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SAMPLE PAPER 3 2024-25

Class 10 - English Language and Literature

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
2. The question paper contains THREE sections -
 - Section - A : Reading Skills
 - Section - B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
 - Section - C : Literature Text Book
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Section A - Reading Skills

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

[10]

Gandhiji was an incurable and irresistible fundraiser. He found a special relish in getting jewellery from women. Ranibala of Burdwan was ten years old. One day, she was playing with Gandhiji. He explained to her that her bangles were too heavy for her delicate little wrists. She removed the bangles and gave them away to Gandhiji.

He used to talk jokingly to small girls and created a distaste for ornaments and a desire in them to part with the jewellery for the sake of the poor. He motivated them to donate their jewellery for social usage.

Kasturba didn't appreciate this habit of Gandhiji. Once she stated calmly, 'You don't wear jewels, it is easy for you to get around the boys. But what about our daughters-in-law? They would surely want them.

"Well!" Gandhiji put it mildly, "Our children are young and when they grow up they will not surely choose wives who are fond of wearing jewellery." Kasturba was very upset with the answer.

Gandhiji was determined to keep the jewels to raise the community fund. He was of the opinion that a public worker should accept no costly gifts. He believed that he should not own anything costly, whether given or earned. Kasturba was a female with a desire to adorn. But Gandhiji moved towards renunciation and donated every penny earned in South Africa to the trustees for the service of the South African Indians.

Answer the following questions:

(I) In paragraph 1, what does the phrase '*he found a special relish in getting jewellery from women*' emphasise?

(1)

(II) Complete the following with the correct option from the two given. (1)

Gandhiji encouraged young girls to donate their jewellery by _____.

(a) using humor and creating a dislike for ornaments.

(b) warning them about the dangers of wearing jewellery. (paragraph 1)

(III) Support the writer's idea that Gandhiji's approach towards raising funds was rooted in his principles of renunciation. (paragraphs 2 and 4) (2)

(IV) Select the option that best reflects Kasturba's concern about Gandhiji's views on jewellery. (paragraph 3) (1)

- (a) She believed Gandhiji's expectations were unfair to their daughters-in-law.
- (b) She felt Gandhiji's actions were necessary for raising funds.
- (c) She was upset because Gandhiji kept the jewellery for himself.
- (d) She thought Gandhiji's ideas on jewellery were too idealistic.

(V) State whether the following statement is True or False. (paragraph 4) (1)

Gandhiji believed that public workers should not own anything costly, whether given or earned.

(VI) The writer mentions Gandhiji's motivation for donating all his earnings in South Africa. Which of the following best represents his motivation? (1)

- (a) He wanted to gain recognition as a public worker.
- (b) He aimed to ensure the well-being of South African Indians.
- (c) He believed in keeping wealth for his family's future.
- (d) He wanted to collect costly gifts for personal use.

(VII) List any two ways Gandhiji's principles influenced his fundraising efforts. (paragraphs 1 and 4) (2)

(VIII) Fill in the blank with the correct option from those given. (paragraph 3)

In the phrase '*Kasturba was a female with a desire to adorn,*' the word '*adorn*' refers to _____. (1)

- (a) the tendency to decorate oneself with jewellery and ornaments.
- (b) the need to showcase wealth and social status.
- (c) the interest in traditional practices and rituals.
- (d) the inclination towards helping others selflessly.

