



Sample Paper 2022-23

SAMPLE PAPER 2

Class 12 - English Core

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, WRITING and LITERATURE.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number in your answer sheet to indicate the option/s being attempted.

SECTION A – READING SKILLS

1. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[10]

It is hard to think of an Indian snack that is not fried. However, we need to be aware of what happens to oil when it is heated. When oil begins to smoke, it is a good indicator that it has been heated too much. At this temperature, chemical changes begin to take place, which has many health risks. Of course, this is tricky. If the oil is not hot enough, then more of it is absorbed, and the resultant product is quite soggy and unfit to eat.

Further, prolonged heating of oil at high temperature, i.e. at its smoking point, leads to its degradation. A substance called acrolein is formed which can irritate the stomach lining. The oil that has decomposed to acrolein is dark and viscous. Normally this does not happen when food is fried at home. But as oil is expensive we are not willing to put it down the drain after having used it only once. The common tendency is to set aside any oil that is left over to use another time. And repeated use of the same oil guarantees the formation of acrolein with all its undesirable effects.

In fact, some experts suggest that oil should not be held at its smoking temperature for more than 15 minutes at a time. This time span, as everyone knows, is hardly sufficient to prepare food for even a small family of four. Sadly, olive and corn oils are not widely available in our markets. Both these oils can be heated to higher temperatures before they start smoking.

Even heart-friendly oils, like those made from sunflower, are also not spared from these effects. Another problem arises when oil is stored under less than satisfactory conditions. If the oil is not stored in an airtight container which, additionally, allows light to pass through, then it will deteriorate further because of the effect of oxygen and light on the oil.

By and large, these undesirable effects result when food is deep-fried. So, eat deep-fried food occasionally. This does not mean we can no longer enjoy the flavour and palatability of fried foods. Some food like tikkis lend themselves to both deep and shallow frying. Since every batch of frying requires fresh oil, there is no problem with leftover oil.

The practice of heating small amounts of mustard, black grams chillies and the like in a little oil, before they are added to vegetables and curries, is called tempering. Tempering is not meant solely for flavour but has a nutritional benefit as well.

- (i) Complete the sentence by choosing an appropriate option.

_____ is a substance that irritates the stomach lining.

- i. Acrolein
 - ii. Sunflower oil
 - iii. Acetic acid
 - iv. Corn oil
- (ii) Comment on the degradation of oil due to prolonged heating as referred to in paragraph two.
- (iii) List any two ways one can opt to delish the flavours of deep-fried foods.
(Clue: Think about the alternatives to curb its harmful effects)
- (iv) Select the option that conveys the opposite of ‘undesirable’, from words used in paragraph five.
- i. flavour
 - ii. tempering
 - iii. palatability
 - iv. occasional
- (v) What is the other consequence of improper storage of oil?
- i. Oxidisation of Oil when left in open/improperly stored
 - ii. Not storing it in air-tight container reduces freshness
 - iii. Oil used for Deep-frying is super unhealthy
 - iv. Light passes through it as Oil is transparent
- (vi) Based on your understanding of paragraph six, list one major reason as to why tempering is done.
- (vii) Why do we have a tendency of reusing the oil once used?
- (viii) Complete the given sentence with an appropriate inference, with respect to the following:
According to the writer, a few healthy oils that can be heated to higher temperatures before they start smoking are not widely available in our markets. These oils are _____.
- (ix) What happens to oil when it is heated?
- i. It begins to smoke
 - ii. Chemical Changes start taking place
 - iii. If not heated enough, more of it is absorbed
 - iv. Over-heating leads to its degradation
- (x) Select the most suitable title for the above passage.
- i. Fried Food and its effects
 - ii. Effect of Oil in Indian Snacks
 - iii. Indian snack - A Story Fried Food
 - iv. Oil in Junk Food

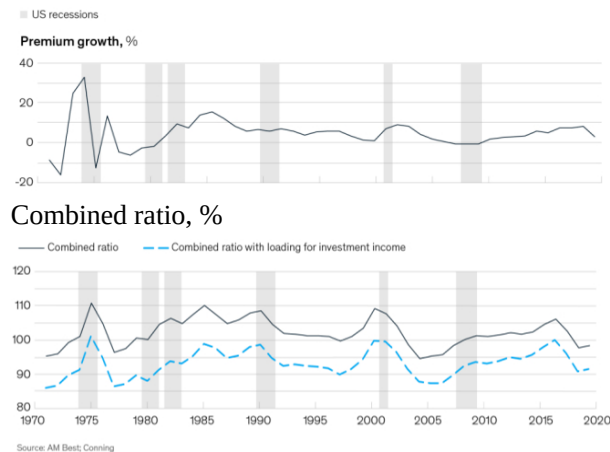
2. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[10]

