

# P.U.C II YEAR, ENGLISH

**FIRST TEST - 2021**  
**QUESTION PAPER**  
**WITH**  
**KEY ANSWERS**



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**II PU English**  
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Time: 1 Hour 30 Min.

Subject : English

Marks : 50

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**Instructions:**

- a. Follow the prescribed limit while answering the questions.
- b. Write the correct question number as it appears on the question paper.
- c. One mark questions attempted more than once will be awarded zero..
- d. For multiple choice questions choose the correct answer and rewrite it.

**I Answer the following in a word, a phrase or a sentence each.**

**6x1=6**

1. Whose beauty is too dear for earth according to Romeo?
2. What does Juliet want Romeo to be after her death?
3. Name one of the taxes levied on the people of Monaco in 'Too Dear!'.
4. How much money did the criminal receive before he was let free in 'Too Dear!'?
5. Where do the souls of children live according to the speaker in 'On Children'?
6. The 'Archer' in 'On Children' refers to the  
a) speaker.      b) prophet.      c) almighty.

**II Answer any four of the following in a paragraph of 80-100 words.**

**4x4=16**

7. How does Romeo express his appreciation for Juliet's beauty?
8. Write a note on the 'gaming house' in 'Too Dear!'.
9. Why was the death sentence altered in 'Too Dear!'? Explain.
10. What reasons did the prisoner put forward when he was asked to run away?
11. What should the parents keep in mind while raising their children according to the speaker in 'On Children'?

**III Answer the following in about 200 words.**

**1x6=6**

12. Both Romeo and Juliet employ contrasting images in their expression of appreciation and admiration for each other. Elaborate.

OR

'Too Dear!' makes us aware of the foolishness of rulers. Justify.

OR

'On Children' persuades parents to look upon their children in new light. Discuss.

**IV A. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it.**

**5x1=5**

13. The word 'mosquito' comes from Spanish origin and it means 'little fly'. The word applies to some 3000 members of the family culicidae. Mosquitoes are found almost everywhere. Not all mosquitoes bite humans, in fact most prefer to bite something else. Male mosquitoes don't bite. Their only purpose in life is to mate. A female usually mates only once in her life and just before or soon afterwards, she goes on the hunt for blood, which she needs to feed her eggs with protein and vitamins.
  - a. Name the language from which the word 'mosquito' comes.
  - b. The word 'culicidae' in the passage refers to the family of
    - a) plants.      b) birds.      c) insects.
  - c. Which of the mosquitoes don't bite?
  - d. What does the female mosquito need the blood for?
  - e. Add prefix to 'usual' to form its antonym.

V) 14. Complete the following by filling in the blanks using the right form of the verb given in brackets. 3x2= 6

- a) Monaco had neither a guillotine nor an expert. So it \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to address an enquiry to the French Government. A letter \_\_\_\_\_ (write). Soon a reply \_\_\_\_\_ (receive).
- b) A few years ago, a murder \_\_\_\_\_ (commit). The case \_\_\_\_\_ (try) in the most judicial manner. The criminal \_\_\_\_\_ (sentence) to death.

15. Report the following conversation. 5x1=5

Minister : Why do you not run away? There is no guard to keep you. The Prince will not mind.

Criminal: I know it. But I have nowhere to go.

16. What do the underlined words in the following extract refer to? 4x1=4

Mosquitoes are found almost everywhere. Not all of them (i) bite humans. Male mosquitoes don't bite. Their(ii) only purpose in life is to mate. A female usually mates only once in her(iii) life and just before or soon afterwards, she(iv) goes on the hunt for blood, which she needs to feed her eggs with protein and vitamins.

- i) them .....    ii) Their .....
- iii) her .....    iv) she .....

17. Rearrange the following segments to form meaningful sentence. 2x1=2

- a) the /plan is /expensive /present/ too
- b) people /their /on me /will /backs /turn

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### KEY ANSWERS

#### I Answer the following in a word, a phrase or a sentence each. 6x1=6

1. According to Romeo, it is Juliet's beauty that is too rich for use.
2. After her death, Juliet wants Romeo to be cut out into little stars.
3. The commodities taxed in Monaco were tobacco, wine, and spirits and there was also a poll tax.
4. A pension of 600 francs.
5. The souls of children dwell in the house of tomorrow according to the speaker.
6. c) almighty.

