

ASSEB Class 11 English Solved Question Paper 2025

(Erstwhile AHSEC)

Full Marks: 90, **Pass Marks:** 27, **Time:** 3 Hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

SECTION A: Reading

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

1. The New Year is a time for resolutions. Mentally, at least, most of us could compile formidable lists of do's, and don'ts. (The same old favourites recur year in and year out with monotonous regularity. We resolve to get up earlier each morning, eat less, find more time to play with the children, do a thousand and one jobs about the house, be nice to people we don't like, drive carefully and take the dog for a walk every day. Past experience has taught us that certain accomplishments are beyond attainment. If we remain deep-rooted liars, it is only because we have so often experienced the frustration that results from failure.

2. Most of us fail in our efforts at self-improvement because our schemes are too ambitious and we never have time to carry them out. We also make the fundamental error of announcing our resolutions to everybody so that we look even more foolish when we slip back into our bad old ways. Aware of these pitfalls, this year I attempted to keep my resolutions to myself. I limited myself to two modest ambitions: to do physical exercise every morning and to read more every evening. An all-night party on New Year's Eve provided me with a good excuse for not carrying out either of these new resolutions on the first day of the year, but on the second, I applied myself assiduously to the task.

3. The daily exercise lasted only eleven minutes and I proposed to do them early in the morning before anyone had got up. The self-discipline required to drag myself out of bed eleven minutes earlier than usual was considerable. Nevertheless, I managed to creep down into the living-room for two days before anyone found me out. After jumping about on the carpet and twisting the human frame into uncomfortable positions, I sat down at the breakfast table in an exhausted condition. It was this that betrayed me. The next morning the whole family trooped in to watch the performance. That was really upsetting but I fended off the taunts and jibes of the family good humouredly and soon everybody got used to the idea. However, my enthusiasm waned, the time I spent at exercise gradually diminished. Little by little the eleven minutes fell to zero. By 10th January, I was back to where I had started from. I argued that if I spent less time exhausting myself at exercise in the morning, I would keep my mind fresh for reading when I got home from work. Resisting the hypnotizing effect of television, I sat in my room for a few evenings with my eyes glued to a book. One night, however, feeling cold and lonely, I went downstairs and sat in front of the television pretending to read. That proved to be my undoing, for I soon got back to the old habit of dozing off in front of the screen. I still haven't given up my resolution to do more reading. In fact, I have just bought a book entitled 'How to Read a Thousand Words a Minute'. Perhaps it will solve my problem, but I just haven't had time to read it.

Questions:

- (a) What is a time for resolution? (1)
- (b) What, according to the writer, past experiences of resolution have taught us? (1)
- (c) What are the same old resolutions that we take? (2)
- (d) Why do most of us fail in our efforts at self-improvement? (2)
- (e) How long did the writer's exercise last? (1).
- (f) What are the two modest ambitions that the writer limited himself with? (2)
- (g) What argument does the writer give for spending less time in exercising? (1)
- (h) Pick out the words from the passage that mean the following: (1×2=2)
 - (i) Achievements Accomplishments
 - (ii) Humble – Modest

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

1. Social media is a medium for communication and content creation, allowing users to share information, opinions, ideas, and much more. Social media is the communal interaction among people in which they create, share or exchange information and ideas in virtual communities. It is the basic need and quality of human beings to be social. The current generation is fortunate enough to witness some of the most amazing technological developments ever in history. Social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and more are giving people a chance to connect with each other across distances. In other words, the whole world is at our fingertips, all thanks to social media. The youth is especially one of the most dominant users of social media.

2. Social media has transformed how we connect. Due to busy lives and geographical distances, people now rely on technology to maintain relationships. Social networking sites and apps have revolutionized communication by allowing users to share information and ideas globally through interactive platforms. These sites, accessible from desktops, laptops, and mobile phones, are popular due to their features and ease of use. Social media is an excellent educational tool. All the information one requires is just a click away. Students can educate themselves on various topics using social media. Moreover, live lectures are now possible because of social media. One can attend a lecture happening in America while sitting in India. One is always updated on the latest happenings of the world through it. It has the potential to increase public awareness of a range of societal issues. Distance is not a barrier anymore because of social media. Most importantly, it also provides a great platform for young budding artists to showcase their talent for free. One can get great opportunities for employment through social media too. As a result of

the quick rise and extension of digital marketing, social media has played an essential part in this expansion. People may learn a great deal and stay up-to-date with the newest news worldwide by utilizing this.

3. But there is always a drawback to every good that comes with it, no matter how beneficial it is. Social media has caused addiction to users. If the use of social media is not monitored, it can lead to grave consequences. It is harmful because it invades one's privacy like never before. Users of social media are becoming victims of fraudulent and online scams that seem to be genuine. It also leads to cyberbullying which affects any person significantly. Students, too, are exceedingly active on social media sites these days, limiting them from academic as well as outdoor activities, which hampers with their academic performance. Social media also creates communal rifts. Fake news is spread with the use of it, which poisons the mind of peace-loving citizens.

