

— SCHOOL SECTION —

STD : X SSC

PRELIM EXAM - 2

TIME : 3:00 Hrs

SUB : ENGLISH HL

DATE : 13th January, 2026

MM : 80

SECTION 1 : LANGUAGE STUDY

Q.1(A1) Do as directed: (Any 4) (4)

(1) Write two compound words of your own: 1
1..... 2.....

(2) Make a meaningful sentence by using the given phrase: 1
Cut in

(3) Identify the type of sentence based on the form: 1
Lotus is a beautiful flower

(4) Punctuate the following: 1
the dauphin will give me all I need to free orleans

(5) Complete the following word chain: 1
Climate, exciting, _____, _____, _____ (complete with verb/adjective/noun)

(A2) Do as directed: (Any 2) (4)

(1) Make a word register of 4 words related with the following word: 2
Fashion design

(2) Change the speech: 2
(i) She said that her father had come the day before.
(ii) "Did you enjoy the music, today?" he said to me.

(3) Find out the principal clause and subordinate clause or clauses in the following sentences. 2
I gave her a book that I usually read.

(B) Do as directed: (Any One) (2)

(i) Make two separate sentences of your own, using the word as a Noun in one and as a Verb in the other. 2
Account

(ii) Change the degree of the following sentence into superlative degree 2
(1) He is More intelligent than I am.
(2) Raju is smarter than all the other boys in the class.

SECTION II : TEXTUAL PASSAGES

Q.2(A) Read the following passage and do the activities:

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1. State whether the following statements are True/ False. (2)
 - (a) The author couldn't afford a dorm room.
 - (b) The author had a meal at Hare Krishna temple once a week.
 - (c) The author learnt calligraphy at Reed College.
 - (d) The author was a college graduate.

Today, I want to tell you three stories from my life. The first story is about connecting the dots. I dropped out of Reed College after the first 6 months, but then stayed around as a drop-in for another 18 months before I really quit. Looking back, it was one of the best decisions I ever made. I could stop taking the required classes that didn't interest me, and began attending the ones that looked interesting.

I didn't have a dorm room, so I slept on the floor in my friends' rooms. I returned Coke bottles for the 5 cent deposits, to buy food, and I walked seven miles across town, every Sunday night to get one good meal a week at the Hare Krishna temple. I loved it. And, much of what I stumbled into, by following my curiosity and intuition turned out to be priceless, later on. Here's one example: Reed College offered, perhaps the best calligraphy instruction in the country. Because, I had to take a calligraphy class, I learned about serif typefaces that makes great typography great.

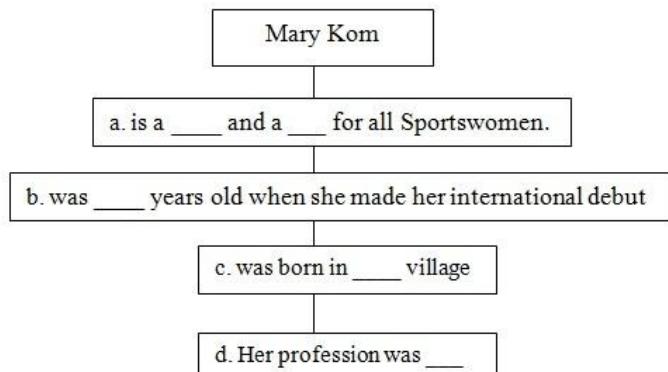
Ten years later, when we were designing the first Macintosh computer, it all came back to me. And, we designed it all into the Macintosh computer. If I had never dropped-in, on that course in college the Macintosh would have never had multiple typefaces, and for that matter even proportionally spaced fonts.

And since Windows just copied Macintosh, it's likely that no personal computer would have them. Of course, it was impossible to connect the dots, and look forward when I was in college. But it was very clear looking backwards 10 years later.

2. Answer the following questions: (2)
 - (a) Where did the author learn calligraphy?
 - (b) What was the author's knowledge of calligraphy useful for?
3. Give the meaning of the following words: (2)
 - (a) Dorm
 - (b) Calligraphy
 - (c) Intuition
 - (d) Typefaces
4. Do as directed. (2)
 - (a) We designed it all into the Macintosh computer.
(Identify the Parts of speech of the underlined word)
 - (b) Windows just copied Mac. (Change the speech)
5. Have you ever gone without a meal? What did your experience teach you about the starving people of our country? (2)

(B) Read the following passage and do the activities:

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1. Complete the following flow chart.

There had to be one successful story if Indians were to survive in sports and we have that story now. Enough has been said about this great warrior who conquered the world. This warrior is none other than Mary Mangte Kom-the Komqueror and the Komrade. She is famed as a five times World Boxing Champion and the only boxer to win a medal in every one of the six world championships. In the 2012 Olympics, she became the first Indian woman boxer to qualify and win a bronze medal in the 51 Kg flyweight category of Boxing.

