

QUESTION BANK OF CLASS 11TH (ENGLISH)

1. Read the passages given below and answer the questions that follow: (2021)

1. Educational planning should aim at meeting the educational needs of the entire population of all age groups. While the traditional structure of education as a three-layer hierarchy from the primary stage to the University represents the core, we should not overlook the periphery which is equally important under modern conditions. Workers need to rewind, or renew their enthusiasms, or strike out in a new direction or improve their skills as much as any University professor. The retired and the aged have their needs as well. Educational planning, in other words, should take care of the needs of everyone.

2. Our structures of education have been built up on the assumption that there is a terminal point to education. This basic defect has become all the more harmful today. A UNESCO report entitled "learning to be" prepared by Edgar Faure and others in 1973 A.D. asserts that the education of children must prepare the future adult for various forms of self-learning. A viable education system of the future should consist of modules with different kinds of functions serving a diversity of constituents. The performance, not the period of study, should be the basis for credentials. The writing is already on the wall.

3. In view of the fact that the significance of a commitment of lifelong learning and life-time education is being discussed only in recent years even in educationally advanced countries, the possibility of the idea becoming an integral part of educational thinking seems to be a far cry. For to move in that direction means more than some simple rearrangement of the present organization of education. But a good beginning can be made by developing open university programmes for older learners of different categories and introducing extension services in the conventional colleges and schools. Also these institutions should learn to cooperate with numerous community organizations such as libraries, museums, recreational programmes, health services etc.

Questions

1. What should be attempted in Educational Planning?
2. What is the meaning of the sentence, "The writing is already on the wall"?
3. What type of present education structure is assumed in this passage?
4. What is the concept of lifetime education?
5. What is the meaning of the word "overlook"?

2. Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow: (2022)

Fear and failure is an attitude problem. All of us postpone things. We procrastinate. We rationalise. We make excuses. We foolishly believe that to be creative and to have a positive attitude and to simply do things, we have to have all kinds of preconditions.

You can find several excuses for writing to be more creative. But scratch the surface of these smooth and logical rationalizations and if you are honest you will see the face of a little demon, the fear of failure, hiding there.

Zig Ziglar reminds us that this is nothing but an attitude problem. The future can be depressing or magnificent; it is not correlated to the present or the past, past failures or past successes. It is only our attitude towards these failures or successes which determines our future. You can change yourself by changing your attitude without fear of terror.

Problems cause stress and stress reduces our effectiveness. So it is very logical that once we solve our problems, we should be able to increase our effectiveness and efficiency. Incidentally, we can't eliminate problems unless we have the final exit—the very thought of this itself is very stressful. What causes our problems? Well, roughly speaking one-third of our problems are there because we are alive and kicking. Another one-third of our problems are created by ourselves; and the remaining one-third of our problems exist because of greed and ego.

QUESTIONS

1. Why are most of the people procrastinate?
2. What are the reasons of our failure?
3. What are the things which reduce our effectiveness?
4. On which way problems come in our life?
5. What is the meaning of the word "Procrastinate"?

3. Read the given passages carefully and answer that follow: (2023)

1. When you learn grammar you come to know how to make words work for you, and you also learn a great deal about the way words behave. For instance, you find out that words are divided into different classes according to what they do. The words that name things, such as horse or train are called nouns; "action" words like run and see are verbs and there are several other kinds. They are called parts of speech.

2. Another important thing that grammar explains, are provides rules, for in the way words change when they do different jobs. A word may change from one part of speech to another, and there are many occasions when this happens in English. Gold, Copper, leather can be nouns or adjectives. Clean, dry, free, open can be adjectives or verbs.

3. A person says, 'I see the dog' if he is speaking or something is happening now, but 'I saw the dog' if it happened yesterday. The change here from "see to saw" is a change from present to past tense. People say "one foot" but "two feet", "a nice apple" but "the nicest apple", this boy but "these boys". Changes like these in the form of words shown by spelling, are called inflections. Compared with some other languages English does not have many inflections. French and German have many more, and ancient Greek and Latin had more still. A Latin verb has more than 100 different inflections, whereas most English verbs have only four.

