

**Pre-Board Exam 2025**  
**CLASS -10th**  
**SUBJECT-ENGLISH**

**Time- 3.00 Hrs**

**MM-75**

**SECTION-A (GRAMMAR)**

**1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below. (1×5=5)**

Hill stations are popular tourist destinations, especially during the summer months, when people want to escape the heat of the plains. Located in high-altitude regions, hill stations offer breathtaking views of mountains, valleys, and forests. The cool and fresh air makes them a perfect retreat for relaxation and rejuvenation. Many hill stations also boast charming cottages, tea plantations, and beautiful gardens. Some of the most famous hill stations in the world include Shimla, Darjeeling, and Ooty. Visitors can enjoy activities like trekking, sightseeing, and exploring local markets, where they can buy souvenirs and taste local cuisine. Whether it's for adventure or peace, hill stations provide a refreshing break from city life.

**Questions:**

- I. Why do people visit hill stations during the summer?  
(a) to enjoy the heat                      (b) to escape the heat of the plains  
(c) to avoid the rains                      (d) to visit cities
- II. What makes hill stations perfect for relaxation?  
(a) their warm climate                      (b) the busy streets  
(c) the cool and fresh air                      (d) the crowded markets
- III. Which of the following activities can visitors enjoy at a hill station?  
(a) surfing (b) trekking (c) desert safari (d) skydiving
- IV. Which hill stations are mentioned in the passage?  
(a) Ooty, Shimla, and Darjeeling (b) Delhi, Mumbai, and Bangalore  
(c) Paris, London, and New York (d) Agra, Jaipur, and Kochi
- V. What do local markets at hill stations offer?  
(a) electronics and gadgets                      (b) souvenirs and local cuisine  
(c) cars and bikes                      (d) designer clothing

**2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below. (1×5=5)**

Discipline must be enforced early in life. Discipline at home makes for the future greatness of a boy. It forms his character and makes him a good citizen. The child who is allowed to have his own way becomes way ward. A child whose habits have been disciplined and who has been taught to rise early, attend to his lesson properly, take physical exercise at a proper time and avoid things that are injurious, will grow up to be a useful member of the society. The spoilt child who has been allowed to run his own course will show vice in younger days. His parents would wish that he had not been born at all.

**Questions:**

- I. What does discipline do for child?  
(a) It forms character and makes him a fit citizen. (b) It makes child dull.  
(c) It makes him strong.                      (d) It makes him way-ward.
- II. What evils does a child pick up when he is allowed to do what he likes?  
(a) He makes himself happy.                      (b) He catches cold and fall ill.  
(c) He becomes way ward                      (d) He develops discipline in himself.
- III. According to the text above, what is a good habit?

- (a) running in the sun (b) playing all the time  
 (c) avoiding things that are injurious (d) exposing himself to cold
- IV. Which of the following is the appropriate title for the above text?  
 (a) Importance of Discipline (b) Importance of Physical Exercise  
 (c) Importance of Daily Routine (d) Importance of Nature
- V. What does the word 'spoil' mean in the above passage?  
 (a) great (b) injurious (c) destroyed (d) disciplined

**3. Read the following passage carefully. Make notes and supply a suitable title. 4**

Vegetable oil has been known from antiquity. No household can get on without it, for it is used in cooking. Perfumes may be made from the oils of certain flowers. Soaps are made from vegetable and animal oils. To the ordinary man, one kind of oil may be as important as another. But when the politician or the engineer refers to oil, he almost always means mineral oil, the oil that drives tanks, airplanes and warships, motorcars etc. This is the oil that has changed the life of the common man. When it is refined into petrol, it is used to run engines. To it we owe the existence of the motorcar, which has replaced the private carriage drawn by horse. To it we owe the possibility of flying.

It has changed the method of warfare on land and sea. This kind of oil comes out of the earth. It is used as fuel, and in some ways, it is superior to coal in this respect. Many big ships now burn oil instead of coal. Because it burns brightly, it is used for illumination. Because it is very slippery, it is used for lubrication

**SECTION- B (WRITING)**

4. You are Nishi studying in Govt Girls' Higher Secondary School, Morena. Write an application to your principal for School Leaving Certificate. 4

Or

You are Rahul, residing at 432/4, behind Govt. Hospital, Bhind. Write a letter to your friend inviting him to attend your sister's marriage ceremony.

5. Write an essay on the any one of the following topics in 150 words. 5
- A. Value of Games and Sports B. Any Indian Festival  
 C. Science and Man D. Importance of Trees

Or

Write a paragraph in about 150 words on 'Online Education.'

