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SAMPLE PAPER 1 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]

"The great model of affection of love in human beings is the sentiment which subsists between parents and children." As time goes by, things change. What was popular, and normal, in the 70's has changed. The older generation always wonders what has gone wrong with the younger generation and the younger generation also wonders why parents can't understand their needs. They don't know how to deal with the differences between each other and that has led to a gap between parents and children. The interests, food, habits, slang, entertainment, and way of thinking of the younger generation differ from those of the older generation. These changes are indicative of progress. The difference in the ways of thinking and perception of the people of two different generations, which results in behavioural differences and sometimes, conflict among them is usually called the generation gap. The generation gap between parents and their children is generally seen in the family. It is not only because of the age gap but also because of the way parents react to a particular situation. Children being very young and immature do not understand the way of thinking of their parents. In many cases, the parents, even if they are mature, do not empathize with the changing values and thinking patterns of the modern world. This creates a communication gap between these two generations.

Parents themselves mostly cause a generation gap between parents and children. They do not talk openly to their children and take part in solving their problems. This behaviour gives the impression of parents being authoritative persons because they only dictate without understanding the problems faced by their children. As a result, the children become mentally isolated from their parents. Some parents become so busy with their work that they don't spend quality time with their family, which makes them completely unaware of how their children are growing, what kind of mentality is being developed in them, and so on. This ultimately creates a gap between them. They only realize it when it is too late.

Changes in technology have led to the generation gap in this modern world. Children tend to spend most of their time with their digital devices and are so busy with social media, that they do not discuss their problems

with their parents. The internet provides solutions to most of the worldly problems. So children, instead of contacting their own parents, use the help of the internet in case of any problem, thus again reducing communication, leading to a generation gap between them.

The generation gap has greatly increased these days because the time is changing fast and people find it difficult to cope with this change. To overcome this problem, parents should show interest in all matters of their children and deal with them positively instead of just scolding them and leaving them alone to deal with their problems. Giving time to the children, having open communication, and allowing the child to feel free and not under any kind of pressure, will eventually reduce the generation gap to a tolerable extent.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

(I) In paragraph 1, what does the phrase ‘*The interests, food, habits, slang, entertainment, and way of thinking of the younger generation differ from those of the older generation*’ emphasise? (1)

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

The generation gap is primarily caused because _____.

- (a) the younger generation is immature and doesn’t understand the older generation’s thinking.
- (b) the differences in values and perceptions of the two generations create conflicts. (paragraph 1)

(III) Support the writer’s idea that the generation gap is worsened by the lack of communication between parents and children. (paragraph 2) (2)

(IV) Select the option that best reflects the concept of ‘*technology’s role in increasing the generation gap*’. (paragraph 3) (1)

(V) State whether the following statement is True or False. (paragraph 2)

“*Parents often unintentionally create a generation gap by neglecting to spend quality time with their children.*”

(1)

(VI) The writer mentions ‘*coping with fast-changing times*’ in paragraph 4. Which of the following strategies can help bridge the generation gap? (1)

- (a) Scolding children to ensure they conform to traditional values.
- (b) Encouraging children to abandon modern technology completely.
- (c) Engaging in open and positive communication with children.
- (d) Avoiding involvement in the personal matters of children.

(VII) List any two causes of the generation gap as mentioned in the passage. (paragraphs 2 & 3) (2)

(VIII) Fill in the blank with the correct option from those given. (paragraph 4)

In the phrase ‘*dealing with them positively*’, the word ‘*positively*’ refers to _____. (1)

- (a) Approaching children’s problems with understanding and empathy.
- (b) Enforcing strict rules to guide children’s behaviour.
- (c) Ignoring modern influences on children.
- (d) Giving children the freedom to make their own decisions without parental involvement.

2. **Read the following passage carefully:**

[10]

1. Rotation of crops is a universal phenomenon which is practised by most of the farmers of the tropical and temperate countries. The main objective of rotation of crops is to obtain higher agricultural returns on the one hand, and to maintain the soil fertility on the other.
2. In other words, the rotation of crops helps in making agriculture more sustainable. The importance of crop rotation is more in the areas where farmers grow two, or more than two crops in the same field in a year.

Irrigation facilities have also been appreciably developed in the country during the last three decades. The availability of water to the arable land has helped in the intensification of agriculture.