4. In a language with few inflections, the order of the words in a sentence is very important because it is the chief way of showing how the meaning of the words are connected with each other. "The boy bites the dog" is obviously very different in meaning than "the dog bites the boy". None of the words has changed in the form or spelling, but the word order has changed and therefore the meaning has too. It is usual in English for the subject of a sentence ("boy" in the first one "dog" in the second) to come before the verb ("bites") and for the object the thing or person to which something is done to come after. There are exceptions in English; there are sometimes sentences like "there goes the bell" or "Pop goes the weasel" where the subject ("bell", "weasel") comes after instead of before the verb. These special and uncommon ways of linking words are called idioms. The part of grammar that deals with the order and arrangement of words is called syntax.

Questions:

1. What are inflections?
2. What is it important to put the word in a sentence in a correct order?
3. What part of grammar deals with the order and arrangement of words in a sentence?
4. What is the similarity of following words: i) Instances ii) visibly iii) Deviation
5. According to the passage, words are classified according to their-----.

4. Read the given passages carefully and answer that follow: (2025)

Deserts are wild waste stretches of land usually covered with sand where little can grow and few can live. There are deserts in Africa, Asia, Australia and America, but the greatest and the most famous is the Sahara covering about 35 lakh square miles of northern Africa. It extends from the Mediterranean southward to Sudan, and from the Red Sea westward to the Atlantic Ocean.

Crossing a desert has always been a risky adventure. Temperatures are very high during the day and may fall below zero at night. Going from one oasis to another may be a march of several days. The lack of water, the fierce rays of the sun, sand storms and other hardships have always made journeys across such deserts as the Sahara the worst kind of travel in the world. The old tracks across the sand with the bones of men and beasts that have met their fate. Horses and oxen suited to these conditions and the only animal that can be used is the camel which has a peculiar stomach in which water can be stored. Besides being able to go for three days without drinking, it can also live for a long time on small quantities of food. Since ancient times, the camel has been called 'The Ship of the Desert'.

In modern times, with the coming of the motor cars and the aeroplanes, desert may be said to have been conquered as far as travel is concerned. There are still special dangers for the car, including breakdowns, but an aeroplane flies over a desert as easily as anywhere else. However, the journey is made less pleasant as messages can be sent out if help is needed.

Yet in other ways the desert has not yielded. It is the enemy and never friend of man. Just as the sea year after year gradually eats away the land, so the land of the desert, blown by the winds, advances yard by yard over the cultivated fields. The remains of the old towns and villages, half buried in the sand

show that men once lived and grew their crops where there is no life today. One of the problems of the present century is how to stop this continuous extension of sandy wastes and save food producing districts from destruction.

It is largely a question of water. Trees, bushes, grass and green growth of any kind help to produce rain, and therefore, if trees are cut down and animals such as goats are allowed to wander uncontrolled and eat what they will, the rainfall decreased. A time may come when no rain at all falls, and this is what has happened in most parts of the Sahara, which is all but rainless. Similar conditions are found in the part of the United States which is now known as "The Dust Bowl". The early settlers cut down the forests and ploughed the land to grow grain, but failed to plant more trees. As a result there is less rain and ground was no longer protected from the Sun. Then the wind was able to blow the dry in every direction, thus ruining other green growth and agriculture for hundreds of miles around. It seems as though men themselves are makers of deserts.

(A) On the basis of your reading answer the following questions briefly: i) What are deserts?

ii) Which animal is called 'The Ship of the Desert'? iii) What is special about camel?

(B) True or False (1) Deserts are the fertile lands on earth

(2) Horses and oxen are suited to the conditions on desert

(C) Find words from the passage which convey the same meaning as

i) Dangerous (Para 2) ii) Slowly (Para 4) iii) Defend (Para 5)

NOTE MAKING

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (2024)

Education ought to teach us how to be in love always and what to be in love with. The great things of history have been done by great lovers, saints, a man of science and artists, and the problem of civilization is to give everyman a chance of being a saint, a man of science or artists. And if they are to desire that continuously they must be taught what it means to be these things. We think of the man of science, or the artist if not of the saint, as a being with peculiar gifts who exercises more precisely and incessantly perhaps, activities which we all ought to exercise. It is a common place belief now that art has ebbed away out of our ordinary life, out of all the things which we use, and that it is practised no longer by workmen but only a few painters and sculptors. That has happened because we no longer recognize the aesthetic activities as an activity of the spirit and common to all men. We do not know that when a man buys anything he ought to demand beauty in it for the sake of that beauty. We think of beauty, if we think of it at all, as a mere source of pleasure, and therefore it means to us an ornament added to things for which we can pay extra as we choose. But beauty is not an ornament to life, or the things made by man. It is an essential part of both.

