

CBSE Class 10th English Language and Literature
Sample Paper - 02

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 passages given below and answer the questions that follow them: (8 marks)**

Politics of coalition has become the ultimate truth of Indian politics these days. No doubt, a coalition gives the chance and pleasure of running a government, but in the course of time, temporal friendship, deceit and blackmailing turn out to be the cause of brutal termination of a coalition government.

The Indian society is divided into different religions, castes, sects and regional mindsets. There are regional parties having special zones for them. These small and regional groups never hesitate to indulge in the act of blackmailing for their own purpose. There is no discussion on the burning and relevant topics of national interest. These coalitions have become a severe headache for our nation. Their main ambition is to achieve power at any cost. The soul of India lies in the unity of its diverse culture but the main inspiration for the politics of coalition is to get easy access to the throne. The Indian culture aims at unifying its people of different sects while politics keeps an eye on dividing the Indian masses into castes, regions and religions.

In the early post-colonial period, ideologies were meant to unite different sects of people. Congress was a union of people from different points of view but the Communist Party, the Jansangh, and the Socialist Party were totally based upon their

strong ideologies. They were quite dedicated to build a society, rather a nation, based upon nationalism, communalism or socialism. In order to strengthen their ideology among the party members, they used to organise special camps and sessions.

- a. What type of government is the ultimate truth of Indian politics nowadays?
- b. What is not a cause of brutal termination of a coalition government?
 - a. Temporal friendship
 - b. Deceit
 - c. Blackmailing
 - d. All of these
- c. Regional parties blackmail the coalition government the most. (True/False)
- d. These coalitions have become a _____ for our nation.
- e. Whose main ambition is to achieve power at any cost?
- f. What was the political ideology in the early post-colonial period?
- g. What was the ideology of Congress?
- h. Other parties were quite dedicated to build a society, rather a nation, based upon _____
 - a. nationalism
 - b. communalism
 - c. socialism
 - d. all of these

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

The sense of doom in us today is not a fear of science, it is a fear of war. And the cause of the war was not created by science. No, science has not invented war, but it has turned it into a very different thing. Science has enlarged the mechanism of war and it has destroyed it. It has done this in at least two ways.

First, science has obviously multiplied the power of the war-makers. The weapons of the moment can kill more people, more secretly and more unpleasantly than those of the past. These weapons are so destructive and so horrible that they will frighten people out of their wits and force the nation to give up war for lack of common fodder. This hope has never been fulfilled and I know no one who takes refuge in it today. The acts of men and women are not dictated by such simple compulsion, and

they themselves do not stand in any simple relation to the decision of the nations which they compose.

Secondly, science at the same time has given nations quite new occasions for falling out, I do not mean such simple objectives as someone else's uranium or a Pacific Island which happens to be knee-deep inorganic fertilizer. I do not even merely mean another nation's factories and her skilled population. These are all parts of the surplus above our simple needs which they themselves help to create and which give our civilization its character. And the war in our world betters on this surplus. This is the object of the greed of nations and this also gives them the leisure to train and the means to arm for war. At bottom, we have remained individually too greedy to distribute our surplus and collectively too stupid to pile it up in any more useful form than the traditional mountains of arms. Science can claim to have created the surplus in our societies, and we know from the working day how greatly it has increased in the last two hundred years. Science has created a surplus. No, put this year's budget besides the budget of 1750, anywhere in the world, and you will see what we are doing with it.

I myself think there is a third dimension which science has added to modern war. It has created war nerves and the war on nerves. I am not thinking about the technical conditions for a war on nerves, the cameraman and the radio and the massed display of strength. I am thinking of the climate in which this stage lighting flickers and is made to seem real.

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

- i. What is the fear of science today?
- ii. How are modern weapons different from the past?
- iii. The hope has never been fulfilled. What is the hope mentioned here?
- iv. What can science claim?
- v. How does the third dimension that science has added help the war?
- vi. Give an appropriate title for the above passage.

II. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following: ($1 \times 4 = 4$)

- i. The opposite meaning of the word DOOM is
 - a. Downfall
 - b. Development

- c. Nightmare
- d. Destruction
- ii. The noun form of DESTRUCTIVE is
 - a. Destroy
 - b. Destroying
 - c. Destruction
 - d. None of these
- iii. The same meaning of the word COMPULSION is
 - a. Completion
 - b. Threatening
 - c. Obligation
 - d. Disappointment
- iv. The adjective form of CREATE is
 - a. Creation
 - b. Creative
 - c. Both (a) and (b)
 - d. Neither (a) nor (b)

Section B

3. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper about noise pollution in your locality. You are Naveen/Neha residing at 185, Shyam Nagar, Karnal. (8)

OR

Taking help from the information given below and using your own details write an article on **Unplanned and Haphazard Urbanisation** in about 100-150 words.

