

**Model Question of HSC Examination 2017 for All Board
English (Compulsory) 1st Paper**

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Time : 3 hours

Total Marks : 100

[N.B. Figure in the margin indicate full marks]

Part I: Reading Test (60 marks)

Read the passage below and answer the questions following it.

When I started working on the research and science of leprosy more than a decade ago, people thought this chronic infectious disease would eliminate itself and burn out over time.

We didn't have time for that. Why? Nearly 250,000 new cases of leprosy are diagnosed every year, and many more go undetected. Approximately 10 percent of new cases occur in children.

Even though it's associated with biblical times, leprosy remains a problem in the modern era and was reported in 130 countries worldwide. It's most prevalent in a number of countries throughout Africa, Asia and South America. Symptoms include progressive and permanent damage to the skin, nerves, limbs and eyes but they can take several years to appear, making the disease hard to diagnose at an early stage.

Even worse, leprosy comes with a stigma. Unlike most other diseases, leprosy results in isolation, as people with leprosy are often shunned. The good news, however, is that we now have the key scientific solutions and momentum as well as key collaborations to finally have the opportunity to eliminate leprosy. I couldn't have said this 10 years ago.

[Unit-13; Lesson-2]

1. Choose the word which is closest in meaning in the context that has been used in the text: 1×5 = 5

a. The word 'chronic' means in the text —

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| i) affliction | ii) constant |
| iii) ailment | iv) prevention |

b. The word 'prevalent' stands for —

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| i) medication | ii) assessment |
| iii) diagnosis | iv) general |

c. The word 'diagnosis' refers to —

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| i) treatment | ii) analysis |
| iii) ailment | iv) inventor |

d. The word 'collaboration' stands for —

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| i) cooperation | ii) helpless |
| iii) connect | iv) combine |

4. Summarize the following passage.

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A craftwork thus is a dynamic object-always evolving, and always abreast of changing tastes and preferences. It also represents a way of life and a cultural flavour. Therefore changes in lifestyle and material conditions are expected to have their impact on craftworks and their production. But certain forms, shapes, styles and aesthetic preferences change little over time, suggesting that a craftwork can function as a stable signifier of community values and desires over time. Mechanical and mass production take away this feeling of assurance and stability and the sense of continuity that the handmade craftwork evokes.

In the clash between expectations of pure, handmade craftworks and the market need of mechanically produced craftworks, two contesting views emerge: on the one hand, traditionalists contend that the society needs to preserve the authenticity and naturalness of craftworks and their association with domesticity and environment; and on the other, promoters of machine production argue that the machine has helped restore the appeal of the crafts due to their cheaper production costs.

There are no easy solutions to the problems that craftworks face in our time. Crafts that are disappearing can and should be revived, even where the machine has made the prospect difficult. And crafts that are still practiced can be safeguarded and made to consolidate their position further. This can be done by providing grants, loans, assistance and other support to the producers, and helping them find a comfortable customer base. But more importantly, craftwork can be branded and successfully marketed throughout the country and beyond as there are always buyers and users of handmade products who feel a strong attraction towards such cultural products.

[Unit-14; Lesson-3]

5. Read the following text and fill in the blanks with suitable word from the box. There are more words than needed. Make any grammatical change if necessary. $0.5 \times 10 = 05$

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| think | locality | animals | town | find | long |
| cross | lead | old | duty | behind | tired |

During war an (a) — man leaves his native land, San Carols, (b) — no alternative. He leaves his (c) — behind, but he always (d) — of them sitting by a road (e) — to a bridge at a place away from his (f) —. The peasantry of the (g) — also leave their village (h) — and they are (i) — the bridge to go another place. The old man is too (j) — to cross the bridge.

6. Fill in the blanks with appropriate word in each gap. $1 \times 10 = 10$

In 2008, 9 year old Katie Stagliano brought a (a) — cabbage (b) — home from school. As she cared for her cabbage, it (c) — to 40 pounds. Katie (d) — her cabbage to a soup kitchen where it helped to (e) — more than 275 (f) —. Moved by the (g) — of seeing how many people could (h) — from the donation of fresh produce to soup kitchens, Katie decided to start (i) — gardens and donate the (j) — to help feed people in need.

