

## 10<sup>th</sup> Class English Important Questions

### (Andhra Pradesh Board)

### PAPER - I (PART - A)

#### 1. Read the following passage. (3 × 1 = 3 M)

##### Example - 1

His disability came without any medical explanation – a rare occurrence called Phocomelia – and Nick and his parents spent many years asking why this cruel trick would happen to them.

'My mother was a nurse and she did everything right during pregnancy but she still blamed herself', he said. (Attitude is Altitude)

**Now, answer the following questions:**

1. Who is the person suffering from the disability?
2. What is his mother?
3. What is the name of the disease of rare occurrence?

**Answers**

1. Nick
2. Nurse
3. Phocomelia

##### Example - 2

Nick's father was a computer programmer and accountant and he taught his little son how to type with his toe at just 6 years old. His mum invented a special plastic device that meant he could hold a pen and pencil. (Attitude is Altitude)

**Now, answer the following questions:**

1. What was Nick's father?
2. What did he teach Nick?
3. What device did his mother invent?

**Answers**

1. Nick's father was a computer programmer and accountant.
2. He taught how to type with his toe.
3. His mother invented a special plastic device.

**2. Read the following lines. (2 × 1 = 2 M)**

**Example - 1**

After spending a leisurely Sunday at home, the very thought of returning to work on Monday is tiring. Lethargy creeps in if the holiday continues over an extended period. That is how I felt when I was preparing to return to my place of work after spending six months at home. (The Journey)

**Now, answer the following questions:**

1. Which day he spent at home?
2. How many months did he spend at home?

**Answers:**

1. A Sunday
2. Six Months

**Example - 2**

I protested. How could I allow my old father to carry my trunk? What would people think? What would they say? But I failed to dissuade him. It was decided that father would carry the chest. (The Journey)

**Now, answer the following questions:**

1. Who does 'I' refer to in the passage?
2. What was decided in the end?

**Answers**

1. Young man
2. It was decided that father would carry the chest.

### **3. Read the following lines. (3 × 1 = 3 M)**

#### **Example-1**

The motivation to succeed comes from the burning desire to achieve a purpose. Napoleon Hill wrote, 'Whatever the mind of man can conceive and believe the mind can achieve'. (Every Success Story ...)

**Now, answer the following questions:**

1. What happens if one has the burning desire to achieve a purpose?
2. Where should the seed of achievement be sown according to Napoleon Hill?
3. What is important to achieve a purpose?

**Answers**

1. The motivation to succeed comes
2. The mind 3. Burning desire

#### **Example-2**

Setbacks are inevitable in life. A setback can act as a driving force and also teach us humility. In grief you will find courage and faith to overcome the setback. We

need to learn to become victors, not victims. Fear and doubt short-circuit the mind. (Every Success Story ...)

**Now, answer the following questions:**

1. What are inevitable in life?
2. How do we overcome the setback?
3. What are the two factors that short circuit the mind?

**Answers**

1. Setbacks
2. With courage and faith
3. Fear and doubt

**4. Read the following stanza. (2 × 1 = 2 M)**

**Example-1**

There was a time indeed

They used to shake hands with their hearts:

But that's gone, son.

Now they shake hands without hearts:

While their left hands search

My empty pockets.

(Once Upon A Time)

**Now, answer the following questions:**

1. Who used to shake hands with their hearts?

2. What does 'empty pockets' suggest?

**Answers**

1. People once upon a time
2. Status of a person

**Example-2**

But believe me, son.

I want to be what I used to be  
when I was like you. I want  
to unlearn all these muting things.

Most of all, I want to relearn

How to laugh, for my laugh in the mirror  
shows only my teeth like a snake's bare  
fangs! (Once Upon a Time)

**Now, answer the following questions:**

1. Who is 'I' in the stanza?
2. How does his laugh appear in the mirror?

**Answers**

1. A father (Narrator)
2. Like a snake's bare fangs

**5. Read the passage. (3 × 1 = 3 M)**

### Example-1

Later he worked very hard, and focused on one thing, never bothering about his personal life of comforts. He shared his wealth with others. He never used the help of any caste, community or political connections to go up in life. (I Will Do It)

**Now, answer the following questions:**

1. Who worked hard and didn't bother about comforts?
2. How did he share his wealth?
3. What was the speciality about his life?