4. Social media, thus, has both advantages and disadvantages. But it all depends on the user at the end. The youth must particularly create a balance between their academic performances, physical activities, and social media. Excess use of anything is harmful and the same thing applies to social media too. Therefore, by managing the social media habits and focusing on real-life interactions, one can enjoy the benefits of social media without letting it overwhelm their lives.

Questions:

(a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it and add a suitable title.(5)

(b) Make a summary of the above passage in about 80 words. (3)

SECTION B: Writing

3. (Any One)

(a) You are arranging an Educational Tour to Tezpur in the last week of April. Describe

OR

(b) Your school/college observed the 'World Environment Day' on 5th June. The students took part in a plantation programme and took out a rally to create awareness. Prepare a report in about 100 words. (6)

4. (Any One)

(a) Write a speech on "The Importance of Sports for Holistic Growth" to be delivered as the inaugural speech at your school's sports meet. (6)

OR

(b) Write an article on "The Importance of Cleanliness in the School/College Campus" for your institution's magazine. (6)

5. (Any One)

(a) You are Rishav/Riju. Write an application with complete biodata to the Headmaster of a primary school in Goalpara for the post of Assistant Teacher. (8)

OR

(b) You are Neelav/Namrata. Write a letter to the Editor of The Assam Tribune about the erratic power supply in your locality. (8)

SECTION C: Grammar

6. (a) Fill in the blanks with suitable determiners (any two): ($\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$)

- (i) _____ Brahmaputra flows by the side of Guwahati.
- (ii) I saw _____ one-rupee coin on the road.
- (iii) _____ milk on the bottle is spilled.

(b) Rewrite the sentences with correct verb forms (any two): ($\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$)

- (i) When we went out, it still (rain).
- (ii) My friend (come) here tomorrow.
- (iii) The match (start) before we reached the stadium.

(c) Fill in the blanks with appropriate modal auxiliaries: ($\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$)

- (i) When I was young, I _____ run faster. (ability)
- (ii) All candidates _____ bring their admit cards. (compulsion)

(d) Correct the following: ($\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$)

- (i) He knows to swim.
- (ii) Each of the boys were given a pen by the teachers.

7. (a) Complete the conversation using correct options: (2)

Ruhi said to Rohan, "_____ (What/Why) are you doing now? _____ (Don't/Haven't) you finished reading the book?"

Rohan replied, "I _____ (have/may) finished reading the book. Now, I am writing an essay as part of my _____ (preparing/preparation)."

(b) Rewrite as directed: ($1 \times 2 = 2$)

- (i) He wants me to go. (Complex sentence)
- (ii) Only those boys who are industrious can shine in life. (Simple sentence)

8. Rearrange the following to form meaningful sentences: (1×2=2)

- (a) on / my bicycle / to / go / I / used to / my / school
- (b) the / an / truth / honest / speaks / man / always

SECTION D: Textual Questions

9. Read any one stanza and answer the questions:

- (a) The cardboard shows me how it was...
- (i) What does 'cardboard' refer to? (1)
- (ii) Who was the big girl? (1)
- (iii) Who held the mother's hands? (1)
- (iv) Who clicked the photo? (1)
- (v) Write briefly what the girls did on the sea beach. (4)

OR

- (b) And who art thou? said I to the soft-falling shower...(i) Where do these lines occur? (1)
- (ii) To whom does the speaker speak? (1)
- (iii) Who says, "I am the Poem of Earth"? (1)
- (iv) Why is the sea called 'bottomless'? (1)
- (v) What is meant by "Eternal I rise impalpable"? (4)

10. Answer any three of the following: (2×3=6)

- (a) Why would the poet's mother laugh at the snapshot?
- (b) Who is responsible for the distrust between father and son?.
- (c) Why is the rain compared to music?
- (d) What are the poet's feelings towards childhood?
- (e) How is the cyclic movement of rain presented in The Voice of the Rain?

(f) Why does the poet say childhood went to a forgotten land?

(g) How is the father's helplessness shown in Father to Son?

(h) When was the photo taken? What did it show?

11. Answer any five of the following: (2×5=10)

(a) How was the author's grandmother a religious person?

(b) How did the grandmother celebrate the author's homecoming?

(c) Contrast the Chinese and European views on art.

(d) What do you mean by sustainable development?

(e) What are Yin and Yang? What does Verrier Elwin say about Assamese hospitality?

(f) Why is population growth harmful to earth's health?

(g) What are the things Elwin loved about Assam?

12. (Any One)

(a) "Man is the biggest enemy of mankind. Deforestation has become his habit." Elaborate. 6

OR

(b) Write in your own words about the author's village life with his grandmother. 6

13. (Any One)

(a) What made Einstein's life in Munich miserable? What did he realize after six months? 6

OR

(b) Narrate the events leading to Ranga's marriage. 6

14. Answer any two of the following: (2×2=4)

- (a) Why was Ranga's homecoming a great event?
- (b) Describe the quality of mangoes in Hosahalli.
- (c) Why did Albert see no point in memorizing dates?
- (d) What was Mr. Koch's opinion about Albert?

