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SAMPLE PAPER - 3 (2020-21)  
ENGLISH - LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE  
CBSE CLASS - X

**General Instructions :**

1. This paper is divided into two parts: A and B. All questions are compulsory.
2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.  
Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
3. 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 marks)

*Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.*

These are the words inscribed on the Statue of Liberty in New York. But ironically, those who go there are not the poor and the wretched but the skilled and the highly qualified doctors, engineers, scientists, nurses and technicians, from other countries including India.

The urge to go to the West has become compelling in India in post-independence years. Both the world wars and political upheavals like civil wars and revolutions, spawned large migrations during the first half of this century. The migrations in the latter half stemmed from economic motivation. People in power like scientists and skilled persons have, from the very beginning, played a key role in international migration. The conscious policy to encourage migration of high quality manpower from other regions and countries is related to the positive contribution made by the immigrants to their country of adoption, resulting in a net advantage to it.

The earnings and remittances from the Indians settled abroad or their eventual return, are poor compensation for the lasting and serious loss inflicted by their outflow. The specific objectives of the anti-brain drain policies, within the framework of independent development, are to bring back to a limited extent, the lost talents and skills from abroad and reduce the outflow in the short run and finally end it, except that necessitated by genuine, multi-lateral international dependence.

Brain Drain means professionals going abroad to work. This is not good because nowadays all the good brains are going out to work for other countries. If they had efficiently utilised their brains in this country, India could have been a better country. America has become a developed country, because there maximum number of employees consists of Indians only. So if those employees had worked for India, India would surely have become America. So Brain Drain is not good from economic point of view.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer ANY TEN of the following questions :

- (i) What kind of people do not go to America ?
- (a) doctors (b) businessmen  
(c) technicians (d) engineers
- (ii) Who have played a key role in international migration?
- (a) skilled persons (b) scientists  
(c) engineers (d) all of these
- (iii) Which one of the following is NOT an objective of anti-brain drain policies ?
- (a) to bring back lost talent  
(b) to help the poor  
(c) to reduce the outflow in the short run  
(d) both (a) and (c)
- (iv) America has become a developed country because \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (a) many Indians are migrating to America  
(b) anti-drain policies are not working properly  
(c) maximum number of employees in America consists of Indians  
(d) none of these
- (v) People started going to the West in \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (a) post- independence years  
(b) pre independence years  
(c) war period  
(d) political upheavals
- (vi) Choose the option that correctly state the terminology used for the 'Professionals going abroad to work' .
- (a) political upheaval  
(b) brain-drain  
(c) anti-brain drain  
(d) revolution
- (vii) What is meant by the word 'inscribed'? (para 1)
- (a) designed (b) written  
(c) read (d) painted
- (viii) Find the word from the passage which means 'great changes or disturbances'. (para 2)
- (a) wars (b) immigrants  
(c) migrations (d) upheavals
- (ix) Find the word opposite in meaning to 'earnings'.(para 3)
- (a) expenses (b) compensation  
(c) policies (d) skills
- (x) Select the option that makes the opposite use of "minimum" as used in the passage.
- (a) developer (b) economic  
(c) maximum (d) drain
- (xi) What is meant by 'urge' in para 1?
- (a) wish (b) advise  
(c) pray (d) strong desire

(xii) Brain drain has one of the following effects on the economy of a country.

- (a) not good  
(b) does not effect  
(c) good  
(d) there is no harm

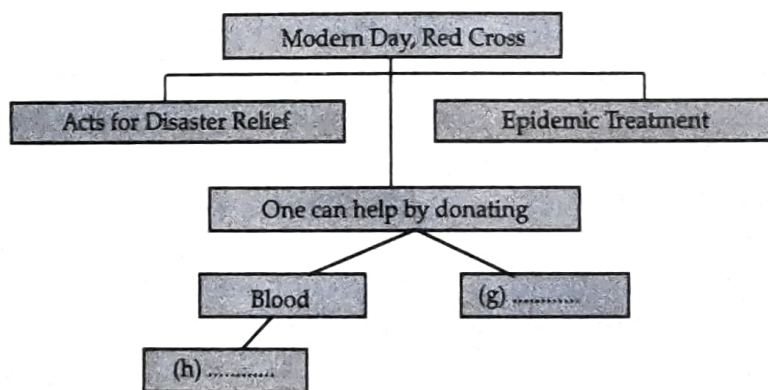
(10 marks)