Questions: (A) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it, in points only. Using recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary.

(B) Find from the passage words which convey the same meaning as :

(i) Constantly (ii) Happiness (iii) Extremely important.

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (2023)

No man nor nation can hate others and live. India's doom was sealed the very day they invented the word 'Mleccha' and stopped from communion with others. Love never fails, today or tomorrow or age after, truth will conquer. Love shall win the Victory. Do you love your fellow men?

Feel from the heart. What is the intellect or reason? It does take a few steps and there it stops. But through the heart comes inspiration. Love opens the most impossible gates, love is the gate to all the secrets of the universe. Feel, therefore, my would-be-reformers, my would-be-patriots! Do you feel? Do you feel the millions and millions of descendants of God and of sages have become next-door neighbours to brutes?

Do you feel that millions are starving today and millions have been starving for ages? Do you feel that ignorance has come over the land as a dark cloud? Does it make you restless? Does it make you sleepless? Has it gone into your blood, coursing through your veins, becoming constant with your heartbeats? Has it made you almost mad? Are you seized with the one idea of the misery of ruin, and have you forgotten all about your name, your fame, your views, your children, your properties, even your own bodies? Have you done that? That is the first step to become a patriot, the very first step.

Come out of your narrow holes and have a look abroad. See how nations are on the march! Do you love your country? Then come, let us struggle for higher and better things, look not back; no, not even if you see the nearest and dearest cry. Look not back, but forward.

(A) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it, in points only Using recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary.

(B) Find the opposite of the following words: i) Lose ii) Ancestors iii) Broad

3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow (2025)

1 There are two problems which cause great worry to our educationists-problem of religious and moral instruction in a land of many faiths and problem arising out of a large variety of languages. Taking up the education children, we see that they should be trained to love one another, to be kind and helpful to all. to be tender to the lower animals, and to observe and think right. The task of teaching them how to read and write and to count and calculate important, but it should not make us lose sight of the primary aim of moulding personality in the right way

2 For this, it is necessary to call into aid, culture, tradition, and religion. But our country, we have in the same school, to look after boys and girls born in different faiths and belonging to families that live diverse ways of life and follow different forms of worship associated with different denominations of religion. It will not do to tread the easy path of evading the difficulty by attending solely to physical culture and intellectual education. We have to evolve a suitable technique and method serving the spiritual needs of school children professing different faiths. We would thereby promote an atmosphere of mutual respect, a fuller understanding, and helpful co-operation among the different communities in our society. Again, we must remain one people and we have therefore to give basic training in our schools to speak and understand more languages than one and to appreciate and respect the different religions prevailing in India. It is not right for us in India to be dissuaded from this by considerations as to overtaking the young mind. What is necessary must be done. And it is not in fact too great a burden.

3. Any attempt to do away with or steamroll the differences through governmental coercion and indirect pressure would be as futile as it would be unwise. Any imposition of a single way of life and form of worship on all children or neglect of a section of the pupils in this respect or barren secularization will lead to a conflict between school and home life which is harmful. On the other hand, if we give due recognition to the different prevailing faiths in the educational institutions by organizing suitable facilities for religious teaching for boys and girls of all communities, this may itself serve as a broadening influence of great national values.

(A) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it, in point only using recognizable abbreviations.

