
CBSE Sample Paper-03
SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT –II
English Literature
Class – X

Time allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 70

General Instructions:

(i) The Question paper is divided into three sections:

Section A — Reading	20 marks
Section B — Writing and Grammar	25 marks
Section C — Literature	25 marks

(ii) All questions are compulsory.

(iii) You may attempt any section at a time.

(iv) All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

SECTION A
(Reading 20 marks)

1. Read the passage given below:

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Kausani is situated at a height of 6,075 feet in the Central Himalayas. It is an unusually attractive little town. It covers just about 5.2 sq. kms. It lies to the north of Almora in Uttarakhand's picturesque Kumaon region.

Kausani provides the 300-km wide breathtaking view of the Himalayas. It is the most striking aspect of this place. Snow-capped peaks are spread in a stately row. They stare at you in silvery white majesty. The most famous peak on view is Nanda Devi, the second highest mountain in India. It is situated at a height of 25,645 feet and 36 miles away as the crow flies. The other famous peaks on view are Choukhamba (23,420 feet) and Trishul (23,360 feet). Then there are also Nilkanth, Nandaghunti, Nandaghat and Nandakot. On a clear day, the blue of the sky makes a splendid background to these peaks. At sunrise and at sunset, when the colour changes to a golden orange, the scene gets etched in your memory.

When Gandhiji visited this place in 1929, its scenic beauty held him spellbound. He named it the 'Switzerland of India'. He prolonged his two-day stay to fourteen days, making time to write a book, 'Anashakti Yoga'. The place where he was staying was originally a guest-house of the tea estate. It was renamed 'Anashakti Ashram' after the book.

Kausani is the birthplace of Sumitranandan Pant, India's poet laureate. Its natural surroundings inspired many of his poems. Its tea gardens mingle with dense pine forests

and fruit orchards. The area is also host to many fairs and religious ceremonies. If Uttaranchal is the abode of gods, Kausani is God's own backyard. There is no traffic, no one is in a hurry. If serenity could be put on a canvas, the picture would resemble Kausani.

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions:

- (a) Where is Kausani situated?
- (b) What is the most striking aspect of Kausani?
- (c) Which is the most famous peak on view from Kausani?
- (d) How did Kausani influence Sumitranandan Pant?
- (e) When does the view of peaks become so memorable?
- (f) How can we say that Gandhiji was greatly charmed by the natural beauty of Kausani?
- (g) What makes Kausani a calm and quiet place?
- (h) Besides its forests and gardens, what other events is Kausani famous for ?

2. Read the passage given below:

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- (a) I rested for a moment at the door of Anand Bhawan, on Market Road, where coffee-drinkers and tiffin-eaters sat still at their tables, uttering low moans on seeing me. I wanted to assure them, "Don't mind me, you hugging the cash box — you are a coward, afraid even to breathe. Go on, count the cash, if that is your pleasure. I just want to watch, that's all. If my tail trails down to the street, if I am blocking your threshold, it is because, I'm told, I'm eleven feet tip to tail. I can't help it. I'm not out to kill — I'm too full. I found a green pasture full of food on my way. I won't attack until I feel hungry again. Tigers attack only when they feel hungry, unlike human beings who slaughter one another without purpose or hunger."
 - (b) To the great delight of children, schools were being hurriedly closed. Children of all ages and sizes were running helter-skelter, screaming joyously, "No school, no school. Tiger, tiger!" They were shouting and laughing and even enjoying being scared. They seemed to welcome me. I felt like joining them. So I bounded away from the restaurant door. I walked along with them, at which they cried, "The tiger is coming to eat us; let us get back to school!"
 - (c) I followed them through their school gate while they ran up and shut themselves in the school hall securely. I climbed up the steps of the school, saw an open door at the far end of a veranda, and walked in. It happened to be the headmaster's room. I noticed a very dignified man jumping on the table and heaving himself up into an attic. I walked in and flung myself on the cool floor, having a special liking for cool stone floors.
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- (d) As I drowsed, I was aware of cautious steps and hushed voices all around. I was in no mood to bother about anything. All I wanted was a little moment of sleep; the daylight was very bright.

