

UP Board 10 English 2024 Code : 817 (HH) Question Paper with Solutions

Time Allowed :3 Hours 15 Minutes	Maximum Marks :70
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General Instructions

Instructions:

- (i) First 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question paper.
- (ii) **All** questions are **compulsory**.
- (iii) This question paper is divided into two parts: Part-A and Part-B.
- (iv) Part-A consists of 20 Multiple Choice Questions of one mark each that have to be answered on the OMR Answer Sheet.
- (v) For Part-A read the question-wise instructions and mark your answer on the given OMR sheet only. Do not erase, cut or use whitener on the OMR sheet after answering.
- (vi) Marks of the questions are mentioned against them.
- (vii) Part-B consists of Descriptive Type Questions of 50 marks.
- (viii) All the questions of Part-B are to be attempted.

PART-A

Multiple Choice Questions

(Questions No. 1 – 3) Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow:

When we enter New York harbour, the first thing we see is the Statue of Liberty. What impresses us most is its size and magnificence. Have you ever wondered how it came to be there? The Statue of Liberty was a gift from the people of France to mark the one hundred year anniversary of American Independence. In 1869, sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi began to plan his concept for the monument. Bartholdi envisioned Liberty as a strong and proud figure, one who personified not only the majestic Greek goddesses of the past, but also the working men and women of the present. Finally in 1884, the work was finished.

1. When we enter New York harbour, the first thing we see is:

- (A) The Statue of Abraham Lincoln
- (B) The Statue of Goddess Venus
- (C) The Statue of Liberty
- (D) The Statue of Goddess Laxmi

Correct Answer: (C) The Statue of Liberty

Solution:

The passage clearly states, "When we enter New York harbour, the first thing we see is the Statue of Liberty."

💡 Quick Tip

Read the passage carefully and extract key details to identify the correct answer.

2. The Statue of Liberty was a gift from the people of:

- (A) France
- (B) Japan
- (C) Greece
- (D) England

Correct Answer: (A) France

Solution:

The passage states that the Statue of Liberty was a gift from the people of France to mark the 100th anniversary of American Independence.

💡 Quick Tip

Focus on the key phrases in the passage that provide information about historical events or figures.

3. The Statue of Liberty personifies:

- (A) The majestic Greek Goddesses of the past
- (B) Working men and women of the present
- (C) The Hindu Goddess Saraswati
- (D) Both (A) and (B)

Correct Answer: (D) Both (A) and (B)

Solution:

The passage describes the Statue of Liberty as personifying "not only the majestic Greek goddesses of the past, but also the working men and women of the present."

 Quick Tip

Look for phrases in the passage that describe the symbolic meanings or representations of a subject.

(Questions No. 4 - 8) Choose the correct option to answer the following questions :

4. Complete the following sentence :

I will not go to his party _____ he invites me.

- (A) until
- (B) if
- (C) unless
- (D) but

Correct Answer: (A) until

Solution:

The correct conjunction is "until." This is because the speaker will not go to the party, and the action will only occur when the condition is fulfilled (i.e., the person invites them). The use of "until" expresses this condition.

 Quick Tip

"Until" is used when something will happen after a certain event or condition is met.

5. Complete the following sentence :

This young man is true _____ his word.

- (A) of
- (B) for
- (C) at
- (D) to

Correct Answer: (B) for

Solution:

The correct preposition is "for." The expression "true to one's word" means to be faithful or

loyal to one's promises or statements. Hence, the correct sentence is: "This young man is true for his word."

 Quick Tip

"True to" is the correct phrase when referring to staying faithful to one's promises or commitments.

6. Rearrange the following words cluster to make a meaningful sentence: night last / raining / it / been / has / since

- (A) It been since night last has raining.
- (B) Night last been raining its since has.
- (C) Been raining last night since it has.
- (D) It has been raining since last night.

Correct Answer: (D) It has been raining since last night.

Solution:

The correct rearranged sentence is: "It has been raining since last night."

 Quick Tip

When rearranging words, look for subject-verb agreement and logical flow of time-related phrases.

7. He spent a lot of money on purchasing costly clothes. (Identify the word 'spent')

- (A) Noun
- (B) Pronoun
- (C) Verb
- (D) Adverb

Correct Answer: (C) Verb

Solution:

The word "spent" is a verb, as it refers to the action of using money.

 Quick Tip

Identify the word type based on its function in the sentence.

8. Which of the following words is misspelled?

- (A) Prayer
- (B) Mischief
- (C) Grammer
- (D) Attach

Correct Answer: (C) Grammer

Solution:

The correct spelling is "Grammar," not "Grammer."

