



VISHNU BHAGWAN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Pre Board Exam (2023-24)

Class – 10

Subject – English

{SET-B}

M.M:80

Time: 3:00 Hours

SECTION – A

1. Read the passage given below :

1 A Russian proverb advises us not to buy a house, but the neighbourhood. While till some years ago, it was impossible to dictate who lived with you in the same quarters, today when you think of buying a home, you could actually create your own dream neighbourhood- thanks to the Internet and the group buying model.

2. The group buying model has been applied in different industries, from cars to baby merchandise to pet care products . Now, the trend is **catching on** in the real estate sector, with many sites as well as broking firms offering group deals on real estate projects in India.

3. The way it works is simple. Take xxx.com for example. This is an online and offline integrated platform which showcases property. It uses social media networks to let buyers know about possible good deals, and leaving it to them to do some viral marketing. once a large group of buyers is thus developer and helps negotiate a suitable discount.

4. Since, the developer doesn't have to pay for the marketing, it is willing enough to pay these companies a transaction fee which is a percentage of the total value of the deal. For the buyers, it offers the rates at no fee, thus making it a win-win proposition for all involved.

5. The developer also benefit by getting substantial cash flow, giving them a good amount of working capital. "In today's real estate scenario, bulk buying could be the answer to the market slump and the long awaited cash flow," says the Founder of xxx. Com.

6. Sometimes, the discount size is not to be sneered at. Discounts on group buying vary from 5-30 percent, the average divergence from market rate being 25-30 percent.

7. Customer 'buy-in' is the model. But is it temporary fad? In a way, the online group buying set-up is similar to the model developers share sixth speculators, who buy in bulk even before the project gets kick-started and get discounts of 30-40 percent. They pay 50 percent of the property value upfront. Group buying companies prove more beneficial for developers as they get away with providing lesser discounts than to speculators.

8. Some sound a note of caution on the trend. Present conditions are conducive for this business model as group buying works well in a situation where stocks are moving slowly, markets are **jittery** and there is ample supply. It may not work in a seller's market.

9. Another caution is very often the builders do not offer the best inventory to the group in terms of location and utility. The buyers have to use their astute Judgement to avoid such traps.

Question1. The discount size on group buying, compared to usual discount to speculators is usually-

- (i)less (ii)more (iii)equal (iv)unpredictable

Question 2.Which of the following may be the objective of the passage?

- (i) To reveal less discounts being offered by the developers
(ii) To highlight the problems of housing industry
(iii) To highlight the importance of neighbourhood in one's life
(iv) To improve information on group buying trends of property

Question3. Group buying of real estate is done

- (i)mainly offline (ii)only offline (iii)only through brokers (iv)either on-line or off-line

Question4. xxx.com are the ____

- (i) Developers (ii) Financiers (iii) Loan provider (iv) None of these

Question5. The group buying model certainly did not start with

- (i) cars (ii) real estate(iii) pet care products (iv) baby products

Question6. Which of the following best describes the meaning of the Russian proverb being quoted?

- (i) It is better to rent a house than to buy it. (ii) Don't buy a single flat, buy multiple flats
(iii) Fools build houses wise people live in them(iv) None of these

Question7. Which of the following is one of the questions posed in the passage?

- (i) Is group buying model a temporary fad?(ii) Is the builder offering you the best inventory?
(iii) Should we buy a house or the neighbourhood?

(iv) Are present market conditions conducive for this business ?

Question8. Which of the following is true in the context of the passage?

- (i) The buyers, though have to pay higher fee and price, get their dream neighbourhood
- (ii) The customer buy in model is not dependent on market conditions
- (iii) Group buying companies don't buy with the same objective as that of speculators
- (iv) The buyers/developers offer the best available property to the group buyers

Question9. In Which of the following situations, Customer 'buy-in' model may not work?

- (i) Buyer's market
- (ii) When markets are booming with ample supply
- (iii) When there is short supply
- (iv) When houses are comparatively cheap

Question10. Which of the following is not true in the context of the passage ?