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions:

- (a) How did the diners at Anand Bhawan react on seeing the tiger?
- (b) When do tigers attack? In this context, how are human beings different from tigers?
- (c) Why were children happy and even enjoying being scared?
- (d) Why did the tiger follow the children?
- (e) Identify the word which means the same as 'hugging'. (Para 1)
 - (i) counting
 - (ii) hiding
 - (iii) rubbing
 - (iv) holding tightly in the arms
- (f) Identify the word which means the same as 'delight'. (Para 2)
 - (i) pleasure
 - (ii) fear
 - (iii) sorrow
 - (iv) nervousness
- (g) Identify the word which means the same as 'dignified'. (Para 3)
 - (i) tall
 - (ii) honourable
 - (iii) terrified
 - (iv) tired
- (h) Identify the word which means the same as 'drowsed'. (Para 4)
 - (i) felt sleepy
 - (ii) half asleep
 - (iii) being in deep sleep
 - (iv) lay awake

SECTION B
(Writing and Grammar 25 marks)

3. Pavements are meant for the pedestrians but these footpaths have been encroached upon everywhere in the city and the people are forced to walk on the crowded roads at the risk to their lives. Write a letter in 100 – 120 words to the Editor of The Times, drawing attention of the Government to the problem, telling how crores spent on the pavements for the benefit of
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pedestrians have gone waste. Request the Government to take strict action against the encroachers. You are Rama / Ram, 48 Kailash Colony, New Delhi. **5**

OR

Prime Minister in his Independence Day speech has linked his 'Clean India' project to Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary celebrations in 2019. It is a great idea to pay tribute to the Father of the Nation. Write an article in 100 – 120 words, appreciating the PM's focus on 'Clean India', and mentioning the measures people can take to make this project of 'Clean India' a great success. You are Rama / Ram.

4. Complete the story in 150 – 200 words from the outline given below: **10**

A parrot on a beautiful tree by the river, — had happy times — the tree falls sick and dries up — nothing to eat, leaves also fall off — the parrot still happy and contented and stays on— Lord Indra flies down in the form of a swan to test his friendship — 'nothing on your tree, come, and join me on my tree'. — “ no, all these days this tree has fed my family and me — was with him in good days and I'll stay with him in his bad days,” — parrot's wish is granted — the story has a happy ending.

OR

Complete the story in 150 – 200 words which begins as the following: Two friends were walking back home through a forest. It was quite dark. They could hardly see their way. Suddenly they saw a pair of bright eyes shining in the dark.

5. Read the passage given below and fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words from the given options : **3**

Air is the most essential need of man. In (a) ____ absence of air man cannot live more than (b) ____ minutes. The tragedy (c) ____ the present age is that, of all the environmental factors, air is the most affected.

(a) (i) a (ii) the (iii) this (iv) his

(b) (i) some (ii) the few (iii) a few (iv) few

(c) (i) of (ii) for (iii) from (iv) in

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line against which a blank has been 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**

The accident had occurred in midnight,
while Sudha and his mother were on their

Error	Correction
e.g. in	at
(a) _____	_____

way to Chennai from a pilgrimage-centre
of Vayalur. Their bus collide
head-on to another bus.

- (b) _____
(c) _____
(d) _____

7. Rearrange the following words and phrases into meaningful sentences. One has been done for you as an example.

Example : is concerned / a large proportion / with animals / of children's books /
A large proportion of children's books is concerned with animals.

- (a) such themes / this / are timeless / is because /
(b) with all / have been / age groups / animal stories / popular /
(c) animal stories / the young / humanised / like / very much /

SECTION C
(Literature 25 marks)

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: 3

"Do you know that over eighty crore cups of tea are drunk every day throughout the world?" Rajvir said.

"Whew!" exclaimed Pranjol. "Tea really is very popular."

The train pulled out of the station. Pranjol buried his nose in his detective book again. Rajvir too was an ardent fan of detective stories, but at the moment he was keener on looking at the beautiful scenery.

- (a) How do we know that tea is very popular?
(b) Rajvir was a great fan of reading detective stories. Why didn't he like to read at that moment?
(c) What is the meaning of the word, 'keener'?

OR

Then she began to cry and tears flowed from her eyes in a helpless flood. She kept her head down as she sat in her corner, not daring to look up at the girls, who, she know, were still laughing at her.

- (a) Who is 'she'?
(b) Why were the girls laughing at her?
(c) What does the word, 'daring' mean?

9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30 – 40 words each: 8

- (a) What happened when Maxwell took Mijbil to the bathroom? What does it tell us about Mijbil?
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- (b) Give examples to show that Valli was a good planner.
(c) How did the Loiseles replace the necklace?
(d) How did Ebright's mother help him in becoming a scientist?