Since its creation in the 17th Century, insures have amassed policies in each class of risk they cover. Thanks to technology, insures now have access to more information about the risks that individuals run. Car insures have begun to set premiums based on how actual drivers behave, with “telematic” tracking devices to show how often they speed or slam on the brakes. Analysts at Morgan Stanley, a bank, predict that damage to insured homes will fall by 40-60% if smart sensors are installed to monitor, say, frayed electrical wiring. Some health insures provide digital fitness-bands to track policy holders vital signs – and give discounts if they lead a healthier life. But the data can only go so far. Even the safest driver can be hit by a falling tree: people in

connected homes still fall off ladders. But the potential gains from smart insurance are large. First, giving people better insights into how they are managing risk should help them change their behaviour for the better. Progressive, an American car insurer, tells customers who use its trackers where they tend to drive unsafely; they crash less often as a result. Second, pricing will become keener for consumers. The insurance industry made \$338 billion in profits last year. More accurate risk assessment should result in lower premiums for many policyholders. Third, insurers should be able to spot fraud more easily, by using data to verify claims.

Over the past 50 years, the US personal auto insurance market has not generally correlated to the economy.



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But two worries stand out. One is a fear that insurers will go from being with to ones that watch your every move. The other, thornier problem is that insurers will cherry pick the good risks, leaving some people without safety net or to be taken care of by the state. Forgone privacy is the price the insured pay receiving personalised pricing. Many people are indeed willing to share the data, but individuals should always have to opt in to do so. Some worry that this safeguard may not be enough :the financial costs of not sharing data may be so great that people have no real choice over whether to sign up. The second concern is the worry that more precise underwriting will create a class of uninsurable people, selected out of insurers businesses because they are too high a risk.

For some types of cover, that would be a reasonable outcome. People who choose to drive like maniacs should have a hard time getting insurance. By the same token, it makes sense to offer rewards, in the form of discounts to premiums, to customers who behave well. Incentivising people to eat better, exercise regularly, drink in moderation and avoid smoking would reap huge health dividends. Where things get harder is with risks that individuals can not control. There are few things that people have less choice about than their genes. One option is to distort the market by requiring insurers to be blind to genetic data. In 2011, for example, Europe banned insurers from using gender to calculate annuities. Now that a man's shorter lifespans are no longer taken into account that has led to lower payments. Until the interplay between nature and nurture is better understood, it is right to be cautious. Insurers should be able to take note of customers' behaviour, but not exploit information from genetic testing. However, as data analysis and the understanding of genetics improve, that line will only become harder to hold.

(i) Does the following statement agree with the information given in the passage?

The insurance industry faces challenges regarding the use of personal data

Select from the following:

True - if the statement agrees with the information

False - if the statement contradicts the information

Not Given - if there is no information on this.

- (ii) What do you think about the author's opinion about Progressive, an American car insurer company?
- (iii) Which of the following is/ are outcome(s) of smart insurance?
- Create awareness about one's behaviour
 - Infringes on a policy holder's privacy
 - Discriminates among consumers based on their behaviour
- A. Only iii
B. Only ii & iii
C. Only i & ii
D. All i, ii & iii
- (iv) Complete the sentence based on the following statement.
Insurers now have access to more data about the risks that people take.
This is because of _____.
- (v) Which of the following is the central idea of the passage?
- Today, customers have plenty of innovative insurance products to choose from.
 - Insurance companies access to and use of personal data is both promoting and risky.
 - Of all the insurance products health insurance is the most innovative and controversial.
 - Using genetic data to access a customer's insurance premium is immoral.
- (vi) Which of the following is true in the context of the passage?
- Technology has made it easier to commit insurance fraud.
 - Insurance has been around for less than a century
 - The American insurance industry is the largest in the world.
 - None of the given statements is true in the context of the passage.
- (vii) Why do some health insurance companies give their customers digital fitness bands?
- (viii) Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option.
Huge health _____ would result from encouraging people to eat better, exercise frequently, consume alcohol moderately, and give up smoking.
- dividends
 - earnings
 - insurance
 - All of these
- (ix) Complete the sentence appropriately with one/ two words.
Through the phrase, "But data can only go so far", The author wants to convey that a _____ can never be predicted by our algorithms.
- (x) Based on a statement by Analysts at Morgan Stanley, state a point to challenge the given statement.
If smart sensors are installed to monitor damage to insured homes will increase by 40-60%.

SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

3. You are Rani/Raj, Secretary Health Club, National Public School, Ramnagar. You find that after the lunch break [5]
the school playground and verandahs are littered with wrappers, paper/polythene bags, etc. Write a notice in
about 50 words advising students to refrain from doing so.

OR

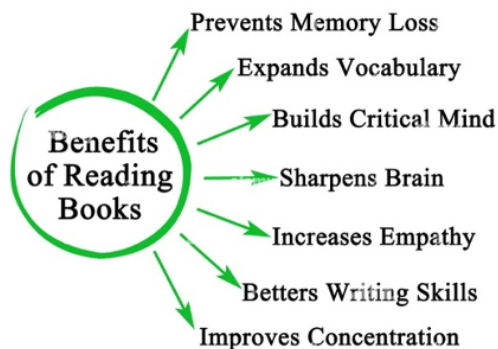
You are Avani/Avinash. As Secretary of Students' Forum, you want to start a Wall Magazine for the students of the school. Write a notice inviting articles, stories, poems and campus-news for the wall-Magazine.

4. Your parents have completed 25 years of happy married life. Invite your aunt, living in Hyderabad, to join you in the Silver Jubilee celebration of their marriage at your residence. [5]

OR

You are Mrs. Krishnamurthi. Your son is getting married. You are throwing a party to celebrate the occasion. On behalf of your husband and yourself draft a formal invitation in not more than 50 words inviting friends and relatives to attend the function.

5. National Book Trust organised a week-long book fair at Anna Grounds, Chennai. You visited the fair and bought a few books. You were pleased with the arrangements, enthusiasm of the visitors and the fact that books have not yet lost their relevance in the world of the Internet. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the editor of a local newspaper to express your feelings. You are Lalit/Latha, 112, Mount Road, Chennai. [5]



OR

You are Ram/Rajani, living at 1, Rana Pratap Marg, New Delhi. Read the advertisement given below and apply for the job that suits you giving your bio-data separately.

SITUATION VACANT

Sun University requires lecturers in English and demonstrators in Physics, Chemistry and Botany for their new Campus at Panipat. Only candidates with a minimum of a 5-year of experience can apply. Excellent command over English is a must. Excellent package and compensation for experienced persons. Those interested may e-mail to sununiversityjobs@gmail.com or mail their response to Box no 123, 'The Harbinger', New Delhi.

6. The word **father** is synonymous with strict discipline etc. but it is not completely true. The father fulfils his responsibilities affectionately for the family. Write an article in 150-200 words on the topic, **Role of the father in the family**. You are Dhruv/Deepa. [5]

OR

You are Cultural Secretary of PND Xavier School, Jamshedpur. Your school organised a debate on the topic, 'The impact of reality shows on the younger generation. Write a report in 100-125 words to be published in 'The Times of India', Jamshedpur.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

7. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:** [6]

We have imagined for the mighty dead;
All lovely tales that we have heard or read;
An endless fountain of immortal drink,
Pouring unto us from heaven's brink.

- (i) The phrase immortal drink refers to:

- a. blessings of our ancestors.
 - b. the teachings of nature.
 - c. a life-giving force.
 - d. the beauty of heaven.
- (ii) **All lovely tales** evoke the feeling of:
- a. sadness and nostalgia.
 - b. only nostalgia.
 - c. inspiration and pride.
 - d. only pride.
- (iii) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.
- (1) Beautiful things are gifts from God for all of us.
 (2) Beautiful objects of nature are forever like a never-ending portion of a drink.
- a. (1) can be inferred from the extract but (2) cannot.
 - b. (2) can be inferred from the extract but (1) cannot.
 - c. Both (1) and (2) can be inferred from the extract.
 - d. (2) is the reason for (1) and can be inferred from the extract.
- (iv) The literary device used by the poet in the following lines is _____.
- An endless fountain of immortal drink,
 Pouring unto us from heaven's brink.
- a. personification
 - b. allegory
 - c. imagery
 - d. synecdoche
- (v) Answer in one word:
 The word (from the extract) which means verge or threshold is _____.
- (vi) The benefits of a thing of beauty for humans include .
- i. healthy body
 - ii. calm mind
 - iii. struggle-free life
 - iv. better relationships
 - v. hope to carry on
- Choose the most appropriate option.
- a. Only (v)
 - b. (i), (ii) and (v)
 - c. (i), (iii) and (iv)
 - d. (ii) and (iv)

OR

Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

[6]

For once on the face of the
 Earth let's not speak in any language,
 let's stop for one second,

and not move our arms so much.