- (i) The Speculators also buy in bulk
- (ii) Social media network is used for marketing group buying
- (iii) The group buying companies take a transaction fee from both Buyers as well as Developers
- (iv) The Speculators get a better deal in terms of discounts as compared to that of other Group buying companies

Question11. Choose the word which is most nearly the same in meaning of the word printed in bold, as used in the para 8.

- (i) relaxed
- (ii) manipulate
- (iii) unrelaxed
- (iv) jeopardy

Question12. Choose the word(s) which is most nearly the same in meaning of the word(s) printed in bold, as used in the passage

CATCH ON

- (i) Continue on
- (ii) get interested
- (iii) enthusiastic about
- (iv) become popular

Q2. Read the passage given below:

(10 marks)

1. Necessity is indeed the mother of invention. When areas in and around Leh began to experience water shortages, life didn't grind to a halt. Why? Because Chewang Norphel, a retired civil engineer in the Jammu and Kashmir government came up with the idea of artificial glaciers.

2. Ladakh, a cold desert at an altitude of 3,000-3,500 meters above sea level, has a low average annual rainfall rate of 50 mm. Glaciers have always been the only source of water. Agriculture is completely dependent on glacier melt unlike the rest of river/monsoon-fed in India. But over the years with increasing effects of climate change, rainfall and snowfall patterns have been changing, resulting in severe shortage and drought situations. Given the severe winter conditions, the window for farming is usually limited to one harvest season.

3. It is located between the natural glacier above and the village below. The one closer to the village and lowest in altitude melts first, providing water during April/May, the crucial sowing season. Further layers of ice ensuring continuous supply to the fields. Thus, farmers have been able to manage two crops instead of one. It costs about a 1,50,000 and above to create one.

4. Fondly called the "glacier man", Mr. Norphel has designed over 15 artificial glaciers in and around Leh since 1987. In recognition of his **pioneering** effort, he was conferred the Padma Shri by President Pranab Mukherjee, in 2015.

5. There are few basic steps which can help us to follow in creating the artificial glacier that can be man made as well.

6. River or stream water at higher altitude is diverted to a shaded area of the hill, facing north, where the winter sun is blocked by a ridge of a mountain range. At the start of winter/November, the diverted water is made to flow onto sloping hill face through distribution channels. Stone embankments are built at regular intervals which impede the flow of water, making shallow pools and freeze, forming a cascade of ice along the slope. Ice formation continues for 3-4 months resulting in a large accumulation of ice which is referred to as an "artificial glacier."

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any ten questions by choosing the correct option.

1. **Who was Chewang Norphel ?**

- (a) A farmer
- (b) Officer in Agriculture department
- (c) A retired civil engineer
- (d) A doctor

2. **Why have Glaciers been the only source of water for Ladakh?**

- (a) Ladakh is a cold desert at 3,000-3,500 m
- (b) Because 15 artificial glaciers have designed
- (c) Due to severe shortage and drought situations
- (d) Because farming is limited to one harvest season

3. **How are Glaciers significant for irrigation?**

- (a) Because it depends upon Agriculture
- (b) Because it provides water in April/May
- (c) Because it started in winter/November
- (d) Due to artificial glacier

4. **What kind of land form is Ladakh?**
(a) Rainfall (b) Hot Desert (c) Cold Desert (d) Agriculture
5. **How do farmers manage to grow two crops instead of one?**
(a) Because of idea artificial glacier (b) Because of harvest method
(c) Because sloping hill face through distribution channels
(d) Because glaciers and their layers close to the village melt
6. **Why has the pattern of snowfall and rainfall changed?**
(a) Due to rainfall (b) Due to climate change
(c) Due to glacier (d) Due to agriculture
7. **Which of the following reason he was conferred the Padma Shri by President Pranab Mukherjee, in 2015?**
(a) In recognition of his pioneering effort
(b) Continuous supply to the field
(c) Both (a) and (b)
(d) None of these
8. **Find the synonym of the word ‘Persist’ used in the paragraph 3.**
(a) Located (b) Lowest (c) Continue (d) Manage
9. **Find the antonym of the word ‘Non-deliberate’ used in the paragraph 4.**
(a) Designed (b) Around (c) Conferred (d) Recognition
10. **Pioneer means.....**
(a) fast (b) worst (c) beautiful (d) leading
11. **What is stone embankment?....(answer in 1 line)**
12. **‘Cascade of ice ‘means.....**

SECTION – B

(GRAMMER)

(10 Marks)

3. Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions.

