



**Gujarat Secondary and Higher Secondary Board,
Gandhinagar
Std. 10 English (FL) (04)
Annual Exam 2025-26**

Time: 3 Hours

ગુજરાતી અને અંગ્રેજી

Total Marks: 80

- [1] There are 5 Sections in this question paper.
- [2] Figures to the right indicate full marks.
- [3] Read the instructions carefully before answering the questions.
- [4] Number the answers correctly,
- [5] Write in legible handwriting.

SECTION : A

- Read the following paragraph and select the correct answer from the options, given below. [02]

The ceremonies took place in the lovely sandstone amphitheatre formed by the Union Buildings in Pretoria. For decades this had been the seat of white supremacy, and now it was the site of a rainbow gathering of different colours and nations for the installation of South Africa's first democratic, non-racial government. On that lovely autumn day I was accompanied by my daughter Zenani. On the podium, Mr. de Klerk was first sworn in as second deputy president. Then Thabo Mbeki was sworn in as first deputy president. When it was my turn, I pledged to obey and uphold the Constitution and to devote myself to the wellbeing of the Republic and its people.

1. Which of the following is true ?
 - (A) The world was unaware of the ceremony.
 - (B) Only people of South Africa witnessed the event.
 - (C) Mr. de Klerk first sworn in as first deputy president.
 - (D) It was going to be South Africa's first democratic non-racial government.
2. Choose a word from the passage that means 'support'.
 - (A) supremacy (B) outlaws (C) sworn (D) uphold

- Read the following paragraph and answer the questions. [03]

"Anne Frank, as punishment for talking in class, write an essay entitled - 'Quack, Quack, Quack, Said Mistress Chatterbox', The class roared. I had to laugh too, though I'd nearly exhausted my ingenuity on the topic of chatterboxes. It was time to come up with something else, something original. My friend, Sanne, who's good at poetry, offered to help me write the essay from beginning to end in verse and I jumped for joy. Mr Keesing was trying to play a joke on me with this ridiculous subject, but I'd make sure the joke was on him.

Questions:

3. What was the topic of the essay that Anne had to write ?
4. Mention Anne's speciality.
5. How was Mr. Keesing trying to play joke on Anne ?
- Fill in the blanks choosing the correct words given in the bracket.

Write only the answers.

[05]

[ledge, nightfall, pretended, ascending, hidden]

The sun was now ____6____ the sky, blazing on his ____7____ that faced the south. He felt the heat because he had not eaten since the previous ____8____. He stepped slowly out to the brink of the ledge, and standing on one leg with the other leg ____9____ under his wing, he closed one eye, then the other, and ____10____ to be falling asleep. Still they took no notice of him.

Answer any Three of the following questions in five to six sentences each. [06]

11. Describe the narrator's experience as he flew the aeroplane into the storm.
12. Why does the postmaster send money to Lencho and sign the letter 'God' ?
13. What does KisaGotami understand the second time that she failed to understand the first time ?
14. Bread making is still popular in Goa. Explain with reference to 'A Baker from Goa'.
15. What things does Mij do which tell you that he is an intelligent, friendly and fun-loving animal who needs love ?

SECTION-B

- Read the following verse and answer the questions, given below :

[03]

Don't bite your nails, Amanda !
Don't hunch your shoulders, Amanda !
Stop that slouching and sit up straight, Amanda !
(There is a languid, emerald sea,
where the sole inhabitant is me
- a mermaid, drifting blissfully.)

Questions:

16. How many voices are there in the lines ?
 17. Who do you think are the speakers ?
 18. What emotion is experienced by the mermaid ?
 - Select the correct figure of speech from the options, given below.
- [02]
19. He hears the last voice at night, the patrolling cars.
(A) Personification (B) Alliteration
(C) Onomatopoeia (D) Euphemism
 20. Some say the world will end in fire Some say in ice.
(A) Alliteration and Transferred Epithet
(B) Euphemism and Climax
(C) Anticlimax and Simile
(D) Alliteration and Antithesis

- Answer Any Three of the following questions in five to six sentences each. [06]

21. What is 'dust of snow' ? How has it changed the poet's mood ?
22. Contrast tiger's situation inside and outside the zoo.
23. Why does the poet say, 'I would not intrude on him' ? Why doesn't he offer him money to buy another ball ?
24. Comment on the central idea of the poem 'The Trees.'
25. Why did Custard cry for a nice safe cage ? Why is the dragon called "cowardly dragon" ?

- Read the passage and answer the questions.

