



THE DOON GLOBAL SCHOOL

PRE-BOARD II (2022-23)

CLASS - X

SUBJECT-ENGLISH

TIME - 3 Hrs.

M. MARKS- 80

INSTRUCTIONS:

- There are 4 sections in the Question Paper – A/B/C/D.
- All questions must be attempted.
- Read the questions carefully.
- Use Blue/Black pen to write your answers.
- Number every answer according to the number in the Question paper.
- There is no overall choice, however internal choice has been provided.

SECTION A- READING SKILLS

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I. Read the passage given below.

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1. Even international students whose first language is English can find themselves struggling to understand an alien academic culture. The problems are very familiar. Students' first problem is often with listening skills. They may feel nervous about this and it is certainly a steep learning curve. They need a structured listening experience, for instance how to pick out the main ideas. They also need help with academic reading - how to approach an article or book, how to skim, read and make notes.

2. However, while a student's confidence in listening skills grows, it is in the area of academic writing where more serious cultural differences become apparent. Much of British education is based on essay writing, but this may be a demanding task for students from other cultures. Suddenly, they are faced with the need to express their own ideas, develop their opinions, and evaluate different issues, all in polished English. For some, the concept of originating this kind of written discourse can prove problematic and they may find themselves scoring low marks because of plagiarism or reproducing someone else's ideas. In Britain, plagiarism is regarded as academic theft, though this is not always the case in other countries. Students are expected to do research in a library before tackling an assignment and simply regurgitating lecture notes is also not acceptable.

3. The best way to overcome these hurdles is to be prepared. The first step is to take a test to assess the

English language skills needed to cope with the issues of academic culture.

4. If an accredited test indicates that a student's language skills are not sufficient to embark on a university degree, the next step is to consider pre-sessional courses, generally at the university where the student will take a degree. These can last from three weeks to an academic year, so it is wise for students to be realistic about their needs. It is generally accepted that approximately 200 hours of study are needed to improve on one bad score on some tests. Some of the 'new' universities that formed from polytechnics in 1992 are experimenting with new styles of pre-sessional and foundation courses. Elspeth Jones, Director of the Centre for Language Study at Leeds Metropolitan University explains, "Our courses are monthly and so students from parts of the world with a different academic year can enroll at any time.

5. She feels that language training in new universities is generally more flexible than in older institutions. "Universities like ours can take students with lower language test grades and can put them through a programme that will bring them up to the required standard, though we cannot guarantee how long it will take."

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

(i). Why is an essay writing a demanding task?

- (a) One needs to develop ideas and evaluate issues in polished English
- (b) One needs to research in the library
- (c) One cannot rewrite lecture notes
- (d) All of the above

(ii). Select the option that corresponds to the following relation below.

Even international students whose first language is English can find themselves struggling to understand an alien academic culture. (Paragraph 1)

- (a) Even when she knew she could do it, she lost her motivation.
- (b) Even medical practitioners who know the dos and don'ts find it difficult to fight and abstain from alcohol addiction.
- (c) Even the animals could sense that something evil is about to happen.
- (d) Even when the sun had set, she continued to roam around aimlessly.

(iii). Select the option that depicts what the writer projects, with reference to the following:

Much of British education is based on essay writing, but this may be a demanding task for students from other cultures.

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| (a) Concern | (b) Anguish |
| (c) Warning | (d) Exhilaration |

(iv). Complete the following with a phrase from Paragraph 1.

OPINION	REASON
	Student's first problem is often with listening skills.

(v). What according to the author causes international students to score low marks? State any one reason.

(vi). Based on your reading of the text, list any 1 benefit of pre-sessional courses.

(vii). What does academic writing include?

- (a) How to approach an article
- (c) How to make notes

- (b) How to read a work
- (d) All of these

(viii) Choose the option that incorrectly states the meaning of 'accredited' as used in the passage.

- 1. To credit
- 3. Officially recognized or authorized
- 5. Of quality

- 2. To thank
- 4. To give license
- 6. To give an appointment

Codes:

- (a) 1 and 2**
- (c) 5 and 6**

- (b) 3 and 4**
- (d) 3 and 6**

(ix) What is British education primarily based on?

(x) Which of the following will be the most appropriate title for the passage?

- (a) Overcoming Language Hurdles
- (b) Language Training

- (c) British English- Ways to Cope
- (d) Emergence of New Kinds of Courses

II. Read the passage given below.

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1. The emergence of novel COVID-19 epidemic has been spreading in India which brought the sudden lockdown situation in the country. After government execution of lockdown with different stages, beings rapidly change their pattern of living. The affection of such controls affected entertainment with several entities. Many productions of entertainment programs get stopped that results the broadcast of new programs and several episodes has been stationary till the unlocked. To avoid the forfeiture in revenue, production houses used the concept of minimax programming that belongs to repeated telecast of running or evergreen programs.