3. In the areas such as Punjab and Haryana, where the Green Revolution is a big success, one soil exhaustive crop (rice) is followed by another soil exhaustive crop (wheat). Subsequently, the field vacated by wheat is devoted to either rice or maize or cotton. Thus, in one year, the farmers are harvesting three soil exhaustive crops from the same field. Such a rotation of crops may fetch more income to the farmers, but depletes the soil fertility at a faster pace.
4. A number of field studies were conducted to assess the traditional crop rotation pattern. One such field study about the changes in the rotation of crops was conducted in the village Banhera (Tanda), Haridwar district. The main rotation of crops of the village is shown in the table below.

Traditional Rotation of Crops (1960-65) in Banhera (Tanda)				
Year	Kharif (mid-June to mid-October)	Rabi (mid-October to mid-April)	Zaid (April to June)	No. of days land left fallow
1960	Millet/fodder/rice	Gram	Fallow	90
1961	Fallow	Wheat	Fallow	210
1962	Millet/fodder/rice	Gram	Fallow	90
1963	Fallow	Wheat	Fallow	210
1964	Millet mixed with urad/fodder/rice	Gram	Fallow	90
1965	Fallow	Wheat	Fallow	210

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage: (10)

- i. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of para 2. **(1)**
One of the reasons that there has been an intensification of agriculture in the country is the development of irrigation facilities is a/an _____ (fact/opinion) because it is a/an _____ (subjective judgement/objective detail).
- ii. Based on your understanding of paras 1 and 2, state whether the following statement is true or false. **(1)**
If proper irrigation facility is provided, higher agricultural returns can be obtained by making crop rotation more sustainable.
- iii. Justify the following in about 40 words.
Crop rotation may fetch more income to the farmers, but depletes the soil fertility at a faster pace. **(2)**
- iv. Based on the table, mention the years when the land was left fallow for maximum number of days. **(1)**
- v. The study conducted in village Banhera (Tanda) reflects that during the years 1960 to 1965, from April to June, the land was left fallow or uncultivated throughout. State any one inference that can be drawn from this. **(1)**
- vi. Select the option that correctly states the significance of crop rotation as given below: **(1)**
 1. Crop rotation is done to obtain higher agricultural returns.
 2. Higher agricultural returns can be obtained by harvesting soil exhaustive crops.

3. Crop rotation demands that land should be left fallow for a few months to increase the fertility of soil.
4. Better irrigation facility to the arable land has helped in the intensification of agriculture.
5. If crops to be harvested are chosen wisely, crop rotation can help in maintaining fertility of soil.

Options:

- A. (1), (2) and (4)
- B. (1) only
- C. (3) and (5)
- D. (1) and (5)

vii. Crop rotation is helping in making agriculture more sustainable. Mention one benefit and one drawback of crop rotation. (Answer in about 40 words) (2)

viii. Which of the following is the main takeaway from the study mentioned in the passage? (1)

- A. The study needs to include more valid data to support the practice of crop rotation.
- B. Crop rotation is a sustainable practice that can transform the agricultural sector.
- C. The impact of crop rotation on been thoroughly explained.
- D. Crop rotation is independent of the type of crops harvested and availability of water for irrigation.

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]
This selfless initiative carried out with dedication and responsibility, _____ (deserve) due recognition.

(b) Identify the error in the given sentence about the highest mountains in the world and supply the correction. [1]

The Himalayas is the highest mountains in the world.

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

(c) Ritu and Randeep are talking. [1]

Report Ritu's question.

Ritu - Where are you going?

Ritu asked _____.

(d) Read the dialogue between Karan and his friend, Parvaiz regarding Karan's winter vacation plans: [1]

Karan: How is your winter vacation plan shaping up?

Parvaiz: Alas! There are no plans. We have extra classes during our winter vacation.

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue.

Karan asked Parvaiz how his winter vacation plan was shaping up. Parvaiz sighed and said there were no plans. He further added that _____.

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| a) he has extra classes during their winter vacations | b) they had extra classes during our winter vacation |
| c) they had extra classes during their winter vacation | d) they have extra classes during their winter vacation |

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

Give me _____ (some / many / little) advice on how to improve my writing skills.

- (f) Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction: [1]

The children were exciting when they saw the leopard.

