



S R Study Material

SAMPLE PAPER 2 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.**

[10]

It is an indisputable fact that the world has gone too far with the innovation of new technologies such as mobile phones, the internet and so on, due to which people can tour the cosmos virtually while sitting in one place using their smart devices or other technological gadgets. Though mobile internet access is often hurried and short, it can still provide common internet features like alerts, other data, emails, search engines, instant messages, and game and music downloading.

Due to the easy access to smartphones, communication has been very effective and instant. People can convey their message all around the globe to their loved ones without spending hefty sums of money. Adults are always fond of such gadgets and they always welcome and adopt such new technology readily. Further, young people have been able to broaden their minds and improve their skills by researching on the Internet. For instance, they use smartphones to look up any new word they come across. As we know most of universities have online teaching provisions and smartphones assist students in completing their assignments on time. The mobile phone has been a lifesaver for a lot of people in case of an emergency. Likewise, the use of smartphones can be of vital importance in preventing crimes in society by providing information to the security forces in time.

Nonetheless, for the young, the use of a mobile phone can be like an addiction and they can misuse it. Young people are also prone to getting involved in undesirable activities on the Internet. This might have an adverse effect on their academic performance. Therefore, young people should always be monitored and made aware of their bad outcomes.

Also, a major contributor to its popularity is the availability of prepaid or pay-as-you-go services from a phone shop or an online store. This allows subscribers to load text or airtime credits to their handsets by the use of their credit cards, debit cards or by buying a prepaid card from the network they subscribe to. This plan also

doesn't commit a particular customer to a contract. If prepaid card is not that appealing to you, then you can opt to subscribe using the pay-by-month plan.

(I) In paragraph 1, what does the phrase 'people can tour the cosmos virtually while sitting in one place' suggest about technology? (1)

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

Mobile phones have made communication _____.

- (a) complicated and expensive
- (b) efficient and cost-effective (paragraph 2)

(III) Support the writer's idea that mobile phones have a positive impact on students' academic performance. (paragraph 2) (2)

(IV) Select the option that best reflects the importance of mobile phones during emergencies. (paragraph 3) (1)

- (a) They help in saving lives by enabling quick communication.
- (b) They provide entertainment in stressful situations.

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

Young people are prone to misusing mobile phones, which can negatively affect their academics. (1)

(VI) The writer mentions the popularity of prepaid services. Which of the following is a key reason for their popularity? (1)

- (a) They bind users to long-term contracts.
- (b) They allow flexibility without a contract.
- (c) They are limited to text messaging.
- (d) They are only available in physical stores.

(VII) List any two ways in which mobile phones help in improving communication globally. (paragraph 2) (2)

(VIII) Fill in the blank with the correct option from those given. (paragraph 5)

The phrase "pay-as-you-go" refers to _____. (1)

- (a) A contract-free payment plan allowing users to recharge as needed
- (b) A credit-based system for long-term phone subscriptions
- (c) A method for subscribing to monthly payment plans
- (d) A limited service restricted to text and calls

2. **Read the following text, an excerpt from a case study titled**

[10]

"Scouts and Guides Around the World."

1. Many young people aged between 6 and 25 belong to the Scout movement. It is a worldwide organization, which was set up to help young people achieve their full potential as they grow up.
2. The organization was established in 1907 by a British general called Robert Baden-Powell. While in the army, he wrote a publication about scouting (which means searching and keeping watch) and how to survive in the wild, called 'Aids to Scouting'. He realized how popular this was, and the result was another book, 'Scouting for Boys', which had less emphasis on the military. To test his ideas, he held a week-long camp for 21 boys from various schools in London, Poole and Bournemouth. This took place in August 1907, on Brownsea Island, in Southern England. These boys had the chance to enjoy outdoors, which became another of the movement's objectives.
3. The Scout Movement quickly got established in Europe. It then spread throughout the world, starting in Chile in 1909. To begin with, the focus was on boys aged 11 to 18. However, as the movement grew, it was clear that younger boys, older boys and girls all wanted to be involved. Baden-Powell's sister set up the Girl

Guides in 1910, and in 1914 she started Rosebuds, later renamed Brownies, for younger girls. The movement's intention to help young people play useful roles in society applies equally to girls and boys. By 2010, there were 32 million scouts, and by 2006, there were 10 million guides around the world, from a total of 216 different countries.

