

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

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)**

The introduction of films in the late nineteenth century was truly a revolution in the field of entertainment. Since then, many things have changed. From the silent era to now, an era of dizzying realistic animation and sound effects, every aspect associated with film-making has witnessed a multitude of changes. There are some limitations a filmmaker has to observe while making a film which prevents a film from being an exact reflection of society.

The first and the most important aspect that a filmmaker has to care for is that his or her film should be a commercially viable one. This simple requirement puts unlimited constraints on a filmmaker as he can only make films that he can sell to the common people who watch films for the sake of entertainment.

Sometimes unnecessary controversies are rigged by filmmakers to arouse interest and generate publicity for their films and a syrup of sex and violence is poured unnecessarily onto the initial plot line to make a film more spicy for the people we refer to as “front row audience” in a cinema hall. Another thing that is required to make a film based on real or historical themes commercially successful is making some changes in the storyline itself. Hence, the film ceases to be an exact reflection of a historical society. Take for example the recent controversy over the film Jodhaa

Akbar. Even the film's director Ashutosh Gowariker has accepted that 70% of the film is not based on history. Now a question arises can a film that is 70% fiction be considered a reflection of any society of any era? Another good example of this would be the film Hotel Rwanda based on the Hutu-Tutsi conflict in Rwanda. The film has veered away from the mainly autobiographical storyline at many places. In the words of legendary Japanese filmmaker Akira Kurosawa, "In all my films, there's three or maybe four minutes of real cinema."

- a. What was the great revolution in the field of entertainment in the late nineteenth century?
- b. What is the first limitation of a filmmaker?
- c. What is the main aim of a filmmaker?
- d. The filmmaker can only make films that he can sell to the common people. (True/False)
- e. Sometimes they create unnecessary controversies to arouse interest and generate publicity. (True/False)
- f. How does a filmmaker charm the front row audience?
 - a. by adding good scenes
 - b. by adding good songs
 - c. by adding glamour and violence
 - d. by adding innovative ideas
- g. Why is a filmmaker forced to change the real or historical storyline?
- h. Who is Akira Kurosawa?

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (12)

Gandhiji As a Fund Raiser

Gandhiji was an incurable and irresistible fundraiser. He found special relish in getting jewellery from women. Ranibala of Burdwan was ten years old. One day, she was playing with Gandhiji. He explained to her that her bangles were too heavy for her delicate little wrists. She removed the bangles and gave them away to Gandhiji. He used to talk jokingly to small girls and created distaste for ornaments and created a desire in them to part with the jewellery for the sake of the poor. He motivated them to donate their jewellery for social usage.

Kasturba didn't appreciate this habit of Gandhiji. Once she stated calmly, 'You don't wear jewels, it is easy for you to get around the boys. But what about our daughters-in-law? They would surely want them.

"Well!" Gandhiji put in mildly, "our children are young and when they grow up they will not surely choose wives who are fond of wearing jewellery." Kasturba was very upset with the answer.

Gandhiji was determined to keep the jewels to raise the community fund. He was of the opinion that a public worker should accept no costly gifts. He believed that he should not own anything costly, whether given or earned. Kasturba was a female with a desire to adorn. But Gandhiji moved towards renunciation and donated every penny earned in South Africa to the trustees for the service of the South African Indians.

Answer any four of the following questions given below:

- a. How did Gandhiji create a distaste for jewellery in Ranibala?
- b. What was Kasturba's apprehension about their daughters-in-law?
- c. What solution did Gandhiji suggest for the problem posed by Kasturba?
- d. How did Gandhiji serve the community?
- e. Why was Kasturba very upset?
- f. What can you say about Gandhiji after reading this passage?

