

UP Board Class 12 English 2026 (Set 316 BW) Question Paper



General Instructions

- (i) This question paper contains 12 questions. All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) It comprises 5 single-correct multiple-choice questions.
- (iii) Attempt every question; detailed solutions are provided in the companion solutions booklet.

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: A stout lady was walking with her basket down the middle of a street in Petrograd, to the great confusion of the traffic and with no small peril to herself. It was pointed out to her that the pavement was the place for foot passengers, but she replied, "I'm going to walk where I like. We have got liberty now." It did not occur to the dear old lady that if liberty entitled the foot-passenger to walk down the middle of the road, it also entitled the cab driver to drive on the pavement, and that the end of such liberty would be universal chaos. Everybody would be getting in everybody else's way and nobody would get anywhere. Individual liberty would have become social anarchy.

a) Why did the old lady not walk on the pavement?

1(b). Read the following passage carefully and answer the question that follows: A stout lady was walking with her basket down the middle of a street in Petrograd, to the great confusion of the traffic and with no small peril to herself. It was pointed out to her that the pavement was the place for foot passengers, but she replied, “I’m going to walk where I like. We have got liberty now.” It did not occur to the dear old lady that if liberty entitled the foot-passenger to walk down the middle of the road, it also entitled the cab driver to drive on the pavement, and that the end of such liberty would be universal chaos. Everybody would be getting in everybody else's way and nobody would get anywhere. Individual liberty would have become social anarchy.

b) What was her interpretation of liberty?

1(c). Read the following passage carefully and answer the question that follows: A stout lady was walking with her basket down the middle of a street in Petrograd, to the great confusion of the traffic and with no small peril to herself. It was pointed out to her that the pavement was the place for foot passengers, but she replied, “I’m going to walk where I like. We have got liberty now.” It did not occur to the dear old lady that if liberty entitled the foot-passenger to walk down the middle of the road, it also entitled the cab driver to drive on the pavement, and that the end of such liberty would be universal chaos. Everybody would be getting in everybody else's way and nobody would get anywhere. Individual liberty would have become social anarchy.

c) Why do you think that she was wrong about individual liberty?

1(d). Read the following passage carefully and answer the question that follows: A stout lady was walking with her basket down the middle of a street in Petrograd, to the great confusion of the traffic and with no small peril to herself. It was pointed out to her that the pavement was the place for foot passengers, but she replied, “I’m going to walk where I like. We have got liberty now.” It did not occur to the dear old lady that if liberty entitled the foot-passenger to walk down the middle of the road, it also entitled the cab driver to drive on the pavement, and that the end of such liberty would be universal chaos. Everybody would be getting in everybody else's way and nobody would get anywhere. Individual liberty would have become social anarchy.

d) What would be the result of this individual liberty?

1(e)(i). Read the following passage carefully and answer the question that follows: A stout lady was walking with her basket down the middle of a street in Petrograd, to the great confusion of the traffic and with no small peril to herself. It was pointed out to her that the pavement was the place for foot passengers, but she replied, “I’m going to walk where I like. We have got liberty now.” It did not occur to the dear old lady that if liberty entitled the foot-passenger to walk down the middle of the road, it also entitled the cab driver to drive on the pavement, and that the end of such liberty would be universal chaos. Everybody would be getting in everybody else's way and nobody would get anywhere. Individual liberty would have become social anarchy.

e) i) Write the opposite for ‘liberty’.

1(e)(ii). Read the following passage carefully and answer the question that follows: A stout lady was walking with her basket down the middle of a street in Petrograd, to the great confusion of the traffic and with no small peril to herself. It was pointed out to her that the pavement was the place for foot passengers, but she replied, “I’m going to walk where I like. We have got liberty now.” It did not occur to the dear old lady that if liberty entitled the foot-passenger to walk down the middle of the road, it also entitled the cab driver to drive on the pavement, and that the end of such liberty would be universal chaos. Everybody would be getting in everybody else's way and nobody would get anywhere. Individual liberty would have become social anarchy.

e) ii) Find out the word from the passage which means ‘danger’.

1(e)(iii). Read the following passage carefully and answer the question that follows: A stout lady was walking with her basket down the middle of a street in Petrograd, to the great confusion of the traffic and with no small peril to herself. It was pointed out to her that the pavement was the place for foot passengers, but she replied, “I’m going to walk where I like. We have got liberty now.” It did not occur to the dear old lady that if liberty entitled the foot-passenger to walk down the middle of the road, it also entitled the cab driver to drive on the pavement, and that the end of such liberty would be universal chaos. Everybody would be getting in everybody else's way and nobody would get anywhere. Individual liberty would have become social anarchy.

e) iii) Rewrite the underlined segment after replacing the word ‘chaos’ with another similar meaning word.