2. Read the passage given below :

On June 24, 1859, Emperors Napoleon III and Franz Joseph I were engaged in the Battle of Solferino, commanding a combined total of about 2,70,000 troops onto the field for a single day of battle. Nearly 40,000 were either dead, injured, or missing and many of them were simply left to die on the battlefield. Later, spectators crowded the fields, looking for loved ones, searching for items they could sell, or for simply taking in the horrors of the battle. A Swiss businessman and social activist Jean Henri Dunant, who was travelling in Solferino, witnessed all this.

Jean Henri Dunant witnessed the atrocities of war as well as the helplessness of the countries not prepared or equipped to ease the suffering of those who had been injured in the Battle of Solferino. Dunant organised a group of volunteers to help bring water and food to the injured, to assist with medical treatment, or to write letters to the families of those who were dying. He also urged the public to create an organisation which would assist the wounded, regardless of which side they fought for during the times of war. From that moment, he wrote the book, A Memory of Solferino, which urged the public to create an organisation which would assist the wounded, regardless of which side they fought for during the times of war. His writing inspired countless others to rally behind him in the creation of the International Federation of the Red Cross.

The modern-day Red Cross began by devoting itself largely to the acts of disaster relief and epidemic treatment. This effort continues to this day. One of the easiest ways you can help the Red Cross is to make sure you are able to donate blood and make an appointment at the Red Cross website. But donating blood isn't the only way you can help out—the Red Cross also encourages you to donate your time if you can. This is what the Red Cross wants everyone to know.



On the basis of your understanding of the passage attempt, ANY TEN questions from the twelve that following:

(i) How many soldiers fought in the battle of Solferino on June 24?

- (a) 2,70,000  
(b) 40,000  
(c) 2,30,000  
(d) 23,000

(ii) What is the correct order of the information given below:

- I. Dunant organised a camp of volunteers.  
II. Emperor Napoleon III and Franz Joseph I fought a battle.  
III. The book 'A Memory of Solferino' was written.  
IV. Dunant travelled in Solferino.

- (a) IV, III, II, I  
(b) I, II, III, IV  
(c) II, I, IV III  
(d) II, IV I, III

- (iii) The writer of 'A Memory of Solferino' was:
- (a) Emperor Napoleon II (b) Franz Joseph I  
(c) Jean Henri Dunant (d) International Red Cross
- (iv) The modern day Red Cross does not deal with :
- (a) Blood donation  
(b) Disaster Relief  
(c) Epidemic Treatment  
(d) Writing a book.
- (v) The most appropriate sub-heading to para 2 of the passage is:
- (a) How International Federation of Red Cross Evolved!  
(b) Functions of Red Cross.  
(c) The Contributions of Jean Henri Dunant.  
(d) The Battle of Solferino.
- (vi) The aid provided by Dunant's volunteers during the battle of Solferino was:
- I. to help bring water and food to the injured.  
II. to assist with medical treatment.  
III. to write a book.  
IV. to give relief in epidemic.
- (a) I and III (b) III and IV  
(c) I and II (d) II and III
- (vii) You can donate your blood and \_\_\_\_\_ to Red Cross.
- (a) water (b) time  
(c) meals (d) books
- (viii) To donate blood one should \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) make an appointment with society members  
(b) make an appointment at Red Cross website  
(c) collect information from patients  
(d) collect information from neighbourhood
- (ix) And a word from para 2 which means the same as 'an individual or group who freely gives time to benefit others' :
- (a) injured (b) Volunteers  
(c) Public (d) organisation
- (x) A word which means the opposite of 'ancient' in para 3 is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) devoting (b) treatment  
(c) modern (d) donating
- (xi) A word which means 'an extremely cruel' in para 2 is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) witnessed (b) helplessness  
(c) atrocities (d) equipped
- (xii) The antonym of 'discourages' in para 3 is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) devoting (b) disaster  
(c) appointment (d) encourages

**LITERATURE [10 marks]**

3. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE, by answering the questions that follow.

