

SP 4

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. In this jet age, everyone is interested in making easy money. Thanks to the advancement in science and technology, these days life has become easier and more comfortable than earlier with a lot of domestic gadgets as well as instantaneous food recipes available in the market. This has resulted in making people develop a mindset to have anything immediately without waiting even at the traffic signals.
2. Most of us want results quickly. We want to reach the top immediately and get worked up when things go wrong. Perseverance and patience are forgotten words. We get upset, frustrated, and angry when a skill or activity requires us to put in a lot of effort and time. We get dejected and want to give it up. Things should be easy.
3. Life is too short and there is not enough time to do all the things we want to. We tend to compare ourselves with others and get upset when they seem to be doing well and start believing God is being too kind to them and not to us. And so, we give up. But such thinking serves no purpose. For it doesn't solve the problem.
4. Success, real success, and happiness come to those who have a 'bread-making' attitude. I am taking for those who are willing to knead the dough, wait for hours for it to rise only to punch it down and knead some more, wait for another couple of hours for it to rise again, then bake it before it is ready to be eaten. Nothing is instantaneous. For every endeavor-whether in the area of career, academics, music, sports, relationships, physical fitness, or even in spirituality-it is a long arduous journey.
5. We can get results only if we are willing to spend time, put in painstaking effort, and have faith. If we don't accept this difficult but true fact of life, our lives will be far from being happy and fulfilling. For we may not make that extra effort that can change the course of life dramatically for our benefit.
6. However, if we just pause to analyze what we are doing, we will realize how much time we are wasting searching for such magical solutions which simply do not exist. We save time when we stop this futile search and accept the proven methods of treading the straight and narrow path however difficult it may seem initially.
 - (i) What has been credited in the passage for our easier and more comfortable life?
 - (ii) According to the passage, choose the correct statement from the following:
 - a. Advancement in science and technology has resulted in the mind set to have things at their pace.

- b. Advancement in science and technology has resulted in the mind set to have things instantly and fast.
 - c. Advancement in science and technology has resulted in the mind set to have things slowly and patiently.
 - d. Advancement in science and technology has resulted in a give-up attitude.
- (iii) List 1 way in which we can save our time as advised by the author.
(1) _____.
- (iv) Choose the prerequisites to get the desired results in life as per the passage:
- a. With perseverance and painstaking efforts.
 - b. With utmost faith in mutual understanding.
 - c. With deviated mind and fluctuations.
 - d. By greasing the palms of others.
- (v) Success, real success and happiness come to those who have a **bread-making attitude**. The **bread-making attitude** tells that:
- a. We should be absolutely inactive.
 - b. It requires a skill in household chores.
 - c. We should remain idle in order to taste success.
 - d. We should be a man of patience in order to taste success.
- (vi) Nothing in life is instantaneous. The underlined word can be replaced by the word _____ in the passage.
- (vii) Select the best option from the following that can help us reach the top in life.
- a. Perseverance and patience
 - b. Science and technology
 - c. Dejection and frustration
 - d. Analysis and magical solution
- (viii) The author has stated the example of **bread-making attitude** to make us _____.

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

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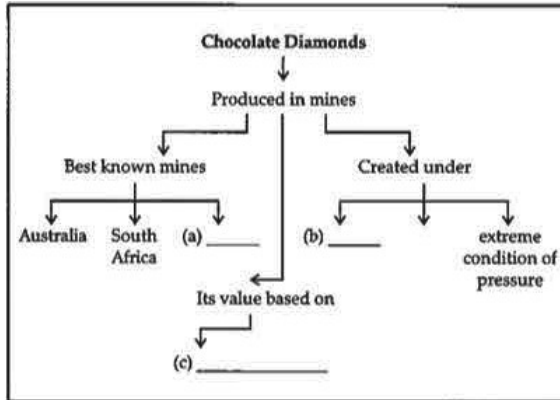
Chocolate diamonds that are actually brown diamonds are compared to the well-known white diamond, which aren't of much worth. Diamonds are produced in mines. The best known diamond mines are in Australia, South Africa and Russia. The largest diamond mine was discovered in 1976 in the desert of Australia near a little creek named Lake Argyle. Diamonds are created under very extreme conditions of pressure and high temperature. It is a general misunderstanding that there exist only white colourless diamonds. Actually, diamonds exist in many different colours.

