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# ISC Class 12 English Language Guess Paper 2027

Time: 3 hours · Maximum marks: 80 · 21 questions

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## Section 1

Question 1 - Composition [20]. Write a composition (approximately 400-450 words) on ANY ONE of the following six subjects.

**Q1.** Write a composition (in approximately 400-450 words) on any one of the following subjects. 20 marks
(i) As part of the school annual trip, you were taken on a jungle safari. You explored the beauty and wilderness of nature for the first time in an open jeep. Describe the thrilling sights you saw, sounds you heard and the smells of the jungle that caught your attention. How did this entire experience change your perspective about nature?

**Q2.** Write a composition (in approximately 400-450 words) on any one of the following subjects. 20 marks
(ii) You and your classmate were selected to represent your school at an inter school sports competition. However, both of you had stopped talking to each other due to a misunderstanding in the past. Narrate what had caused the misunderstanding and your initial reaction on being part of the same team. Elaborate on the efforts you made to resolve the differences and thereby renewed your friendship.

**Q3.** Write a composition (in approximately 400-450 words) on any one of the following subjects. 20 marks
(iii) Tourism results in loss of local culture and tradition. Argue either FOR or AGAINST the topic.

**Q4.** Write a composition (in approximately 400-450 words) on any one of the following subjects. 20 marks
(iv) Magic

**Q5.** Write a composition (in approximately 400-450 words) on any one of the following subjects. 20 marks
(v) Happiness is a state of mind. Present your reflections on this statement.

**Q6.** Write a composition (in approximately 400-450 words) on any one of the following subjects. 20 marks
(vi) Write an original short story that begins with the following words:
It was a familiar voice, and this could only mean that....

## Section 2(i)

Question 2 (i) - Directed writing [15] (250-300 words; feature article, review, newspaper report, blog or statement of purpose), using ALL the points given. Compulsory.

**Q7.** Write a feature article in about 300 words, to be published in your school magazine on the topic 'The Importance of Sports'. Your article must use the guidelines given below: 15 marks

Inculcates discipline - builds teamwork - has health benefits - develops leadership qualities - leads to character building - provides career options

## Section 2(ii)

Question 2 (ii) - Proposal writing [10] (about 150 words: title, introduction, objectives, list of measures, conclusion). Compulsory.

**Q8.** As president of the Student Council of your school, you wish to organise an exhibition on 'The History of India'. Write a proposal in not more than 150 words, stating the steps you would take to make it a success. 10 marks

## Section 3

Question 3 - Grammar [15]. Answer subparts (i), (ii) and (iii): (i) rewrite five sentences according to the instructions in brackets (1 mark each); (ii) phrasal verbs - ten items (5); (iii) fill in the blanks in a passage with the appropriate form of the verb (5).

**Q9.** Rewrite the following sentence according to the instruction given after it in brackets. 1 mark

As soon as he wakes up, he reads the newspaper.
(Begin: No sooner .....)

**Q10.** Rewrite the following sentence according to the instruction given after it in brackets. 1 mark

Sunita is the best debater in our team.
(Begin: No other .....)

**Q11.** Rewrite the following sentence according to the instruction given after it in brackets. 1 mark

Rajani was writing a long essay.
(End: ..... Rajani.)

**Q12.** Rewrite the following sentence according to the instruction given after it in brackets. 1 mark

The doctor said to the elderly lady, "Will you be able to follow the schedule for taking medicines every day?"
(Begin: The doctor asked .....)

**Q13.** Rewrite the following sentence according to the instruction given after it in brackets. 1 mark

I don't know Helen very much; nevertheless, I like her.
(Begin: In spite of .....)

**Q14.** Replace the INCORRECT underlined words (shown in [brackets]) to make the following sentences meaningful and grammatically correct. Do not copy the sentences. 5 marks

(a) He gave [up] most of his money to a charitable institution.
(b) The authorities are showing signs of giving [away] to the workers' demands.
(c) We need to cut [up] the article to five hundred words.
(d) After a few months, he realised he was not cut [in] for the job.
(e) I handed [on] the application for the visa to the officer.
(f) The athlete in the relay race handed [in] the baton to the next runner.
(g) I am surprised you fell [by] that simple trick.
(h) Our plan to start a new project fell [down] due to lack of financial support.
(i) The coach tried to bring [about] the best in every player.
(j) The teacher brought [on] an important matter for discussion with the parents.

