

SAMPLE Question Paper

Fully Solved (Questions-Answers)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

*A Highly Simulated Practice Question Paper for
CBSE Class X Examination*

Time : 3 hrs

Max. Marks : 80

Instructions

1. This question paper is divided into two parts.
• Part – A 40 Marks • Part – B 40 Marks
2. All questions are compulsory.
3. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
4. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

Part - A (40 Marks)

Reading

(20 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below.

(10)

1. We live in an age of wonders and miracles. It has been called the 'Age of Science', and different aspects of our life that have changed in the preceding centuries have been attributed to science. This is completely true, but it is only one side of the coin. The flip side is that as we have advanced more and more, something fundamental to humanity has been left behind. Values such as empathy and concern for our fellow-human beings are gradually being eroded due to the onslaught of our ever-evolving lifestyles, aided by the marvels of technological advancement.
2. Take the example of the Internet. On the one hand, access to information and knowledge at the click of a button is a boon to everyone making our lives much simpler. On the other, it has severely limited actual contact with teachers, friends and elders. Thus, the learning that a person gains is incomplete as he or she cannot easily take the advice that another person can give on the basis of knowledge and practical experience that is at his or her disposal.
3. Today, a small child can access and navigate the Internet with ease that still astounds those from the older generation. But what is even more astounding is the neglect of the basic human traits of friendship, society, relationships and family values. Owing to all the technological advancements and the gadgets available today, children often miss out on the most enriching of childhood experiences such as playing outdoor games with friends, which apart from being immensely enjoyable and physically exhilarating, also develops traits such as teamwork and discipline from an early age.

** You are advised to attempt this sample paper without referring the answers given here. However, cross check your answers once you complete the paper.*

4. But now when the concept of friends is gradually being limited to virtual friends, one shudders to think of the implications for the personality development of a child because the time spent with computers or mobile phones for entertainment can never really substitute for the holistic benefits of outdoor play.
5. As for me I think this age of rapid development has created at least as many problems as it has solved. The reason is that the basic goal of life, the pursuit of happiness, has now been replaced by the pursuit of money. Money and happiness are considered analogous in our present society, but actually are not so. In this mindless pursuit of money, nobody has time now to appreciate the beauty of life, which consists of a simple act of kindness to someone in a time of need.
6. So there is an urgent need to stop for a moment and think about where we are actually heading- is it development or destruction? Do we have to wait until people have grown so much apart from each other that we cannot see the suffering of our own species due to our mindless greed, or can we still mend our ways?

On the basis of your reading answer any ten of the following questions. (1 × 10 = 10)

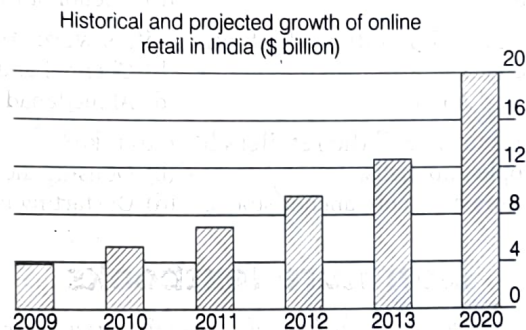
- (i) According to passage it is like one side of the coin to say that life has changed owing to science as
- age of science has brought wonders and miracles.
 - different aspects of life have changed due to science.
 - there is another side of the coin to look at.
 - this side of coin is true and sufficient to look at.
- (ii) Choose the option that best captures the central idea of the passage from the given quotes.

<p>"The most important journey of our lives is doing good for the world, especially working for the upliftment of human conditions, human values, human dignity and human rights."? - Amit Ray</p> <p>(1)</p>	<p>"It is impossible to escape the impression that people commonly use false standards of measurement — that they seek power, success and wealth for themselves and admire them in others and that they underestimate what is of true value in life."? -Sigmund Freud</p> <p>(2)</p>	<p>"The saddest aspect of life right now is that science gathers knowledge faster than society gathers wisdom."? - Isaac Asimov</p> <p>(3)</p>	<p>"Rather than love, than money, than fame, give me truth." - Henry David Thoreau</p> <p>(4)</p>
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- (a) Option 1 (b) Option 2 (c) Option 3 (d) Option 4