6. On the basis of the picture given below, describe the scene at the railway station? (In about 75 words) 3



### SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)

7. Fill in the blanks choosing the correct alternative given in the brackets. (Any five)(1×5=5)

- i) Holland is ----- European country. (a/an/the)
- ii) He is very lazy. He does----- (everything, anything, nothing)
- iii) The train-----on the platform. (arriving, arrived, arrive)
- iv) He died -----cancer. (of, off, on)
- v) Ritu has-----friends. (much, many, any)
- vi) We -----to serve our nation. (should/ought/may)

8. Do as directed- (any five)

(1×5=5)

- i) If he does not take a taxi, he will not reach the station on time. (Rewrite using 'unless')
- ii) Mamta goes to school every day. (Make interrogative)
- iii) Harish is so tired that he cannot walk anymore. (Rewrite using 'too---to')
- iv) Sania played tennis. (Change into negative)
- v) He was painting a portrait. (Change into passive)
- vi) The boy is my nephew. The boy is wearing a blue shirt. (Combine the sentences using 'who')
- vii) To answer these questions is easy. (Rewrite the sentence beginning with 'It')

### Section-D(Textbooks)

9. Choose the correct answer:

1×4= 4

- (i) The bakers are known in Goa as -----  
(a) packer (b) pader (c) kabai (d) bread bangle
- (ii) According to Nelson Mandela, what comes naturally to human heart?  
(a) hatred (b) love (c) unity (d) discrimination
- (iii) What food did the seagull's mother get for it?  
(a) insect (b) crab (c) prawn (d) fish
- (iv) Anne Frank called her dairy-----  
(a) Margot (b) Young girl (c) Kitty (d) Grandmother

10. (A) Read the following extract from the prose and answer the questions given below:3

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. It was an easy flight.

Questions:

- (i) Where was the narrator flying to?  
(a) France (b) Germany (c) England (d) America
- (ii) What kind of aeroplane was the narrator flying?  
(a) a jet (b) an old Dakota (c) a helicopter (d) a fighter plane
- (iii) How was the weather during the flight?  
(a) cloudy and rainy (b) clear and starry (c) stormy (d) foggy

(B) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions: 1×3= 3

He stalks in his vivid stripes  
The few steps of his cage,  
On pads of velvet quiet,  
In his quiet rage.  
He should be lurking in shadow,  
Sliding through long grass,  
Near the water hole,  
Where plump deer pass

Questions:

- (i) From which poem have the above lines been taken?

- (a) The Trees (b) A Tiger in the Zoo (c) Dust of Snow (d) Animals
- (ii) How does the poet describe the tiger's movement in the cage?  
 (a) loud and noisy (b) soft and quiet  
 (c) fast and energetic (d) playful and cheerful
- (iii) According to the poet, where should the tiger ideally be?  
 (a) inside the cage (b) hiding in the shadows and tall grass  
 (c) resting near the zoo (d) playing with the deer

11. Answer the following questions (30 words): (any six) 12
- (i) Why did the postmaster send money to Lencho? Why did he sign the letter God?  
 (ii) Why were two national anthems sung?  
 (iii) What compelled young seagull to take his first flight?  
 (iv) Why did Anne want to keep a diary?  
 (v) What is the Chinese legend about tea?  
 (vi) What did Mij do to the box?  
 (vii) According to Buddha, how can one attain peace of mind?

12. Answer the following questions (30 words): (any two) 4
- (i) What is a 'dust of snow'? What does the poet say has changed his mood?  
 (ii) How will the departure of the trees affect the house? (The Trees)  
 (iii) Where did the ball go? (The Ball Poem)

13. Answer the following questions (30 words): (any two) 4
- (i) Why was Dr. Harriot worried about Tricky?  
 4m  
 (ii) What was Anil doing when the thief approached him?  
 (iii) How did Griffin become invisible?

14. Baking was considered an important and a profitable profession in a traditional Goan village. Explain. (in about 75 words) 3

Or

How did Valli plan her bus ride? What did she find out about the bus, and how did she save up the fare? <https://www.mpboardonline.com>

15. According to Robert Frost, what are the two different views about the end of the world? (in about 75 words) 3

Or

Why did Custard cry for a nice safe cage? Why is the dragon called 'cowardly dragon'?

16. What was the cause of Matilda's ruin? How could she have avoided it? 3

Or

Why did Bholi initially agree to marry a man much older and unequal to her? What made her change her mind and reject the marriage? What do these decisions reveal about her character?