Of all the diamond mines in the world, almost 80% of the diamonds produced are brownish in colour. Because these were found in such large quantities compared to the other coloured diamonds, these were considered as low-valued diamonds, only good for the industrial sector. But, a famous man called Le Vian came with a marketing campaign to increase the popularity of the chocolate diamond. Instead of calling it a brown diamond, he gave it popular names like caramel, chocolate, cinnamon and cognac. Since his marketing campaign, chocolate diamonds are becoming very popular.

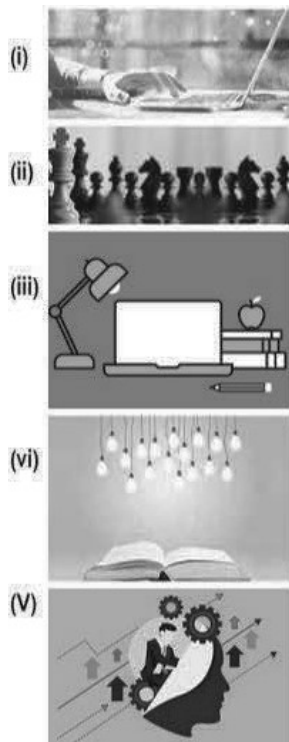
The value of a diamond is based on its shape, brightness and colour. Because white diamonds are rare, their value is based on the fact that there are not many white diamonds found around easily. But if you look at the shape and brightness, then the brightest diamond in this world known to men is the brown diamond. Before the development of the Argyle Diamond Mine in Australia in 1986, most brown diamonds were considered

worthless for jewellery; they were not even assessed on the diamond colour scale, and were predominantly used for industrial purposes.

However, marketing strategies changed in the 1980s and brown diamonds have become popular gems. The change was mostly due to the supply: the Argyle mine, with its 35 million carats (7,000 kg) of diamonds per year, makes about one third of global production of natural diamonds; 80% of Argyle diamonds are brown. The percentage of brown diamonds is lower in other mines, but it is almost always a significant part of the total production. Consequently, scientific research on causes of brown colour in diamond and ways to alter it has intensified.



- (i) Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your understanding of paragraph 1. We can say that the misunderstanding that there exist only white colourless diamonds is comparable with the existence of the stars and other planets during the daytime because _____.
- (ii) Fill the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of paragraph 2. The statement that, brown-coloured diamonds were considered low-valued diamonds, is a _____ (fact/ opinion) because it is a _____ (subjective judgement/ objective detail).
- (iii) Justify the following, in about 40 words.
Brown diamond transformed under Le Vian and became a popular gem.
- (iv) Complete the given chart about the conditions under which the chocolate diamonds are created.
- (v) State any one inference on which the value of a diamond depends.
- (vi) Select the option that correctly relates to what **strategies** signifies. (Reference-Paragraph 4)



- A. (i), (iv) and (v)
- B. Only (ii)
- C. Only (iii)
- D. (ii) and (v)

- (vii) What inference do you draw about the role of Argyle Diamond Mine? (Answer in about 40 words)
- (viii) Which of the following facts does one NOT get acquainted with from the study mentioned in the passage?
 - A. Discovery of brown diamonds in Australia, South Africa and Russia.
 - B. Intensification of scientific research on the causes of brown colour in diamonds and ways to alter it.
 - C. Brown diamond has different names like caramel, chocolate, cinnamon and cognac.
 - D. Marketing strategies have made brown diamonds as valuable as white diamonds.

SECTION B –GRAMMAR

3. **Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed** **[10]**

(i) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter: **[1]**
 I, therefore, request you to _____ (issue) a letter of recommendation for these students to be nominated for ‘Serving Citizens’ Award’ organised by the local Municipal Corporation.

(ii) Identify the error in the given sentence about Tallam- a deep bay of Western Ghats and supply the correction. **[1]**

Tallam boast of its delightful Forest Scenery.

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

(iii) **Read the conversation and complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.** **[1]**

Ranbir: Sir, can I be excused this once?

Policeman: I hope you'll remember the lesson you learned today. OK! This should be the last time. Don't repeat the mistake again.

