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English (Compulsory) — ENGLISH (New)	Paper – X (01) (23) · PR X (01) 23	10th (Fresh/Reappear)
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SECTION – A

Time Allowed: 20 Minutes

Marks: 15

Instructions (printed in Urdu on the sheet): Four circles are given against each question — fill only the circle of the correct answer. Use a blue or black pen to fill the circles. Filling more than one circle will be treated as a wrong answer.

1	The tone of the poem, “They have cut down the pines” is	(A) Sorrowful	(B) Cheerful	(C) Wrathful	(D) Aggressive
2	The word “dazzling” means	(A) Ugly	(B) Ridiculous	(C) Bad	(D) Impressive
3	That woman going the supermarket is my mother.	(A) Into	(B) Onto	(C) Across	(D) Through
4	“I am painting the entire house” change into passive voice.	(A) The entire house is painted by me.	(B) The entire house was painted by me.	(C) The entire house is being painted by me.	(D) The entire house was being painted by me.
5	He said to me, “I play cricket”. Change into indirect speech.	(A) He told me that I play cricket.	(B) He told me that he plays cricket.	(C) He told me that he played cricket.	(D) He told me that I played cricket.
6	Quick! Get the ball before it rolls the hill.	(A) In	(B) Down	(C) Up	(D) At
7	By using the contextual clue, the words closest in meaning to ‘trodden’ is	(A) Trampled	(B) Walked	(C) Strolled	(D) Marched
8	If you painted both sides, you paper.	(A) Were saved	(B) Saved	(C) Would save	(D) Would be save
9	By early, the Pakistan movement had become a mass movement.	(A) 1947	(B) 1946	(C) 1945	(D) 1944
10	What would you if you won the lottery.	(A) Do	(B) Did	(C) Done	(D) Doing
11	The issue of population growth and environment is the issue of nations only.	(A) Poor and developing	(B) Wealthy and advanced	(C) Neither poor nor advanced	(D) Poor, developing & advanced
12	The theme of the story “The Model Millionaire” is	(A) Work is worship	(B) Hard worker never fails	(C) Art is long but life is short	(D) Kindness begets kindness
13	The words boom, roar, murmureth are the example of	(A) Simile	(B) Metaphor	(C) Rhymes	(D) Onomatopoeia
14	Tariq Bin Ziyad conquered Spain in A.D.	(A) 710	(B) 711	(C) 712	(D) 713
15	The word ‘gong’ means	(A) Large metal	(B) Wood	(C) Rubber	(D) Plastic

Note: Time allowed for Section – B and Section – C is 2 Hours and 40 minutes.

Section – B

Marks: 36

Answer any FIVE questions from Question No.1 to Question No.8 of section B. The rest of question in the paper are compulsory.

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- Q.1** Describe in few sentences the life of the Holy Prophet (ﷺ).
- Q.2** How important do you think dreams are?
- Q.3** What is the main theme of the lesson, “The Aged Mother”?
- Q.4** Why did Hazrat Umar (R.A) not eat wheat bread?
- Q.5** Compare and contrast the characters of Ali and Gul.
- Q.6** What are the main causes of water shortage in Pakistan?
- Q.7** Write at least two merits and two demerits of GMOs.
- Q.8** Why did the farmer disclose his secret?

- Q.9 Paraphrase ONE of the following stanzas. 5**
- a.**
- Inspite of war inspite of hate
Lilacs are blooming at my gate
Tulips are tripping down the path
Inspite of war, inspite of wrath*
- b.**
- "Hold fast to dreams
For when dreams go
Life is a barren field,
Frozen with snow";*
- Q.10 Read the stanza carefully and answer the questions given at the end. 4**
- The kind and friendly trees,
Where all day small winds sound,
and all day long the sun,
plays hide and seek with shadows.*
- Questions.**
- What kind of trees are there?
 - Who plays hide and seek with the shadows?
 - What is the main theme of the stanza?
 - Write the names of the poem and poet.
- Q.11 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given at the end. 5**
- "The focal point in the prayer hall is the famous horseshoe arched Mehrab and the Qibla wall of the Mehrab. The arch and the Qibla wall of the mehrab are decorated with the inscription of two lines of calligraphy in Kofic Style both on the top and either side of the arch.
- Questions.**
- What is the focal point in the prayer hall?
 - How are arch and Qibla wall decorated?
 - What are on top and either side of the arch?
 - What kind of writing style is discussed in the passage?
 - From which lesson, the passage has been taken?
- Q.12 (i) Use any two pair of words in your own sentences. 4**
- (i) Mail, Male (ii) Dear, Deer (iii) Course, Coarse (iv) Buy, Bye
- (ii) Use any three phrases in your own sentences. 3**
- (i) Chill out (ii) Look for (iii) Put on (iv) Give up

Section - C

Marks: 24

- Q.13 Write an essay of 200 words on any one of the following topics. (10)**
- (i) My favourite personality (ii) Unemployment (iii) My future aim.
- Q.14 Translate the following into Urdu. (4+4)**
- a.**
- "Several centuries ago, when people started domesticating crops and animals, they also began selection of better plants and animals for breeding. Over thousands of years, farmers have developed plants with desirable traits such as increased resistance to disease etc.
- b.**
- Population growth has direct impact on the environment.
 - They both led a happy, peaceful and humble life.
 - Blood is thicker than water.
 - Population of Pakistan is increasing at a rate of 3.2%.
- Q.15 Translate any SIX of the following sentences into English. (6)**
- (۱) میں اپنا کام مکمل کر چکا ہوں۔ (۲) آسمان سے گرا کھجور میں اٹکا۔ (۳) اسلم پانچ سالوں سے اس ادارے میں کام کر رہا ہے۔ (۴) تمہاری گھڑی میں کیا وقت ہے؟ (۵) سوئی میں دھاگہ ڈالو۔ (۶) ہمیں پولیس کو اطلاع دینی ہوگی۔ (۷) یہ سڑک پشاور کو جاتی ہے۔ (۸) میں اپنے بھائی کے ساتھ سائیکل پر سکول جاتی ہوں۔

OR

Write a dialogue between two friends about future intentions.

Filed as Class 10: both sheets are headed for the 10th class (Paper - X / PR X, "10th (Fresh/Reappear)").

The source answer sheet arrives with the correct bubbles already shaded in; options are transcribed unmarked and no answer key is included.

The objective rubric is printed in Urdu on the board sheet and is given here as an English rendering.

The Urdu sentences in the translation question are reconstructed from the scan and set in Nastaliq; the Urdu text layer is not searchable. A native reader should proof them before relying on them.

This scan is a clean copy: Q.15's eight Urdu sentences and objective Q.11's stem, which were obscured on the earlier handwritten copy, are fully reproduced here.

Board wording kept verbatim: objective Q.7 "the words ... is", Q.8 "Would be save"; "Inspite"; "Kofic Style"; Q.11 "From which lesson, the passage has been taken?". The Q.11 and Q.14(a) passages open a quotation mark they never close.