2. **Read the passage given below:**

[10]

1. Increasing traffic congestion every year is causing increasing air pollution, wasting time and productivity and diverse respiratory diseases. Moreover, the cost of solving or reducing traffic congestion is enormous. However, neglecting the traffic jam problem would increase the social problems among citizens.
2. The number of vehicles has increased considerably in the city in the past five years. Due to this increase, the city roads witness frequent traffic congestions, but above all, the vehicles emitting pollutants are affecting the environment adversely.
3. The Capital's vehicular population saw an addition of more than five lakh vehicles last year, registering an increase of over 4%, according to the Delhi Economic Survey 2020-21.
4. In spite of the largest road network, through metro and bus services in major cities the transport system is not being able to keep pace with the growing demand. Consequently, more and more people use their private vehicles, leading to increased congestion on the roads. In spite of these challenges people in India prefer road travel over air and other means of travel. Citizens of Delhi/NCR have, time and again, pondered over the possibilities of how to reduce the traffic congestion in the city, especially during the peak hours. People should use public transport, the government must increase the facilities of public transport, people should avoid the unnecessary collection of vehicles and should use carpool and vehicle sharing.
5. What is required is proper implementation of corrective measures by citizens to get an organized traffic management system.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below: (10)

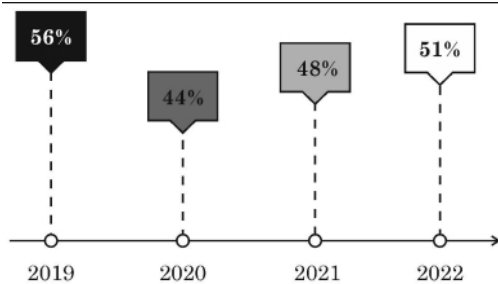
i. Infer one reason for the following, based on information in paragraph 1. Reducing traffic congestion is not easy. **(1)**

ii. Select the appropriate option to complete the following sentence. The reasons for increased traffic congestion are _____. **(1)**

1. use of private vehicles
2. increase in demand for cars
3. inability to keep pace with population control
4. travelling by public transport
5. emission of pollutants

- a. 4, 5
- b. 1, 5
- c. 1, 2
- d. 2, 3

iii. Analyze the status of traffic between the years 2019-2022. **(2)**



What is required to get an organized traffic management system?

iv. Give the reasons for increase in vehicular congestion. **(2)**

v. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word / phrase from the paragraph 5. organized : chaotic :: lowest : _____ Clue : Just as organized is an antonym of chaotic, lowest is an antonym of _____. **(1)**

vi. The vehicles emit pollutants which affect _____ badly **(1)**

vii. Complete the following sentence. Use of public transport will reduce _____. **(1)**

viii. Select the appropriate option to complete the following sentence. The reasons for increased traffic congestion are _____. **(1)**

1. start car pooling
2. add electric buses
3. increase in public modes of transport
4. increase car collection points
5. increase taxation

- a. 1, 4, 5
- b. 3, 5
- c. 2, 3, 4
- d. 1, 3

SECTION B GRAMMAR

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

- (a) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the brackets, for the given portion of a letter. **[1]**
Please keep me _____ (apprise) of your next step to address this matter. Thanks for your time.
- (b) Identify the error and supply correction for the following note from a marketing report. **[1]**

The current marketing goal is focused on website traffics and conversions.

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

Liz: You might come to my place. What time shall we meet?

Mike: I'll be there at eight.

Suggesting Mike come to her place Liz asked him what time they would meet. Mike replied _____.

- (d) He said to the interviewer, "Could you please repeat the question?" [1]

Reported speech: _____

- a) He requested the interviewer if he could please repeat the question. b) He requested the interviewer if he could repeat the question.
- c) He requested the interviewer to repeat the question. d) He requested the interviewer to please repeat the question.

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

She was _____ (never / neither / either) ready for the interview nor wanted to take the job.

- (f) Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence from a technology company's product description. [1]

Our latest software solution is designed for help businesses streamline their operations.

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

A doctor and his two children died in the fire accident that took place in Tamil Nadu's Tirupati district on Sunday.

Option no.	Error	Correction
A	died	dies
B	the	a
C	took	takes
D	in	at

- (h) It seems that somebody _____ to my father before the meeting, complaining that I _____ late for school four times last week. [1]

- a) writes / was b) wrote / would be
- c) had written / was d) has written / have been

- (i) **Report the dialogue between Dolly and Mrs Diaz, by completing the sentence:** [1]

Dolly: Have you seen Lee?