 Quick Tip

Always check the spelling of words that have multiple common misspellings.

(Questions No. 9 - 10) Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow :

He wandered for seven years and finally sat down under a peepal tree, where he vowed to stay until enlightenment came. Enlightened after seven days, he renamed the tree, the Bodhi Tree (Tree of Wisdom) and began to teach and to share his new understandings.

9. Siddhartha Gautam wandered in search of enlightenment for .

- (A) four years
- (B) seven years
- (C) five years
- (D) three years

Correct Answer: (B) seven years

Solution:

The passage mentions that Siddhartha Gautam wandered for seven years in search of enlightenment.

 Quick Tip

Carefully read the passage for specific time durations and significant events.

10. Siddhartha Gautam got enlightenment sitting under .

- (A) a banyan tree
- (B) a mango tree
- (C) a peepal tree
- (D) an oak tree

Correct Answer: (C) a peepal tree

Solution:

Siddhartha Gautam attained enlightenment sitting under a peepal tree, also known as the Bodhi tree.

 Quick Tip

Make note of key details from the passage that mention important locations or events.

11. Which quality of Lencho impressed the postmaster most?

- (A) His foolishness
- (B) His great faith in God
- (C) His simplicity
- (D) None of these

Correct Answer: (B) His great faith in God

Solution:

In the story "A Letter to God," the postmaster is most impressed by Lencho's unshakable faith in God, even after his crops were destroyed.

 Quick Tip

Focus on the key qualities of characters in the story that make an impact on other characters.

12. Who is the author of the lesson "His First Flight"?

- (A) Paulo Coelho
- (B) Liam O'Flaherty
- (C) Roald Dahl
- (D) Frederick Forsyth

Correct Answer: (B) Liam O'Flaherty

Solution:

The story "His First Flight" is written by Liam O'Flaherty. It focuses on the courage and growth of a young seagull.

💡 Quick Tip

Make sure to remember the names of authors for stories included in your syllabus.

13. Who had invited Rajvir to visit his home in Upper Assam?

- (A) Pranjol's father
- (B) Pranjol
- (C) A tea vendor
- (D) A prominent leader of Assam

Correct Answer: (A) Pranjol's father

Solution:

In the story "The Tea from Assam," Pranjol invites Rajvir to visit his home in Upper Assam, and it is Pranjol's father who makes the invitation.

💡 Quick Tip

Always remember the key details and characters involved in invitations or events in stories.

(Questions No. 14 - 15) Read the given extract and choose the correct option to answer the following questions :

The fog comes
on little cat feet.
It sits looking
over harbour and city
on silent haunches
and then moves on.

14. Who is the poet of the poem written above?

- (A) Carl Sandburg
- (B) William Butler Yeats
- (C) John Berryman

(D) Robert Frost

Correct Answer: (A) Carl Sandburg

Solution:

The poem, "The Fog," is written by Carl Sandburg, who uses a vivid description of the fog as it moves through the city.

 Quick Tip

Familiarize yourself with notable poets and their works for poetry-related questions.

15. The fog comes .

- (A) loudly
- (B) hastily
- (C) silently
- (D) slowly

Correct Answer: (C) silently

Solution:

The poem "The Fog" describes how the fog comes silently, emphasizing its soft and quiet nature.

 Quick Tip

When analyzing poetry, focus on adjectives that describe the subject to select the correct answer.

16. For how many days was Tricki given no food?

- (A) One day
- (B) Four days
- (C) Two days
- (D) Six days

Correct Answer: (C) Two days

Solution:

In the story "The Thief's Story," Tricki was given no food for two days as part of his training. The lack of food was used to get Tricki to listen and be more obedient.

 Quick Tip

Always carefully note the context and specific details in the story, such as the number of days or time-related events, as they directly impact the plot.

17. How old was Hari Singh when he met Anil?

- (A) 15 years
- (B) 17 years
- (C) 20 years
- (D) 21 years

Correct Answer: (A) 15 years

Solution:

In the story "The Thief's Story," Hari Singh was 15 years old when he met Anil and started working with him.

 Quick Tip

Age is an important character trait in understanding character motivations and behaviors.

18. What was the evidence against Horace that got him arrested?

- (A) The keys
- (B) His gloves
- (C) His fingerprints
- (D) All of the above

Correct Answer: (C) His fingerprints

Solution:

In the story "The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle," Horace was arrested due to the evidence, which included his fingerprints. The fingerprints left at the scene helped the detectives link him to the crime.

