

**Class 10 (ABC) English Language 2025-26 Syllabus for HHW:**

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| 1. Discursive Passage (400-500)                             |
| 2. Case based factual passage (200-250)                     |
| 3. Grammar: Determiners, Tenses, Modals                     |
| 4. Writing a formal letter (100-120)                        |
| 5. Writing an Analytical paragraph (Map, Chart, graph, cue) |

**Passage 1**

1. Technology is making advancements at a rapid rate but at the cost of a valued tradition-the crafts industry. The traditional crafts industry is losing a lot of its trained and skilled craftsmen. With that, the art of embellishing brass and copper utensils with fine engravings is also disappearing. The government has identified around 35 crafts as languishing craft.

2. The speciality of handcrafted items is its design, an association with long traditions belonging to a specific region. The word 'handcrafted' does not imply the involvement of dexterous human fingers or an agile mind with a moving spirit anymore. Lessening drudgery, increasing production and promoting efficiency have taken precedence. The labour-saving devices are taking the place of handcrafted tools and this has jeopardised the skills of these artisans.

3. Mechanisation has made its way into everything-cutting, polishing, edging, designing, etc. Ideally, the use of machinery should be negligible and the handicrafts should be made purely by hand with a distinguishable artistic appeal. However, with the exception of small-scale industries, the export units are mostly operated by machines. The heavily computerised designs contribute to a faster production at lower costs.

4. Although mechanisation of crafts poses a challenge to safeguarding traditional crafts, the artisans are lured with incentives in order to impart handicrafts training. Some makers do see machines as a time-saving blessing since they are now able to accomplish difficult and demanding tasks with relative ease. These machines might give a better finesse to these products but they don't stand out as handcrafted. Quantity has overtaken quality in this industry.

5. A need to highlight the importance of the handmade aspect is required by both the government and private sectors, in order to amplify awareness and also support the culture of making handicrafts. A few artisans are still trying their best to rejuvenate and revive their culture and heritage but it's an uphill task competing with the machine-made goods. A multitude of artisans have changed their professions and are encouraging their progeny to follow suit. There are others who have stayed their ground but are clearly inclined towards buying machines.

6. Nearly two decades ago, there were around 65 lakh artisans in the country. Three years ago, when the government started the process of granting a unique number to the artisans based on the Aadhaar card, 25 lakhs were identified. Loss of traditional crafts is clearly a worrying issue, but it stands to reason that forcing any artisan to follow old ways when concerns of livelihood overrule other considerations, is unfair.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any ten of the following questions.

- Choose the option with the word that can replace the underlined phrase in the sentence given.  
If it continues, the workcation (work + vacation) trend will be a powerful boost to domestic tourism operators failing to make progress in the economic slump caused due to the pandemic.  
(a) languishing (c) lavishing  
(b) thriving (d) exhilarating
- Why artisans are choosing to work via machines rather than handcrafted tools.  
1. to increase the production of things 2. to decrease the production of things  
3. Use of labour-saving devices 4. use of labour exhausting devices  
5. to be the part of a developed world  
(a) 1 and 4 (b) 2, 3 and 5 (c) 1 and 3 (d) 2 and 5
- What is the traditional crafts industry losing?  
(a) Chance of development (b) Handcrafted items  
(c) Skilled craftsmen (d) Both (b) and (c)
- What does the word 'handcrafted' imply?