7. The sentences in the following text are jumbled. Rewrite the sentences in the proper order and in a continuous paragraph to make a story. 10

- The photograph became almost dull with the passage of time.
- Because there was unknown flower growing near the girl.
- With long loose hair and old fashioned dress, the girl looked pretty.
- So he thought to ask her grandmother about it.
- But the boy failed to recognize the girl.
- In the picture the girl might be standing in the garden.
- It was warm summer afternoon and the boy had his meal.
- When the grandmother saw it, she just kept looking at the picture.
- Then in the attic he found a photograph.
- It was a picture of a girl.

Part II: Writing Test (40 marks)

8. Write a paragraph of about 120 words based on the following questions. Your answer to the questions should give as much details as possible. 10

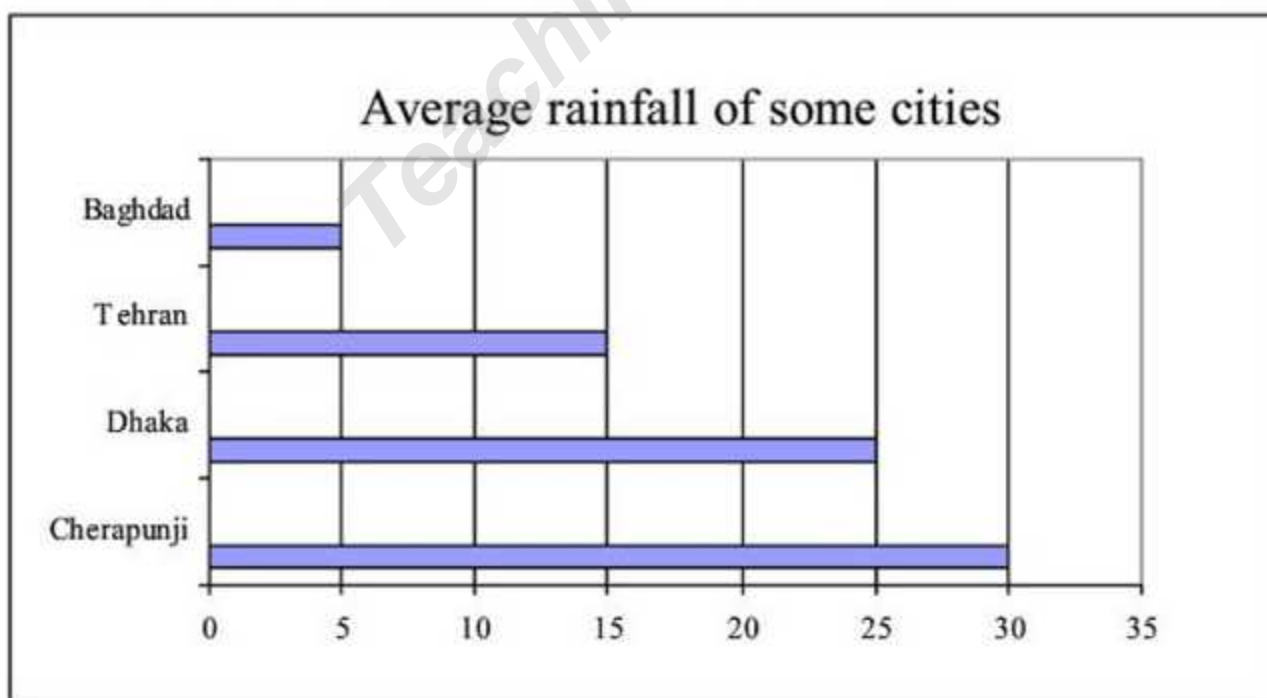
- (a) Who are the street children?
- (b) Why are they street children?
- (c) How do they live?
- (d) What are their sufferings?
- (e) What should we do for them?

9. The following is the beginning of a story. Complete it in your own words. 7

There was a cowboy in a village. He used to tend cows in a nearby field beside the forest. The cowboy was a great liar. He enjoyed himself making fun with people. He often cried out, "Wolf Wolf!"

10. You want to open a bank account in a bank. Now, write an email to the manager of a bank about it. 5

11. Look at the graph below. The graph shows the average rainfall of some cities of the world. Give a description of the graph. The unit shows millimetre. 10



12. Write the main theme of the following extract. 8

"He prayeth best, who loveth best
All things both great and small;
For the dear God who loveth us,
He made and loveth all."