



SPECIAL SAMPLE PAPER 3

Class 10 - English Language and Literature

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, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Section A

1. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

[10]

1. Nature is our mother, our first teacher. The greatest lesson that she teaches us is to maintain an equilibrium in life. We learn to maintain composure through our joys, sorrows and fears. In fact, there are a thousand lessons that nature can teach us, provided we look for them.
2. With time, a sapling grows into a fullgrown tree; something so tiny and delicate develops into a strong tree capable of supporting others. No matter how tall it grows, how much it may flourish, or how many animals and birds it may support, its roots are firmly buried where it once rose. That's a lesson - to keep ourselves grounded, respect and embrace our roots, and give something back to those humble beginnings that nurtured us into who we are.
3. Then there is the message of peaceful coexistence. 'I am because we are.' Nature provides every creature a chance to exist. However, the existence of one creature or being depends on the existence of the other. The tiger eats the antelope; without the antelope, the tiger wouldn't survive. Likewise, without tigers, the overabundance of antelopes would cause them to starve to death.
4. I wonder if you have noticed that when birds or squirrels see a predator, they give out an alarm call to their fellow creatures. of the lurking danger. They put themselves in danger to save the lives of others. Many animals, like the salmon, usually die after they spawn, but this doesn't stop them. One life extinguished for the betterment of others is a small price to pay.
5. The snow melts in the warmth of spring to give birth to fresh green leaves. In autumn these leaves age into shades of gold only to be buried in the cold grave of winter. Change is inevitable; the sooner we embrace this, the better it is for us. We must also understand that even in pain there is growth. If you cut a hole in the tree, it will grow around it. No matter what may come in its way, a river will continue to flow. Similarly, no matter what grief may break your heart, nature teaches that life goes on.
6. Keep in mind life isn't about making lists and trying to be one step ahead of others. Life is to live. Take a break-stop being a workaholic, and smell the roses, do whatever makes you feel happy and most of all spend some time with nature to pick up invaluable lessons.
 - (i) According to the author, what is the greatest lesson being taught by nature?
 - (ii) What does the phrase 'I am because we are' convey?
 - (iii) List 1 quality that the birds and squirrels display when they warn others of possible danger.

- (iv) Select the option with the underlined words that can substitute the word lurking in ONE PHRASE (paragraph 4).
- The policeman pulled up the person who was wandering aimlessly through the city.
 - The thief knew that remaining hidden was the best strategy to avoid being caught.
 - The policeman was caught on camera while pouncing with force, to grab the fleeing culprit.
 - The thief was walking boldly into the house thinking it was devoid of residents.
- (v) A Portmanteau words like smog (smoke + fog), is a blend of words in which parts of multiple words are combined into a new word.

From the options given below, select a Portmanteau word that appears in the para 6.

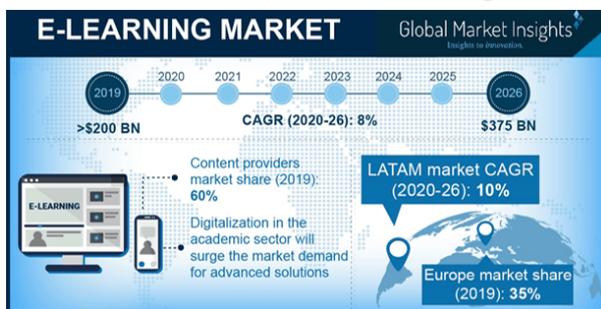
- coexistence
 - workaholic
 - full-grown
 - flourish
- (vi) Select the qualities from paragraph 3, that the author wants us to imbibe.

Being:

- acceptive
 - passionate
 - emotional
 - resilient
 - perceptive,
- (2), (4) and (5)
 - (1), (3) and (4)
 - (1), (4) and (5)
 - (3), (4) and (5)
- (vii) The 'change of season' in the passage is an example of the fact that nothing lasts forever. (True/false)
- (viii) What does the writer advise in the paragraph 6?
- (ix) Complete the given analogy correctly with a word from the passage.
Survive : vanished :: _____ : strong 1
- (x) It is good to be _____ but never over-indulge yourself into work.

2. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

[10]



- E-learning is the process of acquiring knowledge through electronic technologies and resources. A rise in the number of internet users has increased the market demand for sophisticated online learning courses. According to the Office for National Statistics, nearly all adults in the age group of 10 to 44 years in the UK were recent internet users (99 %) in 2019.

The availability of enhanced network connectivity coupled with the convenience offered by on-demand courses, will drive the market size.