- (1) Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct option to complete an online update.
Noida’s first wild animal rescue centre is likely _____ end.
(a) by year (b) on year (c) at year (d) of year
- (2) Read the conversation between Mannu and Annu. Complete the sentence by reporting it correctly.
Mannu : Where are you going ?
Annu : I am going to the market. Do you want anything?
Mannu asked Annu _____. Annu replied she was going to the market and further asked if she wanted anything.
- (3) Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from an article by Penguin G.G.J who is considered one of the pioneers of the Gujrati short story.
His writing _____ by a dramatic style , romanticism and powerful depiction of human emotions.
(a) is characterised (b) has been characterised
(c) is characterising (d) characterises
- (4) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line , from an article.
Kalpana Chawla was one of the top in the newspapers’ headline ever.

Error	Correction

- (5) Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option.
The center’s panel on air quality, CAQM , has directed the agencies _____ to develop proper gas infrastructure in NCR before the next winter.
(a) was concerned (b) will be concerned
(c) is concerned (d) concerned
- (6) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter.
Subject: Insanitary conditions in the colony
Respected Sir/Madam,
I _____ (be) a resident of Ankur Enclave, for the past eleven years. I would like to bring to your notice the sanitary conditions in our colony.
- (7) Report the dialogue, by completing the sentence.
Mr. Harish : can you polish my shoes?

Cobbler : Yes sir. But I will take 10 Rupees for each shoe.
Mr. Harish : I will not mind as long as it is done.
Mr. Harish asked the cobbler if he could polish his shoes. The cobbler replied affirmatively and added but _____ .

(8) Identify the error from a magazine report and choose the correct option.
The traffic police has deployed teams at various intersections in the city to issue challans and impound the old and polluting vehicles.

Option no.	error	correction
(a)	has	have
(b)	at	on
(c)	In	of
(d)	the	an

(9) Place the correct form of the word in the blank :
While we are loath to place restrictions on language use, oxymoron usually refers to a set of _____(**contradict**) words.

(10) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option , to complete the slogan on Independence Day.
Countless freedom fighters lost their _____, and then we got a country to survive.

(a) lives (b) lifes (c) life (d) live

(11) Transform the sentence from affirmative to negative:
As soon as the students saw the teacher, they rushed to their class.
(a) No sooner had the students seen the teacher, than they rushed to their class.
(b) No sooner have the students seen the teacher, than they rushed to their class.
(c) No sooner do the students see to teacher, than they rushed to their class.
(d) No sooner did the students see the teacher than they rushed to their class.

(12) Identify the error on a newspaper headline and supply the correction, for the following sentences:
Ahead of the hearing on Supreme Court where it has to give opinion on according to Schedule Caste status to Dalit.
Use the given format for your response.

error	Correction

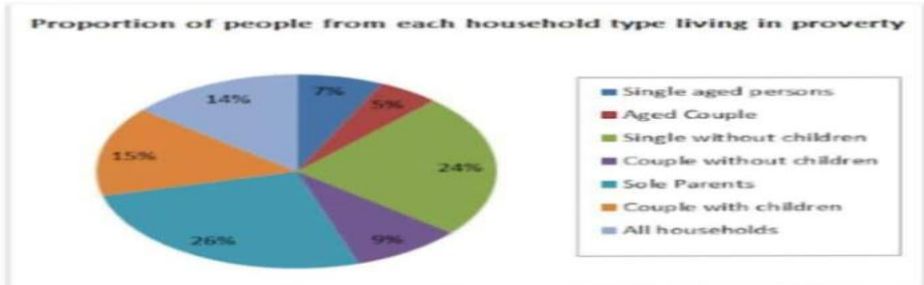
CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (10 Marks)

4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. (5 Marks)

(A) You are Arnav/Athiya, a resident of Surya Nagar Colony, Vadodara, Gujarat. You noticed that your area is infested with many stray dogs and cattle that causing a great threat and nuisance for your colony. Write a letter to the municipal department to get the needful done to curb the situation.
(B) Write a letter to the editor of the Gujarat Times, drawing attention towards the habit ofhygiene and sanitation. Explain how such acts impact the health of the community and requesting immediate intervention and encourage the youth to be the part of the Swach Bharat campaign.you are Somesh/Saumya.