Find meanings of the words given below from the options that follow:

- a. Incurable
 - i. unreliable
 - ii. untreatable
 - iii. disagreeable
 - iv. unbeatable
- b. motivated
 - i. encouraged
 - ii. emboldened
 - iii. incited
 - iv. softened
- c. upset

- i. puzzled
 - ii. furious
 - iii. confused
 - iv. distressed
- d. renunciation
- i. giving up
 - ii. disagreement
 - iii. opposition
 - iv. termination

Section B

3. You are Kirti Prakash living at Kavi Nagar, New Delhi. Write a letter to the editor of 'The Times of India', New Delhi, about compulsory computer education in school. **(8)**

OR

Students and youth play an important role in the building of the country. Their role and participation can't be underestimated. They are considered to be the backbone of our country. Taking into consideration all these points, write an article on **Role of Students and Youth in National Reconstruction and Development**. [Word Limit: 100-150]

4. **Complete the following story in about 150-200 words. (10)**

A blind man went to visit his friend in the next village. It was night when he could return. His friend gave the blind man a lighted lamp.....

OR

Write a story in 150-200 words based on the points given below:

Late for examination - very tense - taxi driver drove fast - reached 35 minutes late - the invigilator.....

5. Fill the blanks choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. Write the answers in your answer-sheet against the correct blank numbers. **(4)**

Delhi (a) _____ the capital of India. People from all parts of the country and world come (b) _____ visit Delhi. There (c) _____ many historical buildings here. Last year I, (d) _____ Delhi.

- a. (i) was (ii) is (iii) are (iv) being
- b. (i) of (ii) from (iii) for (iv) to
- c. (i) being (ii) are (iii) been (iv) were
- d. (i) visit (ii) visiting (iii) visited (iv) will visit

6. **The following passage has not been edited. There is an 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. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied. (4)**

		Error	Correction
A young unemploy Chinese couple	(a)
allegedly sold there newborn baby.	(b)
They used part of a money	(c)
for buy an i-Phone and other expensive items.	(d)

7. **Rearrange any four of the word/ phrases to make meaningful sentences. Do any four. (4x1 = 4 marks)**

- i. that life began / centuries ago / scientists think / twenty million / on earth / about
- ii. endless process / the plants and animals / of evolution / are the products / of an
- iii. are / their / animals / products of / all the / environment
- iv. lose / habitat / human / due to / their / the animals / trespassing by
- v. the / habitat / regrowth / rate of / is / ponderous / of

Section B

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

Belinda paled, and she cried Help! Help!

But Mustard fled with a terrified yelp,

Ink trickled down to the bottom of the household,

And little mouse Blink strategically household.

- a. Why did Belinda cry for help?
- b. Where did Blink hide himself?
- c. Pick out the word which means the same as 'ran away'.
- d. Name the poet.

OR

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: **(1x4 = 4 marks)**

The inauguration would be the largest gathering ever of international leaders on South African soil.

The ceremonies took place in the lovely sandstone amphitheatre formed by the Union Buildings in Pretoria. For decades this had been the seat of white supremacy, and now it was the site of a rainbow gathering of different colours and nations for the installation of South Africa's first democratic, non-racial government.

- i. Where did the ceremonies take place?
- ii. Why does the author call the gathering of international leaders a rainbow gathering?
- iii. Which word in the passage means the same as the act of placing (person in the office etc.) with ceremony?
- iv. What happened at the inauguration?

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

- i. How did Sanne help Anne Frank in writing the third essay?
- ii. Do you think the words 'lept' and 'lep' in the third stanza are spelt correctly? Why does the poet spell them like this?
- iii. Why did Valli not get off from the bus when it stopped at the bus stand?
- iv. Why did Horace Danby feel sure of his success in that year's robbery?
- v. The author compares Ebright's achievement with 'a home run'. Why does he do so?
- vi. What was Matilda's response towards their invitation?

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10. Lencho was a very innocent that he wrote a letter to God. Discuss it in light of his second letter. **(8)**

OR

Why did the young seagull remain all alone on the ledge? Why did he not fly with his family members?

