

CBSE Class 10th English Language and Literature
Sample Paper - 08

Maximum Marks: 80

Time Allowed: 3 hours

General Instructions:

- This paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C. All questions are compulsory.
 - Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
 - Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.
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Section A

1. Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow: (8)

A sparrow is a small bird which is found throughout the world. There are many different species of sparrows. Sparrows are only about four to six inches in length. Many people appreciate their beautiful song. Sparrows prefer to build their nests in low places-usually on the ground, clumps of grass, low trees and low bushes. In cities, they build their nests in building nooks or holes. They rarely build their nests in high places. They build their nests out of twigs, grasses and plant fibres. Their nests are usually small and well-built structures.

Female sparrows lay four to six eggs at a time. The eggs are white with reddish-brown spots. They hatch within eleven to fourteen days. Both the male and female parents care for the young. Insects are fed to the young after hatching. The large feet of the sparrows are used for scratching seeds. Adult sparrows mainly eat seeds. Sparrows can be found almost everywhere, where there are humans. Many people throughout the world enjoy these delightful birds.

The sparrows are some of the few birds that engage in dust bathing. Sparrows will first scratch a hole in the ground with their feet, then lie in it and fling dirt or sand over their bodies with flicks of their wings. Many birds, particularly game birds and sparrows, take dust baths as part of their regular preening. The dust helps dislodge parasites and absorbs excess preen oil so feathers are not heavily coated. Birds that

do not bathe in water are more likely to use dust baths frequently, but many birds use both types of bathing. They will also bathe in water, or in the dry or melting snow. Water bathing is similar to dust bathing, with the sparrow standing in shallow water and flicking water over its back with its wings, also ducking its head under the water. Both activities are social, with up to a hundred birds participating at once, and is followed by preening and sometimes group singing.

Answer the following questions :

- a. The chief food for the adult sparrow is _____.
- b. Sparrows live wherever _____.
- c. The word, 'species' means _____.
- d. Sparrows _____ in high places.
- e. _____ take care of the young sparrows.
- f. Sparrows take bath in _____.
- g. Bathing for the sparrows is a _____.
(a) personal activity (b) routine activity (c) social activity (d) difficult task
- h. Bathing is followed by preening and _____.
(a) dancing (b) praying (c) flying (d) group singing

2. Read the passages given below and answer the questions that follow them: (12 marks)

Of course, human activity is chiefly responsible for the increasing problem of global warming. In the last century, the rapid increase in the consumption of hydrocarbon as well as the vigorous expansion of the industries and domestic markets for halocarbons have drastically altered the atmospheric concentration of numerous gases. This has altered nature's auto-balancing mechanism. As a result, the world is now stuck with several environmental problems; including the problems of acid rain, melting of glacial ice, large scale evaporation of water in tropics, increase in cloudiness in higher latitudes and so on. The implications of these changes on human life are likely to be enormous and may cause a series of adverse effects.

One of the direct effects of global warming is the altering of the heat budget and its regional variations in the atmosphere, the primary driver of weather systems around the world. The potential impact of warming on the monsoon in India is of serious concern. The warming, though widespread across the country, is more pronounced

over northern India. An important effect of global warming on meteorological conditions is an increase in sea surface temperature in the oceans around the subcontinent. Food production and food security, fresh water supply, forest biodiversity, coastal settlements, fishing and more will be adversely affected. India, like most developing countries, is committed to the principle of common responsibility in addressing climate change. India needs to chart multiple strategies to cope with the impending threats of climate change which are additional to the existing environmental stresses. Pursuing a sustainable development model is critical to addressing climate change in India and elsewhere. India should adopt strategies for sustainable development irrespective of the climate change debate. It involves economic growth, social equity and environmental sustainability.

I. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each: (2 × 4 = 8)

- a. How is human activity chiefly responsible for increasing problem of global warming?
- b. What are the problems the world is facing due to global warming?
- c. How has global warming affected India?
- d. How should India plan to cope with the danger of global warming?

II. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any four of the following : (1 × 4 = 4)

- i. The opposite of 'Enormous' is.....
 - a. Tiny
 - b. Rotten
 - c. Large
 - d. Cruel
- ii. The opposite of 'Vigorous' is.....
 - a. Tall
 - b. Short
 - c. Weak
 - d. Small
- iii. The word 'Sustained' means.....
 - a. Spoil
 - b. Maintained

- c. Kept
 - d. Destroyed
- iv. The word 'Altered' means.....
- a. Changed
 - b. Destroyed
 - c. Spoilt
 - d. Used

Section B

3. 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. **(8)**

OR

Drugs affect the future of the young people. Drug addicts become insensitive and unproductive. They fail to carry out their responsibilities in the state of intoxication. Write an article on 'Drug Addiction' in not more than 100-150 words.

4. Write a story in about 150-200 words which begin as the following : **(10)**

Last Monday afternoon, a day before my birthday, my mother took me to the shopping centre to shop for a present. The cool air-con greeted us when we stepped.....

OR

Complete the following story in 150-200 words. The beginning of the story is given below:

It was a Sunday afternoon. We had gone for a picnic to a park near the woods. Suddenly I found that my seven year old sister was missing from the group. We went in search of her in the woods and

5. Complete the following paragraph with the help of given options. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Don't copy the whole passage. (4)

I had a very frustrating time last week. I (a) _____ Lucknow. Due to dense fog, (b) _____. I was anxious that I would miss the flight but on reaching the airport, I learned that (c) _____ by two hours. Finally, I had to miss the conference. I (d) _____ option.

- a. (i) have to board a flight to (ii) had to boarding a flight in (iii) have to boarding a flight to (iv) had to board a flight to
- b. (i) the taxi reported late (ii) the taxi reports late (iii) a taxi reported later (iv) a taxi will be late
- c. (i) the departure had been delayed by (ii) the departure had been delayed to (iii) the depart has been delayed by (iv) the departing had been delayed.
- d. (i) could no (ii) had no other (iii) should have (iv) have no

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line against which a blank is given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer-sheet against the correct blank number as given in the example.

Remember to underline the word that you have supplied : (4)

		Error	Correction
Mulla Nasiruddin or two other travellers stopped to eat	(a)	.....	.....
there packed lunch. One of the travellers bragged,	(b)	.....	.....
"I only eat roasted, salted pistachios, cashews and dates."			
The other said, "Well, I only eat dried salmon." Then all men	(c)	.....	.....
looked at Nasiruddin, waiting to hear what he will say.	(d)	.....	.....
Seconds late, Nasiruddin held up a piece of bread and	(e)	.....	.....
confidently announced, "Well, I only eat wheat, ground up			

and carefully mix with water, yeast and salt,	(f)	.....	.....
and than baked at the proper temperature	(g)	.....	.....
with the proper time."	(h)	.....	.....

Section C

7. **Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences as given in the example. (4)**

Example: to be broken / health myths / that need / are / a few / there /

There are a few health myths that need to be broken.

- a. contains / only animals / no plant food / cholesterol, / manufacture it /
- b. and / are / cholesterol / free from / all dry fruits / oil seeds / so / are
- c. cholesterol / free from / made from plants / is / any oil / always /
- d. one of the / oil / mustard / best / oil / the / oils / such / best / olive / healthiest / among / etc / are / and

8. **Read the following extracts and answer the question/complete the sentences that follow: (4)**

He hears the last voice at night

The patrolling cars

And stares with his brilliant eyes

At the brilliant stars.

- a. 'He' in the above stanza is _____.
- b. The last voice that he hears is that of _____.
- c. The tiger stares at stars because he is _____.
- d. Which word means the same as 'sparkling'?

OR

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

His father and mother had come around calling to him shrilly, upbraiding him, threatening to let him starve on his ledge unless he flew away. But for the life of him, he could not move. That was twenty-four hours ago. Since then nobody had come near him, The day before, all day long, he had watched his parents flying about with his brothers and sister, perfecting them in the art of flight, teaching them how to skim

the waves and how to dive for fish. He had, in fact, seen his older brother catch his first herring and devour it, standing on a rock, while his parents circled around raising a proud cackle.

- a. Why were his parents reproaching him?
- b. Why could the young seagull not move from the ledge?
- c. Find a word from the extract that means 'to eat'.
- d. What did the parents do in pride?