 Quick Tip

In detective stories, the evidence such as fingerprints often plays a crucial role in identifying the perpetrator.

19. Select the correct option to answer the following: Griffin was a:

- (A) Brilliant scientist
- (B) Lawless person
- (C) Both (A) and (B)
- (D) None of the above

Correct Answer: (C) Both (A) and (B)

Solution:

Griffin, from "The Invisible Man," was a brilliant scientist but also a lawless person due to his unethical experiments.

 Quick Tip

Look for characters in literature who display conflicting qualities such as brilliance and immorality.

20. Who had invited Matilda's husband for the ball (party)?

- (A) The Prime Minister
- (B) The President
- (C) The Minister of Public Instruction
- (D) The Governor

Correct Answer: (C) The Minister of Public Instruction

Solution:

In the story "The Necklace," Matilda's husband was invited to the ball by the Minister of Public Instruction.

 Quick Tip

Always connect events or invitations with the character's status or position in the story.

PART-B
Reading

21. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Robin Hood was the leader of the company of outlaws who lived in Sherwood forest. His name was a terror to rich travellers, but he was loved by the poor, whom he saved from cruel landlords and often helped with money. The Sheriff of the nearby town was his bitter enemy. After many attempts to catch Robin Hood, the sheriff one day declared in the hearing of many people, "I am willing to give half of my wealth to anyone who will help me to catch Robin Hood."

(a) Who was Robin Hood and where did he live?

Solution:

Robin Hood was the leader of a band of outlaws who lived in Sherwood Forest. He became famous for robbing the rich and helping the poor.

 Quick Tip

Focus on the key aspects of the passage, such as the character's identity and where they lived.

(b) Who did Robin Hood help with money?

Solution:

Robin Hood helped the poor with money, especially by saving them from cruel landlords and offering them financial assistance.

 Quick Tip

Identify the key actions that define a character's role, such as Robin Hood's focus on helping the poor.

(c) Who was Robin Hood's bitter enemy?

Solution:

Robin Hood's bitter enemy was the Sheriff of the nearby town. The Sheriff was determined to catch Robin Hood after numerous attempts.

 Quick Tip

Look for opposing characters or forces in the passage that create conflict in the story.

(d) Which word in the passage means "to make known publicly or officially"?

Solution:

The word "declare" in the passage means "to make known publicly or officially." The Sheriff declared his intention to offer half of his wealth to anyone who could capture Robin Hood.

💡 Quick Tip

Identify specific verbs in the passage that describe actions and their meanings in context.

Writing

22. Write an application to the Health Officer of your city requesting him to arrange for the cleanliness of your locality and spraying some insecticide to kill the mosquitoes.

Solution:

[Your Name]

Your Address
City Name
Date

The Health Officer
Health Department Name

City Name

Subject: Request for the cleanliness of the locality and mosquito control.

Sir,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to bring to your attention the issue of poor sanitation in our

The mosquitoes are becoming a major cause of concern as they spread diseases like malaria and dengue.

I hope you will consider this request and take necessary action at the earliest.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully,
Your Name

 Quick Tip

Ensure that your application includes all the necessary details: the issue, the request for a solution, and a polite closing.

OR

Write a letter to your father requesting him to send 1,000 as you want to go on a tour programme arranged by your college and also a permission letter to participate in it.

Solution:

[Your Name]

Your Address
City Name
Date

Dear Father,

I hope you are doing well. I am writing to inform you that our college is organizing a tour programme, a

I kindly request you to send me the amount so that I can confirm my participation. Additionally, the col

I would be grateful if you could send the money and permission letter at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Yours lovingly,
Your Name

 Quick Tip

When writing a letter to a parent, ensure it is polite and includes all necessary details, such as the amount required and the need for permission.

Writing

23. Write an article for your college magazine in about 80 – 100 words telling the students the best ways to spend their vacation on the basis of the points given below:

(Going on a pleasure trip; going to meet your cousins; learning swimming; practicing some art, like painting or some musical instrument.)

Solution:

Best Ways to Spend Your Vacation

Vacations are a perfect time to relax and explore new activities. One of the best ways to spend a vacation is by going on a pleasure trip. Visiting new places not only provides a break from routine but also offers a chance to learn about different cultures. Additionally, meeting your cousins can be a great way to bond and spend quality time with family. Another productive way to use your vacation is by learning a new skill, such as swimming or learning to play a musical instrument. You could also try practicing an art, like painting, which can help you express your creativity. Overall, vacations should be used to rejuvenate the mind and body, and trying something new is a great way to do so.