- (iii) Internet hampers the holistic growth of a child by
- encouraging human traits of friendship, society and family.
 - enriching childhood experiences of outdoor games.
 - providing virtual friends and gadgets.
 - developing teamwork and discipline.
- (iv) Which of the following lists the values that humans have lost with advancement?
- Materialism
 - Kindness
 - Concern
 - Empathy
 - Respect
 - Equality
- (a) 1 and 3 (b) 5 and 6 (c) 1,5 and 6 (d) 2,3 and 4
- (v) Which of the values are being lost due to technological advancement?
- Kindness
 - Empathy
 - Concern
 - All of these
- (vi) Which of the following will be the most appropriate title for the passage?
- Understanding Society
 - Technological Advancement- The Flip Side
 - Not All is Good
 - Is this Development?

5. Even then, revenues continue to come in for some of the malls. The reason: anchor stores. Anchor stores are those specialised stores that offer exclusive products generally not available online. Brands like Zara, H&M and even Starbucks are acting as anchor stores for mall owners, who are rushing to sign them, at times with revenue sharing models and larger exclusive spaces.
6. Evidently, the surge of online retail has also forced mall owners to set their priorities straight, as watching movies and dining out remains among the last few things that people cannot get delivered to their doorstep. "The arrival of the mall syndrome has accelerated the growth of cineplexes as multiplexes are the anchor tenants in most of these malls," Shравan Shroff, managing director, Shringar Cinemas.
- Only 17% of Indians are online as of now, a low number compared to other countries. However, these numbers are soon set to swell up exponentially as India hits the mark of 300 million people online before the year ends, leaving mall owners as well as retailers with the mammoth task of luring people away from their computers and phones to physical stores at a time when developers are slowing down on projects.



On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any ten of the following questions. (1 × 10 = 10)

- (i) What does the given passage highlight?
 (a) Increasing number of mall in India.
 (b) Growth of online retail in India.
 (c) Impact of online retail on malls.
 (d) The strategies that malls must utilise to increase footfall.
- (ii) In the line, "... a tale of empty", the word "Tale" DOES NOT refer to
 (a) a story (b) a situation (c) a report (d) an account
- (iii) How does online retail growth affect the shopping malls?
 (a) They are empty. (b) Mall projects are stalled.
 (c) No focus on making business profitable. (d) Both (a) and (b)
- (iv) Based on your understanding of the passage, Choose the option that lists the ways in which the e-commerce industry had taken over malls.
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| 1. Discounts | 2. Offers | 3. Travelling |
| 4. Security | 5. Choices | 6. Convenience |
- (a) 1,2 and 3 (b) 4,5 and 6 (c) 1,2 and 5 (d) All of these
- (v) Lower footfall resulted in
 (a) vacant malls (b) fall in mall rentals
 (c) shutting down of malls (d) construction of multiplexes in malls
- (vi) Choose the option that lists the statement that is not true according to the given graph.
- (a) Between the year 2013 and 2020, online shopping has seen exponential growth.
 (b) Online shopping became a part of the Indian shopping market in 2009.
 (c) Online shopping saw consistency between 2009-2012.
 (d) Online shopping drastically changed the shopping scenario after 2012.

- (vii) What are keeping the buyers inside their houses?
 (a) Rising fuel price (b) Online discounts
 (c) Abundance of choices (d) All of these
- (viii) What are Anchor stores?
 (a) Stores that sell customised products.
 (b) Stores that provide all kinds of stuff at one place.
 (c) Stores that sell product that is not available online.
 (d) Stores that offer various options of a product.
- (ix) What depicts that the growing retail story of India is problematic?
 (a) Reduction in footfall.
 (b) Dependence on anchor stores.
 (c) Malls remaining empty.
 (d) Difficulty faced by mall owners in paying rent.
- (x) According to the survey, which industry is bound to grow in the next five years?
 (a) Cineplexes (b) Food
 (c) E-commerce (d) Anchor stores
- (xi) Apart from metropolitan cities which other cities were studied in the survey?
 (a) Itanagar and Pune (b) Chennai and Mysore
 (c) Chandigarh and Jaipur (d) Ahmedabad and Hyderabad
- (xii) What Mammoth tasks will the retailers have to take?
 (a) Of luring people into malls. (b) Of using the mall space efficiently.
 (c) Of opening more and more anchor stores. (d) Of starting up a new business.

