



CLASS 10 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

ENGLISH TEST 1

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

Section A

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

[8]

Kausani is situated at a height of 6,075 feet in the central Himalayas. It is an unusually attractive little town. It covers just about 5.2 sq km. It lies to the north of Almora in Uttarakhand's picturesque Kumaon region.

Kausani provides the 300 km. wide breathtaking view of the Himalayas. It is the most striking aspect of this place. Snow-capped peaks are spread in a stately row. They stare at you in silvery-white majesty. The most famous peak on view is Nanda Devi, the second highest mountain in India It is situated at a height of 25,645 feet and 36 miles away as the crow flies. The other famous peaks on view are Choukhamba (23,420 feet) and Tnshul (23,360 feet). Then there are also Nilkanth, Nandaghunti, Nandaghat and Nandakot. On a clear day, the blue of the sky makes a splendid background to these peaks. At sunrise and at sunset, when the colour of the sky changes to a golden orange, the scene gets etched in your memory.

When Gandhiji visited this place in 1929, its scenic beauty held him spellbound. He named it the 'Switzerland of India'. He prolonged his two day stay to fourteen days, making time to write a book, 'Anashakti Yoga'. The place where he was staying was originally a guest house of a tea estate. It was renamed 'Anashakti Ashram' after the book.

Kausani is the birthplace of Sumitranandan Pant, India's poet laureate. Its natural surroundings inspired many of his poems Its tea gardens mingle with dense pine forests and fruit orchards The area is also host to many fairs and religious ceremonies. If Uttarakhand is the abode of Gods, Kausani is God's own backyard. There is no traffic, no one is in a hurry. If serenity could be put on a canvas, the picture would resemble Kausani.

Answer the following questions briefly:

- Kausani is situated at a height of 6,075 feet in the central Himalayas. (True/False)
- The most striking aspect of Kausani is that it provides the 30 km wide breathtaking view of the Himalayas. (True/False)
- Which is the most famous peak on view from Kausani?
- What name Gandhi Ji gave to Kausani?
- Kausani is in _____.
- Anashakti Yoga is written by _____.
- What makes Kausani a calm and quiet place?
(a) No traffic (b) No hotels (c) No roads (d) No Electricity
- Why is Kausani's guest house of the tea estate known as 'Anashakti Ashram'?
(a) Gandhi Ji wrote his autobiography there

- (b) Gandhi Ji wrote Anashakti Yoga there
- (c) Gandhi Ji practiced Anashakti Yoga there
- (d) Gandhi Ji loved this place

2. **Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

[12]

"The great model of affection of love in human beings is the sentiment which subsists between parents and children." As time goes by, things change. What was popular, and normal, in the 70's has changed. The older generation always wonder what had gone wrong with the younger generation and the younger generation also wonder why parents can't understand their needs. They don't know how to deal with the differences between each other and that has led to a gap between parents and children. The interests, food, habits, slang, entertainment and also the way of thinking of the younger generation differs from the older generation. These changes are indicative of progress. The difference in the ways of thinking and perception in the people of two different generations, which results in behavioral differences and sometimes, conflict among them is usually called generation gap. Generation gap is generally seen in the family between parents and their children. It is not only because of the gap in age, but also because of the way parents react to a particular situation. Children being very young and immature do not understand the way of thinking of their parents. In many cases, the parents, even if they are matured, do not empathize with the changing values and thinking pattern of the modern world. This creates a communication gap between these two generations.

Generation gap between parents and children is mostly caused by parents themselves. They do not talk openly to their children and take part in solving their problems. This behaviour gives the impression about parents being authoritative persons, because they only dictate without understanding the problems faced by their children. As a result, the children become mentally isolated from their parents. Some parents become so busy with their work that they don't spend quality time with their family, which makes them completely unaware of how their children are growing, what kind of mentality is being developed in them, and so on. This ultimately creates a gap between them. They only realize it when it is too late.

Changes in technology have led to the generation gap in this modern world. Children tend to spend most of their time with their digital devices and are so busy with social media, that they do not discuss their problems with their parents. The internet provides solutions to most of the worldly problems. So children, instead of contacting their own parents, use the help of internet in case of any problem, thus again reducing the communication, leading to a generation gap between them.

The generation gap has greatly increased these days because the time is changing fast and people find it difficult to cope up with this change. To overcome this problem, parents should show interest in all matters of their children and deal with them positively instead of just scolding them and leaving them alone to deal with their problems. Giving time to the children, having open communication, and allowing the child to feel free and not in any kind of pressure, will eventually reduce the generation gap to a tolerable extent.

Answer the following questions :

- a. What causes the gap between the parents and their children?

