

11/02/2025 ENGLISH LANGUAGE FINAL TERM PAPER TIME: 2 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS: All the answers should be written on the answer paper provided to you. First 10 minutes should be allotted to reading the question paper.

SECTION-I

COMPOSITION. (20)

Read the given topics carefully and write on any one of the topics you know the best:

1. Write an original story which begins:
It was raining heavily and as I dashed towards the deserted building....
(Word bank: storm, cloudburst, torrential downpour, abandoned, eerie, silent, wooden staircase, creaking, sound of the gates, scratching, cobwebs, dirty, faint lighting, leakage)
2. Describe an occasion when your parents punished you for something you had not done.
State why you felt the punishment was unfair and what you did to put things right.
(Word bank: guilt, apology, unjust, frustrated, accusation, trouble, explain your side, hurt, trust, lesson, unfortunate circumstance, grateful).

SECTION- II

LETTER WRITING. (10)

Write a letter on any one of the following topics:

1. Your school is organising a tour to Rajasthan during the winter break. Write a letter to your father for permission to join the educational tour.
2. Write a letter to your friend, thanking him/her for helping you, complete your school work while you were unwell.

SECTION - III

COMPREHENSION. (25)

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Shortly before my birth, my father took to constantly travelling about. He would now and then come back home all of a sudden and with him would come some servants from other provinces, with whom I felt extremely eager to make friends. Once there came a young Punjabi servant named Lenu. The cordiality he got from us would have been worthy of a king himself. Not only was he a foreigner from a distant land, but a Punjabi to boot-no wonder he stole our hearts away!

We had the same reverence for the whole Punjabi nation as for Bhima and Arjuna of the Mahabharata. They were warriors and if they sometimes lost, that was clearly the enemy's fault.

Caged in the house as we were, anything savouring of foreign parts had a peculiar charm for us. This was also the reason why Gabriel, the Jew, with his embroidered robe, who came to sell attar and scented oils, stirred me so; and the huge Kabulis, with their dusty, baggy trousers and knapsacks and bundles, wrought on my imagination with a fearful fascination. One day, I was summoned upstairs to my father. How would I like to go with him to the Himalayas, I was asked. Away from the school and off to the Himalayas! Would I like it? Oh that I could have rent the skies with a shout, that might have given an idea of the How!

Our first halt was to be for a few days at Bolpur. My cousin Satya, had told us that getting into a railway carriage was a dangerous affair-the least slip and it was all up. Then one had to hold on to his seat with all his might, otherwise the jolt was so tremendous that one could get thrown off. Therefore, when we got to the station, I was all aquiver. So easily did we get into our compartment, that I felt the worst was yet to come. When we made an absurdly smooth start without any semblance of adventure, I felt woefully disappointed.

The train sped on. The broad fields with their blue-green border trees, and the villages nestling in their shade flew past in a stream of pictures which melted away like a flood of mirages. It was evening when we reached Bolpur. As I got into the palanquin, I closed my eyes. I wanted to preserve the whole of the wonderful vision to be unfolded before my waking eyes in the morning light. The freshness of the experience would be spoilt, I feared, by incomplete glimpses caught in the vagueness of the dusk.

Though I was a mere child, my father did not place any restriction on my wandering. In the hollows of the sandy soil, the rainwater had ploughed deep furrows, carving out miniature mountain ranges full of red gravel and pebbles of various shapes through which ran tiny streams, revealing the Geography of Lilliput. From this region, I would gather many curious pieces of stone and take the collection to my father. He never made light of my labours. On the contrary, he waxed enthusiastic.

-Adapted from My Reminiscences by Rabindranath Tagore

- i. Give one word meaning from the passage which means the following :- (4)
 - a. territories
 - b. friendliness
 - c. relishing
 - d. called
- ii. Find words from the above passage that have an opposite meaning to the following:- (4)
 - a. settling
 - b. free
 - c. downstairs
 - d. dullness
- iii. Write whether the following statements are true or false. (3)

- a. The writer, as a child, was afraid of the servants from distant places who came home with his father.
- b. The thought of leaving school to go to the Himalayas made him want to shout for joy.
- c. The writer's father was enthusiastic about his collection of curious pieces of stone.

iv. Answer the following questions in brief after reading the passage above carefully.

1. Who was Lenu? What was special about him? (3)
2. As a child, why was the writer affected by people from distant lands? (3)
3. What did the Kabulis do to the author? (2)
4. What did the writer expect the train journey to be like? (4)
5. As the train sped on, what was the scenery like? (2)

SECTION-IV

GRAMMAR (25)

A. Choose the most suitable conjunction from the multiple choices provided and re-write the complete sentence. (5)

1. You cannot be a doctor of medicine _____ you have a degree in medicine.

- a. but
- b. unless
- c. that
- d. so

2. Robita is fat _____ she is fast on the racing track.

- a. so
- b. though
- c. but
- d. since

3. _____ or not you allow me, I am going to the fair.

- a. Unless
- b. If
- c. Until
- d. Whether

4. _____ it was snowing we decided to carry on driving in the mountains.

a. However

b. If

c. Unless

d. Though

5. The wise try to improve themselves _____ the fools keep blaming their luck.

a. therefore

b. whereas

c. whether

d. still

B. Underline the phrases and state their kind in the following sentences. (6)

1. To err is human

2. The foundation stone of our new hotel will be laid at this place.

3. The Indian football team played the game fairly well.

4. The principal was an old man with friendly disposition.

5. The last earthquake in the region was twice as powerful as this one.

6. The team was congratulated in front of the whole school.

C. Identify the following sentences and state whether they are Simplex, Complex or Compound. (6)

1. My father and mother encourage me to do my work independently .

2. Everyday, I am woken up either by my alarm clock or by my pet Bosco.

3. The mangoes were not fully ripe yet father bought them and mother ate them.

4. The prices of the food grains are high though there has been a good harvest this year.

5. My father is happy because I have done well in the examination.

6. The movie did not have any songs, nor did it have any violence.

D. State whether the following are in Active or Passive Voice. (3)

1. Is this book wanted by you?

2. Parents love their children.

3. My pocket has been picked.

E. Change the following sentences from Active to Passive Voice. (5)

1. Did her answers impress you?
2. The boys laughed at the beggar.
3. She will complete her task.
4. Who was speaking the truth?
5. We grow vegetables.