### Answers

1. Narayana Murthy
2. With others
3. He never used any caste, community or political connections to go up in life.

### Example-2

He became a pioneer of India's software industry and started the Information Technology wave. Today he has become an icon of simplicity, uncompromising quality and fairness, apart from being a philanthropist. He really believes in the motto, 'powered by intellect and driven by values'. (I Will Do It)

**Now, answer the following questions:**

1. Who became a pioneer of India's software industry?
2. Identify the word from the passage which means 'devoting wealth or service for the love of mankind'?
3. What is his motto?

### Answers

1. Narayana Murthy
2. Philanthropist

3. Powered by intellect and driven by values.

## 6. Read the following lines. (2 × 1= 2 M)

### Example-1

'You horrible beast!' a voice screamed angrily.

'How dare you run away? How dare you make me walk about in the middle of the night trying to find you! Be careful, one of these days I'll kill you! Now, go home!'

(The Brave Potter)

**Now, answer the following questions:**

1. Who talked to whom in the passage?
2. What was the mood of the speaker?

**Answers**

1. A potter talked to the tiger (beast)
2. Angry mood

### Example-2

On the afternoon of that day, a potter had arrived home after a hard day's work. He was tired and thirsty. He had asked his wife for some palm-wine. (The Brave Potter)

**Now, answer the following questions:**

1. Who was tired and thirsty?
2. What did he ask his wife?

**Answers**

1. The potter
2. Some palm-wine

**7. Read the following carefully. (5 M)**

**Example-1**

'I want to join IIT.'

His father stopped reading the newspaper.

He lifted his head, looked at the boy and said

with a heavy voice .....

**Now, write a possible conversation between Murthy and his father.**

**Answer**

Father : See Murthy, I am very happy you qualified the entrance test.

Murthy : Thank you dad.

Father : I'm definitely proud of you my boy but I'm sure you know our financial position.

Murthy : But father, I've got a very good rank. It is a much better rank compared to my friend.

Father : I know but, I have a big family to take care of. You are not the only child I have.

Murthy : Father, why can't we take an education loan?



Father : Well my boy it is not that easy. We don't have any security to produce.

Murthy : I'll repay it later, once I get a job.

Father : That's anyway going to cost a lot my boy. You are a sensible child and I expect you to understand our constraints.

### **Example - 2**

Write a conversation between two friends regarding dignity of labour.

#### **Answer**

Raju : I know that look. You are in some sort of trouble.

Ravi : Yes. I want somebody to carry my luggage. But now there is nobody here.

Raju : Why can't you carry your luggage?

Ravi : You know, I shun physical labour.

Raju : Why?

Ravi : I am educated. I am a government employee.

Raju : So what?

Ravi : If I carry luggage, the world will laugh at me.

Raju : Self-help is the best help.

Ravi : I will be belittled. I will lose my dignity.

Raju : It is a false prestige. Realise the importance of dignity of labour

Ravi : Thank you for your suggestion.

**(OR)**

#### **Description**

### **Example - 1**

Describe the thoughts of Murthy after his father refused to send him to IIT.

**Answer**

(Murthy with tears in his eyes) - Oh, how I wish to join IIT? My dearest dream is shattered today. How hard I worked for it; but all in vain. Is there no scope for me at all to join IIT? I wish we had enough money to pay the fee. Coming to hostel, I will eat only one meal a day and manage.

How do I convince dad for it? He says he has to take care of the entire family. I don't want to study in Mysore. I want to go to Chennai and pursue IIT. God please do some miracle and land me in the IIT. I beg of you. All my friends who scored less than me are planning to join the IIT. But I, inspite of getting a good score – am unable to make it. Let me find out if there is any institute or government that offers any scholarships. I just want to see myself in the IIT.

**Example - 2**

Mobile phone has become a toy in the hands of the young and the old alike. You have learnt from the statistics given by the traffic police that the danger posed by the use of mobile while driving has not become down inspite of the measures taken by the police. Give a factual description pointing out the dangers encountered in using mobile phones while driving.

**Answer**

Some years ago, the mobile phone was considered to be a thing of luxury and a commodity for the rich. Very few people, perhaps one among thousands, could be seen talking on a mobile phone. But now mobile phones have become so common that hardly anybody takes notice of them. They can be seen in the hands of the young and the old alike. Even schoolgoing boys and girls can be seen carrying mobile phones in their hands. Often we see people using their mobile while driving. But this is more often disobeyed than obeyed. The statistics provided by the traffic police clearly show that the danger posed by the people. The mobile users themselves will have to realize the difficulties and dangers they cause not only to others but also themselves. Using mobiles while driving is very

dangerous. To do so causes many serious accidents. The mobile users must follow traffic rules and regulations and those break the law should be given a deterrent punishment so that it can serve as a lesson for others.