4. 2007 marked 100 years of the Scout Movement, and events took place around the world to celebrate this centenary. To mark the occasion, a colourful badge was produced for scouts to sew onto their uniforms or bags. The design included the official scout emblem, as well as the phrase, 'one world one promise', and images of doves and the globe.
5. 2007 was also the 150th anniversary of Baden-Powell's birth. To honour both occasions, a flame was lit at Baden-Powell's grave in Nyeri. This is the place in Kenya where he spent the last few years of his life. The flame was then carried through several countries until it reached the UK.

Country	Membership	Population participation	Scouting introduced	Guiding introduced
India	41500000	0.3%	1909	1911
Indonesia	17100000	7.2%	1912	1912
Philippines	21500000	2.2%	1910	1918
Thailand	1300000	1.9%	1911	1957
United States	7500000	2.4%	1910	1912

Answer the following questions based on your reading of the above passage: (10)

- i. Infer one reason for the following, based on the information given in paragraph 4:
'Colourful badge was sewn on to the uniform and bags of the Scouts'. **(1)**
- ii. From paragraph 1, we can infer that Scout Movement was set up _____.
- iii. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from paragraph 4.
10 years: decade:: 100 years: _____
- iv. After reading the passage, bring a contrast between the books 'Aids to Scouting' and 'Scouting for Boys'. **(1)**
- v. What does the writer mean by the following phrase?
'One world one promise.'
- vi. According to the chart, which country took maximum time to introduce 'Guiding' after 'Scouting'? Choose your answer from the options given below: **(1)**
 - A. India
 - B. Indonesia
 - C. Thailand
 - D. Philippines
- vii. List two reasons why a flame was lit at Baden-Powell's grave in 2007. **(2)**
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
- viii. Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option: **(1)**
The establishment of Scout movement from 1907 to 2006 showed _____ results.
 - A. uniform
 - B. encouraging

- C. inconsistent
- D. disappointing

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 bracket, for the given portion of a letter: [1]
 Since you have been found guilty of _____ (deliver) poor results for six months at a stretch, we are issuing this warning letter to warn you.

(b) Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction: [1]
 Playing outdoor games have benefits over being indoors.
 Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

(c) Report the dialogue between the receptionist and the customer by completing the sentence: [1]
Receptionist: When would you like to check into the hotel.
Customer: I will send you an email and give the details.
 In response to the question regarding when he would like to move in, the customer replied _____.

(d) Read the dialogue between Yogita and Nandini, regarding the progress of a task. [1]
 Yogita: How long have you been working on this task?
 Nandini: I ve been working for two hours.
 Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue.
 Yogita asked Nandini _____.
 Nandini replied that she had been working for two hours.

- a) how long she had been working on that task
- b) how long had she been working on this task
- c) for how long had she been working on this task
- d) for how long was she working on the task

(e) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option. [1]
 Don't think there will be a severe shortage of usable water because there was _____ (a lot of / little / a few) rain fall yesterday.

(f) Identify the error and supply the correction for the following part of an advertisement of a web hosting site: [1]
 One of the world's most popular domain name seller provides fantastic web hosting packages as well
 Use the given format for your response.

