

English — real board questions: practice sheet

Every question is from a past CBSE board paper; the year is shown with each.

Section A: 10 MCQs × 1 mark

Section B: 14 questions

Answer key: last page

Section A — Multiple-choice questions

1. Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blanks with the correct option : NO NEWS ____ GOOD NEWS.

[CBSE 2023]

(A) HAS (B) HAD (C) IS (D) ARE

2. Fill in the blank with the correct option : There is something wonderful waiting _____ her when she reaches home. [CBSE 2023]

(A) of (B) about (C) for (D) inside

3. Complete the following newspaper report by filling in the blank : The number of road accidents _____ increased this year. [CBSE 2026]

(A) have (B) are (C) has (D) were

4. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option. His brother along with his friends _____ leaving for the stadium. [CBSE 2023]

(A) are (B) has (C) is (D) were

5. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option. The entire family _____ with a mild infection and they recovered soon. [CBSE 2023]

(A) came up (B) came down
(C) came along (D) came in

6. Complete the sentence with the appropriate option. Two-thirds of the students _____ present at the inaugural function. [CBSE 2023]

(A) is (B) being (C) was (D) were

7. Fill in the blank by using the correct option. When Sharad reached the airport he was totally _____ because he was flying for the first time. [CBSE 2023]

(A) at ocean (B) at sea
(C) at awe (D) at the mercy

8. Fill in the blank with correct option : My friends _____ the movie tickets before we even reached the ticket counter. [CBSE 2026]

(A) has collected (B) had collected
(C) collect (D) will collect

9. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option : You should ____ your mother for your rude behaviour.

[CBSE 2023]

(A) apologise for (B) apologise at
(C) apologise with (D) apologise to

10. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete an online update : The story has been _____ of proportion because of the aggressive reaction of the people. [CBSE 2023]

(A) blown (B) blown in (C) blown up (D) blown out



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Section B — Important questions (answer in your notebook)

11. Isha said to her parents, "My mentor will always guide me, even after this programme ends." Report what Isha said to her parents. [2026 • 1 marks]
12. How does the short structure of poem 'Dust of Snow' enhance its message about emotional renewal ? Support your answer briefly. [2026 • 3 marks]
13. Considering the emotional attachment of Mrs. Pumphrey with Tricki, state the impact of the word 'convalescing' on her. (A Triumph of Surgery) [2026 • 3 marks]
14. Although Mandela cherished the illusion of freedom during his boyhood, when he realized the harsh reality, it ignited the spark for a broader and more meaningful freedom for his people. Justify. (Nelson Mandela : Long Walk to Freedom) [2026 • 3 marks]
15. In the poem 'Fire and Ice', how does the intense human emotion symbolised by fire, lead to the destruction of the world ? [2026 • 3 marks]
16. Why does Hari Singh find it pleasant to work for Anil, though he was a thief ? (The Thief's Story) [2026 • 3 marks]
17. In 'Two stories about Flying – Part II (Black Aeroplane)', what does the narrator's experience suggest about unexpected help and mystery ? [2026 • 3 marks]
18. Ausable displayed a remarkable presence of mind combined with a good sense of humour to handle Max. Justify. (The Midnight Visitor) [2026 • 3 marks]
19. Mention the details that Anne provides about her family in her diary. (From the Diary of Anne Frank) [2026 • 3 marks]
20. What lesson does the poet convey about nature in 'How to Tell Wild Animals' ? [2026 • 3 marks]
21. Why does Horace Danby consider himself an honest man despite being a thief ? How does this self-perception affect his decision in the story ? (A Question of Trust) [2026 • 3 marks]
22. Bread plays a pivotal role in Goan culture and tradition. Support the statement with evidences from the text. (Glimpses of India : A Baker from Goa) [2026 • 3 marks]
23. How does the expression 'he is learning, well behind his desperate eyes', convey the idea that though the boy is helpless yet he is learning a deeper lesson? (The Ball Poem) [2026 • 3 marks]



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24. Why does Griffin, despite his scientific genius, end up leading a destructive life ? (Footprints Without Feet) [2026 • 3 marks]



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English — Answer key — Section A

Teachers: for checking after a class test. Students: solve first, then compare.

1. **C**2. **C**3. **C**4. **C**5. **B**6. **D**7. **B**8. **B**9. **D**10. **A**

Score: 1 mark per correct answer. Got one wrong? Go back to that chapter before ticking "Practised" on your tracker. Section B model answers — on MedhaSetu, with Medha Ma'am.



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