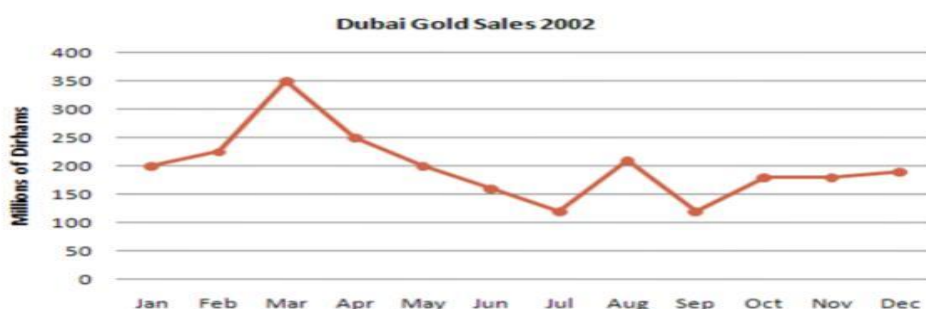
Q5.Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. (5 Marks)

The pie chart shows the proportion of people from different households living in poverty in the U.K in 2002. Write an analytical paragraph to describe the information in 100-120 words.



Or

The given graph shows estimated sales of gold in Dubai in 2002. Write an analytical paragraph describing the line graph in around 100-120 words.



SECTION –C

(Literature)

(40 Marks)

(5 Marks)

Q6. Reference to the context.

1. Attempt ANY ONE of the two extracts given.

(A). The moon was coming up in the east, behind me, and stars were shining in the clear sky above me. There wasn't a cloud in the sky. I was happy to be alone high up above the sleeping countryside. I was flying my old Dakota aeroplane over France back to England. I was dreaming of my holiday and looking forward to being with my family. I looked my watch at 1:30 in the morning. I shall call Paris control soon. I thought . As I looked down past the nose of the aeroplane, I saw the lights of a big city in front of me.

(1) Why did the pilot think of calling Paris control?

- (a) because he was unable to see anything (b) because there were cloud in the sky
(c) because he wanted to know the weather before the start
(d) because he wanted to change his plan

(2) Which direction do you think the pilot was heading to ?

(3) Fill in the blank with ONE WORD only.

The thought of the coming holiday and the time the pilot would spend with his family made him_____.

(4) 'I saw the lights of a big city in front of me'. What is the light the pilot is referring to ?

- (a) Lights and bulb in the city
(b) Lights of the high rise
(c) Lights of the runway
(d) Both (a) and (b)

(5) How was the weather initially according to the pilot ?

- (a) Favourable (b) Adverse (c) Cloudy (d) Full of the black clouds

OR

(B) **Natalya** : Excuse my interrupting you. You say, "my Oxen Meadows" . But are they yours?

Lomov : Yes, mine.

Natalya : What are you talking about? Oxen Meadows are ours, not yours!

Lomov : No, mine, honoured Natalya Stepanova.

Natalya : Well, I never knew that before. How do you **make that out** ?

Lomov : How? I'm speaking of those Oxen Meadows which are wedged in between your Birchwood and the Burnt Marsh.

Natalya : Yes, yes... they're ours.

Lomov : No, you're mistaken, honoured Natalya Stepanova, they're mine.

Natalya : Just think, Ivan Vassilevitch! How long have they been yours ?

(1) Select the option that gives meaning correctly capture the usage of the word ' make out' from the 5th line of the extract.