2. Write an article on the following topic in about 100–150 words:
Unemployment in India and its solution

OR

Write an article on the following topic in about 100–150 words: Price rise in our country

OR

Write an article on the following topic in about 100–150 words: The pollution spread by the flood

3. Write a letter to the Chairman of your municipality complaining of the insanitary condition of the locality in which you live and asking him to take necessary steps in the matter.

OR

Write a letter to your friend inviting him to attend your sister's marriage.

4(a). Which of the following underlined words is a synonym of 'industrious'?

- (A) Some workers are going to the temple to repair it.
- (B) He is true to his word.
- (C) He eats tasty food.
- (D) My friend, Ramesh, is hard working.

4(b). Which of the following is a pair of antonyms?

- (A) Lazily — Poorly
 - (B) Secretly — Quietly
 - (C) Rapidly — Slowly
 - (D) Promptly — Quickly
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4(c). 'At one's wits end' means

- (A) to be very witty
 - (B) to confuse others
 - (C) to be completely confused
 - (D) to minimize expenses
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4(d). 'Unable to pay one's debt' is

- (A) beggar
 - (B) insolvent
 - (C) poor
 - (D) borrower
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4(e). Which of the following sentences is correct?

- (A) What is the time in your watch?
 - (B) Ganga is a holy river.
 - (C) He gave me an useful book.
 - (D) He is making a noise.
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5(a). Change into indirect speech: The teacher said to the boys, “Are you happy?”

OR

Change into indirect speech: They said, “Listen to what we say.”

5(b). Combine as directed (into Simple sentence): You must work hard. You will not pass.

OR

Combine as directed (into Complex sentence): It is certain. His friend will help him.

5(c). Transform as directed (into Passive voice): What are you doing in the kitchen?

OR

Transform as directed (into Superlative degree): Bombay is bigger than any other city in India.

5(d). Correct the following sentence: Work hard in English lest you may not fail in this subject.

OR

Correct the following sentence: He had hardly leave the room than it begun to rain.

5(e). Use the following pair of words in sentences of your own to make the difference in their meanings clear: Week — Weak

OR

Use the following pair of words in sentences of your own to make the difference in their meanings clear: Wait — Weight

6. Translate the following passage into English: भारतवर्ष एक महान देश है। इसका अतीत बहुत ही शानदार रहा है। विदेशी आक्रमणकारियों ने इसे लूटने का प्रयास किया। इसकी संस्कृति तथा ज्ञान-विज्ञान को मिटाने का प्रयास किया परन्तु देशप्रेमियों के बलिदान और बहादुरी के कारण वे सफल नहीं हुए। आज भी देश में किसी चीज की कमी नहीं है। यदि दिन दूनी रात चौगुनी बढ़ती हुई जनसंख्या पर नियंत्रण हो जाय, तो देश फिर समृद्ध हो जाएगा। पर्यावरण देश की दूसरी बड़ी समस्या है।

7(a). Why did Rudyard Kipling refuse to be interviewed? (about 40 words)

OR

Why is Sophie jealous of Geoff's silence? (about 40 words)

7(b). What did Rajkumar Shukla do to bring Gandhiji to Champaran? (about 40 words)

OR

What do the inhabitants of Seemapuri do for their survival? (about 40 words)

8. What did Douglas do to overcome his fear of water? (about 80 words)

OR

How did Gandhiji reach Champaran and what did he do there? (about 80 words)

9. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Perhaps the Earth can teach us
as when everything seems dead
and later proves to be alive.

Now I'll count up to twelve
and you keep quiet and I will go.

(a) What lesson can the earth teach us?

9(b). Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Perhaps the Earth can teach us
as when everything seems dead
and later proves to be alive.

Now I'll count up to twelve
and you keep quiet and I will go.

(b) How does the poet interpret the inaction and action on the Earth?

9(c). Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Perhaps the Earth can teach us
as when everything seems dead
and later proves to be alive.

Now I'll count up to twelve
and you keep quiet and I will go.

(c) What remains alive when everything seems to be dead?

10. Write the central idea of the poem: My Mother at Sixty-six

OR

Write the central idea of the poem: A Thing of Beauty

OR

Write the central idea of the poem: A Roadside Stand

11(a). Why do the people in the modern world want to escape? (about 40 words)

OR

What prediction was made at the Tiger King's birth? (about 40 words)

11(b). How is Antarctica the perfect place to study environmental changes? (about 40 words)

OR

Why was Sadao sent to America? (about 40 words)

12. “The battle of Champaran is won.” Explain the statement on the basis of the lesson Indigo.

OR

“The Story Rattrap” is a mixture of entertainment and philosophy. Explain.