Quick Tip

When writing an article, make sure to cover all the points provided in the question and offer useful suggestions that appeal to the audience.

OR

Write a paragraph in about 80 – 100 words on the importance of good manners in life on the basis of the points given below:

- (i) Importance of good manners**
- (ii) A few examples**
- (iii) Their effect on our day-to-day life**

Solution:

The Importance of Good Manners

Good manners play an essential role in making our lives pleasant and fostering harmonious relationships with others. The importance of good manners cannot be overstated, as they reflect respect, kindness, and consideration for others. Simple actions like saying "please" and "thank you," holding the door for others, and listening attentively during conversations go a long way in showing respect. Good manners also create a positive environment in our day-to-day lives, ensuring smooth social interactions and reducing conflicts. They are essential in both personal and professional settings, as they help in building trust and mutual respect among people.

 Quick Tip

In writing about manners, focus on their role in improving social relationships and their practical application in everyday life.

Grammar

24. Grammar

(a) Rewrite the following sentence by changing it into Indirect Speech:

Rashmi said to the stranger, "What is your name and where do you live?"

Solution:

Rashmi asked the stranger what his name was and where he lived.

 Quick Tip

In indirect speech, change the verb tense, pronouns, and question structure. Remove the quotation marks and convert the question into a statement.

(b) Change the following sentence into Passive Voice:

He has answered all the questions.

Solution:

All the questions have been answered by him.

 Quick Tip

In passive voice, the subject receives the action, and the object becomes the subject. Pay attention to tense when converting.

(c) Punctuate the following using capital letters also wherever necessary:

what is your name asked my senior i replied my name is prachi

Solution:

"What is your name?" asked my senior. I replied, "My name is Prachi."

 Quick Tip

Punctuation is important to give structure and clarity to a sentence. Ensure correct placement of punctuation marks and capital letters.

(d) Translate the following into English:

पुस्तकें हमारी सबसे अच्छी मित्र हैं। एक अच्छी पुस्तक पढ़ते समय हम अपनी परेशानियाँ एवं चिन्ताएँ भूल जाते हैं। पुस्तकें हमें ज्ञान देने के साथ-साथ चरित्र का निर्माण करती हैं। पुस्तकें हम में साहस एवं आशा का संचार भी करती हैं।

Solution:

Books are our best friends. When we read a good book, we forget our worries and troubles for some time. Books help us gain knowledge and create a picture in our minds along with the knowledge. Books also cultivate courage and hope in us.

 Quick Tip

In translation, preserve the meaning of the original text while conveying it clearly in the target language.

Literature

25. Answer the following questions in about 30 – 40 words each:

(a) Why did Nelson Mandela thank the international leaders?

Solution:

Nelson Mandela thanked the international leaders for their support in his struggle against apartheid. Their help, through sanctions and political pressure, played a significant role in ending racial segregation and achieving freedom for South Africa.

 Quick Tip

Keep your answers concise and directly related to the actions or statements in the passage.

What did Kisa Gotami learn from the flickering lights?

Solution:

Kisa Gotami learned that life is transient and death is inevitable. The flickering lights symbolize the fleeting nature of life and the certainty of death, which helped her understand that suffering is universal.

 **Quick Tip**

Reflect on the underlying lessons or messages conveyed by the story or events.

(b) Why was the young seagull afraid of flying?

Solution:

The young seagull was afraid of flying because it had never flown before. He was terrified of the vast space and the unknown. He was afraid of falling and being unable to fly like the rest of his family, who had already learned how to fly. His fear stemmed from uncertainty and lack of experience.

 **Quick Tip**

When analyzing characters' fears, consider the role of personal experience and environment in shaping their emotions.

OR

How did Natalya react when she came to know that Lomov had come with the proposal of marriage?

Solution:

When Natalya learned that Lomov had come with a proposal of marriage, she was initially surprised and somewhat confused. She had not expected Lomov to propose, and her reaction was one of sudden excitement and joy. However, she was also somewhat critical of his awkwardness, yet ultimately accepted his proposal.

 **Quick Tip**

In literature, characters' reactions to unexpected proposals often highlight their inner desires and the complexity of relationships.

26. Answer any one of the following in about 60 words:

(a) **How did the rain change into disaster? How did it affect Lencho's fields?**

Solution:

The rain, which initially seemed like a blessing for Lencho's crops, turned into a disaster when it became a hailstorm. The strong winds and large hailstones destroyed the entire crop, leading to Lencho's despair. His fields were completely ruined, and the prospect of a good harvest was lost.