Ranbir requested the policeman to excuse him that once. Hoping Ranbir would remember the lesson he had learned that day, the policeman finally advised him _____.

- (iv) Choose the correct reported speech of a given sentence: [1]

They said, "We really enjoyed a movie, we have never seen such a movie in life."

- a) They said that they really enjoyed a movie, they never saw such a movie in life. b) They said that they really had enjoyed a movie they have never seen such a movie in life.
- c) They said that we really had enjoyed a movie we had never seen such a movie in life. d) They said that they really had enjoyed a movie they had never seen such a movie in life.

- (v) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option. [1]

Although she thought she knew _____ (many / much / whole) of the subject, the teacher asked a few details she hardly remembered.

- (vi) Identify the error in the given sentence in which Mr. Das is giving his opinion about Indian Democracy and supply the correction. [1]

Mr. Das, the learned editor, was of the opinion that the Gandhi-Nehru dynasty once again swayed over the political arena of the Indian Democracy.

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

- (vii) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report: [1]

Education play an important role in building an individual's identity and personality.

Option no.	Error	Correction
A	play	plays
B	an	the
C	in	for
D	an	a

- (viii) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the following. [1]

Yasini is trying to _____ on junk food as she has started to put on weight.

- a) cut in b) cut down
c) cut up d) cut across

- (ix) **Read the conversation and complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.** [1]

Ranbir: Sir, can I be excused this once?

Policeman: I hope you'll remember the lesson you learned today.

Ranbir requested the policeman to excuse him that once. The policeman hoped _____.

- (x) Choose the correct reported speech of a given sentence: [1]

A leader says, "A country cannot be peaceful until good education is provided to each child."

- a) A leader says that a country cannot been b) A leader says that a country cannot be

peaceful until good education was provided to each child.

peaceful until good education is provided to each child.

c) A leader says that a country could not be peaceful until good education is provided to each child.

d) A leader says that a country cannot be peaceful until good education will be provided to each child.

(xi) **Complete the line from a self-awareness song, by filling the blank with the correct option.** [1]

"And looked down one as far as I could
To where it _____ in the under growth."

- A. has bent
- B. bent
- C. will bend
- D. is bent

(xii) Identify the error and supply the correction, for the following: [1]

Government of Haryana
WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY
‘Nagar Van’ are being established for the objective to make the cities pollution free

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

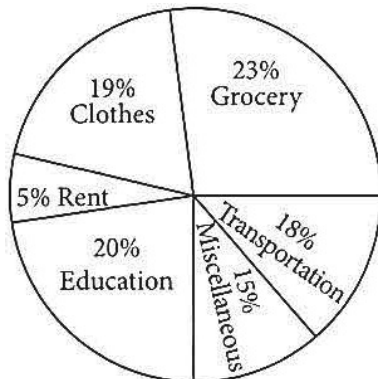
SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

4. You are Sudheer/Sweetie of 3-B, DDA Flats, Punjabi Bagh, Delhi. You noticed while traveling 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 programs at the school level in coordination with the Directorate of Education explaining how such programs may help in bringing a positive change in people's attitude. [5]

OR

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. The given pie chart represents the amount of money spent by a family on different items in a month. Write an analytical paragraph using the information given in the chart. [5]



OR

The table illustrates the proportion of monthly household income five countries spend on food and drink, housing, clothing and entertainment. Write an analytical paragraph by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant(150-200 words).

	Food and drink	Housing	Clothing	Entertainment
India	25%	31%	7%	13%
Pakistan	22%	33%	15%	19%
China	27%	37%	11%	11%
Russia	36%	20%	12%	10%
Afganistan	31%	18%	8%	15%

SECTION C - LITERATURE

6. **Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.** [5]

(i) **Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (1×4=4)** [5]

Custard the dragon had big sharp teeth,
And spikes on top of him and scales underneath,
Mouth like a fireplace, chimney for a nose,
And realio, trulio, daggers on his toes.

- The mouth and nose of Custard, the dragon were like what?
- What were Custard's toes like?
- What is the rhyming scheme of the above stanza?
- Who has composed these lines?