10. Answer the following in 80 – 100 words:

The play, 'The Book That Saved the Earth' conveys the message that misunderstanding of cultural differences between various races can cause confusion and conflict. Based on your reading of the play, write how such confusion and conflicts can be checked so that peace and harmony is maintained. **4**

OR

In the poem, 'Animals' the poet writes, 'Not one is dissatisfied, not one is demented, with the mania of owning things.' Taking ideas from the lines of the poem, 'Animals', mention the values we human beings should imbibe for a happy life.

11. Answer the following in 150 – 200 words:

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Describe Anne's relationship with her parents.

OR

What were the reasons for growing intimacy between Anne and Peter?

OR

Helen's feelings towards the Bible move from, 'Somehow it failed to interest me' to 'I love it as I love no other book'. Comment on this change in Helen's attitude towards the Bible and how it takes place.

OR

Give a brief character sketch of Arthur Gilman.

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(Answer)

SECTION A (READING) 20 MARKS

Note : Section A tests the candidate's ability in reading only. Therefore, no deductions are to be made for errors in spelling, grammar or punctuation. Marks should be awarded if the answer can be clearly understood.

Objective: This section evaluates the reading and comprehension skills of the students and their ability to infer and evaluate the given information.

1.

Objective: To identify the main points from the text.

Marking: 8 marks – 1 mark for each correct answer.

No penalty for spelling, punctuation or grammar mistakes

Answers:

- (a) - at a height of 6075 feet in the Central Himalayas
- (b) - 300-km. wide breathtaking view of the Himalayas
- (c)- Nanda Devi, the second highest peak in India
- (d) -its natural surroundings inspired him to write many of his poems
- (e) -on a clear day , the blue of the sky makes a splendid background to the peaks (Nilkanth, Nandaghunti, Nandaghat and Nandakot) at sunrise and at sunset, when the colour changes to a golden orange, the scene gets etched in one's memory
- (f)-when Gandhiji visited the place in 1929, its scenic beauty held him spell bound/ he named it the Switzerland of India/ prolonged his two-day stay to fourteen days
- (g)- no traffic, no one in a hurry
- (h) -the area hosts many fairs religious ceremonies

2.

Marking: - Qs (a) to (d) carry 2 marks each and from (e) to (h) carry 1 mark each 8 +4= 12
Marks

- (a)- all the coffee drinkers and tiffin- eaters stopped eating and drinking; wailed and uttered low moans

1+1

(b) - when they are hungry, but human beings kill or exploit one another to show off their pride, power and false prestige	1+1
(c) – the school closed, screaming with joy of having ‘no school’ – seemed to welcome the tiger	1+1
(d) – children, though being scared, seemed to be enjoying and seemed to welcome the tiger. So he followed them.	1+1
(e) (iv) holding tightly in the arms	1
(f) (i) pleasure	1
(g) (ii) honourable	1
(h) (ii) half asleep	1

SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR) TOTAL MARKS - 25

3. Letter/Article Writing

LETTER

Objective: - To use an appropriate style and format to write a formal/an informal letter.

Note: No marks are to be awarded if only the format is given. Credit should be given for the candidate’s creativity in presenting his/her own ideas.

Format =1 mark

- i. Sender’s address
- ii. Date
- iii. Receiver’s address
- iv. Subject/Heading
- v. Salutation
- vi. Complementary close

Content - 2 marks

Expression -2 marks

- Coherence and relevance of ideas and style – 1 mark
 - Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings – 1 mark
- (Value points are suggested in the Question paper itself)

OR

ARTICLE

Format =1 mark

Title and writer’s name

Content -2 marks

Expression -2 marks

- Coherence and relevance of ideas and style - 1mark
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- Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings- 1 mark
Value Points given in the question paper

4. STORY WRITING MARKS - 10

Format -1 mark

Title Creative Content -4 marks

Expression: - 5 marks

- Coherence and relevance of ideas and style - 2.5 marks
- Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words, spellings - 2.5 marks
(The outline is given in the question paper)

(Grammar 10 Marks)

5.

Objective : To use grammatical items correctly

Marking : 1 mark for each correct answer.

Answers:

- (a) (ii) the
- (b) (iii) a few
- (c) (i) of

6.

Objective: To use grammatical items accurately and appropriately.

Marking: 1 mark for each correct answer

Error	Correction
(a) his	her
(b) a	the
(c) Collide	collided
(d) to	with

7.

Objective: To test the accurate use of grammatical items To test the knowledge of syntax

Marking: 1 mark for each correct sentence

- (a) This is because such themes are timeless
- (b) Animal stories have been popular with all age groups.
- (c) The young like humanized animal stories very much.

SECTION C

(Literature: Textbooks and Long Reading Text)

8.

