

# PSEB 12th English Elective Model Test Paper 2026 Question and Solutions

<b>Time Allowed :3 Hours</b>	<b>Maximum Marks :80</b>	<b>Total Questions :</b>
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## General Instructions

**Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:**

1. This question paper is for **Class XII** examination conducted by the **Punjab School Education Board (PSEB)**.
2. The duration of the examination is **3 hours**.
3. The question paper is divided into different sections according to the prescribed syllabus.
4. All questions are compulsory unless stated otherwise.
5. Use of calculators, mobile phones, smart watches, or any other electronic gadgets is **strictly prohibited** inside the examination hall.
6. Figures to the right of the questions indicate full marks.
7. Attempt the questions in the same sequence as given in the question paper.
8. Internal choices, wherever provided, should be attempted carefully.
9. Write your answers neatly and legibly in the answer sheet provided.
10. Draw neat and properly labelled diagrams wherever required.

## PART-A

### 1. OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS:

**A. (Dear to All The Muses)**

**(i). Where did the author's grandmother go each Friday?**

- (A) To her friend
- (B) To book seller
- (C) To a lending library
- (D) To the market

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**ii. What is the ferocious eye of summer?**

- (A) Moon
  - (B) Sun
  - (C) Mercury
  - (D) Snake
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iii. Who is the author of the lesson 'The Heritage of India'?

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**B.(The Literary Petals)**

iv. The story 'After Twenty Years' is full of \_\_\_\_\_.

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v. What kind of poem is 'The Tree Fell Down'?

- (A) Satirical
  - (B) Tragic
  - (C) Ballad
  - (D) Lyrical
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vi. Who were the sons of Madri?

- (A) Yudhishtira and Duryodhana
  - (B) Nakula and Sahadeva
  - (C) Sakuni and Bhima
  - (D) Nakula and Arjuna
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**C.(Select One -Act Plays/ Novel-Pride And Prejudice**

vii. How much loan does Louis Courcet want from his aunt?

- (A) Twenty pounds
- (B) Ten pounds

- (C) Fifteen pounds
  - (D) Thirteen pounds
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**OR**

**vii. Who was Wickham?(Pride and Prejudice)**

- (A) A cook in the army
  - (B) An officer in the army
  - (C) A clerk in the army
  - (D) A waiter
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**viii. Who was given the prize money in the end?**

- (A) The little boy
  - (B) The Sheriff
  - (C) The pedlar
  - (D) The Inn-keeper
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**OR**

**viii. Where did the Bennet family live?**

- (A) At Manchester
  - (B) At Edinburgh
  - (C) At Longbourn
  - (D) At Meryton
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**D. GRAMMAR:**

**ix. Tagore's father founded a school. (Change the Voice)**

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x. The man said, "The bird has flown." (Change the Narration)

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**PART-B**  
**BOOK- DEAR TO ALL THE MUSES**

2. (a) Read the seen passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

**Passage:**

In my grandmother's room, the books were lying down; she used to borrow them from a lending-library and I never saw more than two at a time. These trashy works reminded me of New Year sweetmeats because their shiny flexible covers seemed to be cut of glazed paper, bright, white, almost new; they served as an excuse for petty mysteries. Each Friday, my grandmother would get dressed to go out and say, "I'm going to take them back." When she returned, and had taken off her black hat and her veil, she would take them out of her muff and I would wonder mystified: are they the same one?

(i) What are the trashy works referred to in the passage?

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(ii) When would the grandmother go out?

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(iii) What would the grandmother do on returning home?

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(iv) Match the words under column 'A' with their meanings given under column 'B':

**Column A**

borrow  
mystified  
petty  
puzzled

**Column B**

useless  
to take on loan  
easily moulded

small

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(v) Fill in the blanks with suitable words:

(a) The book is covered with \_\_\_\_\_ paper.

(b) She made a lame \_\_\_\_\_.

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(vi) Find one word for the given expression from the passage:

(a) Which can be easily bent without breaking.

(b) Bright and always new.

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2. (b) (i) How does the writer heighten the effect of barrenness and solitude of the deserted villages?

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(ii) What realization dawned upon the author on the second day?

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(iii) What does the author suggest was Gandhi's achievement? How has that affected the Hindu way of life?

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(iv) Why did books give Sartre a feeling of emotional stability?

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(v) Who won the election? What was the secret of his success?

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**PART-C**  
**BOOK- THE LITERARY PETALS**

3. (a) (i) How was Guru Tegh Bahadur's body cremated?

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3. (a) (i) [OR] What kind of bridge has been built over the river Lunda?

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3. (a) (ii) Why did Jimmy Wells not personally arrest Bob?

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3. (a) (ii) [OR] How did the King react to Vidura's advice?

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3. (a) (iii) How has the poet been fascinated by the rainbow through his manhood?

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3. (a) (iii) [OR] What does the poet want to sing of as a tribute to his motherland?

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3. (a) (iv) How does the poet react to the sadness of his counter-part?

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3. (a) (iv) [OR] Who have gone 'for hours'? When are they expected to come back?

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3. (b) Give a brief character-sketch of Johny Ford.  
(Attacked by Pit-Bulls)

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3. (b) [OR] Write a pen-portrait of Nathu Ram, the sweeper boy.  
(The Boy Who Broke the Bank)

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4. Explain with reference to the context:

“The quality of mercy is not strain’d.  
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven  
Upon the place beneath: it is twice blest:  
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes.”