9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each: **(10)**

- i. What differences came in Mandela's opinion about the meaning of freedom, when he was a little boy and when he became young? Describe.
- ii. Is Miss Mason angry with the class, or is she unhappy and upset?
- iii. What did the Buddha want Kisa Gotami to understand?
- iv. How would you describe the pampering and overfeeding of Tricky by the rich woman Mrs. Pumphrey?
- v. How is Ausable different from other secret agents?
- vi. What do you think about Griffin as a scientist?

10. Write the character sketch of Anne highlighting intelligence and politeness. **(8)**

OR

Whenever we want to achieve something, difficulties always come in our way. What did Valli have to do to go and ride in a bus?

11. What did Loisel do to replace the necklace? **(8)**

OR

What changes do we find in the behaviour of Bholi at the end of the story? Explain.

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Answer

Section A

1.
 - a. seeds
 - b. there are humans
 - c. kinds
 - d. rarely build their nests
 - e. Both parents
 - f. dust, water or snow
 - g. social activity
 - h. preening, group singing
2.
 - I.
 - a. In the last century, the rapid increase in the consumption of hydrocarbon, as well as the vigorous expansion of the industries and domestic markets for halo- carbons, have disrupted the atmospheric concentration of numerous gases and nature's auto-balancing system causing an increase in global warming.
 - b. Due to global warming, the world is now struck with several environmental problems including the problems of acid rain, melting of glacier ice, large scale evaporation of water in tropics, increase in the cloudiness in the higher latitudes and so on.
 - c. The worst impact of global warming is on the monsoon in India and on the meteorological conditions which have caused an increase in sea surface temperature in the oceans. Food production, food security, fresh water supply, forest biodiversity, coastal settlements, fishing and more are adversely affected in India.
 - d. India needs to chart multiple strategies to cope with the impending threats to climate change. Pursuing a Sustainable Development Model is critical to addressing the climate change in India which will also help India in economic growth, social equity, and environmental sustainability.
 - II.
 - i. (a) Tiny

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- ii. (c) Weak
 - iii. (b) Maintained
 - iv. (a) Changed

Section B

3. RWA, Anand Niketan

Agra

March 16, 2018

The Editor

The Heritage

Agra

Sir,

Subject: Increasing Incidents of Mobile and Chain Snatching.

Through the columns of your esteemed daily, I wish to bring to your kind attention towards the deteriorating law and order situation in the city. Many incidents of daylight mobile and chain snatching have been reported during recent days. The residents of the locality are frequently becoming the victims of mobile and chain snatchers. Masked youth come on motorbikes, commit the crime and run away without being caught or traced. All that has caused a lot of insecurity and fear among residents.

Repeated complaints have been lodged by the victims but to no avail. The officials just give assurance but nothing has been done so far to control the situation. It has caused a lot of insecurity and fear among the residents and the absence of law and order in the town has been making the culprits bolder.

There are cases of chain snatching and even kidnapping. None of these criminals is arrested so far. It seems there is no law and order to control this kind of incidents. So, I request you to look into this matter and take necessary action immediately.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely,

Shweta Kapoor

(Secretary, RWA).

OR

Drug Addiction

(By XYZ)

Drug addiction is a grave problem in India. It has become very common among the youths. It has also become a fashion and status symbol. Students leave home to attend classes but fall prey to drugs. Drug addiction is like a marshy land. It engulfs everyone who approaches it. It is more rampant in metro cities. It is an undeniable fact that competition is very tough nowadays. Those who fail once get depressed and take to drugs. Drugs weaken the human brain and cause many fatal diseases pertaining to the lungs and liver. Drug addiction is an epidemic. It has become a great social problem. It cannot be eradicated only by police. If the youth have a sense of purpose, they will not feel dejected and isolated. We need to instil optimism into our youngsters to wipe out this problem.

4.

A Lost Boy

Last Monday afternoon, the day before my birthday, my mother took me to the shopping centre to shop for a present. The cool air-con greeted us when we stepped inside it. The shopping centre was packed like sardines as there were numerous sales going on. After walking around the shopping center, we found ourselves standing in the toy's department, looking around for a toy. Suddenly, a cute little Japanese doll caught my eye. After buying the doll, my mother and I got ready to head home. Out of the blue, a distant wailing was heard. Curious, my mother and I walked towards the place where the wailing was heard from. A crowd had already gathered there. A little boy was sitting at a corner, sobbing and shouting out, "Mummy! Daddy!" When I walked towards him, he started crying hysterically and tears trickled down his cheeks. My mother handed me a sweet and I gave it to him. He stared at me for a moment and then grabbed it from my hand. After gobbling it up, he calmed down a lot. He told me that his name was Tom and explained to me what had happened. A while ago, he was shopping with his parents. While walking past the toys department, a magnificent toy robot caught his eye. He wandered away from his parents to catch a better glimpse of the robot. When he turned around to ask his parents to buy it for him, he realized that his parents were not with him. I related the situation to my mother and we decided to help him. We took him to the customer service counter. An announcement was made through the loudspeakers that a little boy aged six whose