Literature Textbooks

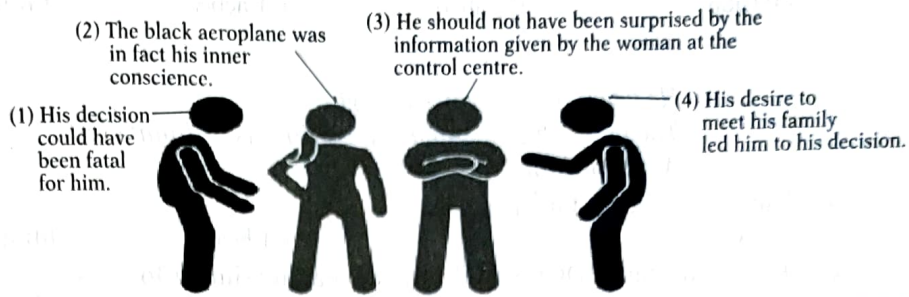
(10 Marks)

3. Read the extract given below carefully and answer the questions that follow. (1 × 5 = 5)

I landed and was not sorry to walk away from the old Dakota near the control tower. I went and asked a woman in the control centre where I was and who the other pilot was. I wanted to say 'Thank you'. She looked at me very strangely, and then laughed. 'Another aeroplane? Up there in this storm? No other aeroplanes were flying tonight. Yours was the only one I could see on the radar.'

- (i) The pilot asked the woman in the control tower about
 (a) his friend (b) other plane and its pilot
 (c) weather (d) breakfast
- (ii) Choose the option that lists the set of statements that are NOT TRUE according to the given extract.
1. I was a pilot
 2. His plane had malfunctioned while flying.
 3. He had entered a storm.
 4. He was helped by a black aeroplane.
 5. He was very adventurous and courageous.
 6. He wanted to learn flying from the other pilot of the black aeroplane..
- (a) 1 and 3 (b) 2 and 6 (c) 4 and 5 (d) Only 6
- (iii) Why was the narrator shocked after hearing the woman's word?
 (a) Because she told him that no other plane was flying that night.
 (b) Because she told him that his plane was only plane seen on radar.
 (c) Because she told him that no plane has landed on the airport.
 (d) Both (a) and (b)
- (iv) What is old Dakota?
 (a) A town from where the pilot took off.
 (b) A town where the pilot landed.
 (c) The name of the plane the pilot had been flying.
 (d) The other aeroplane.

(v) Pick the option that correctly classifies fact/s(F) and opinion/s (O) given below.



- (a) F-1,3 and O-2,4 (b) F- 2,3 and O-1,4 (c) F-3,4 and O-1,2 (d) F-1,4 and O-2,3

Or

And did you cut down on the sweet things as I told you? "Oh, I did for a bit, but he seemed to be so weak I had to relent. He does love cream cakes and chocolates so, I can't bear to refuse him. I looked down again at the little dog. That was the trouble.

- (i) What sweet things are being referred to in the extract?
 (a) Cream cakes and chocolates (b) Biscuits and toffees
 (c) Sugar and ice creams (d) Sweet breads
- (ii) Why does the speaker enquire if the sweet things have been cut down?
 (a) Because these were essential for Tricki.
 (b) Because these were spoiling Tricki's health.
 (c) Because these things will be helpful for Tricki's recovery.
 (d) None of the above
- (iii) What is the meaning of the phrase 'cut down'?
 (a) To regain the quantity of something. (b) To reduce the quantity of something.
 (c) To increase the quantity of something. (d) To balance the quantity of something.
- (iv) Choose the answer that lists the correct option about the trouble with the dog.