Objective: To test local and global understanding of prose passage.

Marking:- 1 mark for each value point.

- (a) -over eighty crore cups of tea are drunk every day throughout the world
- (b) - Rajvir was more interested in looking at the beautiful scenery.
- (c) - more interested

OR

- (a) - Bholi
- (b) - the way she stammered/ she could not speak
- (c) - courageous / bold

9.

Objective: - To test local and global comprehension, themes and ideas of the text.

Marking: - Content: 1 mark; Expression: 1 mark

- (a) - went wild with joy in water, plunging and rolling in it / splashed water – water must be kept on the move - playfulness / love for water
- (b) - Valli gathered necessary information about her journey. -saved every penny by cutting down her expenses, chose afternoon time for her bus ride when her mother used to sleep
- (c) -Loisel possessed eighteen thousand francs, which his father had left him and borrowed the rest - made ruinous promises, took money from usurers and lenders, -went to get the new necklace for which paid thirty six thousand francs and took back the jewels to Mme Forestier
- (d) mother-friend and companion, at night worked with him, encouraged his interest in learning, took him on trips, bought him telescopes, microscopes, cameras and other equipment and helped him got him children's book, 'Travels of Monarch X' which opened the world of science to the eager boy.

10. Value based Question

Objective:- To test the values and key messages brought out on the basis of the text.

Marking :- Content: 2 marks ; Expression : 2 marks

- Effective cultural communication is concerned with overcoming cultural differences across nationality, religion, language, border, culture and behaviour. The diversity of people in cities and countries means an element of cross cultural communication will always be needed between various ethnic groups; this will help in reducing tensions and misunderstanding between these communities and thus live in peace and harmony.
 - This type of communication can be established through learning each other's language, religion and traditions.
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- Confusion of the people of Mars arose because of the ignorance of the language, culture and tradition of the people on Earth. In this age of globalization, it has become all the more urgent for healthy cross-cultural communication.

OR

- Human desires for material possession are endless- never satisfied
- Most of the humans spend greater part of life to amass wealth- yet unhappy
- Happiness out of material things is temporary
- Greed, lust for things cause discontentment and anger and violence/ humans have lost human values like love, sympathy and contentment (the animals still possess them) for a happy life.

11.

Objective - To test knowledge and appreciation of the text

Marking: - Content: - 6 marks Total = 10 Marks

Expression: - 4 marks

Coherence and relevance of ideas and style - 2 marks

Grammatical accuracy and spellings - 2 marks

Anne's relationship with her parents:-

- adored her father, perfect in her eyes, modest, peace loving, wanted the best of his daughters, wanted Anne to be happy, always defended her against attack of Van Daans and Mr. Dussel, worried a lot when her father fell ill
- criticized him for treating her as a child who was going through difficult phases

Relationship with her mother:-

- She felt her mother was incapable of providing love, kindness and affection when she was feeling extremely lonely and in need of kind attention
- hatred for mother-wrote about her untidiness, sarcasm, lack of sweetness, she wrote her mother was not what a mother should be and she did not want to follow her example, did not want to confide in her

OR

Reasons for growing intimacy between Anne and Peter:-

- Anne feels extremely lonely and is in need of kindness and affectionwrestles with her inner self and considers what type of person she wants to become as she enters womanhood, tries to understand her identity in the microcosm of the annex, comes to long not for female companionship, but intimacy with a male counterpart.
 - becomes infatuated with Peter, the Van Daan's teenage son, and comes to consider him a close friend, confidant, and eventually an object of romantic desire
 - Common bond between Anne and Peter:-
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- Both felt alienated from their parents, both needed company ' Anne's longing to talk to someone brought her close to Peter and friendship developed'
 - Common bond increased Anne's desire to confide in him- Peter became her darling

OR

- Helen has devoted one full chapter to her favorite books / talks about Bible / was disinterested in the Bible in the beginning – maybe she did not understand it
- But as years passed by, she gained experience, she learned to appreciate it and it became not just her favorite book, but a source of great strength and a guide in difficult times

OR

Character sketch of Arthur Gilman

- Arthur Gilman – one of the founders of Radcliffe College and the Principal of Cambridge School for Young Ladies
 - An effective teacher- the teaching of English literature became quite enjoyable and interesting because of Gilman's in-depth understanding of the subject
 - Kind -showed his kindness when he allowed Helen's sister to study in his school
 - Keen insight into Helen's psyche led her understand Helen's stress due to the load of studies and he felt greatly concerned for Helen's growth.
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