11. How was an unduly kind attitude of Tricki's mistress responsible for his ailment? **(8)**

OR

Attempt the character sketch of the Hack Driver.

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Answer

Section A

1.
 - a. The introduction of films in the late nineteenth century was a great revolution in the field of entertainment.
 - b. The filmmaker cannot make his film an exact reflection of society.
 - c. The film should be a commercially viable one.
 - d. True
 - e. True
 - f. by adding glamour and violence
 - g. To make the film commercially viable.
 - h. Akira Kurosawa was a legendary Japanese filmmaker.
2.
 - a. Gandhiji told Rambala that her bangles were too heavy for her delicate little wrists. These words created in her a distaste for jewellery and she removed them and gave them to Gandhiji.
 - b. Kasturba didn't like these views of Gandhiji, instead, she apprehended about her daughters-in-law that they would like to have ornaments. And she also declared that they wouldn't appreciate Gandhiji's attitude.
 - c. For the problems posed by Kasturba, Gandhiji suggested when their sons grow up, they would prefer wives who were not fond of jewellery.
 - d. Gandhiji motivated the rich to donate their jewellery for social usage. He himself donated his earnings for the service of the South African Indians.
 - e. Kasturba was a female with a desire to adorn. But Gandhiji donated every penny earned in South Africa to the trustees for the service of the South African Indians. That is why she was upset.
 - f. Gandhiji was a very kind and generous person. He even went against his wife to fulfil his duties.

Part -II

- a. untreatable

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- b. encouraged
 - c. distressed
 - d. giving up

Section B

3. Kavi Nagar
New Delhi
19 October, 20xx
The editor
Times of India
ITO, New Delhi
Sir,

Sub: Compulsory Computer Education in Schools

Through the column of your esteemed newspaper, I want to draw the attention of school management and authorities that at present many schools do not have computer education as a subject. No one can deny the importance of computer education these days. No aspect of our life has been left untouched by computers. Since the world is heading towards the era of digitalization, therefore it becomes a compulsion for every student to have knowledge of computer and internet. They have invaded our professional lines, our homes, our medical facilities, our entertainment modes, etc. All the offices - government or private are using computers. This is the need of the hour. We cannot expect anything without computer education. So, the importance of computer education can't be denied. I request the authorities and the school management to start computer education in school. I hope that immediate action will be taken by the concerned authority as soon as possible.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,

Prakash.

OR

Role of Students and Youth in National Reconstruction and Development

(By XYZ)

The students and youth of a country are the backbones of any society. They have dreams, aspirations and ambitions of a better world and a better tomorrow. They sparkle with new ideas and bubble with enthusiasm. The nation can use their energy and idealism in the eradication of illiteracy and unemployment. The youth organisations can enlighten the society about sanitation, cleanliness etc. They can motivate people to follow family planning. They can be trained in first aid, fire-fighting, nursing and air-raid precautions. They can be employed gainfully during natural disasters like floods and droughts. They can lay the foundation of a strong, healthy and prosperous nation by fighting against the social evils like gambling, drinking, drugs, smoking, child-marriage, corruption and superstitions. Their conscience must be awakened and their youthful energy and dynamism must be utilized for national resurgence and reconstruction.

4.

A Light For Night

A blind man went to visit his friend in the next village. It was the night when he could return. His friend gave the blind man a lighted lamp as he said goodbye to him. Refusing to receive the lamp, the blind man said, "I don't need this lamp, dear; I will use my stick to find my way. Nights and days are similar to me." His friend said, "Keep it with you. It is not for you, but for others. If you carry this lighted lamp with you, others can see it. Then they will not collide with you."

The blind man started his journey carrying the lighted lamp with him. On the way, there was a storm. He waited under a tree and resumed his journey after the storm. Suddenly a stranger coming in the opposite direction collided with him and both of them fell down on the ground. The blind man shouted angrily, "Couldn't you see the lighted lamp in my hand, man? Are you blind?" The stranger replied, "I am not blind but your lamp was not burning." "I am sorry, dear", said the blind man. "I am blind and did not know that the flame was put off by the storm."

