

	<b>ENGLISH (First Language) 006(E)</b>	
<b>ENGLISH</b> (First Language)	<b>BOARD QUESTION PAPER-7</b>	<b>Standard-12</b>
<b>Time : 3 Hours</b>	<b>AUGUST 2020</b>	<b>Total Marks : 100</b>

- Instructions:** [1] There are 5 sections in this question paper.  
 [2] Figures to the right indicate marks of questions.  
 [3] Read the instructions carefully before answering the questions.  
 [4] Number the answers correctly.  
 [5] Write in legible handwriting.

### SECTION-A

- **Read the following passage and choose the correct option for the questions : 4**

One dark evening as he was trudging along the road he caught sight of a little gray cottage by the roadside, and he knocked on the door to ask shelter for the night. Nor was he refused. Instead of the sour faces which ordinarily met him, the owner, who was an old man without wife or child, was happy to get someone to talk to in his loneliness. Immediately he put the porridge pot on the fire and gave tobacco roll that it was enough both for the stranger's pipe and his own. Finally he got out an old pack of cards and played 'mjolis' with his guest until bedtime.

- The host was \_\_\_\_\_ to welcome the stranger.  
 (A) irritated (B) pleased (C) angry (D) unhappy
- The stranger was offered porridge and \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (A) pipe (B) slice of bread (C) tobacco (D) cards
- The host knocked at the door for \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (A) food (B) shelter (C) money (D) company
- 'Sour faces' in the passage mean \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (A) ugly faces (B) unpleasant faces  
 (C) fearful faces (D) unknown faces

- **Fill in the blanks with appropriate option in the brackets and write the answers only : 4**

[gazing, another, writing, looked, wanted, motionless, little, mind]

Whenever I \_\_\_\_5\_\_\_\_ up from my \_\_\_\_6\_\_\_\_ I saw M. Hamel sitting \_\_\_\_7\_\_\_\_ in his chair and \_\_\_\_8\_\_\_\_ first at one thing, then at \_\_\_\_9\_\_\_\_, as if he \_\_\_\_10\_\_\_\_ to fix in his \_\_\_\_11\_\_\_\_ just how everything looked in that \_\_\_\_12\_\_\_\_ school room.

- **Answer the following questions in about six to seven sentences each : 12**

- How did Douglas ensure that he had conquered his fear ?
- Why was Champaran episode considered to be a turning point in Gandhiji's life?
- How does Umber to Eco find time to write ?

16. Explain with reference to 'Lost Spring' why was Saheb not happy working at the tea-stall ?

OR

16. How was the mystery of Stephen Spender's visit to Gemini Studios resolved ?

### **SECTION-B**

- **Read the following lines and answer the questions :** 2

Now we will count to twelve  
and we will all keep still.  
For once on the face of the Earth  
let's not speak in any language,  
let's stop for one second,  
and not move our arms so much.

#### **Questions :**

17. Why does the poet ask us to count to twelve ?  
18. What does the poet mean by not moving our arms ?  
• **Choose the correct figures of speech from the given options :** 3

19. Unless, governor, inspector, visitor  
(A) Metaphor (B) Paradox (C) Anticlimax (D) Irony  
20. An endless fountain of immortal drink  
(A) Simile (B) Climax (C) Hyperbole (D) Litotes  
21. The massive weight of uncle's wedding band.  
(A) Metaphor (B) Metonymy (C) Personification (D) Litotes

- **Answer the following questions in about four to five sentences each :** 6

22. Describe the pain experienced by the poet in 'My Mother at Sixty-six'.  
23. 'Its loveliness increases, it will never pass into nothingness'.  
Explain with reference to the poem 'A Thing of Beauty'.  
24. In what way has Robert Frost portrayed the lives of deprived people ?

OR

24. Explain the constraints experienced by the aunt in 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers'.

- **Answer the following questions in about six to seven sentences each :** 9

25. What was Dewan's plan in order to overcome the catastrophic consequence in 'The Tiger King' ?  
26. Write in brief on 'Students on Ice' programme.  
27. Dr. Sadao Did his duty as a doctor to help the enemy soldier. Do you agree with this, justify your stance.

OR

27. How does Jo want the story to end and why, with reference to 'Should Wizard Hit Mommy'?

**SECTION - C****28. Rectify the Errors :**

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	Errors	Correction
In those day	28. _____	_____
I worked in a cube	29. _____	_____
two hole sides of which	30. _____	_____
where French windows	31. _____	_____

• **Rewrite the sentences using the correct meaning of the given phrases / idioms :**

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32. From the beginning, I had an aversion to driving.  
(craze for, enthusiasm for, dislike for)

33. I chose the last alternative as it was the last resort left for me.  
(the final course, the best place, the luxurious place)

34. He barged in on us while we were having a meeting.  
(served food, enter rudely, enter uninterruptingly)

• **Punctuate the following passage :**

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And he says \_\_\_\_35.\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_36.\_\_\_\_ I don't seem to have a pen at all \_\_\_\_37.\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_38.\_\_\_\_ .