Kom was born in Kangthei village, Moirang Lamkhai in Churachandpur district of rural Manipur in eastern India. She came from a poor family. Her parents, Mangte Tonpa Kom and Mangte Akham Kom were tenant farmers who worked in jhum fields. Kom grew up in humble surroundings, helping her parents with farm related chores, going to school and learning athletics initially and later boxing simultaneously. Her father was a keen wrestler in his younger age. She had an eager interest in athletics since childhood and the success of Dingko Singh a fellow Manipuri returned from the 1998 Bangkok Asian games with a gold medal, Kom recollects had inspired many youngsters in Manipur to try boxing and she too thought of giving it a try.

Mary Kom's career started in 2000 after her victory in the Manipur State women's boxing championship and the regional championship in West Bengal. In 2001, she started competing at international level. She was only 18 years old when she made her international debut at the first AIBA Women's World Boxing Championship in United States, winning a silver medal in the 48 kg weight category. Her greatness is reinforced by the way she apologized to the whole nation for not being able to win the Gold. She is a legend for sure and an idol for all the sportswomen to look up to.

2. Arrange the events listed below in proper sequence after reading the passage.

(2)

- (a) Mary Kom won a Silver medal at the AIBA championship.
- (b) Mary Kom started competing at the international level
- (c) Mary Kom apologized to the whole nation for not being able to win the Gold.

(d) Dingko Singh returned from Bangkok Asian games.

3. Spot and correct the errors in the passage.

(2)

(a) Komrade (b) Apoligised © Komqueror

4. Simplify the following sentences.

(2)

(a) "She became the first Indian woman boxer to qualify and win a bronze medal in the 51 Kg flyweight category of Boxing".

(b) "She is famed as a five times World Boxing Champion and the only boxer to win a medal in every one of the six world championships".

5. Why do you think Mary Kom excelled in her profession? **(2)**

SECTION III : POETRY

Q.3(A) Read the following extract and do the activities:

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1. Complete the following:

(2)

(a) The dead habits are compared to a

(b) The narrow domestic walls refer to.....

(c) The extract of the poem mirrors the poet's deep-rooted love for his.....

(d) One is not able to keep his head high because he is feeling

Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high

Where knowledge is free

Where the world has not been broken up into fragments

By narrow domestic walls

Where words come out from the depth of truth

Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection

Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way

Into the dreary desert sand of dead habit

Where the mind is led forward by Thee

Into ever-widening thought and action

Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.

2. (a) Who is 'Thee' in the poem.

(1)

(b) What does the poet want 'Thee' to do.

(1)

3. Pick out two lines where letter and sound are repeated?

(1)

(B) Read the following poem and write an appreciation of it with the help of the given points in paragraph format: **5**

Title Poet Rhyme Scheme Figure of speech Theme or central Idea

The Height of the Ridiculous

I wrote some lines once on a time

In wondrous merry mood,

And thought, as usual, men would say

They were exceeding good.

They were so queer, so very queer,

I laughed as I would die;

Albeit, in the general way,

A sober man am I.

I called my servant, and he came;

How kind it was of him
To mind a slender man like me,
He of the might limb.
“These to the printer,” I exclaimed,
And, in my humorous way,
I added (as a trifling jest,)
“There’ll be the devil to pay.
He took the paper, and I watched,
And saw him peep within
At the first line he read, his face
Was all upon the grin
He read the next; the grin grew broad
And shot from ear to ear;
He read the third; a chuckling noise
I now began to hear.
The fourth; he broke into a roar;
The fifth; his waistband split;
The sixth; he burst five buttons off,
And tumbled in a fit.
Ten days and nights, with sleepless eye,
I watched that wretched man,
and since, I never dare to write
As funny as I can.

- Oliver Wendell Holmes(1809-1894)

You can use the following points while appreciating the given poem.
Title, Poet, Theme, Central idea, Rhyme scheme, Figures of speech,
Special features, Favourite line/lines, Why I like/don’t like the poem.

SECTION IV : NON-TEXTUAL PASSAGES

Q.4(A) Read the following passage and do the activities:

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1. Say whether the following statements are True or False : [2]

- (i) The author disliked being given instructions.
- (ii) Sister Monica was not strict.
- (iii) Sister Monica believed in regularity and hard work.
- (iv) Success and genius are similar.

Two teachers whom I remember in particular are Mrs. Cynthia Nesamani and Sister Monica, both taught me in school. The former, by and large, gave me a free rein to do what I wanted to do. I, being one of those people who dislike instructions, she helped me to produce much better results than I'd have otherwise done. I remember her asking us in the ninth standard to make globes for our geography projects. A classmate, Ruchi Sanghvi, and I slogged for endless hours to make one, and at the end of it, I remember Mrs. Nesamani telling us that it wasn't what she'd expected. For a moment, which seemed incredibly long, we were crestfallen till she clarified that the standard of our project was only expected from graduate students. Sister Monica, however, wasn't quite as lenient as that, and spent most of the time telling me about the importance of regularity and hard work. She made me realise that

success is, like genius, 99 percent perspiration and 1 percent inspiration. It's a lesson that has stood me in good stead.