(5 × 1 = 5)

(A) But, please, Stephen Stepanovitch, how can they be yours? Do be a reasonable man. My aunt's grandmother gave the meadows for the temporary and free use of your grandfather's peasants. The

peasants used the land for forty years and got accustomed to it as if it was their own, when it happened that....

CHUBUKOV: Excuse me, my precious. You forget just this that the peasants didn't pay your grandmother and all that because the Meadows were in dispute.

(i) Who is the speaker of above lines ?

- (a) Stephen
- (b) Natalya
- (c) Ivan
- (c) Stranger

(ii) The meadows were given by my aunt's grandmother for the temporary and free use of your grandfather's \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) labourers
- (b) peasants
- (c) servants
- (d) drivers

(iii) For how many years had peasants used the land ?

- (a) forty
- (b) thirty
- (c) fifty
- (d) twenty

(iv) Find out the antonym of 'permanent' from the passage.

- (a) reasonable
- (b) meadows
- (c) accustomed
- (d) temporary

(v) Which land is being talked about in these lines ?

- (a) orchard
- (b) oxen meadows
- (c) tea-garden
- (d) meadows

OR

(B) The following Sunday, Lencho came a bit earlier than usual to ask if there was a letter for him. It was the postman himself who handed the letter to him while the postmaster, experiencing the contentment of a man who has performed a good deed, looked on from his office. Lencho showed not the slightest surprise on seeing the money; such was his confidence - but he became angry when he counted the money. God could not have made a mistake, nor could he have denied Lencho what he had requested.

(i) Was Lencho surprised on seeing the money?

- (a) a little
- (b) not at all
- (c) very much
- (d) a sort of

(ii) Lencho didn't get 100 pesos from God, it was only \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) Eighty pesos
- (b) Fifty pesos
- (c) Seventy pesos
- (d) Sixty pesos

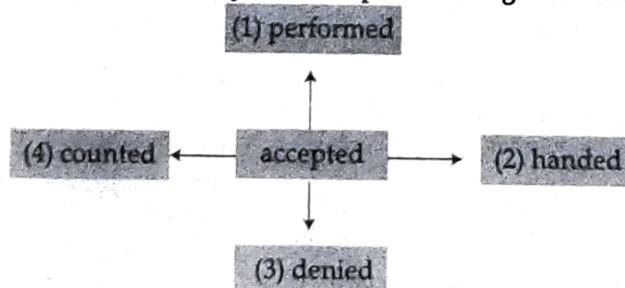
(iii) Choose the characteristic displayed by Lencho when he opened the Letter

- (a) Lencho belief in God was strong
- (b) Lencho belief in God was weak
- (c) Lencho belief in God was somewhat strong
- (d) Lencho belief in God was very weak

(iv) Who handed the letter to Lencho?

- (a) The Post master
- (b) The Clerk
- (c) The Postman
- (d) Stranger

(v) Which of the following is the antonym of 'accepted' in the given extract ?



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

4. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow :

(5 × 1 = 5)

(A) Pistol in his left hand, pistol in his right,  
And he held in his teeth a cutlass bright,  
His beard was black, one leg was wood;  
It was clear that the pirate meant no good.

(i) Who held the pistols ?

- (a) Dragon (b) Belinda  
(c) Pirate (d) Dog

(ii) What was the colour of his beard ?

- (a) grey (b) black  
(c) brown (d) white

(iii) What was his one leg made of ?

- (a) steel (b) iron  
(c) wood (d) alloy

(iv) Find a word in the passage which means the same as 'thief'

- (a) pirate (b) robber  
(c) burglar (d) pickpocket

(v) Name the poet.

- (a) Robert frost (b) Corl Sandhurg  
(c) Ogden Nash (d) Robin Klein

OR

(B) He should be lurking in shadow,  
Sliding through long grass  
Near the water hole  
Where plump deer pass

(i) The tiger is passing through \_\_\_\_\_ .

