

# CBSE Sample Paper

## English Set – A

### Class 8

**Total marks: 90**

**Important Instructions:**

Questions 1 to 25 are of 2 marks each.

Questions 26 to 35 are of 2 marks each.

Question 36 to 40 are of 4 marks each.

All Questions are compulsory.

There is no overall choice in this paper.

**Time allotted: 3 hours**

**Maximum Marks: 90**

**Section-A**

- Convert the following active voice sentence into passive voice.  
My mother is cooking food for me.
- The specific adjective kind of “whose, many, Japanese, their” is
  - possessive, quantity, interrogative, descriptive.
  - descriptive, demonstrative, possessive, quantity.
  - interrogative, quantity, descriptive, possessive.
  - interrogative, quantity, possessive, descriptive
- The correct adjective order is

- (A) a hardworking forty-year-old Punjabi short driver.
- (B) a hardworking short forty-year-old Punjabi driver.
- (C) a short forty-year-old Punjabi hardworking driver.
- (D) a short Punjabi forty-year-old hardworking driver.

4. Name the word that suggests the interrogative adverb of manner.

5. Which is the adverb of manner in the following sentence

- (A) She talks very assertively.
- (B) She talks with assertion.
- (C) She talks in an assertive way.
- (D) She has assertion in her tone.

6. The comparative form of 'fragile' is \_\_\_\_\_.

7. Fill in the blanks with articles.

- a. I finally got a chance to visit \_\_\_\_ majestic Humayun's Tomb.
- b. While surfing the Internet last night, I came across \_\_\_\_\_ old friend.
- c. To paste this picture on the cupboard, I need \_\_\_\_ glue.

8. Fill in the blank with correct auxiliaries

In the next meeting, I \_\_\_\_\_ (has/does/am /do) to give a presentation.

9. Fill in the blanks with correct form of auxiliary verb of 'be':

- a) He \_\_\_\_\_ working.
- b) They \_\_\_\_\_ to be married next month.
- c) Sohail \_\_\_\_\_ working when I entered.
- d) Mother says you \_\_\_\_\_ to go to market at once.
- e) The man \_\_\_\_\_ playing with his dog.

10. Give an example of present real conditional sentences.

**11.** Fill in the blanks with correct conjunction:

a. I will go to office \_\_\_\_\_ (even if/ unless) it is late.

b. give me a call \_\_\_\_\_ (since / incase) you find him.

**12.** Fill each blank with the correct determiners.

a) How \_\_\_\_\_ candy did they steal?

b) I have read \_\_\_\_\_ poems written by Pabulo Neruda.

c) He has thrown \_\_\_\_\_ water on the floor.

d) Mr. Prakash did not take \_\_\_\_\_ photos when he went on a holiday.

e) \_\_\_\_\_ educated person should have the courage to stand against the wrong.

**13.** Choose the correct sentence with the appropriate determiner:

1. a) Can you give me any idea of the cost?

b) Can you give me some idea of the cost?

2. a) A spider has eight legs.

b) Few spider has eight legs.

**14.** Rearrange the following words in the correct order to form meaningful sentences.

(a) studies / a scientist / the celestial / about / who / an astronomer / is / bodies

(b) advanced telescopes / beyond the / use / what lies / astronomers / earth's boundaries / highly / to find out

**15.** There is a word omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and after it in your answer sheets against the correct blank number. The first one has been done as an example.

There was old heron who was an old

lived near edge of a large a) \_\_\_\_\_

fish pond. He was lazy to b) \_\_\_\_\_

find food, and so thought of c) \_\_\_\_\_

a trick would help him get d) \_\_\_\_\_  
easy food. A crab lived in e) \_\_\_\_\_  
the pond, and while heron f) \_\_\_\_\_  
was resting the pond, the g) \_\_\_\_\_  
crab him why he was so h) \_\_\_\_\_  
quiet.

**16.** Is this the way you talk to an elderly person? What is the interjection that can be used in this sentence?

**17.** find the participle in the following sentence:

Learned men are always respected in the society.

**18.** What is the meaning of the collective noun 'troupe'?

**19.** The police used tear gas to disperse the crowd. Here 'police' is a/an

(A) Adverb.

(B) Preposition.

(C) Noun.

(D) Pronoun.

**20.** Fill in the following blanks with correct preposition:

a. She wore a veil \_\_\_\_\_ her face.

b. He cut the apple \_\_\_\_\_ the knife

c. I shall return \_\_\_\_\_ an hour.

**21.** Fill in the blank with correct pronoun:

Neither Ravi nor Ramesh left \_\_\_\_\_ seat.

**22.** The correct punctuation is

- (A) slingers and archers slings and bows
- (B) Slingers and archers: Slings and bows,
- (C) Slingers and archers, Slings and bows.
- (D) Slingers and archers; slings and bows.

**23.** The following dialogue is incomplete. Complete the dialogue by choosing the correct option:

Teacher: (a) \_\_\_\_\_ for the final exams?

Udayan: The syllabus in all the subjects is over (b) \_\_\_\_\_.

Teacher: You should not neglect any subject (c) \_\_\_\_\_?

Udayan: But everybody studies English in the end only.

Teacher: You must keep in mind that like other subjects, English also (d) \_\_\_\_\_.

Udayan: I'll surely follow your advice. Thank you so much.