- (a) Option 1 (b) Option 2 (c) Option 3 (d) Option 4

- (v) What does the given lines tell us about Mrs Pumphrey?
 (a) She was very rich (b) She pampered Tricki
 (c) She did not like the doctor (d) Both (a) and (b)

4. Read the extracts given below and answer the following questions. (1 × 5 = 5)

*Has given my heart
 A change of mood
 And saved some part
 Of a day I had rued.*

- (i) Of what change does the poet mention here?
 (a) Change of mood (b) Change of desire
 (c) Change of nature (d) Change of weather
- (ii) What changed made the poet feels that the day was rued?
 (a) Fight with roommate (b) A professional rejection
 (c) His illness (d) Can't say
- (iii) How has the poet mood changed?
 (a) From sadness to happiness (b) From anger to regret
 (c) From happiness to sadness (d) From anger to happiness
- (iv) The word that DOES NOT indicate anything about the poet's mood is
 (a) change (b) saved (c) heart (d) rued

- (v) What is the rhyme scheme of the given extract?
 (a) aabb (b) abab (c) acbc (d) free verse

Or

*He hears the last voice at night
 The patrolling cars and stares with his brilliant eyes
 At the brilliant stars.*

- (i) 'He' in the above stanza is
 (a) lion (b) tiger (c) bear (d) hyena
- (ii) The word 'stares' DOES NOT have a meaning similar to
 (a) study (b) gape (c) vacant (d) gaze
- (iii) The tiger's eyes shine like stars because he is
 (a) hopeful (b) enigmatic (c) sad (d) Both (a) and (c)
- (iv) Who has composed the above lines?
 (a) Robert Frost (b) Robin Klien (c) Walt Whitman (d) Leslie Norris
- (v) Which of the following may not be a purpose of patrolling cars that the animal sees?
 (a) To set him free.
 (b) To check for any problems.
 (c) To make sure all animals are calmly sleeping.
 (d) To make sure that the place is clean for the next day.

Grammar

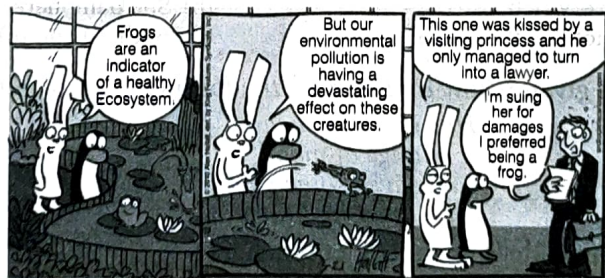
(10 Marks)

5. Fill in the blanks given below with the help of options that follow. (1 × 3 = 3)

What we call life is a very complex affair. It is not simply eating, reproducing and finally dying. Every creature (i) these. Man has to lead a highly complicated life. It is like (ii) through a maze and coming out. He is an economic being and a social animal. He has to earn, make a home, look after his people and (iii) to his obligations to the society and the Government. So, in order to be successful he has to develop certain qualities.

- (i) (a) is doing (b) will do (c) does (d) do
 (ii) (a) gone (b) going (c) went (d) making
 (iii) (a) attend (b) attends (c) will attend (d) attending

6. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete the narration. (1 × 3 = 3)



Jackie in his children comics for environment (i) comic strip. He could understand that frogs indicate a healthy ecosystem. He also understood that the environmental pollution prevalent in his time (ii) on them. The next box was something about frog and princess which (iii) was very irrelevant to the issue.

- (i) (a) saw the given (b) see the above (c) had seen the (d) have been seeing
 (ii) (a) have a lasting (b) has been having a lasting affect
 (c) has a lasting effect (d) is having a lasting effect
 (iii) (a) for him (b) according to he (c) to him (d) according to him

7. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct option for any four of the six sentences given below. (1 × 4 = 4)

- (i) Water has a moderating effect on temperature, summer and midday heat, and winter and midnight cold.
 (a) diminished (b) having diminished (c) being diminished (d) diminishing
- (ii) They could easily afford to stay at the best hotels, they preferred to stay at small family run guest houses.
 (a) as (b) yet (c) for (d) therefore
- (iii) The police found counterfeit money as well as guns at the gang's headquarters.
 a) a large amount of (b) several more (c) only a few (d) a number of
- (iv) While the battle out in the open, the technological capability of the coalition forces them to lead.
 (a) had been fought, was giving (b) was fought, would give
 (c) was being fought, gave (d) would have been fought, will give
- (v) of the area managers is going to report his total sales to head office two weeks.
 (a) All, each (b) Any, all (c) Every, several (d) Each, every
- (vi) how careful I try to be throughout the month, I always seem to run out of money before I get paid.
 (a) Whenever (b) Even though (c) No matter (d) In case