- (a) grass (b) trees  
(c) mountains (d) river

(ii) For whom is tiger waiting near the water hole ?

- (a) Fat elephant (b) Fat hare  
(c) Fat deer (d) Fat ox

(iii) Find the word from the passage which means the same as 'fat'.

- (a) lurking (b) sliding  
(c) rage (d) Plump

(iv) Who is 'he' here?

- (a) The Lion (b) The Tiger  
(c) The Camel (d) The Giraffe

(v) The poetic device used in line four is \_\_\_\_\_ .

- (a) metaphor (b) alliteration  
(c) personification (d) anaphora

**GRAMMAR [10 marks]**

5. Choose the correct option to fill in the blanks to complete the note about the members of Bird Watching club. (3 × 1=3)

In developing countries such as Britain, Germany, Japan and USA, one can see a number of people of all age groups like pensioners, school going children etc., (i) \_\_\_\_\_ in the meadows, forests and parks, on the river banks and sea shores with cameras and note books, (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ birds. Each member of a bird watching club (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ a badge, identity card and a map of the area. The main function of these

organisations is to collect as much data on birds as possible. This data is sent to the higher authorities for the verification of the research.

- (i) (a) moving about (b) moved about  
 (c) move about (d) movement
- (ii) (a) jotting down the names, colours and sizes of the difference  
 (b) jotting down the names, colours and sizes of the different  
 (c) jotting down the names, colours and sizes  
 (d) differentiate
- (iii) (a) was provided with (b) was provided in  
 (c) is provided with (d) is provided in

6. Read the comic strip and complete the passage given below.

(3 × 1=3)



Neha asked Naina (i) \_\_\_\_\_ London. Naina replied that she had enjoyed herself only in parts as (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ there. Then Neha wanted to know (iii) \_\_\_\_\_. To this Naina replied that yes she saw number of interesting places although she wished it had rained a little less there.

- (i) (a) if she enjoyed in (b) she had enjoyed her holiday in  
 (c) if she had enjoyed holiday in (d) she has enjoyed her holiday in
- (ii) (a) it was cold there (b) it was really very cold  
 (c) it is cold there (d) it has been cold
- (iii) (a) she had seen (b) she has seen  
 (c) you have seen (d) if the visited some of the famous places

7. Fill in the blank by choosing correct options for ANY FOUR of the six sentences given below: (4 × 1=4)

- (i) My brother \_\_\_\_\_ a song.  
 (a) have composed (b) are composing  
 (c) has composed (d) was composed
- (ii) The court declared \_\_\_\_\_ the officer was guilty of negligence.  
 (a) because (b) that  
 (c) if (d) so
- (iii) Politics \_\_\_\_\_ a corrupt game these days.  
 (a) was (b) were  
 (c) is (d) are
- (iv) One of my friends \_\_\_\_\_ to Canada.  
 (a) was gone (b) has gone  
 (c) were going (d) has been gone

(v) \_\_\_\_\_ by the noise, Nitin left the place.

(a) Irritated

(c) Irritates

(b) Irritating

(d) Irritate

(vi) I am a slow reader but I remember \_\_\_\_\_ I read.

(a) much of what

(c) most of this

(b) most of what

(d) much of this

**PART B [40 Marks]**

**WRITING [10 marks]**

8. Attempt ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words.

(5 marks)

(A) You are Neha/Nihal Singh, Computer In-charge of Army Public School. Your school wishes to buy 20 computers and computer accessories from Apple Inc., Nehru Place, New Delhi. Draft a letter placing an order for the same.