#### II Answer any four of the following in a paragraph of 80-100 words. 4x4=16

7. Romeo uses the word 'crows' to refer to the other ladies in the room. Furthermore, Romeo compares Juliet's brightness with 'a rich jewel' hanging upon the cheek of an Ethiop's ear. Romeo uses these words to highlight her beauty. It also symbolizes the emotional intensity that he shows towards Juliet.
8. The King's special revenue was the percentage of profit given by the gaming housekeeper to the kinglet. Its beneficiaries were the king, his ministers, courtiers, his servants, a bishop, his generals, and his army. The Germans stopped gaming houses because those gaming houses did much harm to people. If a man went to a gaming house to try his luck, risking all he had and lost it, then he would even risk money that did not belong to him. If he loses that also, he would be forced to commit suicide by drowning or shooting himself in despair.

It benefitted Monaco as it was the only Kingdom that allowed a gaming house to run.

9. The king too felt that it was not worth spending so much money to execute a criminal. Therefore, the king changed the death sentence to one of imprisonment for life. In altering the death sentence to life imprisonment because of the lack of funding for execution of the death sentence.

10. When the king realized that it was a serious matter to keep a criminal imprisoned for life and it would cause his people a huge financial burden, he summoned his ministers and asked them to find a cheaper way of punishing the criminal. The ministers met and after several deliberations suggested that they must dismiss the guard and gave some money. The king agreed to their suggestion. Soon, the guard was dismissed and they waited curiously to see what the criminal would do.

The criminal came out of his prison at dinner time, collected his food from the palace kitchen, and returned to the prison, shut the door on himself, and stayed inside. Later, the Minister of Justice asked him why he had not run away, as there was no guard to watch over him. They even told him that the prince would not mind if he ran away. But the prisoner told them that he had nowhere to go as his character had been ruined and people would turn their backs on him. Moreover, he had forgotten the habit of working and so if he ran away he would be forced to work for earning his living. That is why the criminal refused to run away from prison.

11. According to the prophet Almustafa, parents should never believe that they own or possess their children. They should behave as though their role is that of being guards and/or 'stewards'. Parents should not treat their children as their puppets but shower their love as much as they can and take good care of them as we do to someone who is given to our charge. Parents should not impose their thoughts and ideas on them because our children belong to the future whereas we belong to the past generation.

#### III Answer the following in about 200 words. 1x6=6

12. The two stanzas in the poem, one by Romeo and the other by Juliet, highlight the intensity of love of the young lovers. This intensity of love is brought out by using the contrasting imagery of night and day, black and white, bright jewel and a dark surface, snowy dove, etc. Factually speaking, the words 'bright' and 'night' appear in Romeo's praise of Juliet's brightness when he sees her for the first time in the feast hosted by Lord Capulet. Romeo uses the phrase 'snowy dove' to refer to and to distinguish

Juliet from other ladies in the room. Romeo uses the word 'crows' to refer to the other ladies in the room.

Furthermore, Romeo compares Juliet's brightness with 'a rich jewel' hanging upon the cheek of an Ethiop's ear. Romeo uses these words to highlight her beauty. It also symbolizes the emotional intensity that he shows towards Juliet.

Similarly, Juliet uses the phrase 'day in the night and whiter than new snow on a raven's back' to refer to Romeo. Secondly, she uses the words 'stars in the night sky' to refer to Romeo. Speaking, both the meetings between Romeo and Juliet take place at night. Secondly, their meeting has to be a closely guarded secret because of the 'hostility' and the 'enmity' that exists between the two rival families the Montagues and the Capulets.

When Romeo goes to the Capulet's party, he goes wearing a mask at night. Similarly, he promises to meet Juliet in her chamber on the wedding night, so as not to be seen by anyone. That is why the word 'night' symbolically stands for 'secrecy' and 'caution' that needs to be exercised in their love affair. Thus the playwright has used the word 'black' and 'night' to strengthen the emotional situation. Thematically speaking, the words 'day and night', 'black and white', 'night' and 'raven' are used to evoke the image of 'death' whereas 'white dove' is a symbol of purity, peace, and 'love'. A raven or a 'black crow' is considered a bird of ill omen.