Migration to cities
Satellites town around metros and big cities
No planning; green belts disappearing
property dealers and builders minting money
Slums and unplanned urbanization

4. Ajay wanted to participate in a story writing competition. He started a story, but could

not complete the story. Complete the story for him in about 150-200 words. **(10)**

Mr. Raghav got a promotion and transferred to a new city with his family. He shifted to the new city and new home happily, but soon his family started feeling that something wrong was going on with them in their new home.....

OR

Develop the following outlines into a story in 150-200 words.

goose—lays a golden egg every day—greedy master—not satisfied—intends to become rich overnight—decides to get all the gold—kills the goose—finds no gold—repents his folly weeps and curses—greed ruins him

5. **Read the passage given below and fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words from the given options. (4)**

Rohini wrote to her mother that she (a) _____ into the boarding school. She wrote "I now have (b) _____ friends also. One of them is Anne. I (c) _____ you a picture of the two of us by e-mail. I (d) _____ really very happy".

- a. (i) settled (ii) has settled (iii) had settled (iv) has been settled
- b. (i) a few (ii) the few (iii) few (iv) little
- c. (i) send (ii) sent (iii) am sending (iv) is sending
- d. (i) is (ii) was (iii) am (iv) will be

6. In the following paragraph one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word before and the word after against the correct blank number. **(4)**

			Missing	
		Before	Word	After
After facing pressure cooker atmosphere the	(a)
previous three years school to score	(b)
high marks, many students seem unwind	(c)

and relax once they get into professional college.	(d)
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7. **Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows: (4 marks)**

Doctor: Stop taking junk food, oils, sweets, alcohol, salt and you will live a longer life.

Patient: What if I take all of them regularly?

Doctor: You will die after an year.

Patient: Doctor, I'll take them all and live atleast for an year.

The doctor advised the patient (a)_____ a longer life. The patient asked the doctor (b)_____. The doctor replied that (c)_____. The patient told the doctor that (d)_____ and lived at least for an year.

Section C

8. **Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (1 × 4 = 4)**

Stop that sulking at once, Amanda!

You're always so moody, Amanda!

Anyone would think that I nagged at you, Amanda!

- What is Amanda asked to do in this stanza?
- What kind of a girl is Amanda?
- What does 'sulking' mean?
- Why does the speaker care for others?

OR

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (1 × 4 = 4)

The house—the only one in the entire valley sat on the crest of a low hill. From this height, one could see the river and the field of ripe corn dotted with the flowers that always promised a good harvest. The only thing the earth needed was a downpour or at least a shower. Throughout the morning Lencho—who knew his fields intimately had done nothing else but see the sky towards the north-east, “Now we're really going to get some water, woman.” The woman who was preparing supper, replied, “Yes, God willing”

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- a. Where was the house situated?
 - b. Which two things could one see from this height?
 - c. Which word in the passage means the same as “heavy fall of rain”?
 - d. What was Lencho's prediction?

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

- i. What did the seagull's mother do when he pretended to fall asleep?
- ii. How did the author manage to travel with the otter?
- iii. What does Lomov say to Natalya about Chubukov's family?
- iv. What did Hari Singh think when he was on the road after stealing the money?
- v. What extra information did Bill give to the lawyer about Lutkins' family?
- vi. Why was Sulekha nicknamed Bholi?

10. What did Maddie and Peggy decide to do after hearing the letter? **(8)**

OR

Should we learn from the history that has been passed on to us from generations?

11. What plan did Ausable make to get rid of Max? **(8)**

OR

What did Maddie and Peggy decide to do after hearing the letter?

