

Eng. Medium
10th GSEB
Batch :

MAHESH TUTORIALS
SUBJECT : English
Prose 7 to 12, Poem 5 to 8, SR No.2, 3
Grammar and Writing Skills
Model Answer Paper

Test -
Date:
Time: 3 Hrs
Marks : 100

PART - A

1. (A) fondly remembers the past
2. (A) No, because it did not add much to most of the paragraphs
3. (B) At his leisure, at any time of the day or night
4. (D) laconic
5. (B) they intruded in his work with idle gossip
6. (D) his hunches
7. (B) In her formative years
8. (B) a home maker
9. (C) honesty and playing fair
10. (C) jumped from fourteen thousand feet
11. (B) ride a two wheeler and use a cell phone
12. (C) when she was a mother of two kids
13. (C) stay at home with insurance tickets
14. (D) most murderous
15. (A) much lesser
16. (B) mother of a special child
17. (D) her son provides her mental strength
18. (D) innocence
19. (D) smoothly
20. (D) Simile and Anastrophe
21. (C) Metaphor
22. (C) The tree will give out shoots and grow
23. (C) new branches
24. (D) All of these
25. (A) Euphemism
26. (A) becoming a painting on the canvas
27. (C) Alliteration
28. (B) Childhood
29. (B) paving a better future for tomorrow for their country by sacrificing their lives
30. (B) Climax
31. (D) son
32. (B) Europe
33. (D) very unique
34. (C) She told the teacher not to compare her with her sister.
35. (D) Someone to talk to might be found by you.
36. (A) I don't know the whereabouts of the physical record.
37. (B) You want to know the place where you can hear some music?
38. (B) Being a teenager, my favourite record was 'How Soon is Now'?
39. (C) to stand still in shock
40. (B) He saw if there was the possibility of finding an acceptable substitute.
41. (B) His imagination which ran wild suggested nightmarish consequences to his own dear self.
42. (C) Now, agree to it.
43. (B) There would be trouble unless he delivered the order on the promised date.
44. (C) Our parents never treated any of us unequally.
45. (C) All that changed overnight, didn't it?
46. (A) He had not been as confident a person as he was now.
47. (C) Not only his speech improved but his expression also became clearer.
48. (C) Impossible is nothing but an opinion.
49. (C) (i) and (iii)
50. (A) No sooner have you got to stay at home a while, than buy a package of those insurance tickets.

PART - B
SECTION - A

Ø **Answer the following in 5 - 6 sentence each : [2 Marks]**

06

1. In the chapter 'In praise of technology' by Andrew O'Hagan. The writer feels that today he has come round to time- saving apps. He could get information from the website in about 20 minutes. He could even order a car from Uber to drive him to class and various other places. Email his notes and minutes from the car itself to the office and review a restaurant or its menu online. A series of small, familiar flutterings over the keyboard at any time of the day and you have your favourite song within 15 seconds. Hence life today is much better and more amenable.

In the past all the needs could not be satisfied. One had to try and even do without it. If only he had a smartphone his childhood would have improved. Life was not tolerable in the 1970's. Then people did mental arithmetic to fill time. Andrew has become addicted to the luxury of clicking through for just about anything he needed.

2. Chanda was only a young girl of 13 when her father passed from a sudden heart attack, leaving them unprepared to take on life without him. Her mother who was a homemaker till then, faced the responsibility raising them. It was then she realised how strong her mother was, she had flair for designing and textiles and found her a job. It must be challenging for her to shoulder the responsibility and bringing up single handedly. But she never let Chanda and her siblings feel it was a task for her, she worked till all of them became independent. It was then she realised her mother had a wealth of self-assurance and belief within her.

3. Pooja Thakur is a wing commander in the Indian Air Force since 2000, talks about her success story to students in Pushing yourself to limits. Success is not easy for everyone. One needs to strive for the same and have dedication towards one goal and work. Through her training she learnt a number of enlightening lessons which have given impetus to her life. When she was about to give up her unit and parents smile gave her encouragement. She also realised that strong determination and dedication is key to success. The last lesson she learnt was to bring out the best in oneself.

Ø **Turn into Indirect Speech :**

03

- 4(i) The man said to Datta that he wanted the best. He asked further if he expected that he would stint where that great soul was concerned.
- 4(ii) The man in the ticket office asked me if I had an accident insurance ticket also. I refused after studying a matter over a little and told that I didn't believe and continued that I was going to travel by rail all that day but the next day I wouldn't travel. I requested him to to give one for the next day.
- 4(iii) I said that that was an appealing as the danger wasn't in traveling by rail but in trusting to those deadly beds. I was certain that I would never sleep in a bed again.

Ø **The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the error and its correction as shown in example.**

	Error	Correction
It is in the smallest matters of	eg. smallest	small
conduct, at the adherence of the rule	5. at	in
of the road, that we passed	6. passed	passing
judgement upon ourself, and declare	7. ourself	ourselves
that we is civillized or uncivillized	8. is	are

∅ **Combine the sentence :**

9. Chaitanya was now a much more confident person as the special school did a lot of good and he was adored by not only his teachers but also by friends and the school staff.

02

SECTION - B

∅ **Read the following lines and answer the following questions :**

02

It takes much time to kill a tree,
Not a simple job of the knife
Will do it. It has grown.
Slowly consuming the earth,
Rising out of it, feeding
Upon its crust, absorbing
Years of sunlight, air, water,
And out of its leaperous hid
Sprouting leaves.