(ii) **Read the extract given below carefully and answer the questions that follow:** [5]

No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin or his background or his religion. People must learn to hate and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite. Even in the grimmest times in prison, When my comrades and I were pushed to our limits, I would see a glimmer of humanity in one of the guards, perhaps just for a second, but it was enough to reassure me and keep me going. Man's goodness is a flame that can be hidden but never extinguished.

- State any one inference about Nelson Mandela from the given extract.
I would see a glimmer of humanity in one of the guards, perhaps just for a second.
- State TRUE OR FALSE.
None of the terms (a)-(d) can be applied to the question- No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion.
 - A hypothesis- a proposed explanation for a phenomenon
 - An assumption- something that is taken for granted or assumed to be true without proof.
 - A premise- a proposition that forms the basis of an argument.
 - A theory- a well-substantiated explanation for a natural phenomenon.
- Nelson Mandela is of the view that 'Man's goodness is a flame that can be hidden but never extinguished.' Elaborate in about 40 words with reference to the extract.
- Which phrase would correctly substitute the word 'extinguished' in the given sentence from the extract.

Man's goodness is a flame that can be hidden but never *extinguished*.

7. **Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.** [5]

(i) Read the following extracts and answer the question/complete the sentences that follow: [5]

The true chameleon is small,
A lizard sort of thing;
He has not any ears at all,
And not a single wing.
If there is nothing on the tree,
'Tis the chameleon you see.

a. Chameleon has been compared with a lizard because it is _____.

b. Name the poem and the poet.

i. How to Tell Wild Animals and Carolyn Wells

ii. Trees and Adrienne Rich

iii. A Tiger in the Zoo and Leslie Norris

c. Why can't we see the chameleon on the trees?

d. Describe any two characteristics of a Chameleon.

(ii) **Read the following extracts and answer the questions/complete the sentences that follow:** [5]

An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy
As he stands rigid, trembling, staring down.
All his young days into the harbour where
His ball bent I would not intrude on him,
A dime another ball is worthless.
Now he senses first responsibility
In a world of possessions.

a. Which word means 'happily'?

b. The boy feels trouble and stands rigid because he is thinking about _____.

c. The poet does not offer to give him the new ball because he wants to teach him the value of _____.

d. The boy senses first responsibility in _____.

8. **Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words** [12]

(i) Where were the monthly accounts of the baker recorded? (**Glimpses of India**) [3]

(ii) In the poem, **Dust of Snow**, how does the poet's mood get changed? [3]

(iii) Are there people like Lencho in the real world? What kind of a person would you say he is? [3]

(iv) Why did Mr. Keesing stop punishing Anne? [3]

(v) Read the statements given below: [3]

Statement 1 - Lomov is looking to marry.

Statement 2 - Lomov is looking to marry Natalya.

Bring out the difference between the two statements and explain what it tells you about Lomov.

9. **Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.** [6]

(i) Who was Omega? Why did he agree to eat the book? [6]

(ii) How does Bholi become her teacher's masterpiece? [3]

(iii) Imagine Anne Gregory grows up to be a motivational speaker. As Anne Gregory, write a short speech [6]

on the importance of loving oneself. You may begin this way:

Dear friends

The importance of believing in oneself can never be overstated. It becomes most important, therefore, to love oneself. I learnt this, as a young teen, the day a poet pointed out that.....(continue).....

10. **Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words** [6]

(i) A noted author, Richard Bach wrote - For most gulls it was not flying that mattered, but eating. For this gull, though, it was not eating that mattered, but flight. Evaluate this statement with respect to the young seagull. [6]

(ii) The people at the post-office contribute to put together whatever they can manage, for Lencho. [6]

a. What do you think was the main reason behind their help? Would you have done the same if you were one of the employees?

b. As an employee, write about your perspective and reason(s) for contributing to the fund. The fact that you don't want to say 'no' to a cause initiated by your boss, can also be an equally compelling reason!

11. **Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.** [6]

(i) Griffin was a talented scientist but he misused his invention. The lesson we learnt from his example is that the misuse of a scientific discovery could play havoc with humanity. Explain. [6]

(ii) Based on the given context, write a diary entry, as the narrator, on what you experienced and the possible reason for it. [6]

I should have been able to jump into one of the carriages, but I hesitated - for some reason I can't explain - and I lost the chance to get away. Answer in the context of the lesson **The Thief's Story**.

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