Part - B (40 Marks)

Writing

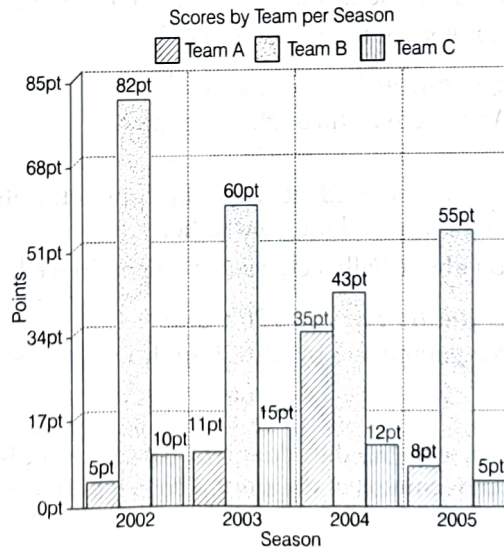
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8. For the past seven days, you were late for work due to some unavoidable issues at home. Write a letter to your manager explaining the situation, why you were late for work for several days. (100-120 words) (5)

Or

You live in a room in college which you can share with another student. However, there are many problems with this arrangement and you find it very difficult to work. Write a letter to the accommodation officer at the college explaining the situation and requesting an earliest redressal. (100-120 words)

9. The bar chart shows the scores of teams A, B and C over four different seasons. Write an analytical paragraph on the given data in about 100-120 words. (5)



Or

The table illustrates the proportion of monthly household income five European countries spend on food and drink, housing, clothing and entertainment. Using the given data, write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words.

Proportion of Household Income of Five European Countries Spend on Food and Drink, Housing, Clothing and Entertainment

	Food and drink	Housing	Clothing	Entertainment
France	25%	31%	7%	13%
Germany	22%	33%	15%	19%
UK	27%	37%	11%	11%
Turkey	36%	20%	12%	10%
Spain	31%	18%	8%	15%

Literature Textbooks

(30 Marks)

10. (a) Answer any two of the following questions in 20-30 words each. (2 × 2 = 4)
- How does the boy feel at the loss of his ball? (The Ball Poem)
 - Where does Lomov visit in formal clothes? What is the purpose of his visit?
 - Why did Valli keep standing in front of the door?
- (b) Answer any two of the following questions in 20-30 words each. (2 × 2 = 4)
- 'Anil walked away. I followed casually'. Why do you think the narrator followed Anil?
 - Why did Griffin go to Iping in the cold season?
 - Why the lawyer was sent back to New Mullion? Who went with him?
11. (a) Answer any two of the following questions in 40-50 words each. (3 × 2 = 6)
- According to the poet, what do 'fire and ice' represent? Do you agree with him?
 - What tells you that Anne loved her grandmother?
 - Describe the magnificent views of the tea estate with reference to the lesson, 'Tea from Assam'. (Glimpses of India)
- (b) Answer any two of the following questions in 40-50 words each. (3 × 2 = 6)
- How did Matilda come to know about the reality of the diamond necklace?
 - What other interests, besides science, did Richard Ebright pursue? What opinion did Mr. Weiherer, his social studies teacher, have about Ebright?
 - Why did Bholi not want to go to school?
12. Answer the following question in 100-120 words. (5)
- What message does Anne convey through her diary?

Or

Valli posed herself to be very confident when the conductor offered her help to ride the bus. Later on she felt shy when all laughed at her.

What does this tell you about Valli's character? What do we learn from her character?

13. Answer the following question in 100-120 words. (5)
- Do you think that over-pampering by Mrs Pumphrey was the main reason for Tricky's ailment? Explain.

Or

The hack driver appears to be humble, co-operative and friendly but as a matter of fact he is not. Explain this fact in context of the story 'The Hack Driver' that appearances can be deceptive.