- (a) (i) What is your preparation
- (ii) How your preparation is
- (iii) How is your preparation going on
- (iv) How your preparations are

(b) (i) except English

(ii) accept English

(iii) other than English

- (iv) expect only English
- (c) (i) if you want a good position
- (ii) if you wanted good positions
- (iii) whether you want a good position
- (iv) only if you want good positions
- (d) (i) requires intense studies
- (ii) requires intensified study
- (iii) required intense studies
- (iv) requires intense study

**24.** Frame questions which can be answered by the following:

1. I am angry with Suman because she did not invite me for the party.
2. I am waiting for a friend.
3. The plural of mouse is mice.
4. The birds are dying because of radiation.
5. This is Ram's car.

**25.** Rearrange the following words in the correct order to form meaningful sentences.

- (a) Australia / of / the Kangaroo / animal / is / the national
- (b) use / balancing / their / for / tail / Kangaroos / long
- (c) hopping / by / move / they / back / on / legs / their
- (d) alive / the / marsupials / are / largest / Kangaroos / today

### Section - B: Reading

**A.** Read the passage carefully:

Emotions play an important part in our daily lives. As children grow older (especially around the age of 2), some fears that were never an issue before suddenly rear their ugly heads. When they are 2 and

above, most children know what it is like to be injured, scolded, or even lost. One of the major fears in children is the act of being separated from his/her parents. Fear of separation is common for both toddlers and school aged children, this is due to them being left at the babysitters, nursery, or school. While some children get upset over their parent's departure, others may fear their teachers, other children, or the surroundings. Most of the time, this fearfulness of others will subside as children start to spend more time with their teacher and classmates.

The biggest fear is of the dark, usually difficult to conquer in children. Children usually have this fear well into their school aged years. Fear of the dark resonates differently with age, while younger children may be fearful of monsters lurking in the shadows, older children may fear burglars.

As the child grows fear gets out of control, which can escalate to a point where it effects daily functioning. Fear is no longer adaptive if one finds that he is constantly afraid of events that haven't happened yet.

Future-orientated fear is known as anxiety. While fear happens at the moment danger arises, anxiety is characterized by apprehension because one does not know what will happen next and cannot control upcoming events.

Answer the following questions by choosing an appropriate option from those given below:

**26.** Anxiety is the fear that is

- (a) inborn.
- (b) future - oriented and characterized by apprehension.
- (c) due to darkness.
- (d) characterized by uneasiness.

**27.** Illogical fears affect the

- (a) health of a person.
- (b) personal and professional life of a person.
- (c) childhood of a person.

(d) emotional and physical well-being of a person.

**28.** Young and Older children have the fear of

- (a) animals and birds.
- (b) monsters lurking in the shadows and burglars respectively.
- (c) ghosts and witches.
- (d) parents and teachers.

**29.** As the child starts spending time with teachers and classmates,

- (a) the fearfulness of others slowly subsides.
- (b) the affection between them grows.
- (c) the child develops confidence.
- (d) the child becomes more fearful.

**30.** The word in the passage that means 'to produce a feeling of shared emotions' is

- (a) 'Apprehension'.
- (b) 'Lurking'.
- (c) 'Resonate'.
- (d) 'Subside'.

**B.** Read the given poem carefully:

DADDY FELL INTO THE POND

Everyone grumbled. The sky was grey.

We had nothing to do and nothing to say.  
We were nearing the end of a dismal day,  
And then there seemed to be nothing beyond,  
Then Daddy fell into the pond!  
And everyone's face grew merry and bright,  
And Timothy danced for sheer delight.  
"Give me the camera, quick, oh quick!  
He's crawling out of the duckweed!" Click!  
Then the gardener suddenly slapped his knee,  
And doubled up, shaking silently,  
And the ducks all quacked as if they were daft,  
And it sounded as if the old drake laughed.  
Oh, there wasn't a thing that didn't respond  
When Daddy fell into the pond!

-Alfred Noyes

On the basis of your reading the poem, answer the following questions in appropriate words, phrases or sentence.

31. Why was the family grumbling?
32. When did Timothy ask for a camera to click Daddy's photograph?
33. What was the reaction of the gardener when he saw Daddy falling in to the pond?
34. To what is the quacking of the ducks compared?
35. The word in the poem which means 'silly' or 'foolish' is:

**Section : C – Writing:**

**36.** Using the notes given below, write a brief biographical sketch of Abhinav Bindra, an Indian shooter in about 80 words. • Born: 28 September, 1983, Dehradun

- Early education: Doon school, Dehradun, BBA from Colorado University
- Began shooting when 15 years old
- Achievements: won 6 gold medals at international meets in 2001, received gold medal in 2002 Commonwealth games, first Indian to win gold medal in 10mt air rifle shooting at the Olympic Games in 2008,
- Awards: Arjuna award in 2000 and Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award in 2001, Padma Bhushan in 2009

**37.** The table below shows the number of deaths due to road accidents in four major Indian cities in the last five years. On the basis of the data, write a paragraph in about 80 words.

Cities	2007	2008	2009	2010
New Delhi	1,275	1,654	1,765	1,878
Bengaluru	2,034	2,178	2,186	2,200
Chennai	1,230	1,459	1,580	1, 678
Pune	887	950	1,110	1,350

**38.** Write a debate on :

“Indians are not proud of their culture”.

**39.** Given below is the beginning of a story. Continue from this point and complete the story in about 150 words.

Once upon a time few workers were busy building a temple on the outskirts of a town. When it was noon, the workers felt hungry and suggested to go for a lunch.

**40.** Write a speech on the following topic – "My role model."



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