- b. What is generation gap?
- c. Where does generation gap usually see?
- d. What steps need to be taken to bridge this gap?
- e. What is meant by the word, 'particular'? (Para 2)
 - i. specific
 - ii. usual
 - iii. normal
 - iv. instant
- f. What is meant by the word, 'isolated'? (Para 3)
 - i. bound
 - ii. grown
 - iii. separated
 - iv. unconcerned
- g. What is the antonym of the word, 'solutions'? (Para 5)
 - i. difficulties
 - ii. irritations
 - iii. problems
 - iv. decisions
- h. What is the antonym of the word, 'reduce'? (Para 6)
 - i. tear
 - ii. expand
 - iii. open
 - iv. abridge

Section B

3. Write a letter to the Editor of a local daily, expressing your views on the subject Value system is the backbone of an individual's character. [8]

OR

A disturbing trend is taking root among students. They neglect their studies but spend most of their time in watching television. Write an article in 100-150 words on **Impact of Watching TV On Students**.

4. Write a story in 150-200 words based on the points given below: [10]

a rich man ____ spend whole life to earn wealth ____ angel of death came ____ requested for life ____ asked for one hour ____ angel denied every request __ got one minute ____ he wrote a note ____ money can't buy you anything ____ .

OR

Complete the story in 150-200 words where the beginning is given below:

It was her friend's birthday. Mansi was very happy. She was going to attend such a party for the first time in her life. But she was facing a difficulty.....

5. **Choose the most appropriate options from the ones given below to complete the following passage. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole passage.** [4]

A great part of Arabia (a) _____ a desert. The sand is so hot that you (b) _____ walk over (c) _____ with your bare feet in the daytime. During night you can (d) _____ it pleasant.

- a. (i) was (ii) is (iii) has (iv) had
- b. (i) couldn't (ii) mustn't (iii) shouldn't (iv) wouldn't
- c. (i) that (ii) this (iii) it (iv) these
- d. (i) observe (ii) feel (iii) express (iv) touch

6. **Read the following passage. There is an error in each line. Replace the error with the correct word :** [4]

			Error	Correction
	Luxor Writing Instrument Co.			
(a)	had introduced Excel 100	(a)	_____	_____
(b)	permanent marker. A product	(b)	_____	_____
(c)	has many unique features like	(c)	_____	_____
(d)	the dry safe ink which may	(d)	_____	_____
(e)	write smooth and without	(e)	_____	_____
(f)	drying, even if a marker is	(f)	_____	_____
(g)	left capped for 24-36 hours.	(g)	_____	_____
(h)	This is a best pen available.	(h)	_____	_____

7. **Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences as given in the example.** [4]

Example: to be broken / health myths / that need / are / a few / there /
There are a few health myths that need to be broken.

- a. contains / only animals / no plant food / cholesterol, / manufacture it /
- b. and / are / cholesterol / free from / all dry fruits / oil seeds / so / are
- c. cholesterol / free from / made from plants / is / any oil / always /
- d. one of the / oil / mustard / best / oil / the / oils / such / best / olive / healthiest / among / etc / are / and

Section C

8. **Read the following extracts and answer the question/complete the sentences that follow:** [4]

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

- a. 'He' in the above stanza is _____.
- b. The last voice that he hears is that of _____.
- c. The tiger stares at stars because he is _____.
- d. Which word means the same as 'sparkling'?

OR

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow it: (4 marks)

"Paris Control? Paris Control? Can you hear me?" There was no answer. The radio was dead too. I had no radio, no compass, and I could not see where I was. I was lost in the storm. Then, in the black clouds quite near me, I saw another aeroplane. It had no lights on its wings, but I could see it flying next to me through the storm. I could see the pilot's face—turned towards me. I was very glad to see another person. He lifted one hand and waved. "Follow me," he was saying. "Follow me." 'He knows that I am lost,' I thought. 'He's trying to help me.'

- a. What was the condition of the instruments?
- b. What did the writer see in the black clouds?
- c. Find a word from the passage similar in meaning to 'an instrument consisting of a magnetized needle.'
- d. Why did the writer think that the pilot was trying to help him?

9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each: [10]

- a) Can you say how May 10 is 'an autumn day' in South Africa?
- b) What were Maddie and Peggy's thoughts as they went to Boggins Heights?
- c) What did her experience teach Kisa Gotami?
- d) What would you have done if you were in the place of James Herriot?
- e) What did Ausable do when he saw Max with a pistol?
- f) Why did Griffin decide to become visible and to go to Iping?

10. Was Anne an intelligent girl? Support your answer with relevant instances. [8]

OR

Valli was so overcome with sadness to see the dead cow that she lost all enthusiasm. Do you feel the same way? If you feel concerned about the plight of animals falling prey to the fast moving traffic, what efforts will you make to make road travel safer?

11. How can you say that Mr. Loisel was a simple man and loved his wife very much? [8]

OR

'The story, 'Bholi' throws light on some social evils being practised in our society. Bholi took a stand and succeeded in overcoming social barriers. What can you contribute to change the social attitudes, illustrated in the story.