

**SAMPLE PAPER  
ENGLISH (CLASS: X)**

**TIME: 3 Hrs.**

**M.M. 90**

**Section A - (Objective Type Questions)**

**1. Answer the following questions:**

**(10×1=10 marks)**

- i. The \_\_\_\_\_ was going to Egypt. (The Happy Prince)
- ii. The author found a cat when he flung open the door. (True/false) (Secret of Happiness)
- iii. The author was reading a blue-book in a \_\_\_\_\_ (The Rule of the road )  
a) bus c) train  
b) aeroplane d) car
- iv. What did Jim buy for Della as a Christmas gift. (A Gift for Christmas)  
a) watch chain c) dolls  
b) set of combs d) ring
- v. Who was Razia? (Razia, The Tigress)
- vi. \_\_\_\_\_ bought the author's paintings. (Bed No. 29)  
a) Naeem c) Saleem  
b) Rahim d) Naveen
- vii. Who was Culverton Smith? (The Dying Detective)
- viii. Robert Gillian's \_\_\_\_\_ gave him \$1000. (One thousand dollars)  
a) uncle c) brother  
b) aunty d) sister
- ix. Subbiah died in a car accident. (True/ false) (Half a rupee worth)
- x. Pakhom's only trouble was that he did have enough \_\_\_\_\_. (How Much Land does a Man Need?)  
(a) cattle b) land c) children d) clothes

**Section B - (Reading Skills)**

**2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follows: (10 Marks)**

Matt liked watching martial arts movies. He had always been interested in learning martial art. It looked like fun, and he wanted to be able to do the things he saw in movies. So when his parents asked him what he would like for his birthday, Matt said he wanted to learn karate. His mom and dad agreed because that would be a very good present, and promised to arrange karate lessons for him. They looked at a few karate studios before they found the right one. They wanted to be sure that the lessons would be safe for Matt. They also wanted to find a lesson schedule that would work for them. Finally, they found what they wanted. Matt was very excited. He couldn't wait to start doing what he saw in movies!

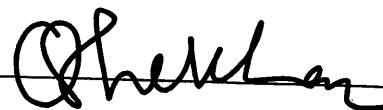
**QUESTIONS:**

1. What did Matt like?
2. What did Matt want on his birthday?
3. What did mom and dad promised to Matt?

**4. Fill in the blanks:**

(i) Karate is a kind of \_\_\_\_\_ art.

(ii) Matt's parents wanted to be sure that the lessons would be \_\_\_\_\_ for Matt.



5. Find the antonyms of: disagreed, lost

OR

Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow:

Stone walls do not a prison make

Nor iron bars a cage:

Mind's innocent and quiet take

That for a hermitage,

If I have freedom in my love,

And in my soul am free'

Angels alone that soar above

Enjoy such liberty

**Questions.**

1. What does not make a prison? 2
  2. According to the poet what does not make a cage? 2
  3. Which quality of the mind makes a hermitage? 2
  4. Complete the summary of the poem after filling in the blanks: 2  
A prison is not made of stone walls, neither is a cage of \_\_\_\_\_ bars. It is only an innocent and \_\_\_\_\_ mind that makes a \_\_\_\_\_. Such liberty is enjoyed only by \_\_\_\_\_.
  5. Match the words in column A with their meanings in column B: 2
- | A       | B       |
|---------|---------|
| prison  | spirit  |
| soar    | freedom |
| soul    | jail    |
| liberty | rise    |

**Section C - (English Textbooks)**  
**English Main Course Book - (Prose)**

3. (a) Answer *any three* of the following questions in about 15-20 words each: (3×3=9 Marks)
- i. What is really needed in the world today? (Where is Science Taking Us?)
  - ii. What is there in the personality of every man? (The Secret of Happiness)
  - iii. What was Jim's reaction on seeing Della's hair gone? (A Gift for Christmas)
  - iv. How can you distinguish between planets and stars? (The Making of the Earth)
  - v. Who was Phatik. (The Home Coming)
- (b) Answer the following question in about 30-50 words each: (1×5=5 Marks)
- Liberty is not a personal affair, but a social contract. (The Rule of the Road)
- or
- Why was the Prince called Happy Prince? (The Happy Prince)

## English Literature (Supplementary Reader)

4. Answer *any three* of the following questions in about 25-30 words each: (3×3=9 Marks)
- How could naeem describe different seasons in detail?? (Bed No. 29)
  - How did Subbiah die? (Half a Rupee Worth)
  - Why was Robert Gillian not happy with the money given to him? (One Thousand Dollars)
  - What is duck diving? How is it taught? (Return to Air)
  - What is the moral of the story 'How Much Land Does a Man Need'?