"Their current success may seem as an aberration at first glance. Door darshan itself has replayed its old shows in the past too and these have always gone unnoticed," says Shailesh Kapoor, founder and CEO at Ormax Media. Meanwhile, the condition of movie theatre is much similar to other entertainment substances that have been closed and unable to perceive the entertainment.

2. Under such circumstances, web series enable to emphasis the audiences with its own concept of 'anywhere-anytime' where audience can watch and interact with programs with their convenience and of personal medium. Web series are developing a new breed for new content providers, who produce fresh content for digital audiences. Spreading the Internet access in rural and urban areas is much responsible for increasing of audience of web series in digital platform. Since, the revolution of 4G in India, OTT (Over-The-Top) platform

such as Hot star, Netflix, Amazon Prime video, ALTBalaji are delivering the content like web series, movies, TV serials, sports, and news with different languages to the user (audience) with a boundless quality. A study revealed that 95% youth (age between 18 and 25) have admitted to watching web series in a metro city like Mumbai and approximately 81% audiences are watching in online manner by using OTT platform where in 42% of audiences watching web series daily, by using OTT high rate.

3. In a study, certain responses were collected on watching habits of web series between before and after lockdown. It was clear that approximately 15% of rise was seen in audiences during lockdown. Audiences showed their interest more towards web series. In the same study, another interpretation showed the meaning of free time to watch web series during lockdown. Before lockdown, 'all day' users of web series were quite low to approximately 4% but during lockdown, an increase of users approximately 36% was seen in category

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

(i). State one example which proves the statement. COVID19 induced lockdown affected entertainment industry.

(ii) Which of the following are over the top platforms delivering to the audience?

1. Web series
2. Movies
3. TV Serials
4. Sports
5. News with different languages

Codes:

- (a).** 1,2,4 and 5
- (b).** 2,3 and 4
- (c).** 1,3 and 5
- (d).** All of these

(iii). Complete the following analogy correctly with a word\phrase from the passage 3:

Radio: listeners : : : audience

(iv). Select the correct option to complete the following sentence:

A study revealed that (age between 18 and 25) have admitted to watch web series in a metro city like Mumbai.

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| (a) 81% | (c) 42% youth |
| (b) 95% youth | (d) 74% youth |

(v). What does COVID-19 stand for?

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| (a) Coronavirus Under-19 | (b) Coronavideo at 2019 |
| (c) Coronavirus disease of 2019 | (d) 19 th variant of Corona |

(vi). Choose the example of minimax programming that was applied by Doordarshan in India during lockdown.

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| (a) Replaying Buniyaad | (c) Replaying Malgudi Days |
| (b) Replaying Ramayana | (d) Replaying Rangoli |

(vii). Substitute the word 'forfeiture' with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following sentence from Paragraph 1.

To avoid the forfeiture in revenue, production houses used the concept of minimax programming that belongs to repeated telecast of running or evergreen programs.

(viii). How did production houses avoid forfeiture in revenue during lockdown?

(ix). State the reason in the increase in the trend of web series in digital platform.

(x). Select a suitable title for the passage.

(a) Effect on Lockdown on the Nation

(b) Lockdown and Cinema

(c) Covid Lockdown and Entertainment

(d) Changing Face of Entertainment

SECTION B- GRAMMAR

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Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions.

(i) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the following sentence.

As he..... he noticed a young girl sitting on the curb sobbing.

(a) gets out from his car

(c) got out of his car

(b) get out of his car

(d) got out from his car

(ii). Jon is repeating the given statement to his friend. Complete the sentence keeping the meaning of the statement intact.

Karan said to me, "I shall go to Delhi tomorrow."

(a) Karan told me that he would go to Delhi tomorrow.

(b) Karan told me that he will go to Delhi tomorrow.

(c) Karan asked me that he would go to Delhi the next day.

(d) Karan told me that he would go to Delhi the next day.

(iii) Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line.

If you sit with bad boys, you punished.

(a) might be

(b) could be

(c) shall be

(d) can be

(iv). I want to buy a soft drink. Can you lend me.....Euro?

(a) an

(b) the

(c) any

(d) a

(v). Complete the given sentence, by filling in the blank with the correct option:

Rohit_____when we arrived at the party.

(a) had already left

(b) has already left

(c) have already left

(d) was already left

(vi) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket.

The Sushi and the pasta_____ (look) delicious.

(vii) Fill in the given blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, from the given portion of the letter:

Subject: Repair of the road in Cheran Nagar

Sir,

I would like to bring to your notice that the people in and around Cheran Nagar..... (face) difficulties in travelling back and forth because of the bad condition of the roads there.

(viii) Identify the error in the given sentence and apply the correction.