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Answer

Section A

1.
 - a. The coalition government
 - b. All of these
 - c. True
 - d. severe headache
 - e. Regional parties
 - f. The political ideology was meant to unite different sects of people.
 - g. Congress was a union of people from different points of view.
 - h. all of these
2.
 - I.
 - i. The science has multiplied the power of the war-makers.
 - ii. The weapons of the modern time can kill more people, more secretly and more unpleasantly than those of the past.
 - iii. Science can claim to have created the surplus in our societies, and we know from the working day how greatly it has increased in the last two hundred years.
 - iv. The weapons of modern time are so destructive and so horrible that they will frighten people out of their wits and force the nation to war. This has been the hope of the narrator which has never been fulfilled.
 - v. The third dimension has created war nerves. People see the war on TV or on computers and are encouraged to wage war.
 - vi. An appropriate title for the above title can be "Science with Destruction".
 - II.
 - i. Development
 - ii. Destruction
 - iii. Obligation
 - iv. Creative

Section B

3. 185, Shyam Nagar

Karnal

10 August, 20xx

The Editor

The Times of India

New Delhi

Sir,

Sub: Noise pollution

Through the esteemed columns of your newspaper, I want to draw the attention of the concerned authorities towards the noise created by loudspeakers and vehicles in this colony. Our colony is adjacent to the industrial area. There are a number of factories that produce irritating noise day and night. Not a single day passes when one cannot escape from the noisy atmosphere. The blaring of loudspeakers at the time of religious ceremonies, birthday parties or wedding ceremonies adds to the noise in the area. The patients are unable to have a wink of sleep. The overloaded trucks and other commercial vehicles are the other sources of noise pollution.

The students cannot concentrate on studies and the employees of the public and private sector don't get peace of mind.

Yours truly,

Naveen.

OR

Unplanned and Haphazard Urbanization

(By XYZ)

They say that India lives in its villages. But things are changing fast. And unfortunately, they are changing for the worse. An unprecedented and hasty migration has resulted in unplanned and haphazard urbanization. Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata and other metros are gradually but surely turning into big slums. Crowded hutments have no proper drainage, sewage and water. Such unplanned colonies are mushrooming in all big cities and towns. Farmers are selling agricultural land as farming is no longer a lucrative business. The property dealers are minting money while the green belts are disappearing. The government and the town planners seem to be sleeping over the problems. They must ensure agro-based industries in the countryside. In cities, the government must crush unplanned and haphazard

urbanization. It must act before it is too late. Otherwise, dirt, filth and slums will choke us to death.

4.

A HUNGRY GHOST

Mr. Raghav got a promotion and transferred to a new city with his family. He shifted to the new city and new home happily, but soon his family started feeling that something wrong was going on with them in their new home. Soon they found out that there was a spirit of an old lady roaming in the house. The family members could see an old lady at midnight. She used to enter the kitchen, eat whatever she found and left the house silently. The neighbours told Mr. Raghav that once there was an old lady who lived a happy life with her husband and her son. But after the death of her husband, her son did not care for her and he stopped giving her food to eat. Soon she died of hunger. They felt bad for that old lady. So they decided to do something about it. They, finally, planned to call her son to their home and asked him to apologize to his mother so that she stopped hovering around their home. They investigated papers and interrogated their neighbours to locate him. They also tried to take help from police. Finally, they got to know that her son left this country long ago and no one had his any contact number. They did everything to help her but to no avail.

Mr. Raghav and his family could not stay in that house with that spirit. Finally, he decided to leave the house out of terror. Mr. Raghav's family also was of the view to leave the house, so that they could live their lives fearlessly. But Mr. Raghav and his family were very sad while leaving the house because after all their efforts they could not help that lady in finding her peace.

OR

The Hen That Laid Golden Eggs

Once, a farmer lived in a village with his wife and two children. He was very poor. His income was very low. He passed his days with difficulty. A poor farmer once bought a goose, with the thought that it would supply him eggs for breakfast. The first day, the goose laid an egg. The farmer was surprised to find that the egg was of solid gold. His wife, too, was overwhelmed with joy at the thought that this would put an end to their poverty. Their lives soon changed for the better. The farmer sold the eggs in the

market. The money, they obtained from selling that egg, brought them the comforts that had been so far missing from their lives. But then the farmer got greedy.

One day, a devilish thought occurred to him. He thought he would kill the goose to get all the gold out once and for all. Next day, he killed the goose, thinking that he would find lots of golden eggs inside it. But Alas! All that emerged from the carcass was blood. There was no golden egg and the goose was also lost. He repented for his folly and wept and cursed himself that his greed had ruined him and destroyed his good fortune. The outcome of his greed was that he started becoming poorer and poorer day by day and ultimately became a pauper. "How foolish he was!".

Moral: One who desires more, loses all. One should remain satisfied with what one gets.

5. a. had settled
b. a few
c. am sending
d. am

6.