It would be an exotic moment
without rush, without engines,
we would all be together
in a sudden strangeness.

- (i) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to (1) and (2) given below.
(1) The poet uses the word **let's** to invite readers as part of the poem's larger call to humanity.
(2) Poet wants to initiate a conversation with the readers.
- a. (1) is true but (2) is false.
 - b. (2) is true but (1) is false.
 - c. (2) is the reason for (1).
 - d. Both (1) and (2) cannot be inferred from the extract.
- (ii) Margaret Atwood said, Language divides us into fragments, I wanted to be whole.
Choose the option that correctly comments on the relationship between Margaret Atwood's words and the line from the above extract – let's not speak in any language
- a. Atwood endorses Neruda's call to not speak in any language.
 - b. Atwood justifies Neruda's request to not engage in any speaking.
 - c. Atwood undermines Neruda's intent to stop and not speak in any language.
 - d. Atwood surrenders to Neruda's desire for silence and not speak in any language.
- (iii) Why do you think the poet employs words like exotic and strangeness?
- a. To highlight the importance of everyone being together suddenly for once.
 - b. To emphasize the frenetic activity and chaos that usually envelops human life.
 - c. To indicate the unfamiliarity of a sudden moment without rush or without engine.
 - d. To direct us towards keeping quiet and how we would all be together in that silence.
- (iv) Choose the option that correctly matches the idioms given in Column A with their meanings in Column B.

Column I	Column II
a. On the face of the earth	(i) To be good and worthy
b. What on earth	(ii) To do all possible to accomplish something
c. Move heaven and earth	(iii) To express surprise or shock
d. The salt of the earth	(iv) In existence

- (v) What does he want us to do for one second?
- a. silent and motionless
 - b. silent and traveling
 - c. dizzy and silent
 - d. None of these
- (vi) The poetic device used in the last line is _____.

8. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[4]

Will the West Antarctic ice sheet melt entirely? Will the Gulf Stream Ocean current be disrupted? Will it be the end of the world as we know it? Maybe. Maybe not. Either way, Antarctica is a crucial element in this debate - not just because it's the only place in the world, which has never sustained a human population and therefore

remains relatively pristine' in this respect; but more importantly, because it holds in its ice-cores half-million-year-old carbon records trapped in its layers of ice.

- (i) **Maybe. Maybe not.** indicates
- suspicion
 - foretelling
 - uncertainty
 - despair
- (ii) Why does the line "Antarctica is a crucial element" holds importance?
- (iii) Complete the sentence appropriately, with reference to the extract.
_____ is one of the most hotly contested environmental debates of our time.
- (iv) Select the reason behind the pristine nature of the continent:
- Antarctica is the most important continent
 - Antarctica never sustained a human population
 - Antarctica holds age-old carbon trapped in its layers of ice
 - The surreal austral summer light it receives

OR

Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

[4]

The man moaned with pain in his stupor but he did not awaken.

"The best thing that we could do would be to put him back in the sea," Sadao said, answering himself. Now that the bleeding was stopped for the moment he stood up and dusted the sand from his hands.

"Yes, undoubtedly that would be best," Hana said steadily. But she continued to stare down at the motionless man.

"If we sheltered a white man in our house we should be arrested and if we turned him over as a prisoner, he would certainly die," Sadao said.

"The kindest thing would be to put him back into the sea," Hana said. But neither of them moved. They were staring with curious repulsion upon the inert figure.