2. According to the World Economic Forum, around 1.2 billion children are out of classrooms with schools shut down globally due to COVID-19 pandemic. Electronic Learning Management Systems such as Google Classroom is helping classes to connect distantly, communicate efficiently and stay organized. Large scale national efforts to leverage technology to the market players in support of distance education, remote, and online learning during the covid-19 pandemic are emerging and evolving rapidly.
3. The virtual classroom technology in the e-learning market is expected to grow at a CAGR (Compound Annual Growth Rate) of 11% during the forecast timespan. A virtual classroom is a digital environment that enables live interaction between a tutor and a learner. Videos conferencing and online white-board for real-time collaboration are the most common tools used in a digital teaching space. Synchronous and collaborative virtual classes allows active participation of students, reacting an environment similar to a physical classroom.
4. The technique is gaining traction with an increasing number of corporate and academic sectors deploying it for enhanced training sessions. Multilateral organizations and world bodies, such as WHO and G 20, are also deploying e-learning modes to teach healthcare professionals.
5. Content providers segment accounted for around 60% e-learning market share in 2019 E-learning providers share content on a varied range of topics by collaborating with domain experts that help them to develop the learning content. They focus on offering specific and customized content as per the end-user requirements.
 - (i) Select the option that is true for the two statements given below.
 1. According to the World Economic Forum, around 1.2 billion children are out of classrooms.
 2. Schools are shot down due to COVID-19 pandemic.
 - a. (1) is the result of (2).
 - b. (1) is the reason for (2).
 - c. (1) is independent of (2).
 - d. (1) contradicts (2).
 - (ii) Multilateral organizations and world bodies are _____ to teach healthcare professionals.
 - (iii) Select the option that lists the INCORRECT statement from the ones given below.
 - (I) E-learning is the process of acquiring knowledge through electronic technologies and resources.
 - (II) All adults in the age group of 16 to 14 years in the UK were recent internet users (99%) in 2019.
 - (III) A rise in the number of internet users has increased the market share physical classroom.
 - (IV) Content providers segment accounted for around 60% e-learning share in 2010.
 - a. (III)
 - b. (IV) and (II)
 - c. (II) and (I)
 - d. (I)
 - (iv) State the common tool used in digital teaching space.
 - (v) What is the process of acquiring knowledge, through electronic technology and resources?
 - (vi) Select the appropriate option to fill in the blank.

_____ is gaining attention in the academic sectors.

 - a. Paperback
 - b. Virtual classrooms

- c. E-books
 - d. Offline classes
- (vii) Pick the option that gives the correct meaning of the following statement from the options given below.
The online market of learning is supposed to be maximized by 2026.
- (I) Nearly all adults in the age group of 16 to 44 years in the LK were recent internet users (99 %) in 2018.
 - (II) A virtual classroom is a sophisticated environment that enables live interaction
 - (III) The E-Learning market size is expected to reach \$357 billion by 2026.
 - (IV) Video conferencing and online whiteboard are the most common tools used in the World Economic Forum.
- a. (I)
 - b. (IV)
 - c. (II)
 - d. (III)
- (viii) E-commerce providers share content on a varied range of topics. (True/false).
- (ix) What percent of e-learning market share was segmented by the content providers in 2019?
- (x) According to the World Economic Forum, how many students were out of classrooms as an effect of COVID-19?

SECTION B –GRAMMAR

Attempt any 10 questions

3. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the following. [1]
 Be patient with Joe, it will take a long time for the terrible news to _____.
- a) be sinking
 - b) sink in
 - c) sink against
 - d) for sinking
4. **Read the conversation and complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.** [1]
Mike: I must arrange a couple of things. But I am free tonight.
Liz: You might come to my place.
 Explaining to Liz that he had to arrange a couple of things Mike said he was free that night. Liz suggested _____.
5. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the words of an Olympic champion. [1]
 You _____ be tough enough to achieve your goal.
- a) will
 - b) may
 - c) can
 - d) must
6. Identify the error in the given sentence, from an e-zine report and supply the correction. [1]
 Anxiety is a manifestation of the mind being afraid of venture into the unknown.
 Use the given format for your response.
- | error | correction |
|-------|------------|
| | |
7. As the President ____ the hall, all the guests ____ to their feet to welcome him. [1]
- a) is entering / rise
 - b) entered / rose
 - c) was entering / have risen
 - d) has entered / were rising

8. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter: [1]
 I have just _____ (appear) for my senior secondary board examination and am interested in pursuing a course in Visual Communication.

9. Report the dialogue between a mother and her son, by completing the sentence: [1]

Mother: Did you hurt yourself?

Amit: I got a bad bruise on my left knee.

In response to the question about being hurt, Amit says that _____.

