

10 th CBSE Batch :	MAHESH TUTORIALS SUBJECT : ENGLISH Fiction : 1 to 3, Poem : 1 to 3, Drama : 1 Grammar and Writing Skills Question Paper	Test - Date: Time: 2 Hrs Marks : 60
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Q : 1	<p style="text-align: center;">Grammar and Writing Skills</p> <p>Read the following passage given below and answer the questions that follows :</p> <p>More than 150 years after the death of John Dalton, whose atomic theory is the basis of Chemistry, scientists have established the cause of his colour blindness.</p> <p>Dalton, could not distinguish red from green. In 1794, the English Chemist was the first to describe colour blindness, which became known as Daltonism. The word is still used in French, Spanish and Russian.</p> <p>Scientists from London and Cambridge have examined DNA from fragments of Dalton's eye preserved at his request by the Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society, and have shown that he lacked the gene for making the green pigment in the retina.</p> <p>Dalton who lived from 1766 to 1844, gave instructions for his eyes to be examined after death. He had believed that the vitreous humour, the clear substance in the inner chamber of the eye, must in his case have been tinted blue, so that it absorbed red light.</p> <p>At the autopsy, no such blue tint was found. But from Dalton's descriptions of how he perceived light, historians had concluded that he must have lacked the pigment in the retina that is sensitive to red light.</p> <p>That is now shown to be wrong after work by a team led Dr. David Hut of the Institute of Ophthalmology at London University and Dr. John Mollon, from Cambridge University.</p> <p>Dalton's Daltonism was no great handicap to him. He did not discover it until 20's and once turned it to his advantage. A Quaker, he had resisted being presented to William IV because he refused to wear court dress. When he was given an honorary degree at Oxford in 1832, however, it was suggested that he should meet the king in the university's robes.</p> <p>But they were scarlet, a colour that Quakers would not wear. Dalton announced that to him the robes appeared not scarlet but grey. He was duly presented to the king. Courtesy: The Statesman</p> <p>Q. Answer the following questions by filling in the blanks.</p> <p>(i) After more than 150 years after the death of John Dalton, scientists _____.</p> <p>(ii) Colour blindness was first described by the English chemist and they name it as _____.</p> <p>(iii) Dalton's DNA from fragments of Dalton's eye lacked _____.</p> <p>(iv) Dalton believed that _____.</p> <p>(v) At the autopsy _____.</p> <p>(vi) From Dalton's descriptions of how he perceived light _____.</p> <p>(vii) Dalton's _____ was no handicap to him.</p> <p>(viii) To Dalton scarlet robes _____.</p>	08
Q : 2	<p>Read the outline and write a story using your ideas and creativity. Assign a suitable title and a moral to the story. [150 words]</p> <p>Outline : A village- facing poverty- three rich men passing by the village-one gives them gold jewellery from his wagon- second gives them food and drinks- the third leaves in a hurry-other two notice this and speak ill about him-while on their return journey they still see the third man -with farming equipment</p>	07

and seeds-the two are left speechless.

Q : 3 Letter Writing :

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You are Megha Sawant, a student of class XC of R.P.V.V., Civil Lines, Mumbai - 05. Write an application to the principal of your school requesting her/him to provide remedial classes of English after the school hours.

Q : 4 Gap Filling:

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A banyan tree may stand three hundred years without doing much (a) _____ anybody on the earth. But a lily flower blooms and dies in a day. Yet during its short (b) _____ it gives much (c) _____ to the eyes of men. No one (d) _____ when the banyan tree dies, but many weep over the dead lily. Some men say that the (e) _____ work of a man lives after him, but his good work (f) _____ with his death. But that is not true. A man dies a (g) _____ death, when he is forgotten by those who come after him. But he lives (h) _____ even in the good deeds, which he leaves behind.

Q : 5 Use the information in the headlines to complete the news items given below. Choose from the options given below

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- (i) 20 injured as buses collide.
Aboutat the central station junction here today
- (ii) MCA Classes to begin on Dec. 15
The Academic directoron Dec 15
- (iii) National award for bravery
Gopal, a student of a reputed school in Delhi the President of India on the Republic Day for bravery and courage shown in rescuing of drowning child.
- (iv) India beat Pakistan two goals
In the semifinals of the Asian cup hockey tournament
India by two goals at the Airport stadium yesterday
- (i) (a) 20 people are injured in an accident
(b) 20 people have been injured in an accident
(c) 20 people were injured in an accident
(d) 20 people had been injured in an accident
- (ii) (a) has announced that MCA classes could begin
(b) have announced that MCA classes will begin
(c) has announced that MCA classes are beginning
(d) has announced that MCA classes will begin
- (iii) (a) will be received an award from
(b) have received an award from
(c) has received an award from
(d) is receiving an award from
- (iv) (a) beat Pakistan
(b) has beaten Pakistan
(c) had beaten Pakistan
(d) was beating

Q : 6 In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it. Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined.

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	Before	Missing	After
Soon after terrorist	e.g. after	<u>the</u>	terrorist
attacks the World Trade Centre in New York	(a)
and the Pentagon Washington,	(b)
Osama Bin Laden began be	(c)
talked about as the man the	(d)

attack. The U. S. President him (e)
 as key suspect. Laden (f)
 denied involvement, but (g)
 praised who had carried out the strikes. (h)

Q : 7 Read the following dialogue and complete the paragraph below, using past tense : **03**

Husband : Did you talk to Dr Bernard ?
 Wife : Yes, but it is important for you to rest.
 Husband : Is it one or two ?
 Wife : (silent)
 Husband : Is it three or four ?
 Wife : Yes.

Tom was admitted in a hospital with a complaint of tumour. A few minutes later, he opened his eyes and asked his wife (a)..... She (b) He asked her if it was one or two, She (c) Finally he wanted to know if it was three or four and she agreed with him.

Textual

Q : 8 Answer the following questions : **10**

1. Which were the different measures the villagers took in order to catch the tiger?
2. Why does the poet refer to Time as being sluttish ?
3. What does 'the ticket office gross crashed' mean?
4. Why was the post office a place of pilgrimage for Ali ?
5. Bring out the irony in the poem, - 'Ozymandias'.

Q : 9 Answer in detail : **04**

1. Describe the scene in the house of Slaters before the arrival of the Jordans.
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1. How does the story 'Two Gentlemen of Verona' promise hope for society?

Q : 10 Read the passage and answer the questions : **03**

"Come in, brother Ali," he cried, handing the letter to the meek old man, bent double with age, who was standing outside. Ali was leaning on a stick, and the tears were wet on his face as they had been when the clerk left him. But his features had been hard then, and now they were softened by lines of kindness. He lifted his eyes and in them was a light so unearthly that the postmaster shrank back in fear and astonishment.

Questions :

- (a) Describe Ali as given in the extract?
- (b) What was different about his features?
- (c) Give the antonym of meek.

Q : 11 Read the poem and answer the questions : **03**

Nor Mars his sword nor war's quick fire shall burn
 The living record of your memory.
 'Gainst death and all oblivious enmity
 Shall you pace forth; your praise shall still find room,

Questions :

- (a) In the line 'The living record of your memory,' What does 'living record' here refer to ?
- (b) Explain 'Gainst death and all oblivious enmity.'
- (c) Give one word from the extract that means 'enmity which is forgetful of everything and so seeks to destroy everything.'

Q : 12 Write a detailed answer for any one of the following questions :

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1. Bring out the irony in the frog's statement - 'Your song must be your own'.
2. Character sketch of Mrs. Packletide.

★★★★ Best of Luck ★★★★★