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4. [OR] Explain with reference to the context:

“Every virtue requires today  
A fancy dress; the cassock is  
The priests’ main virtue, the clever  
Politician dons a saint’s mean  
Apparel.”

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4. [OR] What is the central idea conveyed in the poem ‘The World Today is Wild with the Delirium of Hatred’?

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4. [OR] Write in your own words the summary of the poem ‘The Song of India’.

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**PART-D**

**(SELECT ONE-ACT PLAYS/ NOVEL- PRIDE AND PREJUDICE)**

5. (i) Give in your own words a character-sketch of Louis Courcet.  
(The Miracle Merchant)

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5. (i) [OR] Give a character-sketch of the Convict.  
(The Bishop's Candlesticks)

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5. (ii) Narrate in your own words the theme of the play "The Monkey's Paw".

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5. (ii) [OR] Write a short note on the theme of the play "The King's Warrant".

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**OR**

**(NOVEL- PRIDE AND PREJUDICE)**

5. (i) Give a brief character-sketch of Elizabeth Bennet.  
(Novel – Pride and Prejudice)

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5. (i) [OR] Give a brief character-sketch of Mr. Collins.  
(Novel – Pride and Prejudice)

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5. (ii) Write a short note on the theme of the novel 'Pride and Prejudice'.

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5. (ii) [OR] Give a brief account of Elizabeth and Darcy's love affair.

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**PART E**  
**(COMPOSITION AND GRAMMAR)**

6. (i) My Aim in Life

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6. (ii) The Value of Good Health

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6. (iii) Child Labour

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6. (iv) The Value of Discipline

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6. (v) Pleasure of Reading

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7. (i) Change the Voice:

- (a) Wild dogs were killing pets.
  - (b) I know a sweeper-boy.
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7. (ii) Change the Narration:

- (a) He said to me, "How are you?"
  - (b) The Conjuror said, "I will show you trick now."
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7. (iii) Combine the two sentences into one using linkers:

- (a) The audience began to think this. He was a wonderful man.
  - (b) He had lost his jewels. He sat back in his seat in silent rage.
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7. (iv) Fill in the blanks with suitable Modals:

- (a) Sakuni saw that he \_\_\_\_\_ be roused again to anger.
  - (b) He was just afraid that it \_\_\_\_\_ happen.
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7. (v) Transform the sentences as directed:

- (a) He came \_\_\_\_\_ (sweep) the steps. (Use To-Infinitive)
  - (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (read) improves the mind. (Use Gerund)
  - (c) Sakuni defeated the Pandavas \_\_\_\_\_ (clever). (Use Adverb)
  - (d) He picked up the \_\_\_\_\_ (tear) pieces of paper. (Use Past Participle)
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8. Translate the following paragraph into English:

(Punjabi Passage)

ਧੰਨ ਜੀਵਨ ਵਿਚ ਸਭ ਤੋਂ ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਵਸਤੂ ਹੈ। ਧਨ ਦੀ ਘਾਟ ਮਨੁੱਖ ਨੂੰ ਜੀਵਨ ਦੇ ਬਹੁਤ ਸਾਰੇ ਸੁੱਖਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਵਾਂਝਾ ਕਰ ਦਿੰਦੀ ਹੈ। ਧੰਨ ਦੀ ਘਾਟ ਦਾ ਅਰਥ ਹੈ ਰੋਗ, ਅਗਿਆਨਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਕਰੂਪਤਾ। ਮੇਰੇ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਵਿਚ ਸੰਸਾਰ ਦੀ ਸਭ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਡੀ ਬੁਰਾਈ ਗਰੀਬੀ ਹੈ। ਜਦੋਂ ਤੱਕ ਅਸੀਂ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਜੜ ਤੋਂ ਉਖਾੜ ਕੇ ਨਹੀਂ ਸੁੱਟਦੇ, ਅਸੀਂ ਸੰਸਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਸੁੱਖੀ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਦੀ ਆਸ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ।

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8. [OR] Translate the following paragraph into English:

(Hindi Passage)

धन जीवन में सबसे महत्वपूर्ण वस्तु है। धन का अभाव मनुष्य को जीवन के बहुत से सुखों से वंचित कर देता है। धन के अभाव का अर्थ है रोग, अज्ञानता तथा कुरूपता। मेरे विचार में संसार की सबसे बड़ी बुराई गरीबी है। जब तक हम इसे जड़ से उखाड़ नहीं फेंकते, हम संसार को सुखी बनाने की आशा नहीं कर सकते।

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**Note: (A special question in lieu of translation for foreign students only)**

**8:**

**Write a paragraph on the following topic: An Indian Fair**

India – country of villages - fair and festivals – live in passion - fairs held when farmers – freeworks day and night - in scorching heat - extreme cold - several fairs - baisakhi - villagers -dressed in colourful - people throng – wrestling matches – kabbadi - counter challenges - bets -won and lost – sweets shops - bangles and magic shows - merry go rounds - minni circus - stalls- horse races - bear dances - happy memories - a new lease of life.

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**8: [OR]**

**Write a paragraph on the following topic: Railway Journey**

A rail journey-tickets-platform – interesting study of men and manners – thrilling experience -chance to travel - crowded -going for holiday - high spirits - cracked many jokes -heartly laugh -in mood to enjoy life - impressed -annoyed - zigzag-scenery - beautiful-valleys - charming -small stations - wayside scenes - reached – cherished memories

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