

SEMESTER-ONE

ENGLISH

Grade X

Sample Paper—2

Max. Marks: 50

Time Allowed: 90 minutes

1. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate *collective nouns* given in the box. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. *Attempt ANY FIVE.* 5

crowd • suite • swarm • herd • fleet • mob • bunch

- a. The _____ of the army of that country is very strong.
 - b. Disease reduced the farmer's _____ of cows.
 - c. She was attacked by a _____ of wasps.
 - d. A _____ of violent people overturned cars, set the fire to shops and attacked the police station.
 - e. The ministers occupied a _____ of rooms at the hotel.
 - f. Angry spectators in the _____ came in the playground.
2. Convert the words as directed in brackets and write in the blanks. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. *Attempt ANY FIVE.* 5
- a. It was a small room, on the sixth and top floor, and scarcely a setting for a romantic _____ (*noun* form of 'adventurous').
 - b. Ausable moved to an armchair and sat down _____ (*adverb* form of 'heavy').
 - c. He said with extreme _____ (*noun* form of 'irritate').
 - d. The _____ (*noun* form of 'appoint') was for twelve-thirty.
 - e. The _____ (*noun* form of 'knock') at the door became louder and a voice was raised.
 - f. He did not fit any _____ (*noun* form of 'describe') of a secret agent Fowler had ever read.

3. Read the following statements and say True/False. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct numbers. Attempt ANY FIVE. **5**

- a. Indefinite pronoun refers to a pronoun that does not refer to any person or thing in particular, for example 'anything' and 'everyone'.
- b. Demonstrative pronoun is used to identify the person or thing that is being referred to.
- c. Action verb refers to an abstract action.
- d. Transitive verb accepts one or more objects.
- e. Tense of a verb shows the time when an action takes place.
- f. Comparative adjectives are used to compare two verbs or actions.

4. Read the following sentences and identify the *nouns* appearing in them as *countable* or *uncountable*. Also change their *number*, where possible. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct numbers. Attempt ANY FIVE. **5**

- a. Flies were hovering over the uncovered sweets displayed for sale.
- b. The cattle grazed by the canal and the cowherd kept a watch on them.
- c. These days, Samsung is bringing out some useful home appliances.
- d. The children had made bunches of leaves and flowers.
- e. Two women were discussing their household issues while drawing water from the well.
- f. His head had lost all its hair.

5. Read the following sentences and identify the *tense* of each of them. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct numbers. Attempt ANY FIVE. **5**

- a. Everyone thought that Horace Danby was a good, honest citizen.
- b. He was about fifty years old and unmarried, and he lived with a housekeeper who worried over his health.
- c. Fifteen years ago, Horace had served his first and only sentence in a prison library.
- d. A small dog was lying in the kitchen.
- e. Who is speaking to Horace Danby?
- f. But I would telephone the police and tell them all about you.

6. Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate *interrogative pronouns*. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Attempt ANY FIVE. 5

- a. _____, do you think, will clock the best time in today's race?
- b. I don't remember the person _____ I had met there.
- c. _____ is this breathtaking painting?
- d. _____ of you is not guilty?
- e. _____ is this motorcycle parked at our gate?
- f. _____ has dared to question his decision?

7. Fill in the blanks each with 'some' or 'any.' Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Attempt ANY FIVE. 5

- a. I have lost my pen. Do you have _____?
- b. Give me _____ time for an assignment.
- c. We have found _____ very interesting storybooks. Do you want _____?
- d. I saw _____ good films last weekend.
- e. I did not find _____ information about the missing documents.
- f. I will see _____ friends of mine next Monday.

8. Fill in the blanks with *simple past* or *past perfect* forms of the verbs provided in the brackets. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Attempt ANY FIVE. 5

- a. _____ you not _____ (*tell*) me that you were quite keen to join the party?
- b. Silas _____ barely _____ (*go*) a meter when his vehicle _____ (*break*) down.
- c. Her cousins _____ already _____ (*reach*) home when she _____ (*come*) back from school.
- d. _____ you _____ (*inform*) me that you _____ (*be*) on your way home, I would have prepared your lunch.
- e. The golden goose _____ (*lay*) many golden eggs before the greedy man _____ (*kill*) it for all eggs in one go.
- f. The boys _____ (*begin*) practicing before the coach _____ (*reach*) the playground.

- 9. You must have seen many tourist destinations so far. Describe any of them you like the most. (word limit: 100-120) 5**

Hints:

Why you like it

When you went there

Who accompanied you

What you did there, etc.

- 10. Is there any sports or film celebrity you are a diehard fan of? If you get a chance to see your idol, what will you ask him/her? Write in 100-120 words. 5**