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]

A school has adopted safety measures like screening of everyone who enters school premises and special sanitization of the school as per WHO guidelines.

Option no.	Error	Correction
A	a	the
B	has	have
C	enters	enter
D	the	a

- (h) The injured _____ to the ambulance while the people _____ around the crime scene. [1]

- a) have been taken, gathered b) were taken, would gather
c) were being taken, were gathering d) have been taken, gather

- (i) Read the conversation between a policeman and a driver. [1]

Complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.

Policeman: Do you need any help to reach your destination?

Driver: Yes, I am not sure which direction to take.

The policeman asked the driver whether he needed any help to reach his destination to which the driver replied _____.

- (j) Read the dialogue between Meher and her mother, regarding Meher's dance classes. [1]

Mother: Are you enjoying your dance classes?

Meher: Oh Yes! I am loving it. It is so refreshing to attend them after a long day.

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue.

Meher's mother asked her _____. In response, Meher exclaimed and said that she was loving it.

She added that it was very refreshing to attend them after a long day.

- a) whether the dance classes are being enjoyed by her b) whether she was enjoying her dance classes
c) whether she is enjoying her dance classes d) whether the dance classes were being enjoyed by her

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

An angel writing in a book of gold:

Exceeding peace _____ Ben Adhem bold,

And to the presence in the room he said,

"What writest thou" - The vision _____ is head,

- i. makes, raises

- ii. had made, raised
- iii. had made, raise
- iv. makes, raised

(l) Identify the error and supply the correction, for the following:

[1]

	Surat
HI LIFE EXHIBITION	
You're last chance to make a fashion statement	
LAST DAY TODAY	

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

SECTION B CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

4. Today the ratio of car to house member is one is to one. This has led to parking issues in colonies. Cars are parked on the road which narrows road space leading to congestion. [5]

You have read about incidents of short-tempered brawls and physical violence in colonies because of lack of parking space.

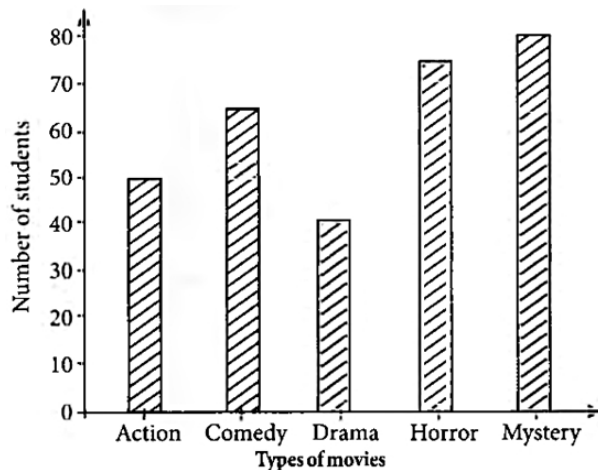
Write a letter to the editor of **Times of India** in about 100-120 words, drawing attention to this problem and what measures can be taken to resolve the problem. You are Sharan/Sunita from Maya Nagar.

OR

When you think about your city, you feel proud of its historical monuments, places of cultural interest, shopping centres and beautiful parks. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the editor of a national daily expressing your views on **Your City**. Also suggest ways to increase footfall to these places like the government's recent initiative of free entry to all historical monuments on the occasion 75th Independence Day.

You are Sangeeta/Sanjay, 45 Vijay Nagar, Delhi. (Word limit 100-125 words)

5. The given bar graph shows the favourite genre of movies of students in a school. Write an analytical paragraph [5] summarising the information and make comparisons wherever relevant.



OR

You are Anita/Anil. Write an analytical paragraph on the tourism potential of India.

Using your own ideas and the information given below, write the paragraph in 100-120 words.

- Places of historical interest - interests foreigner travellers.
- religious tourism - medical tourism - with world class hospitals
- leisure tourism - hill stations in summers, beaches in winter, the back waters and adventure sports.

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]

And as the light came on,
Fowler had his first authentic thrill of the day.
For halfway across the room,
a small automatic pistol in his hand stood a man.
Ausable blinked a few times.