10. Identify the error and supply the correction, for the following: [1]

Delhi Haat, INA, New Delhi

ENCHANTING LADAKH 2021

The exhibition-cum-sale showcasing the arts, crafts and looms of Ladakh by the artisans and craftspeople of Kargil and Leh.

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction
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11. Uncle Sam was looking for a pen to fill his form in the bank. The assistant from the help desk asked the following question to Uncle Sam. Report the assistant's question. [1]
 Are you looking for something?

12. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete a slogan for a Road safety campaign. [1]

FAST DRIVE _____ BE LAST DRIVE!

a) WOULD

b) MAY

c) SHOULD

d) COULD

13. Seeta said to me, "Can you give me your pen?" [1]

Reported speech: _____

a) Seeta asked me if I could give her my pen.

b) Seeta asked me if I gave her my pen.

c) Seeta asked me can I give her my pen.

d) Seeta asked me if I can give me your pen.

14. Identify the error in the given sentence, from a science magazine report and supply the correction. [1]

Knowing how to do this could be helpful in the future if an asteroid is heads toward Earth.

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction
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SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

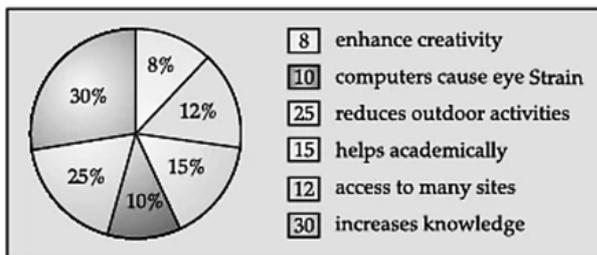
15. There has been a spate of chain and mobile snatching incidents in your locality. Masked youths come on motorbikes, commit the crime and run away without being caught or traced causing a lot of insecurity and fear among the residents. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper drawing the attention of the concerned authorities to the problem. You are Shweta Kapoor, Secretary, RWA Anand Niketan, Agra. [5]

OR

You are Sunita / Suraj 4 Grant Road, Dadar. You are preparing for Bank PO and some other competitive exams. For this, you have enrolled in a reputed coaching institute in Laxmi Nagar, New Delhi. Now, you need accommodation for yourself in the nearby area. One of your friends shared this newspaper cutting with you.

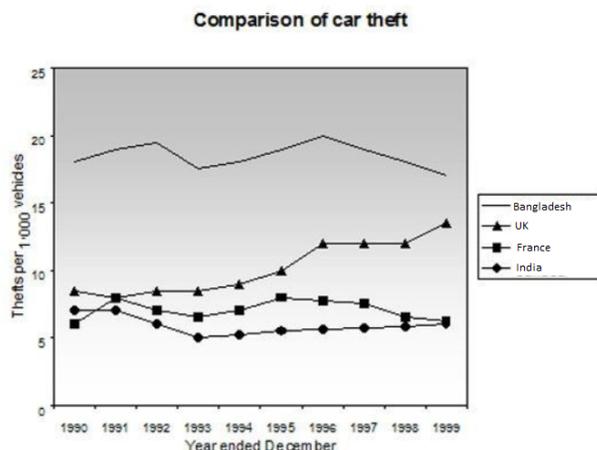
Write a letter to the Manager of Lotus paying guest service, 15, Aditya Complex, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi, enquiring about the details such as type of accommodation, monthly charges, facilities provided etc.

16. A survey was conducted by a school to discuss the role that Information Technology/Computers play in the growth and development of children. The data is given below in the form of a pie chart. Analyze the data. [5]



OR

The line graph shows thefts per thousand vehicles in four countries between 1990 and 1999. Write an analytical paragraph within 150-200 words.



SECTION C - LITERATURE

17. Read the text carefully and answer the questions: [5]

“We, who were outlaws not so long ago, have today been given the rare privilege to be host to the nations if the world on our own soil. We thank all of our distinguished international guests for having come to take possession with the people of our country of what is, after all, a common victory for justice, for peace, for human dignity.”

- (i) Why are the guests at the spectacular ceremony being called distinguished?
- (ii) It is a victory for ‘human dignity’. Pick the option that lists the correct answer for what ‘human dignity’ would include.
 - a. (i) equality (ii) liberty (iii) indecency
 - b. (i) liberty (ii) indecency (iii) self-respect
 - c. (i) immorality (ii) self-respect (iii) equality
 - d. (i) equality (ii) liberty (iii) self-respect
- (iii) To be host to the nations of the world on their own soil was a _____.

- (iv) How do you think the speaker feels? Choose the option that best fits his state of mind.