 Quick Tip

In disaster-related stories, focus on how the change in events impacts the characters' lives and their reactions.

(b) **What did Rajvir see on the way during his car journey to Dhekia Badi?**

Solution:

On his journey to Dhekia Badi, Rajvir saw tea plantations covering the hillsides. The journey was filled with scenic beauty, where Rajvir observed the lush green surroundings and the hard-working tea pickers, which deeply impressed him.

 Quick Tip

Pay attention to the vivid descriptions in stories that highlight the surroundings and environment.

27. What type of life does Amanda wish for? Explain giving an example.

Solution:

In the poem "Amanda," the young girl named Amanda wishes for a life of freedom and peace. She yearns for a carefree existence, away from the constraints of society and the expectations placed on her. For example, she dreams of being a mermaid in the sea, where she can be left alone and live in silence, untouched by the worries of the world. Amanda's desire to escape the pressures of life reflects her longing for personal freedom and self-expression.

 Quick Tip

In such questions, focus on the key desires and dreams of the character as expressed in the poem.

OR

Write four lines of any poem prescribed in your syllabus. (Do not copy the lines given in the question paper)

Solution:

Here is a sample verse from the poem "The Trees" by Adrienne Rich:

The trees are coming into leaf,
Like something almost being said.
The recent buds relax and spread,
Their greenness is a kind of grief.

 Quick Tip

When writing poetry, focus on the emotions conveyed through the words and how they align with the central theme of the poem.

28. Write "The Central Idea" of any one of the following poems in about 40 – 50 words:

- (a) Dust of Snow
- (b) The Trees
- (c) The Tale of Custard the Dragon

Solution:

(a) Dust of Snow

The central idea of "Dust of Snow" by Robert Frost is that small and seemingly insignificant events can have a significant impact on a person's mood and outlook on life. In the poem, the falling snow changes the speaker's mood, reminding us that even the smallest moments can lift our spirits.

 Quick Tip

In central idea questions, focus on the main message or theme the poet conveys through the imagery or events.

(b) The Trees

The central idea of "The Trees" by Adrienne Rich is the cycle of growth and renewal. The

poem reflects on the trees' growth, which is symbolic of the continuous process of change, regeneration, and life. The speaker compares the trees' growth to human struggles for freedom and new beginnings.

 Quick Tip

Look for the symbolic representation of natural elements in poetry, as they often convey larger life themes.

(c) The Tale of Custard the Dragon

The central idea of "The Tale of Custard the Dragon" by Ogden Nash is the contrast between bravery and fear. The poem humorously describes Custard the dragon, who is initially seen as timid but proves to be courageous when protecting the house from a pirate, showing that true bravery often emerges in moments of need.

 Quick Tip

In fables and humorous poetry, focus on the moral lesson or the turning point that brings out the character's true qualities.

29. Answer any one of the following in about 30 – 40 words:

(a) Why did Hari Singh return to Anil?

Solution:

Hari Singh returned to Anil because he realized that Anil treated him with kindness and trust, something that he had never experienced before. Despite his initial intentions to steal from Anil, he was moved by Anil's honesty and affection, which made him feel guilty for his actions.

 Quick Tip

Focus on the emotional turning point in a character's development when answering questions about motives or changes.

(b) Why was Ausable confident that Max would never return?

Solution:

Ausable was confident that Max would never return because he had outwitted Max with his quick thinking. He had created a false sense of danger and tricked Max into believing there was a gun in the room, thereby ensuring that Max would never dare to confront him again.

 Quick Tip

Look for key moments of wit or cleverness that lead to the resolution of a conflict in stories.

30. Answer any one of the following in about 60 words:

(a) Why did Bholi at first agree to an unequal match? Why did she later reject the marriage?

Solution:

Bholi initially agreed to the unequal match because her parents pressured her, and she had no choice. However, when she saw the groom's cruel behavior and physical deformities, she realized she deserved better. Her self-respect led her to reject the marriage, marking her growth and newfound confidence.

 Quick Tip

Character development questions often focus on how characters change their perspectives based on experiences.

(b) How did a nursery book "Mother Goose" save the Earth from a Martian invasion?

Solution:

In the story, the nursery book "Mother Goose" saved the Earth by confusing the Martians with its silly rhymes. The Martians, unfamiliar with the nonsensical nature of the rhymes, became disoriented and distracted, which allowed the humans to fight back and prevent the invasion.

 Quick Tip

Humor and absurdity can often play key roles in solving conflicts in fictional narratives. Pay attention to how unconventional solutions are presented.