name was Tom was lost and requested for his parents to come and pick him up at the customer service counter. Soon, a couple was seen dashing towards us. When Tom saw them, he bounded towards them. The couple, who was his parents, embraced him with their arms wide open. Upon seeing us, his parents thanked us gratefully and even offered us a ten-dollar note. However, we rejected the money and told them that we did what we were supposed to do and there was not a need to thank us. After bidding them goodbye, we headed for home. This was truly an unforgettable day.

OR

Kindness Towards Animals

It was a Sunday afternoon. We had gone for a picnic to a park near the woods. Suddenly I found that my seven year old sister was missing from the group. We, all, went in different directions in search of her in the woods and found her nowhere. We were calling her name at the maximum pitch but to no avail. My mother started weeping when we didn't find her. Our voice echoed and returned to us. We were very terrified and prayed to God to help us in locating her. Suddenly, we heard the trumpet of elephants. It made us sure that some misfortune came upon her. After a few moments, we saw an elephant running inside the forest. My brother advised us to follow the beast. We did so. What we saw was beyond any explanation. As we followed that elephant, we saw that animal filling its trunk with water from a pond in that forest. Without making any noise and holding our breath, we waited for its upcoming action. Then, the elephant hurriedly went to a place and sprinkled all that water on somebody and aired with its large ears. When we got closer and to our surprise and terror, it was none other than my sister who was lying there unconscious. We overjoyed to see her fine. As soon as water was sprinkled over her face, she became conscious and sat up. At first sight, she started crying for not having her family around her. However, on seeing all of us, she came running to us. We, also, told her everything about what that elephant did for her and asked her not to feel horrified. Then, we asked her how she had reached there. She told that outside the picnic spot, she had seen that elephant. As all of us were busy in merry-making, she quietly came out and gave some eatables to that elephant. Then it became friendly with her. She sat on its back and reached there. But on hearing its trumpet in the woods, she realized that she was lost and separated from her group and fainted due to

the terror of losing her family. We felt blessed. We met an angel disguised under the skin of a beast. What we thought was wrong. We, now, can say that elephants are truly amiable animals. Animals never tend to harm us until we do that to them first. So, we should always treat them with kindness.

5. a. had to board a flight to
- b. the taxi reported late
- c. the departure has been delayed
- d. had no other

6.

	Error	Correction
(a)	or	and
(b)	there	their
(c)	all	both
(d)	will	would
(e)	late	later
(f)	mix	mixed
(g)	than	then
(h)	with	for

7. a. No plant food contains cholesterol; only animals manufacture it.
- b. So all dry fruits and oilseeds are free from cholesterol.
- c. Any oil made from plants is always free from cholesterol.
- d. Olive oil, mustard oil etc. are one of the best and the healthiest among such oils.

Section B

8. a. a tiger in the zoo.
- b. the guards in their patrolling cars in the zoo.
- c. looking for some comfort as he aspires to get free.
- d. 'brilliant'.