“The boys were played in the park when it started raining.”

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

(ix) Transform the following direct speech into reported speech:

The principal said, “Why didn’t you attend the flag hoisting ceremony, Anuj?”

(x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the sentence.

The German force lost no time in retreat lest they_____be cut off and surrounded.

- (a) would
- (b) should
- (c) might
- (d) could

(xi) Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Sunita and Neetu. Sunita: Tomorrow is your birthday, what do you want as a gift?

Neetu: That is a lovely thought but I don’t want anything.

Sunita asked Neetu since the next day was her birthday, what she wanted as a gift. Neetu replied that, that was a lovely thought but__.

- (a) she does not want anything.
- (b) she did not want anything.
- (c) she did not want anything.
- (d) she wants something.

(xii) Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. Have you got some proof that he committed the crime?

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

SECTION C- CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

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All the names and addresses used in the questions are fictitious. Resemblance, if any, is purely coincidental.

1. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.

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- A. Write a letter in 100-120 word to the Editor of the Times of India, Delhi, expressing the concerns about the urgent need to save our rivers. Suggest some ways to improve the situation. Sign yourself as Karan\Neha.

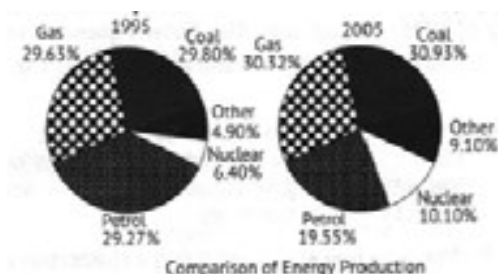
Or

- B. For the past 7 days you were late for work due to some unavoidable issues at home. Write a letter to your manager explaining the situation why you were late for work for several days. (100-120 words)

2. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.

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- A. The following pie-chart shows the comparison of different kinds of energy production in France in two different years. (1998-99)



Study the pie-charts and summarize them into an analytical paragraph of 100-120 words.

Or

- B. Study the given line graph carefully and summarize it into a paragraph of 100-120 words.

The BDO of the Kanpur region conducted a survey in the government and private schools and Kendriya Vidyalayas to see the preferred language. Students of classes 10th to 12th were a part of the survey.

The following excerpt was taken from the analysis report that appeared in a local daily newspaper.

“It is quite clear from the data collected that in government schools’ English language is not spoken by them at all. Only a few students are speaking English in government schools which is below average but Hindi is spoken by maximum of the students. In private schools English is spoken by maximum number of the students. Only few students speak Hindi as compared to government schools. In the KV’s there are approximately equal speakers of English and Hindi.” Write a paragraph to analyze the given argument.

You could think about what alternative explanations might weaken the given conclusion and include rationale /evidence that would strengthen /counter the given argument making comparison wherever necessary in 100-120 words.

SECTION D- LITERATURE

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Reference to the Context

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1. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

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- 1.A** Coorg. Or Kodagu, is the smallest district of Karnataka .is home to evergreen rainforests, spices and coffee plantations. Evergreen rainforests cover thirty percent of this district. During the monsoons, it pours enough to keep many visitors away. The season of joy commences from September and continues till March. The weather is perfect, with some showers thrown in for good measure. The air breathes of invigorating coffee. Coffee estates and colonial bungalows stand tucked under tree canopies in prime corners.

(Coorg-Glimpses of India)

- i. What do you understand by the term colonial bungalow?
 - (a) The bungalows built in a colony
 - (b) A large detached house with more than one storey
 - (c) The residential unit for members of the British colonial community
 - (d) A low house having only one storey
- ii. What can be inferred from the given line? “During the monsoons, it pours enough to keep many visitors away.”
 - (a) Many visitors visit Coorg during monsoons
 - (b) No one visits Coorg during monsoons
 - (c) Coorg becomes unreachable during monsoons
 - (d) Very few people visit Coorg during monsoons
- iii. Fill in the blanks appropriately.
Coorg is also known as _____.
- iv. Choose the word from the extract to complete the following.
(a) Take out: Tuck : :Tiring:.....
- v. Which is the best time to visit Coorg?

Or

- 1.B** He discovered the joys of being bowled over, tramped on and squashed every few minutes. He became an accepted member of the gang, an unlikely, silky little object among the shaggy crew, fighting like a tiger for his share at mealtimes and hunting rats in the old henhouse at night. He had never had such a time in his life. All the while Mrs. Pumphrey hovered anxiously in the background, ringing a dozen times a day for the latest bulletin.

(A Triumph of Surgery)

- (i). Why does the narrator describe being ‘tramped on and squashed as joys?’
 - (a) To suggest the irony about the strange ways of dogs
 - (b) To mention the simple pleasures of canine life.
 - (c) To compare it to Tricki’s earlier play-time at house.
 - (d) To direct attention towards Tricki’s successful recovery.

