

SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER

ENGLISH

CLASS-XII

Time : 3 Hours 15 mintes

Full Marks : 100

Section – A : Reading Skills

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below by choosing the best of the given choices :

- A.** The Titanic, in its watery grave, is a great museum of human history and is at risk of being lost forever because of curious voyagers and treasure hunters, fears Bob Ballard, who first discovered the remains of the iconic ship in 1985. Famous for discovering the great ship, Ballard is a former US Navy officer and a professor of oceanography.
- B.** "Titanic, is a museum of human without door and guard. I am deeply concerned about not only the Titanic but all the ancient history that is now at risk. If we cannot save this iconic ship, then there is very little hope we can save ancient ships. The world should realize that you don't have to go down and take everything and you do not have to do treasure hunt. This is a common heritage of all of us and if we really want to take steps to preserve human history in the ocean, we need to start with Titanic", Ballard said in a telephonic interview from London.
- C.** Ballard, as part of a tie-up, is presenting a documentary called "Save the Titanic" on the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the great ship – April 15, 1912. The ship and her fate continue to fascinate, largely because of the horror that took place that night, with, 1522 passengers and crew losing their lives.
- D.** Ballard says that despite being on the ocean floor for 100 years, the ship is full of human footprints "you will find pairs of shoes everywhere. The sea and the life below has claimed everything but they do not know what to do with shoes so you will find a pair of mother's shoes next to her little daughter and that's their gravestone. At her wreckage, we almost felt that we are surrounded by the lifeboats of all the people that were in the water at that spot."
- E.** Ballard says that the fate of Titanic continues to fascinate so many years after it sank because it is "irony personified in history". "The story has all the ingredients to make it timelessly fascinating. You have this revolutionary ship that's unsinkable, and carrying a cross section of people in society. And then, it goes and hits an iceberg and sinks on its maiden journey. It's an irony personified in history."
- F.** Talking about his discovery, which came after great research and 75 years later, Ballard says it was a somber moment when they first spotted the boiler of the Titanic. "In the 90s, advanced technology gave us double diving capabilities in the Atlantic Ocean. I knew that the Titanic was sitting at almost 12,000 feet.

What led me to her discovery was simple technique that I followed. We decided to look for the debris trail is stead of the ship.”

G. Ballard says the ship, if preserved well and subjected to constant submarine journeys, will last for a long time on the Atlantic floor. “The deep sea, because of its darkness, its cold temperatures and its great pressures, creates a high state preservation. With a little caution, we can protect the Titanic, for future generations to visit.

H. Ballard has also connected to the people of Belfast, who refused to talk about the tragedy. “The ship’s construction took place at Belfast. After the tragedy, families of the workers refused to talk about it because of the shame and the sadness in the loss of life involved.”

Answer the following questions :

1. The Titanic sank on – 1
 - (i) Its 100th anniversary
 - (ii) 15th April, 1912
 - (iii) an iconic voyage in 1985
 - (iv) leaving the port of Belfast
2. The Titanic continues to attract attention because 1
 - (i) It is irony personified in history
 - (ii) Its advanced technology gave double diving technologies
 - (iii) It is a treasure hunt
 - (iv) It is a common need
3. Ballard’s documentary on the Titanic is titled ... 1
 - (i) Museum of Human History
 - (ii) The Titanic
 - (iii) Save the Titanic
 - (iv) 75 Years Later
4. The remains of the titanic was first discovered by ... 1
 - (i) Ballard
 - (ii) Unknown
 - (iii) Bernard
 - (iv) Bollard
5. The Titanic sank in ... 1
 - (i) Atlantic
 - (ii) Indian Ocean
 - (iii) Red Sea
 - (iv) Pacific Ocean

Answer the following questions :

6. Who is Bob Ballard? 1
7. How many passengers and crew lost their lives when The Titanic sank? 1
8. How long did the Titanic remain on the ocean floor? 1
9. Where did the construction of the Titanic take place? 1
10. Why does bob Ballard call it a ‘museum of human history’? 2
11. What did Ballard do as part of the hundredth anniversary of the Titanic? 2
12. Why did the people of Belfast refuse to take about the Titanic? 2

Arrange the following sentences sequentially :

13. The ship and her fate continue to fascinate us. 1
14. The human casualty was more than 1,500. 1

15. We can protect the Titanic for future generation to visit. 1
16. It hit an iceberg and sank on its maiden journey. 1
17. The titanic is a great 'museum of human history'. 1

Section-B : Writing Skills

18. As student Editor, draft a notice in not more than 50 words for your school notice board inviting articles from the students for your school magazine. You are Sachin/Sania of ABC School. 5
19. As Ravi/Rimi, a resident of ABC Colony, write a letter to the Editor of an English newspaper regarding the long power-cut that your colony has to face every day, also mentioning the commercialization of residential space. (Word limit : 150-200 words) 10