- (a) Lessening drudgery                      (b) Promoting efficiency  
(c) Increasing production                      (d) All of these
5. What has jeopardised the skills of the artisans?  
(a) Handcrafted tools replacing labour-saving device                      (b) Labour-saving devices replacing handcrafted tool  
(c) Involvement of dexterous human fingers                      (d) None of the above
6. Which of the following poses a challenge to safeguarding traditional crafts?  
(a) Replacement of labour-saving devices                      (b) Increase in the production of crafts  
(c) Mechanisation of crafts                      (d) Need to highlight the importance of handcrafted products.
7. Which of the following is true about the crafts industry  
(a) Handcrafted products are high in demand  
(b) Artisans encourage their offsprings to make handcrafted products in their career.  
(c) Quantity has overtaken quality                      (d) Both (b) and (c)
8. Which of the following words is closest in meanings to 'adorning'?  
(a) Dexterous                      (c) Reviving  
(b) Embellishing                      (d) Languishing
9. What does the writer mean by calling handicrafts 'valued tradition'?
10. Why do the artisans need to be 'lured with incentive 'to impart handcrafted training'?
11. List one likely impact of the support of government and private sectors towards the culture of making handicrafts.
12. How does the writer Justify an artist's act of abandoning her/his traditional crafts for more lucrative option?

## Passage 2

1. Sprouts relatively contain the largest amount of nutrients per unit of any food known to man. Sprouts produce a fountain of power for chemical changes. Enzymes are produced, starch gets converted into glucose, protein is transformed into amino acids and vitamin value increases. The vitamin C value of wheat increases 600% in the early sprouting period. Dr CR Shaw of the University of Texas Cancer Centre found that cancer was inhibited upto 90% when healthy bacteria were exposed to a cancer-causing substance in the presence of a juice made from wheat sprouts.
2. Enzymes, which initiate and control almost every chemical reaction in our bodies, are greatly activated in the sprouting process. Enzymes spark the entire digestive system to synthesise the nutrients in our food into blood.
3. Sprouts are enjoyed more when they are fresh. Mix sprouts with other foods and dressing according to your taste and enjoy eating them. But you must eat them every day you will soon realise that making sprouts a part of your diet, all the cells of your body are becoming active and agile.
4. The nourishment which develops as the sprouts grow is very stable and can be frozen or dried for future. Sprouted potato or tomato seeds are likely to be poisonous. Alfalfa and moong bean sprouts are excellent soft food. They are almost predigested and can be easily assimilated even by the children and the elderly. They contain every known vitamin in perfect balance necessary for the human body.

## Health Benefits of Sprouts

- Aid in digestion
- Boost immune system
- Aid in weight management
- Protect body against cancer
- Improve blood circulation in body
- Help to reduce risk of heart ailments
- Help in growth and development of body
- Reduce risk of neural tube defects in infants
- Help to prevent cataracts and muscular degeneration
- Inhibit growth of cold sores and reduce effect of allergic reactions and asthma

**Caution:** Wash well before use to prevent any type of microbial infection

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any ten of the following questions.**

1. Which element initiates chemical reaction in our body?  
(a) Enzymes      (b) Sprouts      (c) Bacteria      (d) Vitamins
2. According to Dr CR Shaw, cancer was inhibited upto ..... with the help of sprouts.  
(a) 80%(b) 90%(c) 20%(d) 95%
3. As per the passage, eating sprouts is good for  
(a) children    (b) adults    (c) the elderly.    (d) All of these
4. The qualities of sprouts as mentioned in the last para of the passage are  
I. excellent soft food                      II. predigested  
III. can be easily assimilated      IV. contain poisonous element

#### Codes

- (a) I and II      (c) III and IV
- (b) I, II and III    (d) I, III and IV
5. Choose the option that lists the statement that is NOT TRUE.  
(a) Sprouts contain hard proteins that are not easily digested.  
(b) The perfect balance of the vitamins in the body can be obtained from sprouts.  
(c) In the sprouting process, enzymes are greatly activated.  
(d) All of the above
6. Which of the following is not a step in the sprouting process?  
(a) Production of enzymes.                      (b) Conversion of starch into glucose.  
(c) Release of essential vitamins.              (d) Transformation of protein into amino acids.
7. What happens to Vitamin C value of wheat in the early sprouting period?  
(a) It increases 600%                      (b) It decreases 600%  
(c) It remains the same                      (d) None of these
8. Which of the following is not a health benefit of sprout?  
(a) It helps in digestion.                      (b) It helps in growth and development of the body.  
(c) It reduces the risk of neural tube defects in adults.      (d) It boosts the immune system.
9. Mention any two benefits of including sprouts in diet.
10. Which word from the passage means absorb or 'digest'?