[03]

Bholi was seven years old when Mangla was married. The same year a primary school for girls was opened in their village. The Tehsildar sahib came to perform its opening ceremony. He said to Ramlal, "As a revenue official you are the representative of the government in the village and so you must set an example to the villagers. You must send your daughters to school. That night when Ramlal consulted his wife, she cried, "Are you crazy ? If girls go to school, who will marry them ?"

Questions :

26. When was the primary school opened ?
27. What suggestion did Tehsildar sahib give ?
28. How did Ramlal's wife react ?

- Read the passage and answer the questions.

[02]

The entire staff was roused and maids rushed in and out bringing his day bed, his night bed, favourite cushions, toys and rubber rings, breakfast bowl, lunch bowl, supper bowl. Realising that my car would never hold all the stuff, I started to drive away. As I moved off, Mrs. Pumphrey, with a despairing cry, threw an armful of the little coats through the window. I looked in the mirror before I turned the corner of the drive; everybody was in tears.

Questions :

29. Mention the activities of the entire staff.
30. Why did the writer drive away ?

SECTION-C

Rectify the errors.

[04]

	Error	Correction
No one is borne hating another person because on the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religious. People must learn on hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love.	31. _____	_____
	32. _____	_____
	33. _____	_____
	34. _____	_____

Punctuate the following passage appropriately.

[02]

35 I have been reading as much as I could about tea, 36 Rajvir said. "37 no one really knows who discovered tea but there are many legends 38 "

Fill in the blanks with proper article/s, conjunction/s and preposition/s. Write only the answers. [whether, when, on, a,]

[04]

Paper has more patience than people. I thought of this saying 39 one of those days 40 I was feeling 41 little depressed and was sitting at home with my chin in my hands, bored and listless, wondering 42 to stay in or go out. I finally stayed where I was, brooding :

43. Convert the following into indirect form of narration.

[03]

"It's not true! I'll prove it!" Natalya said.

Chubukov: "What's the matter? What are you shouting for?"

Natalya: "Take it to court! We'll see!"

- Do as directed.

[05]

44. The sight of the food maddened him. [Select the correct Exclamatory sentence]

- (A) Why the sight of the food maddened him !
- (B) How the sight of the food maddened him !
- (C) Alas ! the sight of the food maddened him.
- (D) The sight of the food really maddened him !

45. I hope it passes quickly. [Select the correct Question-tag]

- (A) I hope it passes quickly, didn't I ?
- (B) I hope it passes quickly, don't I ?
- (C) I hope it passes quickly, doesn't it ?
- (D) I hope it passes quickly, didn't it ?

46. Bread making is still popular in Goa. [Select the correct Interrogative sentence]

- (A) Isn't bread making still popular in Goa ?
- (B) Has bread making still popular in Goa ?
- (C) Wasn't bread making still popular in Goa ?
- (D) Doesn't bread making is popular in Goa still ?

47. The young seagull was too afraid to fly. [Select the correct sentence without 'too']

- (A) The young Seagull was so afraid that he could fly.
- (B) The young Seagull was so afraid that he couldn't fly.
- (C) The young Seagull was very afraid to fly.
- (D) The young Seagull was so afraid to fly.

48. His first flight had been made by him. [Select the correct Active voice]

- (A) He has made his first flight.
- (B) He made his first flight.
- (C) He had made his first flight.
- (D) His first flight was made by him.

SECTION-D

- Read the following passages and answer the questions given below. [04]

Attach the mind with the Lord, but the mind races very swiftly like a horse that is difficult, yet not impossible, to control. Arjun confesses, the mind is fickle. The student who didn't notice anything else except the bird's eye, such a steadfast person says, the mind is fickle ! We need to then, certainly understand its solution.

The solution to this lies in 'Abhyaas' (practice) Abhyas means (चित्तस्यसर्वतः समाहृत्यपुनः पुनः स्थापनम् अभ्यासः) Steadfast concentration of the mind on one focal point; thereby persistently engaging in the same activity with unwavering effort. Through consistent study of a subject, concentration improves. Today's lesson may not be grasped immediately in its entirety, but with repeated reading and understanding, with thorough study, it is understood, yielding the desired results in exams. Such is the significance of practice. Abhyaas is paramount to accomplish any pursuit.

Questions :

- Why does Arjun confess that the mind is fickle ?
- Mention the importance of 'Abhyaas' (Practice)

नैनं छिन्दन्ति शस्त्राणि नैनं दहति पावकः ।

न चैनं क्लेदयन्त्यापो न शोषयति मारुतः ॥ (२.२३)

(Meaning : The soul can never be cut into pieces by any weapon, nor can it be burned by fire, nor moistened by water, nor withered by the wind.)