Questions :

10. Why does it take much time to kill a tree ?
11. How does a tree get nourishment ?

∅ **Answer the following questions in about 4 to 5 sentences each :**

04

12. Arnrita Pritam is an Indian poet, novelist and essayist who has authored over a hundred books. And has been the recipient of a number of awards including the prestigious Sahitya Akademi Fellowship for lifetime achievement. This poem is a translation of a Punjabi poem. She was so attached to her lover that she could not think of leaving him. She was assured that it would be impossible to get him out of his memory even after her death. She had imagined a life with him even after her death She felt she could still be in the memory of her lover. She could be the lady with the beautiful eyes staring at him through the canvas painted by her lover. She imagines herself to be a ray of sunshine to be embraced by his colours. She would be the spring that would cool her lover's burning chest. Whatever happens she is certain that her memories of this life would walk along with her after death.

13. Siegfried Sassoon a war poet. The soldiers are expected to fight with their lives to achieve a climax, which is supposed to be the outcome of the war which may or may not be favorable to the side he is dying for. He says that in the hour of destiny these soldiers need to forget their fueds and jealousies and sorrows. They are expected win and if not lay their heads down for their nation.

∅ **Answer the following questions in about 5 to 6 sentences each :**

04

14. The author and his team received a warm welcome when they reached Ndiamaguene, a village in the northwest of Senegal . The women in the village formed a circle to greet the team. They were in colourful dresses. Even the children were also giving a warm smile to them. After the welcome ceremony was over the author felt that something wrong was there. He noticed that there was no young or middle aged man in the crowd of 300.

15. The rise of two degree was registered between 1950 to 2015. This condition had disturbed the life of the inhabitants. There were a series of the droughts in 1970s and 1980s. The unexpected climate change had compelled most of the youths to migrate elsewhere for livelihood. Some youngsters were reported to have entered into Spain or Germany via Libya. These people were lucky even if their entry was illegal. Libya was politically disturbed where some less lucky people managed to get the work. The least lucky were those who couldn't go anywhere.

16. Father Simon Borges is one of the unforgettable Guru. Charles Chettiar owes his Success in life to father Simon. He was the principal of the school where Charles was studying. Dressed in his pristine white cassock with a smiling face was respected by all the students. He had ideas to put the students to work with joy. By teaching students to formulate a daily personal time- table, he showed them the path to succeed. Following this system his students progressed and prospered in life. He renovated the St. John the Baptist School Church at Thane. He designed the exemplary bell tower of the school church. After retiring from school he was serving the Archdiocese of Bombay. He also got the cemetery renovated. He was an educator par excellence. A priest come teacher that was what Father Simon Borges was.

SECTION - C

- Ø **Read the following passage and answer the given questions :** **04**
17. i. 'T' in the passage is a man facing the pressure in the modern life. He talks about the approach to the problem of the stress.
ii. There is a possibility that one may fail .
iii. a. implement - practice
b. eliminate - outwit

OR

17. Make a precise by reducing the passage into one third of its size and give a suitable title to it. **04**

- Ø **Read the following stanza and answer the given questions :** **03**

The Palanquin Bearers
Lightly, O lightly we bear her along,
She sways like a flower in the wind of our song;
She skims like a bird on the foam of a stream,
She floats like a laugh from the lips of a dream.
Gaily, O gaily we glide and we sing,
We bear her along like a pearl on a string.
Softly, O softly we bear her along,
She hangs like a star in the dew of our song;
She springs like a beam on the brow of the tide.
She falls like a tear from the eyes of a bride.
Lightly, O lightly we glide and we sing,
We bear her along like a pearl on a string.

- Sarojini Naidu

Questions :

18. The song is sung by the palanquin bearers while carrying the palanquin.
19. The similes from the poem are.....1. swaying of the palanquin is like flower in the wind 2. she skims like a bird 3. she floats like a laughter of a dreamer. 4. she hangs like a star.
20. The bearers are singing to divert their attention as they have been carrying a burden.

- Ø **Note Writing :** **03**

21. Soon after the board results you visited a board topper in your area. Since you were to appear for the board examination. You were quite curious to know how he made it. Prepare a note.

OR

- Ø **Notice Writing :** **03**

21. Your school is organising an educational tour during the summer vacation. Draft a notice to be put up on the noticeboard, on behalf of the Principal, with all necessary details.

SECTION - D

∅ **Report Writing :** **04**
22. You went on an educational tour to 'The Sun Temple Modhera'. Write a report describing the tour in about 150 words.

OR

∅ **Diary Writing :** **04**
22. You visited an old age home. Make a diary entry of the experiences you had spending a day with the elderly.

∅ **Email Writing :** **04**
23. Write an email to your friend narrating the changes occurred in your schedule as the Board Examinations approach.

∅ **Story Writing :** **07**
24. **Write a story in 150-200 words on the inputs given below :**

A young girl - hurry to reach somewhere - a rickshaw stops - demands double fare - girl is annoyed lets it go - another rickshaw stops - she sits - finds no meter in the rickshaw - starts abusing rickshawwala - all are cheaters - rickshawwala keeps calm - after getting down she offers money - reply the previous passenger has paid it - girl is surprised she pays for the next passenger - 'service without expectation' - title.

OR

24. **Write an essay on any one of the following topics:** **07**
i. If Trees Could Speak
ii. Earthquakes

★★★★ *Best of Luck* ★★★★★