### English Main Course Book - (Poetry)

5. (a) Answer any two of the following questions after reading the stanza:

*United unto the world with care*

*Of public fame or private breath ;*

*Who envies none whom chance doth raise Nor vice ;*

*who never understood.*

#### Questions

(2×2=4 Marks)

- Name the poem and its poet.
- What does a truly happy man not care about?
- Who does a happy man envy?

- (b) Answer any one of the following questions in 30 -50 words.

What lesson do you learn from the poem 'Death the Leveller'?

OR

What is the central idea of the poem 'Razia, the Tigress'?

(1×3=3 Marks)

### Section C - (Vocabulary)

6. Do as Directed:

(4×1=4 Marks)

- Fill in the blank with a suitable word:  
She was set free on \_\_\_\_\_. (bail/bale)
- Use the following idiom in a sentence of your own:  
Apple of one's eye
- Give one word for the following:  
A van to carry sick and wounded
- Correct the sentence :  
Abha is my cousin sister.

### Section D - (Grammar and Composition)

7. (a) Translate the following sentences into Punjabi/Hindi (any four) :

(4×1=4 Marks)

- i. He was gilded all over with thin leaves of fine gold.
- ii. What are the consequences of this abnormal power?
- iii. A fear is not unlike a ghost.
- iv. The earth goes around the sun.
- v. Don't tell lies.
- vi. We have got liberty now.

**(b) Translate the following sentences from Punjabi/Hindi to English (any four): (4×1=4 Marks)**

- i. ਮੈਂ ਇਹ ਸਵਾਲ ਹਲ ਕਰ ਸਕਦਾ ਹਾਂ ।
- ii. ਸਾਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੇ ਮਾਤਾ ਪਿਤਾ ਦਾ ਕਹਿਣਾ ਮੰਨਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ /
- iii. ਕੀ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਆਪਣਾ ਸਮਾਂ ਬਰਬਾਦ ਕੀਤਾ ।
- iv. ਆਪਣੀਆਂ ਕਿਤਾਬਾਂ ਖੋਲ੍ਹੋ ।
- v. ਉਸਨੇ ਆਪਣਾ ਕੰਮ ਖਤਮ ਕਰ ਲਿਆ ਹੈ ।
- vi. ਮੇਰੀ ਘੜੀ ਠੀਕ ਸਮਾਂ ਨਹੀਂ ਦੱਚੀ ਹੈ /

**8. Do as directed:**

**(12 Marks)**

- i. **Fill in the blanks with suitable determiners:**  
Chandigarh is \_\_\_\_\_ capital of Punjab. It is \_\_\_\_\_ favourite city. 1
- ii. **Fill the blanks with suitable modal:**
  - a) \_\_\_\_\_ I sit here? (will/may) 1
  - b) Surjeet \_\_\_\_\_ have suffered badly after the car crash. (should/must)
- iii. **Fill the blanks with suitable prepositions:** 1  
Mr. Smith is known \_\_\_\_\_ me. Once we met in a garden. From there, he took me \_\_\_\_\_ his home
- iv. **Combine the following sentence with the conjunction given in the bracket:** 1  
He did not come to school. He was ill. (because)
- v. **Identify the subordinate clause and name it:** 1  
He lost the book which I had given him.
- vi. **Complete the following sentence using the non-finite form of the verb given in the bracket:** 1  
\_\_\_\_\_ is injurious to health. (smoke)
- vii. **Change the voice:** 2
  - a) I like chess.
  - b) I can not do this.
- viii. **Change the narration:** 2
  - a) The teacher said to the boys, "Grapes are sour."
  - b) He said to me, "Where were you?"
- ix. **Change the tense:** 1

*Shelton*

We play in the ground. (Change into Present Continuous Tense)

x. Punctuate the following:

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simran is a student of s.d. college jalandhar

9. (a) Advertise 'Galaxy Herbal Toothpaste'

OR

Rakesh Sharma is a student of class X in Gandhi Public School, Agra. He has lost his pen during the lunch break. Draft a notice for the School Notice Board. (4 Marks)

(b) Develop a paragraph of not more than 100 words based on the outline given below.

(5 Marks)

**An Indian Festival:** India.....known for festivals.....Diwali.....Hindu festival.....Lord Rama's return from exile.....people clean their houses and shops.....light their houses.....send greetings.....presents.....worship Goddess Laxmi.....children explode crackers.....some people gamble.....

or

**Good Manners:** Good manners oil the machine of life..... earns us respect..... 'please' and 'thank you' settle bitter quarrels..... should be observed..... respect elders..... be polite to the younger.....talk less and listen more..... take turn in queue..... civility of behaviour is a moral obligation ..... bad manners create bitterness.

(c) You are Monu and you live at 51, Central Town, Nangal. Write a letter to your father who is away on a long tour, giving him home news.

or

You are Manpreet living at Adarsh Vihar, New Delhi. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper suggesting him how the problem of begging can be solved. (7 Marks)

*Shekhar*

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(ਜਲੰਧਰ)