Mrs Diaz: No, I haven't seen him since lunchtime.

In response to the question about where Lee was, Mrs Diaz says that _____.

- (j) 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.

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

About Ben Adhem (May his tribe increase!)
 _____ one night from a deep dream of peace,
 And _____, within the moonlight in his room,
 Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,

- A. Awoke, saw
 B. Awakening, seen
 C. Awakes, sees
 D. Awoke, seen

(l) 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

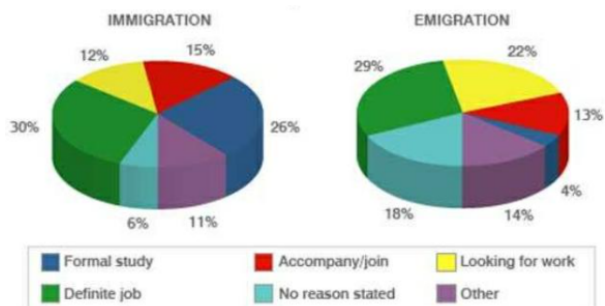
4. You are Rohit/Rohini of A-45, Pitampura, Delhi. You observed that the subways in Delhi are seldom used by pedestrians who are always trying to cut across traffic. You have decided to write a letter to the editor of 'Hindustan Times' highlighting the dire need of creating awareness about it. Based on the points given along with your own ideas write a letter in 100-120 words. [5]

- infrastructure unutilized
- pedestrians prone to accidents
- accumulation of stagnant water/garbage in subways
- need for improvement and regular cleanliness under proper supervision.

OR

You are Vikram/Vanya, Librarian, B.S. Public School, Delhi. Write a letter to the Manager of Amar Publication House, Mumbai, placing an order for 4 sets of Social Studies books for grades 6-8 published by N.C.E.R.T. in not more than **120** words. Mention school discount, mode of payment and date of delivery.

5. The pie charts show the main reasons for migration to and from the UK in 2007. Write an analytical paragraph [5] by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant.



OR

You are a teacher in New City Global School. The following data gives a comparative analysis of students' performance in different subjects in terminal exam. Write an analytical paragraph on the variation in the performances of students in about 120 words:

Average marks of the students:

Subject	Ist term	IInd term
English	65	70
Hindi	75	65
Maths	90	95
Science	85	90
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SECTION C - LITERATURE

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

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

Instead of being delighted, as her husband had hoped, she threw the invitation spitefully upon the table murmuring, "What do you suppose I want with that"?

- i. The invitation was (1)
 - a. to attend a wedding ceremony
 - b. to attend an opera
 - c. to watch a horse race
 - d. to attend an official dance party
- ii. The husband had hoped for his wife's happy reaction because: (1)
 - a. she rarely got a chance to attend a function.
 - b. most employees used to get invited.
 - c. both (a) and (b) are correct.
 - d. both (a) and (b) are incorrect.
- iii. Who is the speaker? Why was she frustrated? (2)
- iv. Which word in the passage means the same as whispering? (1)

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

I was not born with a hunger to be free. I was born free - free in every way that I could know. Free to run in the fields near my mother's hut, free to swim in the clear stream that ran through my village, free to roast mealies under the stars and ride the broad backs of slow-moving bulls. As long as I obeyed my father and abided by the customs of my tribe, I was not troubled by the laws of man or

God. It was only when I began to learn that my boyhood freedom was an illusion when I discovered as a young man that my freedom had already been taken from me, that I began to hunger for it. At first, as a student, I wanted freedom only for myself, the transitory freedoms of being able to stay out at night, read what I pleased and go where I chose. Later, as a young man in Johannesburg, I yearned for the basic and honourable freedoms of achieving my potential, of earning my keep, of marrying and having a family - the freedom not to be obstructed in a lawful life.