- (a) underwent (b) underestimate (c)under power (d) understand

(2) Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the extract.

Restricted : proscribed :: Respected : _____

(3) " How long have they been yours"? What is 'they' referred to here ?

- (a) Burnt Marsh (b) Oxen Meadows (c) Birchwood (d) None of these

(4) Who does the land actually belong to ?

- (a) Lomov (b) Chubukov (c) Natalya (d) Can't be determined

(5) meaning of wedged.....

7. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

(5 Marks)

(A) All night the roots work

To disengage themselves from the cracks

In the veranda floor.

The leaves strain toward the glass

Small twigs stiff with exertion

Long-cramped boughs shuffling under the roof

Like newly discharged patients

Half-dazed, moving

To the clinic doors.

(The Trees)

(1) The poet has used 'The trees' signifying their effort, by giving them symbolic meanings different from their literal meanings. Identify the poetic device used here.

(2) It appears that the leaves of the trees strive hard to put immense pressure on the glass window, so that _____.

(a) it could exhibit its vigour

(b) they could break it and go outside

(c) it could heave a sigh of relief

(d) none of these

(3) State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE.

The poem shows women as trees because the women crave to be liberated in the homes.

(4) Select the most suitable option to complete the sentence that the extract demonstrates. The small twigs have become very hard due to applying so much pressure _____.

(a) to free themselves

(b) to show their solidarity

(c) to scare the conventional set up of the society

(d) to reunite with the lost boughs and twigs

(5) How does the use of imagery impact this extract ?

(a) It evokes a mental image or other kinds of sense impressions.

(b) It exploits the different possible meanings of a word that there are words which sound alike but have different meanings.

(c) It leads to a conclusion that seems logically unacceptable or self-contradictory.

(d) It raises an exclamation by addressing to a person (typically one who is dead or absent) or a thing.

OR

(B) Never shall a young man

Thrown into despair

By those great honey coloured

Ramparts at your ear

Love you for yourself alone

And not your yellow hair

(1) 'Never shall a young man' reminds us of _____. (Hints: when the structure of a sentence is changed by the poet to create rhyme)

(a) Metaphor

(b) Hyperbole

(c) Inversion

(d) Oxymoron

(2) What makes the young men fall in love with her, according to the stanza ?

(3) The poet says that no one can love Anne, for what she is. One can love her only for _____.

(a) her outward beauty

(b) her beautiful yellow hair and her physical beauty

(c) her innocence

(d) her witty nature

(4) Complete the analogy about the poet's hair

Wavy: crisp :: _____: blond

(5) Select the sentence in which the word 'love' is used in the similar manner as line 5 of the stanza.

(a) The love of his life is be loyal to his beloved.

(b) Love thy country and respect your countrymen.

(c) Love has always been treacherous to me.

(d) Love knows no boundary, no country, no caste.

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each. (4*3=12)

- (1) 'Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run'. How do you think this statement would work for the young seagull?
- (2) Discuss what Frost wants to convey through the poem 'Fire and Ice'.
- (3) Valli's venture to the town brings an alarm to the parents. Elucidate.
- (4) Give the character sketch of the dragon.
- (5) Chubukov's attempt to appease Lomov is no strange in context with today's scenario where marriage of Indian daughters is concerned. Comment.

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each. (2*3=6)

- (1) Do you think Mrs Mme Loisel's overgreed nature let her lead her in a miserable life? Give reasons for your answer.
- (2) Fowler was disappointed to see Ausable. Validate the statement.
- (3) All might have been well, had Griffin woken up on time in the store. Elucidate the statement.

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. (1*6=6)

- (1) The Proposal made by Lomov was lost in the argument of the couple. Describe both the events when and how Lomov and Natalya went into the heat of conversation.

OR

- (2) **One should understand that human beings are mortal and no one escape death.** Elucidate the statement under the wake of the story The Serman at Benares.

11. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. (1*6=6)

- (1) How does the book **Mother Goose** save the earthlings from the Martian invasion? Explain?

OR

- (2) How does Bholi turn herself into Sulekha. What does it symbolise?