## 8. Read the following carefully. (5 M)

### Example

In the lesson 'Attitude Is Altitude', a girl at traffic lights looked at Nick Vujicic but was terrified to see him do the 360 degree spin. She had no idea about it.

Now imagine you are the girl at the signal and make a diary entry about your experience.

### Answer

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God, I can't believe what I saw today. The guy was so handsome but - how could he turn round like a spinning top? I have never seen such a thing before. How could he do it? He rotated himself at such speed. I couldn't make out anything of what was happening. Is he vampire or did he play a trick on me? What if he is a vampire? Should I tell it to others and inform the police about him? No, that would be a too hasty step. I don't even know him. Should I follow him and find out the reality about him or should I simply forget it? My heart missed a beat and my hands and legs became numb. I drove at jet speed to reach home. I dare not encounter him again. I wish the incident doesn't haunt me and pray not to get nightmares God! Please be with me.

**OR**

### Example

You have read about the lives of so many successful people in the lesson 'Every Success Story Is Also A Story Of Great Failures'. You have been asked to give a

motivational speech to encourage the slow learners in your school. Prepare a script for speech.

**Answer**

Good morning,

Respected teachers and my dear friends. Today, I stand before you to throw light on a few successful people we have read about in newspapers and magazines. Friends! When we look at such successful people we wish we too were successful like them. We think they are quite lucky to be successful but do you know that they are successful because of their failures?

Friends, the moment we see a bulb we think of Thomas Alva Edison. Do you know that he was partially deaf and his teacher refused to teach him when he was very young and called him stupid?

Well, think of Colonel Sanders, at the age of 65 he started selling his mother's recipe of making chicken. Friends, if you had to go door to door to sell your product how many doors would you knock? May be 10, 20 or 50. We would definitely give up the effort after it. But do you know that he knocked more than a thousand doors and today he stands here for his effort?

Friends, through these examples I only try to say that all the great and successful people were many times dejected and did also become a laughing stock. People don't appreciate us unless we prove ourselves.

So always try and never give up!

## **PART - B**

### **9. Editing a passage (5 × 1/2 = 2 1/2 M)**

**Example-1**

The Christian monks of Greece, who lived thousands of years before (a) were the people who travelled in baskets. They wanted a quiet and peaceful place in that (b) they could pray and study. So they build (c) their monasteries on top of all rocks at a place called Meteora. These monasteries attracted Greek philosophers, poets and painters beside (d) the deeply religion (e) people.

a) ..... b) ..... c) ..... d) ..... e) .....

**Answers**

a) ago b) which c) built d) besides e) religious

**Example-2**

Citizenship is a relationship among (a) a person and his country. The country is giving (b) him opportunities for self-development. In turn, it demands certainly (c) duties. A (d) ideal citizen does his duty firstly (e).

a) ..... b) ..... c) ..... d)..... e) .....

**Answers**

a) between b) gives c) certain d) An e) first

**10. Read the following paragraph and fill in the blanks with the correct options given against the number of blanks. (5 × 1/2 = 2 1/2 M)**

**Example-1**

Hyderabad ..... (1) a big city. There is heavy traffic ..... (2) its roads. .... (3) buses, cars and other vehicles release gases, ..... (4) pollute the air. .... (5) are several industries in and around Hyderabad.

1. (a) was (b) is (c) are (d) were

2. (a) on (b) in (c) at (d) over

3. (a) None (b) A (c) an (d) The  
4. (a) which (b) who (c) they (d) some  
5. (a) They (b) There (c) Where (d) Here

**Answers**

1) b 2) a 3) d 4) a 5) b

**Example-2**

Though the expert doctors did not tell him anything right then, Stephen Hawking understood that there was ..... (1) wrong with himself. The doctors felt certain that he ..... (2) survive more than two or three years. They did not give him any medicine since his disease was .....(3) The disease is medically termed ALS, short for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. 'How would something like this happen to me'? Stephen felt sad after .....(4) to know of his illness which was affecting his muscles and nerves in different organs. For a few days he used to have bad dreams, like getting ..... (5).