#### 3. Fill in the blanks with correct forms of tense to complete the passage.

A. Information technology (1) .....(change) the way we access information. Since its introduction in the 1980s, the internet (2) .....(become) cheap and commonplace. Some people (3) ..... (see) this as an opportunity to deal with problems like unemployment. They (4)..... (argue) that the government should (5)..... (provide) free internet access to people (6)..... (look) for a job.

I do not agree with this point of view for several reasons. Lack of skills is an important reason that (7)..... (prevent) jobless people from (8)..... (find) employment. Instead of (9)..... (offer) free internet to the people, the government should (10) (organise) training programs for the jobless. Giving free internet is unlikely to be of any help. In the first place, it is nearly impossible to control how these technologies (11) .....(use). Instead of this, the government should use public money to provide subsidised or free bus tickets for the unemployed who (16) ..... (need) to travel for a job interview.

#### 4. Complete the following conversation by filling appropriate modals.

Naresh: Raghav, I (1) ..... get my watch repaired. (2)..... get my watch you get it done for me if you are going to the market?

Raghav: I (3)..... surely get your work done but I am not going to the market today. I (4) go tomorrow.

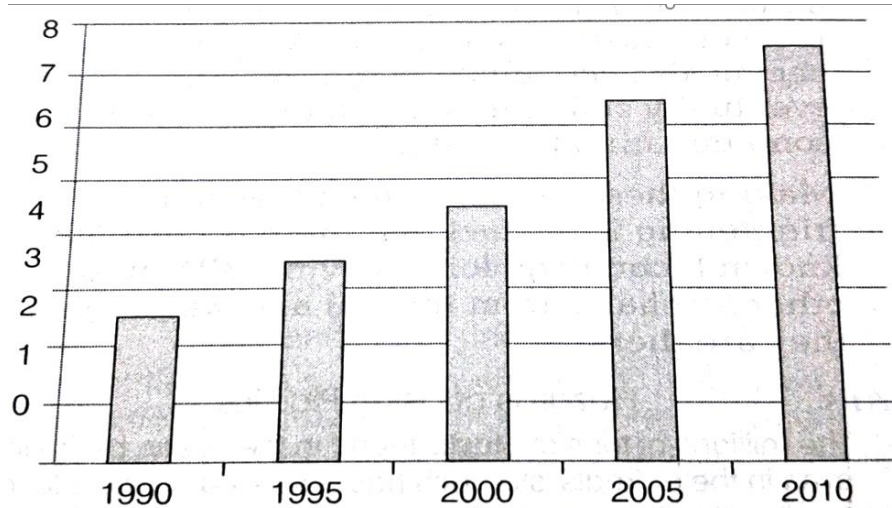
Naresh: Then, you (5) .....tomorrow. take my watch

Raghav: You (6) give it to me right now if you like. In that case, I (7) .....come back all the way to your house tomorrow.

Naresh: Thanks a lot.

Raghav: There is no need to be thankful. I..... (8) go to the market in any case.

5. The following data shows that death due to violence which has considerably increased during recent years. Using this data, write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words focusing on how the educated youth can play a major role in establishing peace in the society.



#### ENGLISH LITERATURE

- Learn & revise all the Syllabus done till now.
- Read about Nelson Mandela and write his journey till he became President of South Africa.
- Write Short story (200-250 words) on a theme of your choice, incorporating elements of suspense, adventure or mystery.
- Compose a poem (16-20 lines) on a topic that resonates with you, such as nature, friendship or social justice.

#### Project Based:

- Read a book of your choice and write a review (250-300 words) discussing the plot, characters and themes.
- Choose a character from a book or movie and create a detailed character sketch (200-250 words) highlighting their traits, strengths and weaknesses.
- Write a news article (200-250 words) on a current event or issue that interests you.