use the positive form)

(i) Rohan said to Sakshi," Did I offend you in any way?"

(Change to Reported Speech)

(j) Priya asked Pranav if he had forgiven her follies.

(Change to Direct Speech)