Furthermore, 'When I shall die' and 'cut him out in little stars', and 'heaven' are expressions that refer to death and immortality. Thus, the playwright is hinting that the secret love affair between the two rivals will culminate in the tragic death of Romeo and Juliet. It can also be inferred that probably Juliet has a premonition of their impending death because of the fatal attraction between them and the enmity that exists between the two families. Thus, the contrasting imagery serves to highlight the intensity of their love.

### OR

The story 'Too Dear!' exposes the predicament of a ruler who is forced to revise his judgement not out of mercy but out of financial compulsions. The narrator seems to ridicule the foolishness of rulers who make rules unmindful of the real situation in which they are placed.

The story is thus a parody of one of the modern systems of governance. It ridicules the ways of bringing criminals to book and dispensing justice in modern states. Though the story is narrated in a matter-of-fact tone, there is an undercurrent of sarcasm. Monaco is a tiny kingdom with

only seven thousand inhabitants. It has a real kinglet who lives in a palace with courtiers, ministers, a bishop, generals, and an army of only sixty men in all. The king lives by collecting taxes on tobacco, wine, and spirits and a poll tax. As the revenue collected from the people is too meager to feed himself and his people, the king permits a gaming house where people play roulette. From the profits of the gaming house, the king gets a large sum of money.

This is the situation in which the king is placed. From this one can infer that, based on the size of the population and the army, the king can only be a toy king or a dummy who in reality cannot control the behaviour of the people except through mutual understanding and ethical principles.

The system of governance is only a make-believe system and it can boomerang or collapse at any point in time. As long as life goes on smoothly, there is no need for the king to prove to the people that he is their ruler and they must obey him. But, it so happens that a crime is committed, and the king being the moral authority has to exercise his authority. Herein lies the crux of the whole story.

The king behaves like a king of a big kingdom in terms of both money and muscle power and announces a death sentence, which cannot be implemented and, instead of punishing the criminal, gives him a pension. This ironical situation is created because of the foolishness of the king. The king ought to have arrived at his final decision about the criminal only after examining the ground reality.

### OR

'On Children' is a sermon given by Almustafa to a woman holding a babe against her bosom. The fourteen-line poem is in the form of an imaginary conversation between a mother and the prophet. Of the fourteen lines, the first five lines are devoted to enlightening the parents about who the children are and the remaining lines explain the role of the parents in bringing up their children.

'On Children' offers new insight into the parent-child relationship, and rejects our traditional, time-honored, and conservative ideas of bringing up children.

According to the speaker, a child is a gift from the abundance of existence and it is eternal life itself. Children are born as sons and daughters as life's longing for itself. Life longs to reproduce itself, and parents are its servants who execute that master plan. God uses parents as his instrument to send living 'arrows' to the earth. God, or the Supreme Being, is the archer, the parents are the bows and the children are the living arrows. Parents do not create them and hence they cannot possess them.

They are only the medium through which life expresses itself. Children have their thoughts because they have the free will to do as they please. Parents can only act as 'stewards' and their role is one of 'stewardship'. Parents should not treat their children as their puppets but shower as much of their love as they can.

Parents should take care of their needs only and should not impose their thoughts and ideas on them because our children belong to the future, whereas the parents belong to the past generation. Therefore, parents should also not burden their children with their dead past, their scriptures, and their saints. Since life looks forward and does not linger on, parents should let their children build their future, realize their potential, and resist the temptation to force their children to be like their carbon copies.

**IV A. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it. 5x1=5**

- The word 'mosquito' comes from Spanish origin and it means 'little fly'.
- c) insects.
- Male mosquitoes don't bite.
- Female Mosquito needs blood to feed her eggs with protein and vitamins.
- Unusual

**V) 14. Complete the following by filling in the blanks using the right form of the verb given in brackets. 3x2= 6**

was decided, was sent, was received.

**15. Report the following conversation. 5x1=5**

The minister asked the criminal as to why he didn't run away. He added that there was no guard to keep him. He further added that the prince would not mind.

The criminal replied that he knew it, but he had nowhere to go.

**16. What do the underlined words in the following extract refer to? 4x1=4**

- Mosquitoes
- Male Mosquitoes
- Female Mosquito
- Female Mosquito

**17. Rearrange the following segments to form meaningful sentence. 2x1=2**

- The present plan is too expensive.
- People will turn their backs on me.

**It's not going to be easy, but it's going to be worth it.**