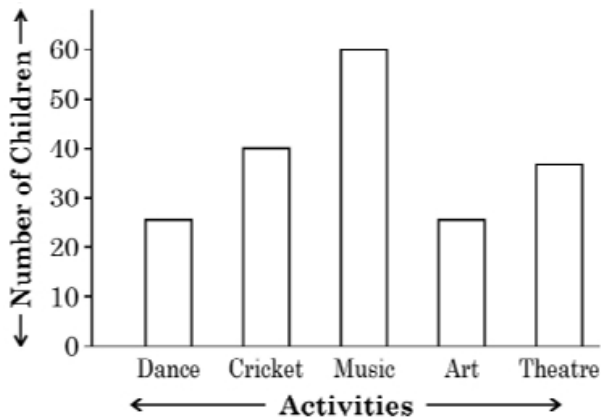
Error	Correction

(g) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report: [1]
 These exams open doors to higher education, improve employment opportunities and increase option.

Option no.	Error	Correction
A	these	this
B	open	opens

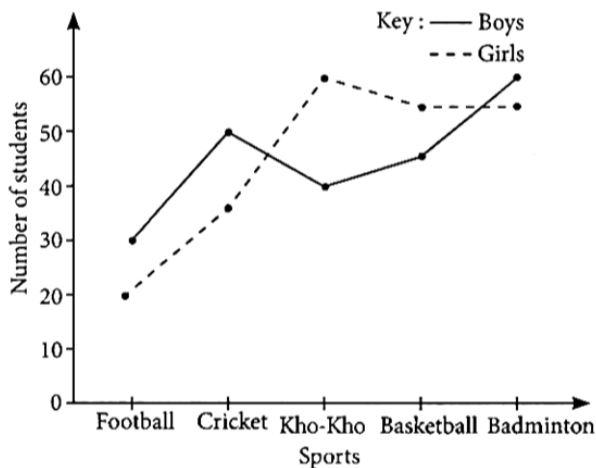
know the procedure. Write a letter to the Chairman, CBSE, Preet Vihar, enquiring about the fee to be deposited, mode of payment, time taken by the board for issuing duplicate certificates and any other formalities. You are Tarun/Taruna, 7/9, Kunj Apartments, Shimla.

5. A survey was conducted in the National Capital in over twenty schools about the different activities that interest the children in the age group of 13 years to 15 years. Write a paragraph in not more than 120 words, analyzing the following information. [5]



OR

The given double line graph shows the number of boys and girls who participated in different types of sports in a school. Write an analytical paragraph summarising the information and make comparisons wherever relevant.



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]

Max bit his lip nervously. The knocking was repeated.

"What will you do now, Max ?" Ausable asked. "If I do not answer the door, they will enter anyway.

The door is unlocked. And they will not hesitate to shoot".

- i. Who is Max? (1)

- a spy
- a tourist
- a businessman
- a waiter

- ii. Max was unprepared for his mission. Elaborate with reference to the extract. (2)

- iii. Actually the door was knocked at by _____. (1)

- iv. Which word in the extract is opposite in meaning to the word 'confidently'? (1)

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

"God" he wrote. "If you don't help me, my family and I will go hungry this year. I need a hundred pesos in order to sow my field again and to live until the crop comes, because of the hail storm...."

- i. State TRUE or FALSE. None of the terms (a)-(d) below, can be applied to the question - Who is 'he' in the above stanza? (1)
 - a. The postmaster
 - b. A post office employee
 - c. Lencho's wife
 - d. Lencho's son
- ii. The speaker needed money. Elaborate in about 40 words, with reference to the extract. (2)
- iii. Which phrase/word would correctly substitute 'will go hungry' in the given sentence from the extract? "If you don't help me, my family and I will go hungry this year." (1)
- iv. Which of the following is NOT related to the question "What made Lencho write a letter to God?" (1)
 - A. Lencho's crops were destroyed by the hailstorm.
 - B. He wrote a letter to God asking for a hundred pesos.
 - C. He needed the money to sow his field again and survive till the new crops came.
 - D. Lencho's hope of good rain to have a good crop.

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

[5]

- (a) Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:

[5]

My head is full of whispers
which tomorrow will be silent.
Listen. The glass is breaking.
The trees are stumbling forward
into the night. Winds rush to meet them.
The moon is broken like a mirror,
its pieces flash now in the crown
of the tallest oak.