1. (a) something (b) anything (c) nothing (d) everything  
2. (a) won't (b) would have not (c) would not (d) will haven't  
3. (a) curing (b) cured (c) curable (d) incurable  
4. (a) came (b) coming (c) come (d) comes  
5. (a) execute (b) executing (c) executed (d) executes

**Answers**

1) a 2) c 3) d 4) b 5) c

**11. Combine the following sentences using -which / who (1 M)**

**Example-1**

I lent her a book. It was very valuable.

**Example-2**

Hamilton had been bitten by a shark. She taught Nick surfing.

**Answers**

1) I lent her a book which was very valuable.

2) Hamilton, who had been bitten by a shark taught Nick surfing.

**12. Combine the following sentences using - which / who. (1 M)**

**Example-1**

The meeting was held in the town hall.

It was a great success.

**Example-2**

Napoleon won the French honor.

He died at St. Helena.

**Answers**

Ex-1: The meeting which was held in the town hall was a great success

Ex-2: Napoleon who won the French honor died at St. Helena

**13. Combine the sentences with 'as / if' (1 M)**

**Example-1**

The roads were not good. He preferred less luggage (as).

**Example-2**

You may not attend the class. You don't want to come again (if).

**Answers**

- 1) As the roads were not good, he preferred less luggage.
- 2) If you don't want to come again you may not attend the class.

**14. Combine sentences with (Since / When) (1 M)**

**Example-1**

He wanted to stay at home for some more days. He wanted to apply for leave (Since).

**Example-2**

The boy was about to come down the stairs. Then it crumbled down (When).

**Answers**

- 1) Since he wanted to stay at home for some more days, he wanted to apply for leave.
- 2) When the boy was about to come down the stairs, it crumbled down.

**15. Fill in the blank with correct compound prepositional phrase from the given options. (2 ×1/2= 1 M)**

**Example-1**

1. I finished my project work several days ..... the dead line.  
a) instead of b) ahead of c) inspire of



2. Sravani goes to school ..... Yamuna daily.

a) according to b) inspite of c) along with

**Answers**

1) ahead of 2) along with

**Example-2**

1. Madhu got a good job ..... his abilities and skills.

a) in addition to b) instead of c) by means of

2. .... his poverty, he completed his Ph.D in English.

a) In place of b) For the sake of c) In spite of

**Answers:**

1) by means of 2) In spite of

**16. Fill in the blanks with suitable forms of the verbs in the brackets.  
(2 × 1 / 2 = 1 M)**

**Example-1**

1. He ..... (Pass) his examination in 2013.

2. Raju ..... (meet) his friend yesterday.

**Answers :** 1) passed 2) met

**Example-2**

1. I ..... (live) in Hyderabad for 10 years.

2. I ..... (see) the film, Gandhi.

**Answers:** 1) have been living 2) have seen

### 17. Giving advice or suggestion based on the given content. (1 M)

#### Example-1

Your friend is cutting a tree. Advise him not to cut the tree.

#### Example-2

Your uncle smokes a lot. Ask him to give up smoking.

#### Answers

Ex-1: You should not cut trees, they help us.

Ex-2: It's high time, you gave up smoking.

### 18. Change the sentence into a polite request (1 M)

#### Example-1

You to the teacher: 'I want to leave the classroom.'

#### Example-2

You to a stranger at the post - office. 'Give me your pen.'

#### Answers

Ex-1: Would you permit me to leave the class room, please?

Ex-2: Could you please lend me your pen?

### 19. Choose a right phrase from the given text. (1 M)

#### Example-1

Your friend is going on a trip to Delhi. What would you say to him?

**Example-2**

The auto driver gave you your lost certificates. What would you say to him?

**Answers:**

Ex-1: Have a good time

Ex-2: Thank you very much

**20. Identify the appropriate function that the given expression performs. (2 × 1 /2= 1 M)**

**Example-1**

1. Would you mind holding this bag just for a minute.

a) a request b) an order c) a suggestion d) an advice

2. A girl to her friend: 'I am very sorry. I have lost your camera.'

a) suggestion b) permission c) apology d) request

**Answers:** 1. A request 2. Apology

**Example-2**

1. We'd better stay in our garden today.

a) Giving an order b) Giving advice c) Showing an advice d) Expressing an opinion

2. He may take your advice.

a) Giving permission b) Giving advice c) Expressing possibility

d) Making a suggestion

**Answers:**

1. Expressing an opinion

## 2. Expressing possibility