We boast that we are the chosen children of God and that His grace will protect us from all evil. But the divine light shining in us gets extinguished by our sinful actions and then we may fall. Let us consciously guard the lamp of God shining in our hearts. It will illuminate us and enlighten everyone around us.

“O Lord, you give me light; you dispel my darkness. Your word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path.” Jesus said, “I am the light of the world... whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness. Your light must shine before people so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven”

OR

An Ugly Beginning

As soon as my exams were approaching nearer, I was getting tensed. Though I had made good and well-planned preparation for exams, I was a bit nervous. I studied until 4 a.m. and then slept. I thought I would awake by 7 a.m. I had to reach the examination centre by 8:30 a.m.-half an hour before the commencement of my exam. I was alone at home as my parents had to go to attend some casualty. So there was no one to give me the wake-up-call. Being tired, I had such a sound sleep that I couldn't hear the alarm. When I woke up, the clock struck eight. I realized that I'd get late for the examination. I became very tense. There was nobody to help me. After having tea toast hurriedly, I proceeded for my examination centre. I hired a taxi because I couldn't afford the time to wait for a bus or auto-rickshaw. I requested the taxi driver to drive fast. Though the taxi driver drove fast, he had to spare 15 minutes on red light signal and traffic jam. Anyhow, I reached the centre but I was late by 35 minutes. The invigilator didn't allow me to enter the room I requested him repeatedly and explained everything to him but he didn't pay heed to my words. I started crying, praying to God to help me. At that moment, the Principal came there for a formal checking. He saw me standing there crying bitterly. No sooner did he reach near me that he recognized me. A week before, he was the chief guest at a function and I was given an award of 'Star Student of the City' by him. Very patiently, he listened to everything and asked the invigilator to allow me to sit for the exam. To my delight, he also instructed the invigilator to give me 15 minutes extra to compensate for the loss of time. Although I started my paper 50 minutes late yet the paper was very easy for me because of my thorough preparation. So, I could manage to complete my paper within the allotted time. I had a sigh of relief after handing over my answer sheet to the invigilator.

5. a. (ii) is
b. (iv) to
c. (ii) are
d. (iii) visited

6.

	Error	Correction
(a)	unemploy	unemployed
(b)	there	their
(c)	a	the
(d)	for	to

7. i. Scientists think that life began on earth about twenty million centuries ago.
ii. The plants and animals are the products of an endless process of evolution.
iii. All the animals are products of their environment.
iv. The animals lose their habitat due to trespassing by human.
v. The rate of regrowth of habitat is ponderous.

Section C

8. a. Belinda cried for help because she had seen a pirate with a pistol in both hands.
b. Blink hid in his household.
c. Fled
d. Ogden Nash

OR

- i. The ceremonies took place in the lovely sandstone amphitheatre formed by the Union Buildings in Pretoria.
 - ii. The author calls the gathering of international leaders ‘a rainbow gathering’ because there were leaders representing different colours and nations.
 - iii. Act of placing (person in the office, etc.) with the ceremony is installation.
 - iv. On the day of inauguration, the first ever democracy, a non-racial government was installed in South Africa. It was a day of the victory of good over evil.
9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each:

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- i. Sanne was one of Anne Frank's friends and her bench mate. Sanne who was good at poetry offered to help Anne write the essay from beginning to end in verse and Anne jumped in joy. Anne's poem was about a mother duck and a father swan with three baby ducklings who were bitten to death by the father because they quacked too much. Luckily, Mr Keesing took the joke the right way and did not punish Anne any longer.
 - ii. The words 'lept' and 'lep' are spelt incorrectly. The correct spellings are 'leapt' and 'leap'. However, 'lept' is sometimes used in poetry as the past participle of 'leap'. The poet has spelt them like this in order to maintain the rhythm of the poem. When spelt this way, they rhyme with the first part of 'leopard', thus giving emphasis to 'leopard' in each line.
 - iii. Valli did not get off from the bus when it stopped at the bus stand because she had come to the bus just for a ride and would go back home on the same bus. She wanted to take the return journey. She was wise and knew that she had a limited amount of money with her. This amount would help her reach back home. So, she did not want to spend money on anything else other than her bus fare.
 - iv. Horace Danby felt sure of his success in that year's robbery because he had meticulously planned it. He had completely studied the house at Shotover Grange for two weeks. He knew everything about the house and the room where the safe was kept. The two servants had also gone to the movies and there was nobody in the house.
 - v. The scientific journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Science published Ebricht's article. Ebricht crossed all hurdles as a hitter and reached his destination to propound a new theory on how the cell works. Getting a paper published at the age of fifteen in a scientific journal is here compared to scoring a home run (a ball hit out of the playing field is also called a home run) while batting for the first time. His success is compared with a hitter.
 - vi. Matilda's response to the invitation was not positive. She was not happy to see the invitation. She refused to go to the ball. She advised her husband to give

the invitation to someone who has a good dress and expensive jewellery. She threw the invitation spitefully upon the table.

10. Lencho was a very innocent farmer. He had a keen faith in God. When the hailstones destroyed his corn-fields thoroughly, he was unhappy and disappointed. He had faith, that God does not let anyone die of hunger. Although he was scared if God did not help him, his family would have to starve. His only hope was the help of God, whose eyes, sees everything. He wrote a letter to God to send him one hundred pesos that would be enough to sow his field again and to feed his family till the next crop. His letter was seen by the postman and then by the postmaster. The postmaster sent money to Lencho to continue his faith. But he could not send one hundred pesos as expected, he could send only seventy pesos. After getting the reply, Lencho counted the money and got annoyed. He wrote another letter to God. In his second letter, he called the post office employees “a bunch of crooks”, as he thought that they stole the thirty pesos that were sent to him by God. He also requested to send the remaining money, but not through the mail.

OR

The young seagull was alone on the ledge because he was afraid of flying. He had two brothers and a sister, but they had already flown away the day before. He did not have confidence in his wings. His family members encouraged him very much, but they failed. His parents played many tricks on him. Sometimes they flew away from the ledge and left him alone. He came out and tried to flap his wings, but his fear seized him and again he went inside. His parents threatened him to die of hunger and did not feed him for a few days. Even then he could not gather the courage for flying. But this trick worked and he tried to make his first attempt. Soon he started flying. He was very happy. He was screaming with joy. He was feeling it as a victory over his fear.

11. Tricki was a small pet dog of Mrs. Pumphrey. He lived an affluent life. He loved to eat fatty foods like cream-cakes and chocolates. He was very greedy for food. He could eat at any time. He was fed thrice a day but whenever he looked slow, Mrs. Pumphrey thought it better to feed him extra times. She gave him malt, cod liver oil and Horlicks to make him build up. The greed of Tricki and Mrs. Pumphrey's pampering him, doing

no exercise were the main reasons behind his ailment. The vet had directed dieting and regular exercise for Tricki but the ailment of her gardener left Tricki with no exercise at all.

OR

Sinclair Lewis's 'The Hack Driver' is about Oliver Lutkins, who is the witness of a case. He appears to be a cunning man who refuses to appear as a witness. Oliver Lutkin's comes across as a clever person, who has little consideration for others and exploits their gullibility to his convenience. He cheats the lawyer on the pretext of helping him in locating Lutkins and thereby extracts money from him in an unfair manner. The fact that he laughs at him the following day when the lawyer delivers the summon, shows that he lacks scruples and it is remorseless. He seems to have little respect for law as he has disobeyed the earlier summons. He is also great in deceiving people as he plays a lot of pokers. But the narration also depicts him as a person with a sense of humour that one almost forgives his tricks as a practical joke.