- ii. What does the reference to Tricki as a ‘silky little object’ signify?
- iii. Pick the option that reveals Tricki’s characteristics in the context of “fighting like a tiger for his share at mealtimes and hunting rats in the old henhouse at night.”

(a) Happy (b) Confident (c) Sturdy (d) All of these

iv. Read the following statements, each of which describes the gist of the given extract. Select the option that captures the essence of the extract correctly.

1. It highlights the kind of comforts and luxuries that Tricki was used to at home.
2. It brings out a contrast between Tricki and Mrs. Pumphrey’s state of being.
3. It reflects that Tricki was happier at the surgery and loved being with other dogs.
4. It shows Tricki,s journey with his peers at the surgery and loved being with other dogs.

Codes :- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 3 and 4 (c) 1 and 3 (d) 2 and 4

v. What does the phrase ‘ringing a dozen times for the latest bulletins’ mean?

2. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the two extracts given.

(5)

A. *Don’t eat that chocolate ,Amanda !*

Remember your acne,Amanda!

Will you please look at me when I’m speaking to you,Amanda!

(Amanda)

i. Complete the sentence appropriately.

Amanda is not looking at the speaker because.....

ii. The speaker wants Amanda to look at her to ensure

- (a) Amanda can become obedient
- (b) stops eating chocolate
- (c) Amanda follows the instructions
- (d) does not sleep

iii. State whether the following statement is **TRUE** or **FALSE**.

Amanda dislikes the speaker.

iv. Which message poet wants to convey through this poem?

- (a) Children need instructions (b) Freedom for children (c) Too much discipline is not good
- (d) Escapism is not good

v. The speaker is so worried about acne. What does it show?

- (a) This shows importance is given to physical beauty
- (b) This shows her concern towards Amanda
- (c) This shows Amanda’s carelessness
- (d) Both (a) and (b)

OR

2.B. *But up jumped Custard, snorting like an engine,
Clashed his tail like irons in a dungeon,
With a clatter and a clank and a jangling squirm
He went at the pirate like a robin at a worm.*

(The Tale of Custard the Dragon)

(i). What is the poet's purpose of using the onomatopoeic words given in the extract?

- (a) It is to emphasize on the might and boldness of Custard.
- (b) It is to introduce the character Custard to the readers.
- (c) It is to impress upon the readers that Custard was ready.
- (d) It is to make Custard bold enough to face the situation.

(ii). Why is Custard, the dragon, compared to a robin?

(iii). What does Custard do to the pirate?

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| (a) Ate him | (b) Killed him |
| (c) Threw him from the tower | (d) Burned him |

(iv). Complete the sentence appropriately.

Custard's comparison to an engine shows a literary device of.....

(v). What is the rhyming scheme of the given stanza?

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| (a) aabb | (b) abcb | (c) abab | (d) abac |
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3. Answer **ANY FOUR** of the following in about 40-50 words each.

(4x3=12)

(i). "The Lomovs and the Chubukovs have always had the most friendly, and I might almost say the most affectionate, regard for each other." How would you evaluate Lomov and Chubukov's relationship as neighbors?

(ii). The advice given by elders is crucial to young lives. Explain in the context of the poem 'For Anne Gregory'.

(iii). Why didn't Valli get off the bus when the bus stopped at the town? (Madam Rides the Bus)

(iv). Maxwell was justified in thinking very highly of the airhostess. Justify. (Mijbil the Otter)

(v). In the poem "The Trees", the poet compares the trees to newly discharged patients. Highlight any two reasons for the same.

4. Answer **ANY TWO** of the following in about 40-50 words each.

(2x3=6)

(i). Did you begin to suspect, before the end of the story, that the lady was not the person Horace Danby took her to be? If so, at what point did you realize this and how?

(A Question of Trust)

(ii). Why did Bholi at first agree to an unequal match? Why did she later reject the marriage? What does this tell about her? (Bholi)

(iii). Describe Think-Tank in your own words. (The Book that saved the Earth)

5. Answer **ANY ONE** of the following in about 100-120 words each.

(1x6=6)

(i). Do you agree that the story 'The Black Aeroplane' is a mystery story? Justify.

OR

(ii). God does not love a person for his/her outer appearance but for the person himself.

Elaborate with reference to 'For Anne Gregory.'

6. Answer **ANY ONE** of the following in about 100-120 words each.

(1x6=6)

(i). Do you think parents like Mrs. Pumphrey exist? If yes, is it good thing to pamper children? Why or why not? Answer with reference to 'The Triumph of Surgery'.

OR

(ii). Discuss the role of Ebright's mother in making him a scientist. (The Making of a Scientist)