- (i) Based on the conversation between Sadao and Hana in the given extract, write an idiom (related to water) that best describes the situation in which they were.
- (ii) Complete the sentence appropriately, with reference to the extract.
Sadao and Hana cared about the soldier but were _____.
- (iii) In which of the following options can the underlined words NOT be replaced with **stupor**?
- She hung up the phone feeling as though she had woken up from a slumber.
 - The manager complained about the employee's sluggishness.
 - He seemed to be in a trance when the doctor called upon him last week.
 - Seeing him in a daze, the lawyer decided not to place him in the witness box.
- (iv) Pick the option that best describes Sadao and Hana in the given extract.
- Sadao: scrupulous
Hana: wary
 - Sadao: daring
Hana: prudent
 - Sadao: prudent
Hana: suspicious

- d. Sadao: wary
Hana: daring

9. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[6]

Listening to them, I see two distinct worlds—one of the family, caught in a web of poverty, burdened by the stigma of caste in which they are born; the other a vicious circle of the *sahukars*, the middlemen, the policemen, the keepers of law, the bureaucrats and the politicians. Together they have imposed the baggage on the child that he cannot put down. Before he is aware, he accepts it as naturally as his father. To do anything else would mean to dare. And daring is not part of his growing up. When I sense a flash of it in Mukesh I am cheered. “I want to be a motor mechanic,” he repeats. He will go to a garage and learn. But the garage is a long way from his home. “I will walk,” he insists. “Do you also dream of flying a plane?” He is suddenly silent. “No,” he says, staring at the ground.

- (i) Which two worlds has the narrator divided the people of Firozabad?
- The exploited and the exploiters
 - The educated and uneducated
 - The dreamers and the crushers
 - The males and females
- (ii) Select the suitable word from the extract to complete the following analogy:
Policemen : the keepers of law :: _____ : moneylenders
- (iii) What is the first and foremost step for doing something different?
- Dare to face police
 - Dare to dream big
 - Dare to quit family
 - Dare to earn
- (iv) Identify the textual clue that allows the reader to infer that the children were under an unputdownable burden. (Clue: a phrase)
- (v) Replace the underlined word with its synonym from the extract.
The other world had caste disgrace and people were entrapped in the vicious circle of poverty.
- (vi) Based on the above extract, choose the statement that is TRUE.
- The elders fulfilled the responsibility of the family.
 - People naturally accept bangle-making as their profession.
 - Mukesh dreamt of flying a plane.
 - The middlemen rescued the family in need.

OR

Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

[6]

And afterwards you wait there alone in the arcade for a long while, standing where he stood, remembering the soft melodious voice, the shimmer of green eyes. No taller than you. No bolder than you. The prodigy. The innocent genius. The great Danny Casey.

And she saw it all again, last Saturday - saw him ghost past the lumbering defenders, heard the fifty thousand catch their breath as he hovered momentarily over the ball, and then the explosion of sound as he struck it crisply into the goal, the sudden thunderous eruption of exultant approbation.

- (i) Who is **the prodigy** mentioned in the extract?
- Danny Casey

b. Sophie

c. Geoff

d. Jansie

(ii) Fill in the blank with an appropriate word.

Sophie was waiting alone in the _____.

(iii) Complete the sentence with an appropriate explanation, as per the extract.

She heard the fifty thousand people catching their breath because _____.

(iv) Select the suitable word from the extract to complete the following analogy:

levitate: hover :: admiration : _____

(v) Select the correct option to fill in the blank.

According to this extract, Sophie had actually seen Casey in _____.

a. Matches

b. Dreams

c. Reality

d. imagination

(vi) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.

(1) Sophie imagined Casey striking the goal in a heroic way.

(2) Sophie's dream actually comes true.

a. (1) Can be inferred from the extract but (2) cannot.

b. (1) cannot be inferred from the extract but (2) can.

c. (1) is true but (2) is false.

d. (2) is the reason for (1).

10. Answer any five of the following questions in 40-50 words each:

[10]

(i) How did the ironmaster react on seeing the stranger lying close to the furnace?

(ii) The poet has compared her mother to a corpse, why?

(iii) Why have the rural poor built a road-side stand? Why are they disappointed?

(iv) When Douglas realised that he was sinking, how did he plan to save himself?

(v) What were the positive qualities of Subbu that the writer admired?

(vi) When did Umberto Eco start writing novels and why at that age?

11. Answer any two of the following questions in 40-50 words each:

[4]

(i) Where, when and how did Dr Sadao meet Hana?

(ii) What gave the astrologers the greatest surprise of their life while they were studying the horoscope of the ten-day old prince?

(iii) Who was Mr. Lamb? How was his conversation with Derry?

12. Why was the sharecropping arrangement in Champaran irksome?

[5]

OR

What impression do the things of beauty make on us? Is it temporary or permanent?

13. What were Zitkala-Sa's experiences on her first day in the land of apples?

[5]

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