2. Arrange the following in order of occurrence: [2]

- (i) The girls were crestfallen when, at the end, when Nesamani, told them that it wasn't what she'd expected.
- (ii) The author and her friend worked hard for endless hours to make one.
- (iii) Then the teacher clarified that the standard of their project was only expected from graduate students!
- (iv) The author's geography teacher had asked the students to make a globe for the geography project.

3.(i) Find from the passage words that are opposite of: [1]

- (a) excited and happy (b) very strict
- (ii) Form nouns from:
 - (a) realise (b) believe

4. Do as directed: [2]

- (i) Clauses:-

Two teachers whom I remember in particular are Mrs. Cynthia Nesamani and Sister Monica.

Main clause:

Subordinate clause:
- (ii) Both taught me in school. (Rewrite beginning with 'I was...')

5.What role, according to you, does a teacher play in a child's life?

[2]

Q4.(B) Writing 5

Read the passage given above and write the summary of it. Suggest a suitable title to your summary.

SECTION V : WRITING SKILL

Q.5(A) Letter Writing:

Read the following information and Attempt any one of the following activities: 5

DEFICIENT RAINFALL IN CATCHMENT AREAS.

CITY GETTING DIRTY WATER AT LOW PRESSURE.

Corporators alleged that the water situation in the city was getting grimmer by the day. Many claimed that several areas in Mumbai were receiving low-pressure supply and some pockets were getting contaminated water. On account of the deficient rainfall in catchment areas, the BMC has imposed a 20% water cut.

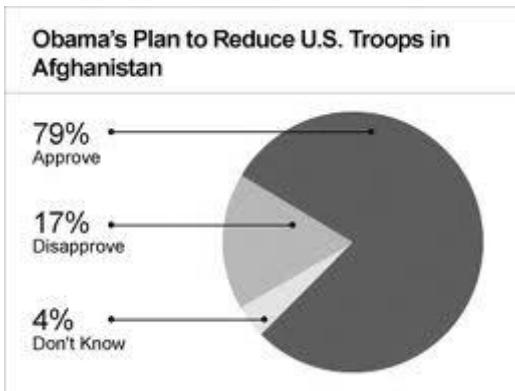
A1: Formal Letter:
Write a letter to BMC H(W) ward water department and inform them about the contaminated water which you are receiving and ask for immediate action.

A2: Informal Letter:
Write to your mother and ask her to boil drinking water as we are getting contaminated water.

Q.6(A) Information Transfer**Information Transfer : Non-verbal to Verbal**

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The following pie chart is based on Obama's plan to reduce US troops in Afghanistan. Give a verbal explanation to it.

**OR****Information Transfer : Verbal to Non verbal**

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Write a paragraph of 100 words based on the information given in the following table.

House sparrows

- Black and brown in colour
- Eat seeds and insects
- Build nests in a hole in a house
- Lay three to six eggs at a time
- Make noise in a series of calls

Forest sparrows

- Eat seeds and insects
- Bluish and grey in colour
- Build nests in hedges and Bushes
- Lay two or four eggs at a time
- Sing a warbling song

(B) Speech Writing

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Prepare a speech to be delivered on (15th October) "Reading Inspiration Day" in your school assembly:

The subject given to you is "Importance of Reading". Use the following points :

- * increases knowledge
- * keeps one updated
- * ideal way to keep occupied
- * develops your vocabulary
- * develops the power of expression.

OR**View - Counter View**

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Read the snippet given below and write a counterview on the opinion expressed in it.

Working Mothers

Working mothers have a dilemma and a guilt feeling on that whether they are ignoring their children for the sake of career? Some mothers work for their career development and some work due to financial constraints.

Q.7

SECTION VI : CREATIVE WRITING

(A) Expand the following:

Where there is a will, there is a way

OR

Report Writing

“ Vriksha Rupan Samaroah”

Your school Principal is organizing tree plantation in school compound for Std. 10th. Parents of Std. 10th students are also invited.

Day & Date: Sunday, 6th Dec, 2015.

Time: 10 am

Prepare a report for school magazine about Vrisha Rupan Samaroah. Use the points given in the invitation card.

Story or Narrating an experience : Attempt any one of the following activities.

(B) Writing a story :

Develop a story in about 80 - 100 words begin with the following sentence. Give a suitable title to your story:

I never expected to receive this.....

OR

Narrating an experience :

..... and thus I got my mobile back.

....All The Best....



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