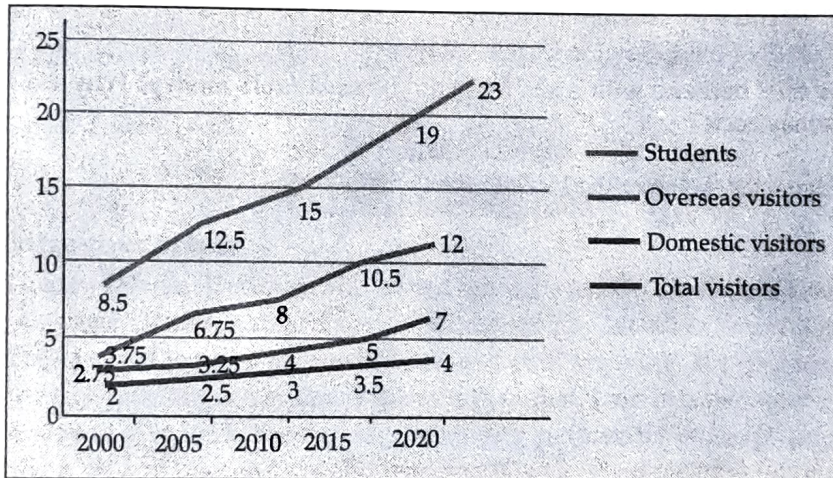
OR

(B) You noticed, while travelling in the Metro that in spite of the strict vigilance, people try to deface the Metro trains and stations. Write a letter to the editor of an evening newspaper suggesting DMRC, Delhi to start some awareness programmes at the school level in coordination with the Directorate of Education explaining how such programmes may help in bringing a positive change in people's attitude. You are Sudheer/Sweety of 3-B, DDA Flats, Punjabi Bagh, Delhi.

9. Attempt ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words.

(5 marks)

(A) The following graph shows the number of visitors (in millions) who visited the famous Salarjung Museum in Hyderabad between 2000 and 2010 as well as the number of visitors expected to visit it in the next ten years.



Write an analytical paragraph interpreting the given data.

OR

(B) Look at the data given below which shows the changes that have occurred between 1995 to 2010 in Bilaspur regarding women education. Write a paragraph to record the changes by interpreting this data.

Female Education in Bilaspur		1995	2010
1.	No. of Girl's school	10	15
2.	No. of Women Colleges	3	4
3.	No. of students in schools	10,000	16,000
4.	No. of students in colleges	6000	10,000
5.	Literacy rate	30%	55%
6.	Distance Education Centres	Nil	03



**LITERATURE [30 marks]**

10. Answer ANY TWO questions in 20-30 words each, from (A) and (B) respectively. (2 × 4 = 8)
- (A) (i) Why does the poet want 'to turn into and live' with animals? (any two) (2×2=4)
- (A) (ii) Why did Maddie feel guilty of herself?
- (A) (iii) What details did Valli pick up about the bus journey? How did she pick up these details?
- (B) (i) How did Griffin enjoy himself inside a big London store? (any two) (2×2=4)
- (ii) How did Bholi find her school teacher different from her family members?
- (iii) What did the hack driver tell the narrator about Lutkin's mother?
11. Answer ANY TWO questions in 40-50 words each, from (A) and (B) respectively. (3 × 4=12)
- (A) (i) 'Paper has more patience than people'. Elucidate.
- (A) (ii) Why did Lencho write a letter to God?
- (A) (iii) What did the Buddha do after he had attained enlightenment? Why?
- (B) (i) What were the factors which contributed in making Ebright a Scientist? (any two) (3×2=6)
- (ii) Why was Dr. Herriot confident that Tricki will be in hospital room soon? (any two) (3×2=6)
- (A) (iii) Why was Mathilde Loisel always unhappy?
12. Answer ANY ONE the following in 100-120 words. (5 marks)
- (A) His father and mother had come around calling to him shrilly, upbraiding him, threatening him .....  
What role was played by the family of the seagull to train him in the art of flying?
- OR**
- (B) "You seem to have done your homework before coming." Answer the given question in the light of this statement.  
Rajvir seemed to have a lot of information about tea. What all did he tell? What character trait of his is revealed? Is it essential for children?
13. Answer ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words. (5 marks)
- (A) Why did the thief befriend with Anil? Why did he steal Anil's money? Why did he come back and put Anil's money back?
- OR**
- (B) Describe the character sketch of the Hack Driver.