- a. (i) emotional (ii) elated (iii) unmindful
b. (i) elated (ii) unmindful (iii) overwhelmed
c. (i) overwhelmed (ii) elated (iii) honoured
d. (i) elated (ii) honoured (iii) unmindful
- (v) Pick the option that showcases the usage of 'host' as in the extract.
- a. He was praised for his hospitality as the host of the party.
b. She was able to host the event without any hindrance.
c. She met the host and apologised for her friend's misbehaviour.
d. He is the best host that one can ever come across.

OR

Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

[5]

However, during the third lesson, he'd finally had enough. "Anne Frank, as punishment for talking in class, write an essay entitled - **Quack, Quack, Quack, Said Mistress Chatterbox.**"

The class roared. I had to laugh too, though I'd nearly exhausted my ingenuity on the topic of chatterboxes. It was time to come up with something else, something original. My friend, Sanne, who's good at poetry, offered to help me write the essay from beginning to end in verse and I jumped for joy. Mr. Keesing was trying to play a joke on me with this ridiculous subject, but I'd make sure the joke was on him.

- (i) Anne's friend helped her to write the essay in:
- a. paragraph
b. verse
c. dialogues
d. other languages
- (ii) Who was trying to play a joke on Anne?
- a. Sanne
b. Anne's sister
c. Mr. Keesing
d. None of these
- (iii) The word _____ from the extract means **ability** or **creativity**.
- (iv) Why was Anne punished?
- (v) Why did the whole class roar with laughter?
- a. Because Anne was making funny faces
b. Because Anne had cracked a joke
c. Because the topic of the essay given to Anne was funny
d. Because Anne was being absurd

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

[5]

Some say the world will end in fire

Some say in ice.

From what I've tasted of desire

I hold with those who favour fire.

- (i) Both _____ can be the cause of the world's destruction.
- (ii) According to the poet, fire refers to _____.
- violent desires
 - passions
 - jealousy
 - all of these
- (iii) What does ice symbolise?
- Indifference
 - Love
 - Sympathy
 - Passions
- (iv) What message does the poet want to convey through this poem?
- Everything is transitory
 - Life is unpredictable
 - Death is inevitable
 - Both Everything is transitory and Death is inevitable
- (v) The poet would favour the ones who say that the fire would be the cause of destruction because he is _____.

OR

Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

[5]

He should be lurking in the shadow,

Sliding through long grass

Near the water hole

Where plump deer pass.

- (i) Where should he be lurking?
- In the shadow
 - In his den
 - In a field
 - In his cage
- (ii) What should he be sliding through?
- Hills
 - Swings
 - Trees
 - Long grass
- (iii) What would have the tiger done, had the tiger been free?
- (iv) Who would pass through the water hole?
- A cat
 - A tiger
 - A deer

d. A leopard

(v) State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:

The poet here says that the actual life of a tiger is to live in jungle where he could catch his prey.

19. Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each. [12]

(i) What sights made Gautama Buddha a monk?

(ii) The forest undergoes tremendous transformation overnight. Discuss with reference to the poem **The Trees**.

(iii) What was Valli's favourite pastime?

(iv) Do you think the **I** in the poem is the poet or an observer? Give a reason for your choice of response.

Answer in the context of the poem **The Ball Poem**.

(v) On what issues did Lomov and Natalya quarrel? What did their quarrel reveal about them?

20. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each. [6]

(i) What does Mrs. Pumphrey do to help Tricki? Is she wise in this?

(ii) Discuss, briefly, the reasons owing to which Fowler was interested in meeting Ausable.

(iii) Do you think Richard's mother was too indulgent when she bought him things like cameras, telescopes, microscopes? Give two reasons to support your answer.

21. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. [6]

(i) Both trees and Nelson Mandela are symbols of freedom, but in different ways. Trees represent the natural freedom that we all yearn for, while Nelson Mandela represents the hard-won freedom that is possible when we stand up for what we believe in.

Assume they both meet each other and have a conversation about freedom.

Write this conversation as per your understanding of Nelson Mandela - Long Walk to Freedom and poem The Trees.

You may begin like this

Nelson Mandela: Greetings, trees. It is an honour to speak with you today.

Trees: It is an honour to speak with you as well, Nelson Mandela.

Nelson Mandela: I am interested in hearing your thoughts on freedom.

(ii) What advice might **chatterbox** Anne (Frank) have for the quietly imaginative Amanda? Present this as a conversation between the two.

Anne: Gosh! You do run off into some strange worlds, don't you?

Amanda: (nods) Well...

22. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. [6]

(i) Sketch the character of Bholi.

(ii) Read the following quote.

"We are too involved in materialistic things, and they don't satisfy us. The loving relationships we have, the universe around us, we take these things for granted." - Mitch Albom

Matilda was never satisfied with her life and desired more. The given quote reflects her character. Justify.

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