**Q15.** Fill in the blanks in the passage given below with the appropriate form of the verb given in brackets. Do not write the passage but write the verbs in the correct order. 5 marks

A large notice on the window of a shop _____ (1) (announce) a big sale, with sweeping reductions, _____ (2) (start) at 9:00 a.m. An enormous queue had _____ (3) (begin) to form by 7:30 a.m.
Just before the shop was about to open, an inconspicuous little man _____ (4) (walk) to the beginning of the queue. Angry customers _____ (5) (elbow) and pushed him until he was right at the back of the line. Undaunted, the little man _____ (6) (go) to the start of the queue again.
Once more, he was _____ (7) (shove) unceremoniously to the back. This time he _____ (8) (receive) a few smacks on the face and a couple of thumps from umbrellas wielded by those in the queue.
The little man walked to one side of the queue and said, "If that _____ (9) (be) your attitude, I won't open the shop at all today. We can all go home, if you continue to _____ (10) (behave) like this."

## Section 4

Question 4 - Comprehension [20] on a passage of about 700 words: (i)(a) find single words from the passage [3]; (i)(b) same word with a different meaning [3]; (ii) three short answers in your own words [2 each]; (iii) summary of specified paragraphs in about 100 words [8]. NOTE: the exam passage is always unseen, so passages are not reproduced here; the items below show the task types that recur (taken from past passages, named in [context]). Practise them on any past-paper passage.

**Q16.** [context: passage adapted from 'Ruthless' by William Churchill DeMille - possessive Judson Webb poisons his half-empty grape juice to punish a thief, then slips, is knocked out, and is revived with that same juice] 3 marks

Find a single word from the passage that will exactly replace the underlined word or words (shown in [brackets]) in the following sentences.
(1) [Extremely old] tools were found in the excavation site.
(2) There was something [cold and dangerous] about the look in his eyes.
(3) The video was [stopped for a while] when she went to answer the phone.

**Q17.** [context: passage adapted from 'Ruthless' by William Churchill DeMille - possessive Judson Webb poisons his half-empty grape juice to punish a thief, then slips, is knocked out, and is revived with that same juice] 3 marks

For each of the words given below, choose the correct sentence that uses the same word unchanged in spelling, but with a different meaning from that which it carries in the passage.

(1) glass (line 10)

(A) I wear glasses while driving.

(B) He drank a big glass of water as he was very thirsty.

(C) Exotic flowers are grown in this glass-house.

(D) I cut myself on a piece of broken glass.

(2) right (line 38)

(A) The Right to Information Act empowers the public.

(B) M.S. Dhoni is a fabulous right-handed batsman.

(C) Go ahead and turn right to reach the library.

(D) Our constitution defines our rights and duties.

(3) table (line 49)

(A) There is a table of contents at the beginning of this book.

(B) I left the assignments on your table.

(C) They have tabled a motion for debate at the next conference.

(D) The tables have turned in his favour after he won the lottery.

**Q18.** [context: passage adapted from 'My Financial Career' by Stephen Leacock - a nervous narrator tries to open a bank account with fifty-six dollars, accidentally withdraws it all, and never banks again] 2 marks

Answer briefly in your own words: With reference to the passage, explain the meaning of the expression 'I had burned my boats'.

**Q19.** [context: passage adapted from 'My Financial Career' by Stephen Leacock - a nervous narrator tries to open a bank account with fifty-six dollars, accidentally withdraws it all, and never banks again] 2 marks

Answer briefly in your own words: Cite any two instances of the behaviour of the bank employees that indicate the insignificance of a deposit of fifty-six dollars.

**Q20.** [context: passage adapted from 'My Financial Career' by Stephen Leacock - a nervous narrator tries to open a bank account with fifty-six dollars, accidentally withdraws it all, and never banks again] 2 marks

Answer briefly in your own words: Why do you think the people in the bank thought of the narrator as an "invalid millionaire"?

**Q21.** [context: passage adapted from 'Ruthless' by William Churchill DeMille - possessive Judson Webb poisons his half-empty grape juice to punish a thief, then slips, is knocked out, and is revived with that same juice] 8 marks

Summarise the actions that led to Judson Webb falling into his own trap (paragraphs 8 to 10). You are required to write the summary in the form of a connected passage in about 100 words.

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