Or

- You are Kabir/Kakali. You want information regarding courses at New Institute of Learning Languages. Write a letter to the Director enquiring about the same. (Word limit : 150-200 words)
20. Give a brief description of your visit to a hill station. (Word limit : 150-200 words)

Or

- Write a newspaper report on a road accident. (Word limit : 150-200 words) 10

Section-C : Grammar

The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each numbered line. Write the correct word against the incorrect word. Do not copy the whole passage. The first one has been done for you as an example (Q.No. 21-24)

		Incorrect	Correct	
Once there lived the old widow in	e.g.	the	an	
an small village. She was living	21.	_____	_____	1
alone at her house as	22.	_____	_____	1
she has no children. One day she	23.	_____	_____	1
purchased a hen for the market and	24.	_____	_____	1
brought it home				

Complete the following dialogue :

25. Preet : Who stitches your clothes?
Preeti : 1
26. Preet : They are beautiful. Who buys the material for your dresses?
Preeti : 1
27. Preet : 1
Preet : The outfit I am wearing today has been designed by my Mom.

Transform the following sentences as directed :

28. We eat so that we may live. (Turn into simple) 1
29. I come back home from school in the evening. (Turn into complex) 1
30. Although he is poor, he is honest. (Turn into compound) 1

Section -D : Literature

Answer the following questions choosing the correct option :

31. The author was travelling to—— 1
- (i) Bokaro
 - (ii) Ranchi
 - (iii) Delhi
 - (iv) Jharkhand
32. Jimmy Wells came at the appointed place in time—— 1
- (i) for a walk
 - (ii) to keep his appointment
 - (iii) to arrest his friend Bob
 - (iv) to do business with his friend.
33. "It was a never to be forgotten holiday." The holiday was never to be forgotten because of 1
- (i) The streams ride
 - (ii) spending a vacation
 - (iii) visiting Assam
 - (iv) Travelling all the way from Kolkata (Calcutta) to Dibrugrah by streams.
34. What was the name of the actor acting as the well? 1
- (i) Limit
 - (ii) Snout
 - (iii) Thesus
 - (iv) Demetrius
35. "And may there be no moaning of the bar
When I put to sea". The word 'moaning' means—— 1
- (i) Limit
 - (ii) lamentation
 - (iii) laughter
 - (iv) Leaving
36. In innisfree, the poet intends to build—— 1
- (i) a farmhouse
 - (ii) a small room of clay
 - (iii) a bungalow
 - (iv) a big hious of bricks
37. "And when you think he's half asleep, he's" 1
- He is——
- (i) not there
 - (ii) a mile away
 - (iii) cheating at cards
 - (iv) always wide awake
38. "The paper seeming boy" had—— 1
- (i) A weighted-down head
 - (ii) a healthy look
 - (iii) rat's eyes
 - (iv) Attentive eyes

Answer the following question in 40-50 words :

(N.B. : Questions carrying 3 marks may be given any of the prescribed pieces)

39. What are the discouraging factor of public life today according to the author? 3
40. What was the subject matter of the drama staged by the workman? 3
41. What does the poet mean by "History is theirs whose language is the Sun."? 3

Answer the following questions within 100-150 words :

(N.B. : Questions carrying 6 marks may be given from any of the prescribed pieces)

42. How did jimmy arrange for the arrest of bob? Why did he do so? 6

Or,

Describe how Pyramus and This by died?

43. Write in your own words, the significance of the title of "Crossing the Bar". 6

44. Write, in your own words, Nehru's view of the civilization of Egypt. 6

Or,

Write after Nehru how writing and numerals came into being.

ENGLISH CLASS XII

UNIT WISE QUESTION TYPES WITH MARKS DISTRIBUTION

Unit	Title	MCQ / Objective 1 mark	VSA 2 marks	SA-I 3 marks	SA-II 5 marks	LA – I 6 marks	LA – II 10 marks	Total marks
I	Prose (Including Drama)	3+2=5 Prose +Drama All MCQ	-	2	-	1	-	17
II	Poetry	3(MCQ)	-	1	-	1	-	12
III	Supplementary Reader	-	-	-	-	1	-	06
IV	Writing	-	-	-	1	-	2	25
V	Grammar	10(OBJ)	-	-	-	-	-	10
VI	Comprehension	4(MCQ) 5(OBJ) 5(Rearrange, time seq.)	3	-	-	-	-	20
VIII	Project : Written - 08 Viva - 02							10
Total Number of Questions		32	03	03	01	03	02	
Total marks								100

N.B.: - 1) Internal choice: There is no overall choice in the paper. However, there is one (01) internal choice in Unit-III of 6 marks weightage, and in Unit IV two(02) internal choice of 10 marks weightage.

2) Questions should be set covering each unit.