• **Convert the following into Indirect speech :**

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39. "Promise you'll tell no one?" Sophie said.

"Nothing to tell is there". \_\_\_\_\_.

"Promise, Geoff \_\_\_\_ Dad'd murder me".

"Only if he thought it was true".

• **Do as directed :**

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40. I jumped over the bench and sat down at my desk.  
(Make a simple sentence)

41. Their eyes are more adjusted to the dark than to the light outside.  
(Change into positive degree)

42. When I come to know the waters of the cascades, I wanted to get into them.  
(Add No sooner ..... than)

43. He only wanted a chance to sleep here in the forge.  
(Change into negative sentence)

44. Gandhi chided the lawyers for collecting big fee from the sharecroppers.  
(Change the voice)

45. The lawyer was also officially known as the legal adviser, but everybody refereed to him as the opposite.  
(Change into complex sentence)

46. I often tell stories like a Chinese wise man.  
(Add question tag)

**SECTION-D**

• **Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :**

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It is a funny place, this world of capitalism, with its astonishing spread of ignorance and helplessness, boasting all the time of its spread of education and enlightenment. There stand the thousands of property owners and millions of wage workers, none of them able to make anything, none of them

knowing what to do until somebody tells them, none of them having the least notion of how it is that they find people paying them money, and things in the shops to buy with it. And when they travel they are surprised to find that savages and Esquimaux and villages who have to make everything for themselves are more intelligent and resourceful. The wonder would be if they are anything else. We should die of idiocy through disuse of our mental faculties if we did not fill our heads with romantic nonsense out of illustrated newspapers and novels and plays and films. Such stuff keeps us alive but it satisfies everything for us so absurdly that it leaves us more or less dangerous lunatics in the real world.

### Questions :

47. Why does the writer call the world of capitalism a funny place ?
48. How are Savages and Esquimaux more resourceful?
49. What alternative does the writer suggest to keep us alive ?
50. Find the words from the passage the meanings of which are (a) crazy (b) idea
51. What does the writer want to convey through the passage ?

### • Paraphrase the following poem :

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52. Shall I compare thee to a summer's day ?

Thou art more lovely and more temperate :

Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,

And summer's lease hath all too short a date;

Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,

And often in his gold complexion dimm'd;

And every fair from fair sometime declines,

By chance, or nature's changing course untrimmed

But they eternal summer shall not fade

Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st

Nor shall Death brag thou wander'st in his shade,

When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st:

So long as men can breath or eyes can see,

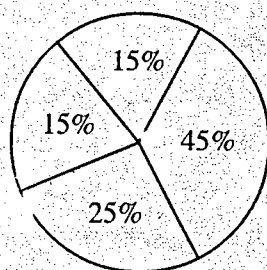
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.

53. Study the following chart and interpret it in six to seven sentences.

Preference of students in choice of food (100 students).

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Students' preference of food	
Chinese food	45%
Italian food	25%
Continental food	15%
Indian food	15%



OR

- Read the following passage and prepare notes for the same :

You will admit there is no higher ideal than the Infinite. To have the mind dwelling in the Infinite and the hands at work here to help humanity out of its misery are the characteristics of one who cherishes this ideal. Mere dry philosophy without a life imbued with love, compassion and service, cannot sweeten and glorify life. Merely talking of great ideals and taking pride in knowledge of the traditional past, merely putting on a grab of sanctity, delivering messages in rhetoric and spouting sonorous words do not count. Life's value is often judged by the low standard that obtains with most people who think that its sole aim is for satisfying the cravings of the senses. To be in this category means, moral and spiritual suicide.

54. Write an email to 'The Editor' 'The Times of India' requesting him / her to publish your articles in the newspaper. Your article is based on 'Beti padho, beti bacho' 5

OR

You have to sell your old car. Draft an advertisement for the same giving all the details.

### SECTION-E

55. You are Seema / Saket Shah. You attended a workshop on 'Save Environment'. Write a detailed report of the same. 5

OR

You are the sports captain of your school. Write an article for your school magazine on the topic 'Healthy mind stays in a healthy body'.

56. You are Akash / Anushka Singh. Write a job application in response to the following advertisement. 7

"Applications are invited for the post of Project Assistant in our firm. Apply within three days with complete details to "The Administrator, Megh Consultants, Vadodara".

- Write an essay of about 250 words on any one of the following topics :

57. (a) **Pollution Free India**

(Introduction - pollution - hazards of pollution - polluted cities - government efforts - public awareness - your views - conclusion.)

- (b) **Craze for foreign universities**

(Introduction - attraction towards foreign studies - financial aspects - hurdles - awareness - conclusion.)

OR

Your school is celebrating its Golden Jubilee. You are an alumni and invited as the chief guest for the Golden Jubilee Celebration. Prepared a speech in about 250 words suitable to the occasion.