

Haryana Board Class 10, 2026 English Question Paper

Time Allowed :3 Hours	Maximum Marks :80	Total questions :38
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General Instructions

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:

1. The paper is divided into Section A and Section B.
2. Section A includes objective-type questions.
3. All questions in Section A are compulsory.
4. Section B includes short answer, and long answer type questions.
5. Answers must be written legibly within the word limit.
6. Use of unfair means or electronic devices is prohibited.
7. Follow the correct format and instructions for each section.

Section - A

1. Fill in the blanks with the correct option.

It ____ just _____ (strike) ten.

- (A) had just struck
- (B) has just struck
- (C) has been just striking
- (D) is just struck

2. Fill in the blank with the correct option.

_____ (smell) something burning.

- (A) am smelling
- (B) was smelling

- (C) smell
 - (D) have been smelling
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3. Which is _____ longest river in India?

- (A) the
 - (B) a
 - (C) an
 - (D) No article
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4. I met him at _____ church.

- (A) No Article
 - (B) the
 - (C) a
 - (D) an
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5. Change the following sentence into indirect speech:

I say to Sheela, "You are my best friend."

- (A) I told Sheela that she was my best friend.
 - (B) I tell Sheela that you are my best friend.
 - (C) I tell Sheela that she is my best friend.
 - (D) I ask Sheela if she is my best friend.
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6. Change the following sentence into indirect speech:

My father said to Reena, "Go and wash your hands."

- (A) My father asked Reena to go and wash your hands.
- (B) My father ordered Reena to go and wash her hands.
- (C) My father told Reena to go and wash your hands.
- (D) My father told Reena if go and wash her hands.

7. The Seagull thought that his wings ----- not support him.

- (A) will
- (B) shall
- (C) must
- (D) would

8. ----- not swim in the river as the current is very fast.

- (A) need
- (B) must
- (C) dare
- (D) would

9. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb.

do not know how -- (drive) a car.

- (A) driving
- (B) drive
- (C) to drive
- (D) none of these

10. ----- (teach) French needs great care.

- (A) teaching
- (B) teach
- (C) to teach
- (D) having

11. Why is he coming here? Do you know this?

- (A) Do you know this why he is coming here?
 - (B) Do you know why he is coming here?
 - (C) Do you know why was he coming here?
 - (D) Do you know why he was coming here?
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12. He is Pradeep. His son won the first position in the poem recitation.

- (A) He is Pradeep who son won the first position in the poem recitation.
 - (B) He is Pradeep whose son won the first position in the poem recitation.
 - (C) He is Pradeep which son won the first position in the poem recitation.
 - (D) He is Pradeep about whom his son won the first position in the poem recitation.
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Section - B

13. Write a letter to the Deputy Commissioner of your city about the nuisance caused by rhesus monkeys in your colony.

14. Write an application to the Principal of your school requesting him to organise an awareness camp on the Right to Education.

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

In life, every man has twin obligations — obligations to his family, to his parents, to his wife and children; and he has an obligation to his people, his community, his country. In a civil and humane society, each man is able to fulfil those obligations according to his own inclinations and abilities. But in a country like South Africa, it was almost impossible for a man of my birth and colour to fulfil both of those obligations.

15(a). Name the chapter from which the extract has been taken.

15(b). What are the twin obligations of a man?

15(c). What type of a society is required to fulfil both obligations?

15(d). Why was it impossible for a black man to fulfil both of the obligations?

15(e). Which word in the passage means the same as 'leaning'?

16(a). What is the central idea of the poem 'Fire and Ice'?

16(b). Why does the boy shake in grief? (The Ball Poem)

16(c). What does the poet compare their branches to in the poem 'The Trees'?

16(d). Who is according to you, really brave in the poem 'The Tale of Custard the Dragon'?