(B) Find from the passage words which convey the same meaning as

(i) Ethical (Para 1) (ii) Encourage (Para 2) (iii) Useless (Para 3)

Question Paper, 2019

1. Do as directed

- (a) French is----- easy language. (Use a determiner)
(b) A brave man----- (not lose) heart. (Use correct form of a verb)
(c) Do this, or you will be punished. (Convert the compound sentence into complex sentence)
(d) You----- go now. (Use suitable modal)

2. The following sentences have not been edited. There is one mistake in each sentence. Identify the mistake and write the correct sentence.

- (a) Mathematics are a difficult subject.
(b) Myself can do it
(c) He is my older brother.
(d) Shall you help me?

3. Re-order the following sentences to form meaningful sentences

- (a) animal/man/a/is/reasoning (b) river/the Ganga/ the sacred/ India / of/is

Question Paper, 2020

1. Do as directed

- (a) I wrote----- letter to the minister. (Use suitable determiner)

- (b) It----- (rain) since evening. (Use the correct form of verb)
 (c) Work hard. You are sure to pass the examination. (Combine into a compound sentence (d) You take care of your parents. (Use a suitable modal)
 2.The following sentences have not been edited, there is one mistake in each sentence. Identify the error and write the correct sentence
 (a) Slow and steady win the race. (b) I am tired from him.
 (c) Ragini meet the Education Minister yesterday. (d) This box is very heavy to lift.
 3.Re-order the words in the following sentences to form meaningful sentences:
 (a) since/she/ ill/yesterday / has been. (b) great/was/promise/he/of/a/lad.

Question Paper, Term-II, 2022

1. Do as directed
 a)I----- (finish) this work by tomorrow evening . (Use correct form of verb)
 b) The students made----- noise in their vacant period. (use a determiner)
 (c) We----- stand united. (use appropriate model)
 2 Correct any three sentences of the following
 (a) I am tired with this job.
 (b) She is my older sister.
 (c) The old man is so weak to walk.
 (d) It is raining since morning
 3. Reorder the given words to form meaningful sentences
 (a) Than/better/prevention/cure/is
 (b) Is/there/will/a/where/there/a/way/is

Term-I, 2022-23

1. Do as directed
 (a)----- child is a unique experiment of god. (Determiner)
 (b) Mohan----- (finish) his lesson just now.(Use the correct form of verb)
 (c) You----- pass the examination if you work hard. (Suitable Modal)
 2. Identify the error in the following sentences and correct them.
 (a) He is M.LA. (b) Open your book page ninety five.
 (c) All well that ends well.
 3. Re-order the following words into meaningful sentences:
 (a) the race/slow steady/ and / wins (b)is/might/right.

Question Paper, 2023

1. Do as directed:
 (a) 1---- (live) in this house for last five years. (Use correct form of verb)
 (b) You should take a rest for----- time now. (Use a determiner)
 (c) It----- not rain today. (Use appropriate modal)
 (d) You will pass the examination if you study hard. (Change simple sentence)
 2. Locate the error (if any) in the following sentences and re-correcting the error:
 (a) The sceneries of Kashmir are very charming (b) She is my cousin sister.
 (c) It is quarter past three now (d) You ought love your parents.
 3. Reorder the following sets of words to form meaningful sentence.
 (a) animal/man/a/is/ reasoning. (b) the/hands/we/shook/with/hosts.

Topics/Paragraphs

- 1)Environment pollution(2023,25) 2.Importance of Discipline in life(2021)
 3.Work is Worship (2022,2024) 4.Population Explosion(2024,25)
 5. A Visit to a village(2022) 6. Value of Games (2023) 7. Corruption In India (2024,2020)
 8. Independence Day Celebration (2024) 9. A Stitch time saves none (2024)
 10. Evil of Drug Addiction(2025)

Factual Description Topics: 1.The annual prize Distribution Function (2021) 2 How to prepare tea (2020,21,23,24) 3)A Visit to village fair (2023,24) 4) My first day at school(2019,22)
 5.Quizcontest (2019,22,23,)

Letters and Applications

- 1 Letter to the Editor of a newspaper Expressing the problem of Stray animals in your city.(2019)
 2 Letter to the Editor of a newspaper Expressing the views against the evil of Dowry system.(2020)