The heroes who embraced the teachings of the Bhagvad Gita sacrificed their lives for our Motherland, chanting the slogans "Bharatmata ki Jai". Even if one was hanged until death, many other brave hearts would arise from the same vicinity to lay down their lives for the freedom of the nation. One such courageous hero was Khudiram Bose, born on 3rd December, 1889. In the Midinapur district of West Bengal. Drawing strength from the Bhagvad Gita, he sacrificed his life in the freedom struggle at the mere age of 19. He was a leading participant in the Bang Bhang movement and was hanged in Muzzaffarpur in 1908. Shrimad Bhagavad Gita was in his hands when he was hanged, imbibing the idea of immortality described in this sacred book.

Questions :

- Mention any two qualities of the soul described here.
- How did the heroes who embraced the teachings of the Bhagvad Gita display their patriotism?

OR

- Read the following poem and answer the questions,
WEAVERS, weaving at break of day,
Why do you weave a garment so gay ? . . .
Blue as the wing of a halcyon wild,
We weave the robes of a new-born child.

Weavers, weaving at fall of night,
 Why do you weave a garment so bright ? . . .
 Like the plumes of a peacock, purple and green,
 We weave the marriage-veils of a queen.

Questions :

49. What is the mood of the weavers in the morning ?
50. To what is the new born child's robe compared ?
51. How is the garment in the night ?
52. List the colours mentioned in the poem.
53. You are Saumya Amodia. Make a diary entry of your two day's visit to your friend's village. [04]

OR

53. A famous cricketer visited your school. You are the sports secretary of your school. Write at least four dialogues which you used to interview him/her.
54. You are the owner of a gymnasium. Prepare an impressive advertisement for the promotion of your fitness centre. [04]

OR

54. You are the secretary of the recreation club of your school. The annual day celebration of the school is to be held next month. Write a notice for the school display board in this reference.

OR

54. Your school is organizing a health awareness camp. Prepare an attractive poster for the same.

SECTION-E

55. You observed a rescue operation during flood in a river in Himachal Pradesh. Write a report based on your observation. [04]
56. Write an email to the editor of "The Times of India" on the need of a city library with Wi-fi facilities for students. [06]

OR

56. You visited your friend's painting-exhibition last week. Write a letter to your uncle describing your experiences of the same.
57. Write an essay on any One of the following in about 200 words. [08]
 - (A) Importance of sports in Education
 [various subjects-sports-benefits-fitness and health]
 - (B) Power of Press and Media
 [powerful medium of communication-uses-misuses-your opinion]

OR

57. Write a story in about 200 words based on the inputs given below :
 The illiterate boy - caught for pick pocketing -sent to juvenile prison-forced to do lessons-becomes sullen rebellious-watches French comic film on T.V. during recreation hour-requested for coaching classes-a French tourist guide today

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ધોરણ-10

વિષય :- URDU (FL)

માસવાર અભ્યાસક્રમનું આયોજન શૈક્ષણિક વર્ષ: 2025-26

ક્રમ	માસ	પ્રકાશન નામ	અભ્યાસક્રમ	નિર્ધારિત-અભ્યાસ અર્થક્રમ	તારીખ
1	જૂન	1. કલોલા નંકમ - 2. ઘર - મુદા હલો દરબાર -	મહેત્તી પત્રી મહેત્તી પત્રી	આરંભ પત્રી નંકમ પત્રી	19
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4	સપ્ટેમ્બર	આરંભ પત્રી ઘર નંકમ : ઓરડી ઘર - આંખી / આંખી	આરંભ પત્રી આરંભ પત્રી	આરંભ પત્રી આરંભ પત્રી	25
5	ઓક્ટોબર	ઘર નંકમ : આંખી / આંખી ઘર - આંખી / આંખી	આરંભ પત્રી આરંભ પત્રી	આરંભ પત્રી આરંભ પત્રી	12
6	નવેમ્બર	આરંભ પત્રી / આંખી આરંભ પત્રી / આંખી	આરંભ પત્રી આરંભ પત્રી	આરંભ પત્રી આરંભ પત્રી	21
7	ડિસેમ્બર	આરંભ પત્રી : આંખી / આંખી આરંભ પત્રી : આંખી / આંખી	આરંભ પત્રી આરંભ પત્રી	આરંભ પત્રી આરંભ પત્રી	26
8	જાન્યુઆરી	આરંભ પત્રી - આંખી	આરંભ પત્રી	આરંભ પત્રી	25
9	ફેબ્રુઆરી	આરંભ પત્રી - આંખી	આરંભ પત્રી	આરંભ પત્રી	24
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