- i. What are the twin obligations every man has in life? (1)
- ii. Give a suitable title to the given extract. (1)
- iii. Why do you think the speaker mentions freedom as 'transitory'? Elaborate in 40 words with reference to the extract. (2)
- iv. The speaker says, 'at first as a student I wanted freedom only for myself'. Why do you think he only thought about himself? Choose the correct option (1)
 - A. He didn't want to think about the freedom denied to others.
 - B. He was being selfish and was only bothered about himself.
 - C. He didn't think that freedom denied to him was important for others.
 - D. He was too young to realize that freedom was denied to others as well.

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

[5]

- (a) Read the following extracts and answer the question/complete the sentences that follow:

[5]

Though to distinguish beasts of prey
A novice might nonplus,
The crocodile you always may
Tell from the Hyena thus;
Hyenas come with merry smiles;
But if they weep they're Crocodiles.

1. A novice would get confused to differentiate between _____.(1)
2. How are the crocodiles identified in the forest?(1)
3. What, according to the extract, would cause bewilderment?(1)
 - a. Discovering the similarity between different preys of beasts.
 - b. Analysing habits of beasts that prey on hyenas.
 - c. Knowing the difference between several beasts of prey.
 - d. Drawing the similarities between crocodiles and hyenas.
4. What differences can be drawn between a hyena and a crocodile as given in the extract?(2)

- (b) He stalks in his vivid stripes

[5]

The few steps of his cage
On pads of velvet quiet
In his quiet rage.
He should be lurking in shadow
Sliding through long grass
Near the water hole
Where plump deer pass

- i. **He** is in a rage because he is (1)

- a. hungry
- b. tied
- c. thirsty
- d. in a cage

ii. Why is the tiger lurking in the shadow? Answer in 40 words. (2)

iii. The above lines express the tiger's _____. (1)

- a. resignation
- b. fear
- c. anger
- d. acceptance

iv. Complete the sentence appropriately: (1)

It is clear that metaphor is the poetic device used for **pads of velvet** - because _____. (Clue : explain how metaphor is applied here.)

v. The contrast in the above extract is between life in the forest and life in the (1)

- a. circus
- b. national park
- c. cave
- d. zoo

8. **Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words** [12]
- (a) Where is Coorg situated? What is it called? Who lives there? [3]
 - (b) How has the poet observed nature in the poem **Dust of Snow**? [3]
 - (c) How was Lencho's life affected by the rain? [3]
 - (d) Anne says that there were so many dummies in the class that about a quarter of them shouldn't be promoted. Is she being rude or brutally honest? Evaluate. [3]
 - (e) Belinda and other animals have been described as brave. But on seeing the pirate they behaved in a cowardly way. How did they react? (A Tale of Custard, The Dragon) [3]
9. **Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.** [6]
- (a) How did Tricki become an accepted member of the gang and start enjoying the company of other dogs? [3]
 - (b) What happened at Bholi's marriage ceremony? [3]
 - (c) A Procrastinator is one who delays action and invites a tragedy to happen with him. Is Max a Procrastinator, Why or Why not? [3]
10. **Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words** [6]
- (a) Imagine that the narrator shared his story with friends and family once he got home. One of them, a spiritual leader, decided to incorporate the story as part of his weekly sermon to the congregation. Another friend, a psychologist, worked the story into his next lecture on survival instinct and crisis management.
Do you think the two interpretations of the story would be different? If so, how?
What insights might the narrator get about his mysterious experience, if he were to attend both the sessions? Answer in the context of the lesson **Two Stories about Flying**. [6]
 - (b) Assume that Mijbil gets lost and meets the caged tiger accidentally. Imagine how the tiger would console him. Briefly describe the tiger's reaction. Write as you are the tiger from the poem, A Tiger in [6]

the zoo.

Write in context of the chapter, Mijbil the Otter and the poem, A tiger in the zoo.

11. **Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.** [6]
- (a) Give a brief character sketch of Ebright's mother. [6]
- (b) 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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