- i. Why would the whispers be silent tomorrow? (1)
- ii. The forest undergoes tremendous transformation overnight. Discuss with reference to the poem "The Trees" (2)
- iii. Which word in the stanza means the same as 'quiet'? (1)
- iv. Which poetic device has been used in the last line 'its pieces flash now in the crown of the tallest oak.' (1)
 - a. Simile
 - b. Alliteration
 - c. imagery
 - d. Personification

- (b) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

[5]

Belinda paled, and she cried Help! Help!
But Mustard fled with a terrified yelp,
Ink trickled down to the bottom of the household,
And little mouse Blink strategically mousehold.

i. Pick an option that best fits the usage of the word 'trickled' as used in the extract. (1)

- a. The water trickled down the tap and filled the trough.
- b. Students trickled into the classroom as the teacher entered.
- c. Tears trickled down her cheeks as she heard the sad news.
- d. His enthusiasm for the task slowly trickled away.

ii. Where did Blink hide himself? (1)

iii. Fill in the blank with one word which means the same as 'ran away' _____. (1)

iv. Comment on the humour used in these lines. (2)

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

- (a) How did the baker attract the children? [3]
- (b) The tiger in the poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo' has some obvious limitations. Describe them in contrast to its natural habitat. [3]
- (c) How does Chubukov defend **Squeezer?** (**The Proposal**) [3]
- (d) What does Anne write in her first essay? [3]
- (e) Which two ideas about how the world will end have been mentioned in the poem Fire and ice? Which idea does the poet support more? [3]

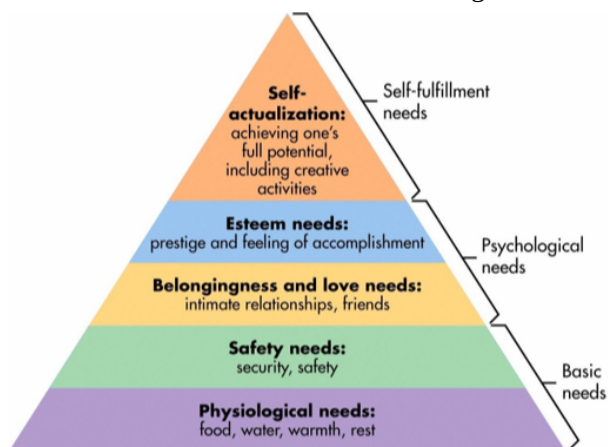
9. **Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.** [6]

- (a) When Mrs. Pumphrey talked to Mr. Herriot about Tricky, what suggestions did he give to her? Did she follow Mr. Herriot's advice? [3]
- (b) Which character traits of Bholi have had an everlasting impression on you? Why? [3]
- (c) Why were the two boys in London surprised and fascinated? [3]

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

- (a) Look at the image of Maslow's hierarchy of needs. [6]

Abraham Maslow devised a theory of motivation that shows the basic needs at the bottom, and more advanced needs as you move up. It includes the theory that fundamental needs must be met before an individual can be motivated to achieve higher order needs.



Where in this hierarchy of needs, would you locate the young seagull's first flight? Justify your response.

- (b) After having read the lesson on the oppression that communities faced in South Africa, you were deeply hurt. You could also relate to the struggles and hardships of millions of Indians who fought against the oppressive British rule. [6]

Write a diary entry expressing your feelings about oppression faced by people in their homeland. You may begin like this:

24 August 20XX,

Monday 9:00 pm My heart is filled with sadness as I think of the oppressed who had to tolerate the inhuman attitude of the oppressors in their own land ...

11. **Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.** [6]
- (a) Imagine you're one of the columnists in a magazine. People write to you about their issues, seeking your advice. [6]
Matilda writes to you about the guilt she feels for having lost a necklace and how it changed the course of her life and her husband's. What would be your advice to her?
- (b) What thought crossed Hari Singh's mind when he was waiting on the railway platform? [6]

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