- 3 Write a letter to your friend who is a bookworm, advising him/her to take part in sports as well.(2020,2025)
4. Write a letter to the postmaster of your city complaining subject against irregular delivery of your letters.(2019,2024)
- 5 Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper expressing your views about rising prices.(2018,2021)
- 6.Application for full fee concession.(2022,24) 7.Application for the post of English Teacher(2023,24)
- 8.Write a letter to the sales Manager, complaining about defective Washing Machine.(2022)

,Literature Section(Poetry)

Poem 1 – A Photograph

Stanza 1 The cardboard shows me how it was When the two girls cousins went paddling
Each one holding one of my mother's hands, And she the big girl – some twelve years or so.(2018,21,24)

1. Name the poem and the poet.
2. What does the cardboard denote?
2. Who were the two girls ?
4. What were the two girls doing?
3. Who is the big girl?
6. Where were they paddling?
4. What do you mean by 'Cardboard'?

Poem 2- The Laburnum top

Stanza 1 The whole tree trembles and thrills. It is the engine of her family.
She stokes it full, then flirts out to a branch end Showing her barred face identity mask
Then with eerie delicate whistle chirrup whispering she launches away, towards the infinite
And the laburnum subsides to empty.(2022,23)

- 1.What do you understand by 'The engine of her family'?
- 2.What does she refer to in the stanza?
- 3.How does laburnum become after her launch?
- 4.What is her identity mask?
5. 'The laburnum subsides to empty'. Explain.

Stanza 2 The laburnum top is silent, quite still In the afternoon yellow September sunlight,
A few leaves yellowing, all its seeds fallen. (2019,20,22)

1. Name the poem and poet
2. What has been said about the laburnum top?
- 3.What shows that it is the autumn season?
- 4.What sound does the goldfinch make?

Poem -3 The voice of the rain

Stanza 1 And who art you? said I to the soft falling shower, Which strange to tell, gave me an answer,
as here translated; I am the poem of Earth, said the voice of the rain, Eternal I rise impalpable out
of the land and the bottomless sea.(2022)

1. Name the poem and poet.
2. And who art you? Who is asking this question and to whom?
2. What do you understand by the 'Poem of Earth'?
4. Who does 'I' refer to in the given stanza?

Stanza 2 Upward to heaven, whence, vaguely formed, altogether changed and yet the same, I
descend to lave the droughts, atomies, dust layers of the globe, And all that in them without me
were seeds only, latent, unborn: And forever, by day and night, I give back life to my own origin, And
make pure and beautify it;

1. From where does the falling shower of rain rise?
2. What happens to it in heaven(sky)?
3. How does the rain fall?
4. Find the word from the stanza, which means 'hidden'.
5. Name the poem and poet.
6. How does the earth benefit from rain?
7. How does rain become productive?
8. Where does the rain go?

Questions:

1. How does the rain give back life to the earth?(2022)
2. What does the rain tell the poet?(2022)
3. How is the cyclic movement of rain brought out in the poem? Compare it with what you have learnt in Science?(2024)

Poem – Childhood

Stanza 1 When did my childhood go? Was it when I found my mind was really mine,

To use whichever way I choose,
 Producing thoughts that were not those of other people
 But my own, and mine alone, Was that the day! (2022,23)

Questions : 1. Which stage of life has been discussed in the above stanza?

3. What does the poet mean by “ My mind was really my own”?
4. What criterion does the poet offer about original thinking?
5. When does the poet think he lost his childhood?

Stanza 2. When did my childhood go? Was it the time I realized that adults were not
 All they seemed to be, They talked of love and preached of love, But did not act so lovingly, Was
 that the day!(2021,22)

Questions:1. Which thing is making home in the mind of the poet?

2. What does the poet say about the adult ?
3. What does the given stanza talk about?
4. Write the synonyms of preached.
5. Questions : 1. What is the poet’s feeling towards childhood?(2020)

Poem Father to Son

Stanza I do not understand this child Though we have lived together now
 In the same house for years. I know Nothing of him, so try to build
 Up a relationship from how He was when small.(2020)

Questions: 1. Name the poem and poet?

1. Who have lived together?
2. What does ‘this child ‘ stand for?
3. “I know nothing of him”. Explain it.
4. What is lacking in the relationship of the two?
5. What is the speaker trying to build up ?
6. Who have lived in the same house?