OR

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- a. His parents were reproaching him because he was not ready to fly. His father and mother had come around calling to him shrilly, upbraiding him, threatening to let him starve on his ledge unless he flew away.
 - b. The seagull could not move from the ledge because he was afraid of losing his life. He failed to muster up the courage to make his first flight. So, he stayed on the ledge.
 - c. 'Devour' means to eat.
 - d. They were raising a proud cackle when his older brother caught his first herring and devoured it, standing on a rock. They expected the young seagull to make his first flight.
9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each:
- a. As a boy, Mandela did not have a hunger for freedom because he thought that he was born free. He believed that as long as he obeyed his father and abided by the customs of his tribe, he was free in every possible manner. He had certain needs as a teenager and certain needs as a young man. He slowly understood that it was not just his freedom that was being curtailed, but the freedom of all blacks. It was after attaining this understanding that he developed a hunger for the freedom of his people.
 - b. Miss Mason is unhappy and upset with the class. She does not like the incident. She calls it unfortunate. She thinks that all happened in utter thoughtlessness as she is sure that no one has purposefully and deliberately hurt anyone's feelings. She asks the students to think over the incident.
 - c. The Buddha wanted Kisa Gotami to understand that death is the truth of life and it is inevitable. Death is common to all and no one can avoid dying. No one can save their relatives. That's why wise people do not grieve as they know the terms of the world and have accepted reality.
 - d. Mrs. Pumphrey behaved in a very silly and thoughtless manner by over pampering and overfeeding Tricky. It was totally a waste of money. And indirectly, she was responsible for his ill health. As a result of her over-pampering, she overfed Tricky and gave him no exercise at all. This made Tricky fall seriously ill.

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- e. Ausable is different from other secret agents as he does not look like a secret agent. He is very fat. He looks like a very simple and regular man. He does not fit any description of a secret agent. He lives in a small room on the sixth and top floor. His appearance and mannerism do not exhibit any qualities of a spy.
- f. As a scientist, Griffin was very brilliant because he had discovered a rare drug which could make human body invisible. He had conducted many experiments with the rare drug. But as a human being, he was not good. He did not use his invention for the welfare of society but troubled everyone. He became a lawless person as he robbed people and did as he pleased without caring about the consequences of his actions.
10. Anne was a sober, witty and intelligent girl of Otto Frank. She was a Jewish girl born in German. She was very intelligent and perceptive, and she wanted to be a writer. Anne grew from an innocent, tempestuous, precocious, and somewhat petty teenage girl to an empathetic and sensitive thinker at age fifteen. Over the course of the diary, she grew from a spoiled, somewhat naive young girl of thirteen to a self-aware young woman of fifteen. Her book written in Dutch become one of the world's most readable books. Many films, television and opera had been produced based on her diary. She felt lonely at not having a real friend. So, She dedicated her feelings to a diary named Kitty. Her teachers had a good view of her except her talkative nature. She had an intense love for her grandmother and her teacher, Mrs. Kuperus. Only Mr. Keesing, her maths teacher punished her for her talkative nature by assigning essays.

OR

It is indeed true that whenever we want to achieve something, difficulties do come in our way. Achieving goals require perseverance. Valli wanted to ride the bus. However, she neither had the money nor the required information about the timings and the routes to do so. The challenge in front of her was to arrange the required amount of money and to gather information about the timings of the bus. Valli had carefully saved whatever stray coins came her way, resisting every temptation to buy peppermints, toys, balloons etc. She didn't even go the fair. Finally, she saved sixty paise for the bus ride by suppressing her strong desires. She also collected all the information about the timings and routes of the bus by listening to other people's

conversations and asking discreet questions.

11. The couple needed thirty-six thousand francs to purchase a diamond necklace and return it to Mrs. Forestier but Mr. Loisel had only eighteen thousand francs with him. He raised a loan of eighteen thousand francs for purchasing the necklace. Now, Loisel and his wife worked hard in order to repay that debt. They changed their lodgings. They shifted to a small room. They dismissed their maid. Mrs. Loisel did all her household work herself. She had to be very frugal in her purchases. She bargained for small amounts. Mr. Loisel did extra work in the evenings sometimes late at night. He did the work of copying manuscripts. After ten years of hard work, they were able to pay off their debt but because of hard work and misery, Mrs. Loisel looked old. Thus the couple's life was completely changed after they had raised the loan for the necklace.

OR

We find great changes in the behaviour of Bholi at the end of the story. All these changes occur in Bholi after going to school. Bholi was a simpleton as she was a backward child. She was frightened at first when her father wanted to take her to school. Bholi did not know what exactly a school was and what happened there. She hoped that some of the girls would become her friend. In the class when her teacher asked her name, she cried and kept her head down throughout the class. When her teacher called out her name softly after the class was over, she was very touched because no one had ever spoken to her in such a soft voice. The teacher was very encouraging and friendly to her and this made her gain confidence to speak. She started seeing a ray of hope for a new life. Bholi turned into a confident girl. She no longer stammered and could speak properly. She even had the courage to refuse marrying the lame old man.