

## SEMESTER-TWO

### ENGLISH

Grade X

### Sample Paper—1

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**Max. Marks: 50**

**Time Allowed: 90 minutes**

- 1. Read the following sentences and identify *proper adjectives*. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct numbers. Attempt ANY FIVE.** **5**
  - a. Africa is home to the largest land animal – the African Elephant.
  - b. Only the Scandinavian countries have higher gender equality than Rwanda.
  - c. The Nigerian capital has over 1.5 times more citizens than New York.
  - d. The size of the Saharan desert is comparable to China and USA.
  - e. Angola has more Portuguese speakers than Portugal.
  - f. Grigori Rasputin was a Russian mystic and supposed holy man.
- 2. Read the following sentences and identify *compound adjectives*. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct numbers. Attempt ANY FIVE.** **5**
  - a. She stayed at a three-star hotel last time.
  - b. I was surprised to see her narrow-minded attitude.
  - c. This is just a twenty-page book.
  - d. The child fell from a ten-story building.
  - e. First, achieve your short-term goals.
  - f. Nothing is long-lasting in this world.
- 3. Do as directed. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct numbers. Attempt ANY FIVE.** **5**
  - a. Frame one *compound adjective* using *noun + adjective*.  
*Example: world-famous*

- b. Frame one *compound adjective* using *adjective + verb*.  
*Example:* old-fashioned
- c. Frame one *compound adjective* using *adverb + verb*.  
*Example:* well-established
- d. Frame one *compound adjective* using *noun + noun*.  
*Example:* part-time
- e. Frame one *compound adjective* using *adjective + adjective*.  
*Example:* fat-free
- f. Frame one *compound adjective* using *adjective + noun*.  
*Example:* full-length

**4. Read the following sentences, and identify *adjectives/adverbs*. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct numbers. Attempt ANY FIVE.** **5**

- a. Women feel insecure on the lonely streets at night.
- b. The absconding culprit was found nowhere even after a big hunt.
- c. The door-bell rang when my mother was busy in the kitchen.
- d. All children are innocent and pure at heart.
- e. You have frequently broken the school rules.
- f. One should not be proud of one's riches.

**5. Fill in the blanks with appropriate *conjunctive adverbs* given in the box. You can repeat a *conjunctive adverb* if needed. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Attempt ANY FIVE.** **5**

besides • otherwise • moreover • furthermore • nonetheless • also  
• in addition

- a. When you buy a birthday gift for her, remember that she does not like jewelry; \_\_\_\_\_, she is fond of designer earrings.
- b. My favorite food is Chinese; \_\_\_\_\_, I like Italian.
- c. I don't like the hypocrite; \_\_\_\_\_, I don't wish even to talk about them.
- d. He met with an accident because he was drunk; \_\_\_\_\_, he is an alcoholic.
- e. He is a skilled painter; \_\_\_\_\_, he always longs for painting his masterpiece.
- f. We are not good friends; \_\_\_\_\_, he came on my birthday.

- 6. Fill in the blanks with appropriate *prepositions* given in the box. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Attempt ANY FIVE.** **5**

to • on • into • across • at • in • with • against • for • of

- a. The dog was \_\_\_\_ the bridge when it saw its reflection \_\_\_\_ the river-water.
  - b. Having finished my work quite early, I proceeded \_\_\_\_ my friend's house.
  - c. The crow cleverly dropped pebble after pebble \_\_\_\_ the pitcher to raise the level \_\_\_\_ water in it.
  - d. The bus stopped \_\_\_\_ the bus-stop to pick up and drop passengers.
  - e. I am going to lodge a complaint \_\_\_\_ the ruffian \_\_\_\_ the officer-in-charge.
  - f. She purchased a gift \_\_\_\_ her friend.
- 7. Identify the *prepositional phrases* and write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct numbers. Attempt ANY FIVE.** **5**
- a. I will begin the story of my adventures with a certain morning.
  - b. I took the key for the last time.
  - c. The sun began to shine upon the summit of the hills.
  - d. The blackbirds were whistling in the garden lilacs.
  - e. The mist that hung around the valley in the time of the dawn was beginning to arise and die away.
  - f. Mr Campbell, the minister of Essendean, was waiting for me by the garden gate, good man!
- 8. Identify the *prepositions* and *adverbs*. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct numbers. Attempt ANY FIVE.** **5**
- a. She could not come before.
  - b. He has not come since yesterday.
  - c. He returned after a week.
  - d. The troops moved on.
  - e. She jumped off the bus.
  - f. The children are in the room.

9. Describe your best friend in 100-120 words. You can take help from the hints given below. 5

**Hints:** appearance • habits • temperament • hobbies, etc.

10. Write a gripping narrative, use the following hints . Also, give it a suitable title. 5

***You were going to the airport to receive someone. Because of a traffic jam, you got late. Make use of the following points:***

- Who were you going to receive?
- Why was there a traffic jam? What caused it?
- What alternatives did you have to reach the airport?
- What happened thereafter? Think of a situation that will make the story interesting.
- How did it end? How did you finally manage to get out of the situation?