Chapter -1 Portrait of a lady(Hornbill)

Questions ;-

1. Three reasons why the author’s grandmother was disturbed when he started going to city school?(2019,2020)
2. The author’s grandmother was a religious person. What are the different ways in which we come to know this?(2018,21,25)
3. Would you agree that the author’s grandmother was a person strong in character ? If yes, give instance that show this. (2021,23)
4. Write down the character sketch of the grandmother on the basis of your study of the story ‘ The portrait of a lady’. (2021,23)
5. Grandmother was a kind hearted woman. Give examples in support of your answer.(2025)

Ch-2 We are not afraid to die if we all together

Questions:-

1. List the steps taken by the captain to protect the ship when rough weather began.(2021,23)
2. Justify the title of the story ‘We are not afraid to die if we all together’(2021,25)
3. List the step taken by the captain to check the flooding of the water in the ship.(2019,20,25)
4. “I didn’t want to worry you when you were trying to save us all’. What has happened to her?(2024)
5. What are the purpose of author’s voyage?(2021,23,25)

Ch-3 Discovering Tut: Saga Continues

1. King Tut’s body has been subjected to repeated scrutiny.(2020,21,25)
2. Why was Tut’s body buried along with gilded treasures/(2019,21,25)
3. Who was Tutankhamun?(2021)

Ch-4 Ailing Planet

1. What does the notice, “ The world’s most dangerous animal” at a cage in the zoo at Lusaka Zambia, Signify?(2022)

2. How are the earth's principal biological system being depleted?(2019,2020,2022,23)
3. The problem of overpopulation that directly affect our everyday life.(2024)
4. Justify the Title,' The Ailing Planet'. (2020)
5. What is the effect on the overuse of Biological System?(2024)
6. What is meant by sustainable development(2025)

Ch-5 Adventure

1. 'You neither travelled to the past nor the future, you were in the present, experiencing a different world'.(2020)
2. You need some interaction to cause a transition.(2019)

Ch-6 Silk Road

1. Give the reason for the article has been titled 'Silk Road'(2020)
2. Give a brief description of Tibetan Mastiffs.(2024)

Book –Snapshots

Ch-1 Summer of beautiful white horse

- Questions :
1. Who were Aram and Mourad?(2021)
 2. Did the boys return the horse because they were conscience stricken or because they were afraid?(2024)
 3. The narrator's uncle Khosrov was considered to be a crazy fellow. Give a few examples of his craziness.(2021,22)

Ch-2 The Address

- Questions :
1. Did Mrs. Dorling welcome the narrator to her house?(2021,22)
 - 3 Why did the narrator resolve to forget the address: No. 46, Marconi Street?(2021,2023)
 - 3 Who was Mrs. Dorling ? Where did she live?(2021)
 - 4 Justify the title of the story, 'The Address'.(2020,21,24)
 - 5 'The Address is a story of human predicament that follows war. Comment.(2019,2023,24)

Ch-3 Mother's Day

- Questions :
- 1 Is Drama a good medium for conveying a Social message? Discuss.(2024)
 - 2 Bringout the theme of the play 'Mother's Day'.(2020)
 - 3 Contrast the characters of Mrs. Pearson and Mrs. Fitzgerald.(2023)
 - 4 Mother's Day is a special play. What are the issues it raise?(2025)

Ch-4 The Ghat of the only World

1. How do Shahid and the writer react to the knowledge that Shahid is going to die?(2019)
2. How did Shahid and the writer became friend?(2025)

Ch-5 Birth

- Question:
1. Describe Dr. Andrew's efforts to revive the child.(2019)
 2. "I have done something ! Oh God! I have done something real at last". Why does the Andrew say this? What does it mean?(2018)

Ch- 6 A Tale of melon city

- Questions :
1. What did the king want?(2022)
 3. What did the wisest man suggest?(2022)
 4. How was the next king crowned?(2022)
 5. What impression would you form of a state where the king was ' Just and Placid"(2015,2022)
 6. How according to you , can peace and liberty be maintained in the state?(2025)