	Before	Missing Word	After
(a)	atmosphere	in	the
(b)	years	in	school
(c)	seem	to	unwind
(d)	into	a	professional

7. i. to stop taking junk food, oil, sweets, alcohol, salt and he would live
ii. what would happen if he took all of them regularly
iii. he would die after an year
iv. he would take them all

Section C

8. a. Here, Amanda is asked to stop sulking.
b. Amanda is a moody girl.
c. be silent, morose, and bad-tempered out of annoyance or disappointment.

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- d. The speaker cares for others and doesn't wish to be regarded as a nagging parent in the society, so Amanda is expected to put up a happy face all the time.

OR

- a. The house was situated on the crest of a low hill.
- b. One could see from this height the river and the field of ripe corn.
- c. Downpour.
- d. Lencho predicted that it was going to rain heavily or at least a shower.
9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each:
- i. When the young seagull pretended to fall asleep, only his mother was looking at him. His mother took a piece of fish between her feet and flew towards the young seagull. He became very happy and screamed with joy. But when she was opposite to him, she halted with her wings motionless and the piece of fish almost within the reach of his beak. He dived at the fish.
 - ii. The author had to bring Mijbil to England, and to Comusfearna. But the British airlines to London did not permit to fly with an animal. So, the author booked a flight to Paris on another airline, and from there to London. The airline insisted to pack Mij in a box. Thus, he managed to travel with Mijbil.
 - iii. Lomov tells Natalya that he knows the Chubukovs since his childhood. His aunt and uncle also had great regard for her family. Both the families, Lomovs and Chubukovs, had been most friendly and close neighbours. He tells Natalya that his aunt's grandmother had given the Oxen Meadows to the peasants of her father's grandfather for forty years for free usage but those peasants got into the habit of calling the Meadows their own possession.
 - iv. Hari Singh quickly went out of the room after stealing the money. He counted the notes and found six hundred rupees. He began to run when he was on the road. He thought that he would live like an oil-rich Arab for a week or two.
 - v. During the visit to New Mullion, the lawyer got different experiences. First, Oliver won his confidence with his behaviour. Then he offered to help in searching Lutkins. Bill told the lawyer that he knew Lutkins's mother and she

was a terror. He narrated an incident when he took a trunk to her once and she almost took his skin off because he did not treat it like a box of eggs. He also said that she was about nine feet tall and four feet thick. She was very quick and talked a lot.

- vi. When Sulekha was 10 months old, she fell from the cot. It damaged her head and some part of the brain. She also stammered and became a slow learner. So she was nicknamed Bholi.

10. After listening to the letter, Maddie and Peggy were very sad and ashamed of their behaviour. They wanted to say sorry to Wanda as they never imagined that their behaviour would have hurt Wanda to such an extent. Maddie immediately decided to go to Boggins Heights in search of Wanda. Peggy was also eager to join her. After school, both of them went to Wanda's house.

When they reached Boggins Heights, they saw a little white house. Small bundles of old grass were there on the path and its yard was looking shabby. They knocked at the door but did not get any reply. They knocked again and there was no response. So, they concluded that Wanda and her family had left the place.

OR

History is the mirror through which we can relive our past. It actually provides us with a glimpse of the path that our ancestors have laid for us. The various battles and wars, that are fought and won, show us the strength and valour our people had. The traditions and customs make us better human beings. 'A Baker from Goa' is a pen portrait of a traditional Goan village baker who still has an important place in the society. People learn the customs of bread baking passed down from their ancestors. The leavened, oven-baked bread is a gift of the Portuguese to India. These traditions have strengthened our present as they make us more aware of the ways of life of our ancestors. Their way of living helps us understand how we exist in the present, what we did wrong and how we can avoid mistakes to live a better life in future. We should appreciate the gifts given by our previous generations so that we can use their skills and preserve their culture. People may come and go, but it is this culture that prevails in the long run.

11. Ausable was staying at a French hotel. His room was on the sixth story. There was an important paper with him. It was a report on missiles.

Max entered his room to take that report. He sneaked up to his room by using a passkey. Ausable was a clever secret agent. He was very witty and had a presence of mind. He fabricated a story about a balcony outside the window of his room. He told Max that he had complained to the hotel authorities about the balcony but they hadn't taken any action yet. That was the second time that someone had entered his room through it. Suddenly someone knocked at the door. Max got frightened at this. Ausable again used his wit and told him that it was the police as he had asked for more protection for the important paper. Max took the entire story as gospel and jumped from the window. Ausable and Fowler heard a loud cry. It was the end of Max.

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