- i. Who was standing in the room with a pistol in his hand? (1)
- ii. Ausable blinked because he: (1)
 - a. was getting adjusted to the light.
 - b. got afraid of the man with a pistol.
 - c. was thrilled to have reached his room.
 - d. started thinking of how to get rid of the man.
- iii. Fowler was thrilled because what he saw looked like a _____. (2)
- iv. Which word in the extract means the same as 'genuine/real'? (1)

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

The moment the letter fell into the mailbox the postmaster went to open it. It said, "God: of the money that I asked for, only seventy pesos reached me. Send me the rest, since I need it very much. But don't send it to me through the mail because the post office employees are a bunch of crooks".

- i. What did Lencho mean by 'the rest'? Answer in about 40 words. (2)
- ii. Read the following descriptions (a)-(c) and identify which one correctly corresponds to the extract. (1)
 - a. Lencho thought only God could help them in that hour of need.
 - b. Lencho wanted to punish post office employees.
 - c. Lencho wanted more money.
- iii. Predict and justify the reaction of the postmaster after receiving the second letter from Lencho. (1)
- iv. Fill the blank with one word. A word which is the opposite of "honest" in the passage is _____. (1)

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

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

The trees inside are moving out into the forest,
the forest that was empty all these days
Where no bird could sit
no insect hide
no sun bury its feet in shadow.

- i. Complete the sentence appropriately. (1)
It is clear that Personification is the poetic device used for 'No sun bury its feet...' because (Clue: explain how personification applies here)
- ii. State whether the following statement is True or False: (1)
The extract uses trees as a symbol for conservative people.

iii. Select the appropriate option to complete the sentence, according to the extract. The idea of a forest that has been 'empty all these days' is _____. (1)

- A. unnatural
- B. scary
- C. magical
- D. legendary

iv. Which three things cannot happen in a treeless forest? (2)

(b) Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow: [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.

- i. Describe the physical appearance of Custard the dragon. (1)
- ii. Fill in the blank with one word. This extract describes the physical appearance of Custard. He carried all the features of _____ that could make him powerful, scary, and brave. (1)
- iii. Which belief about dragons is in contrast to Custard's behaviour in the extract. (1)
 - a. Dragons are brave and feared.
 - b. Dragons can grant wishes.
 - c. Dragons can become invisible at will.
 - d. Dragons are soft-hearted and kind.

iv. Comment on the poet's use of language in these lines. (2)

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

- (a) Is bread an important part of Goan life? How do you know this? [3]
- (b) According to the poem, A Tiger in the Zoo, is it safe to allow tigers to live in their natural habitat these days? [3]
- (c) How did Chubukov react when Lomov asked for the hand of his daughter in marriage? [3]
- (d) Why does Anne need to give a brief sketch about her family? Does she treat **Kitty** as an insider or an outsider? [3]
- (e) **Fire and Ice** was first published in 1920. Briefly explain how the WW I might have influenced the theme of the poem. [3]

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

- (a) Why does Mrs. Pumphrey think that the dog's recovery is 'a triumph of surgery'? [3]
- (b) Does Bholi enjoy her first day at school? [3]
- (c) What do you think about the story 'Footprints without Feet'? Is it interesting? [3]

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

- (a) The young seagull's parents wanted him to fly, like his brothers and sister. How could the young seagull's newly flying siblings (Brother 1, Brother 2 and Sister) have motivated him? Write a brief conversation among them. [6]
- (b) Tiger in a zoo just overheard from the visitors that Nelson Mandela became the first black president fighting for freedom. He writes a letter to Nelson Mandela appealing Mandela to set the him free. You may begin like this. [6]
Dear Mandela,

I just heard from the visitors that you became the first black president fighting for freedom. I wanted to write to you to....

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

- (a) One of your friends has to attend a class party at his/her school and wants to purchase the most expensive clothes and shoes. He/She feels that this would make him/her stand out in the crowd. You receive a call from your friend seeking advice on this matter. Write down that telephonic conversation between your friend and yourself. [6]

You may begin this way:

Friend: Hey, I want an honest opinion from you. Will you please help me?

You: ...

Friend: So, there's this class party I have to attend. It's a big deal!

You: ...

Answer in the context of the lesson **The Necklace**.

- (b) Imagine that Hari Singh from The Thief's Story by Ruskin Bond, writes a diary entry, exploring the theme of human values and relations that are essential in life and can transform a person in the context of his own experience. Write this diary entry as Hari Singh. (The Thief's Story) [6]

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