

**CBSE Class 10th English Language and Literature  
Sample Paper - 01**

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**Maximum Marks: 80**

**Time Allowed: 3 hours**

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**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)**

Hibernation is one of the main adaptations that allow certain northern animals to survive long, cold winters. Hibernation is like a very deep sleep that allows animals to save their energy when there is little or no food available. The body functions of true hibernators go through several changes while they are in hibernation.

Body temperature drops and the heart rate slows down. For example, a hibernating woodchuck's body temperature drops by more than 30 degrees Celsius and its heart rate slows down from 80 to 4 beats per minute! Other true hibernators include the jumping mouse, little brown bat, eastern chipmunk, and several ground squirrels.

Other animals such as the skunk and racoon are not considered true hibernators, as they wake up in winter to feed and their body functions do not change as much.

Since they only sleep for a little bit at a time, the term 'dormancy' or light sleeping' is used to describe their behaviour.

The largest animals to hibernate are bears. Their heart rate may slow down from a usual 40-50 beats per minute to 8-12 beats per minute, but their body temperature changes very little, so they are able to wake up quickly.

Hibernating animals have a special substance in the blood called hibernation inducement trigger, or HIT. This substance becomes active in the fall when the days

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become cooler and shorter. When HIT becomes active, the animals start preparing for winter.

Some animals store food so that they can eat when they wake up and some animals eat a lot in late summer and fall to add excess fat to their bodies.

This fat keeps them warmer and acts as a source of energy while they are sleeping.

Some animals also make changes to the places where they will sleep. They add leaves and grasses to keep themselves warm.

- a. Why do animals hibernate?
- b. The body functions of true hibernators go through no changes while they are in hibernation (True/False)
- c. Which of the following is not a true hibernating animal?
  - a. Woodchuck
  - b. Jumping mouse
  - c. Skunk
  - d. Little brown bat
- d. What is full form of HIT?
- e. When do animals start preparing for hibernation?
  - a. When days become cooler and shorter
  - b. When days become hot and humid
  - c. When they have stored plenty of food
  - d. When they want to take rest
- f. \_\_\_\_\_ is a special substance in the blood of hibernating animals.
- g. What is the term 'dormancy' used for?
- h. During hibernation, the heart beat of the bear goes down but body temperature don't change much (True/False)

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

A youngster quit Facebook in December after spending over three years on a social networking site. With that one act, he bid a silent adieu to more than 300 contacts that he had added to his account during the period. Last week a new feature on Facebook called timeline forced him to reconsider the pros and cons of being on the networking site.

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“Everyone has some skeletons in their closet and I am just not comfortable with Facebook digging out and displaying all the facts of my life on a bulletin board,” says this youngster who joined the network in July 2007 when he was in class XI.

Facebook, you see, had compressed the time, he spent on the site and arranged it in chronological order. And while he initially liked the new neatly organized scrapbook like feature, he wasn’t happy to reveal posts from the past, those that, until recently, were hidden under layers and layers of recent updates. Just clicking on a date on the timeline could transport his friends back in time and enable them to view every embarrassing comment, link or photo he had posted on his profile.

“I think it’s a recipe for disaster,” he says. “In 2007, I had some wall posts, which seemed appropriate at a time, but now after a lapse of four years, I have moved on and don’t want them to be openly displayed for all to see.”

And he is not alone. Many users, worried about how Facebook activity could possibly affect their offline lives, are choosing to commit 'Facebook Suicide'. While some have privacy concerns, others feel that the site that was meant to bring them closer to their friends actually does the opposite — it reduces their friendship to something superficial

“Poking and liking are not enough to keep a friendship going,” says a business analyst. Having quit Facebook three years ago, she prefers meeting her 'real' friends face to face, instead of reading their trite posts online. “On Facebook, people hype everyday issues including what they ate and where they went on a daily basis,” says this analyst who continues to use Twitter.

“Facebook has become a time sink and it could not justify the time I spent on it,” he says, “I spend more time calling up friends or relatives over the phone now.....I also go out and meet people whenever possible and have a good offline life. I do not regret the change.” Today, Facebook has 800 million users of which 37 million are Indians. The site has become an online identity for most, and many of those who decide to quit cannot overcome the withdrawal symptoms and return. Facebook, fully aware of its addictive powers, facilitates this return by allowing users to ‘deactive’ their accounts but continues to store information on its servers so that they can return from their break’, whenever they wish.

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

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- i. When did the youngster quit facebook?
  - ii. What did many users worry about?
  - iii. Why did the narrator call Facebook ‘a recipe for disaster’?
  - iv. What is meant by facebook suicide’?
  - v. Today, how many users does Facebook have?

**II. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any four of the following:**

**(1 × 4 = 4)**

- i. The same meaning of the word FEATURE is .....
  - a. Feat
  - b. Variety
  - c. Type
  - d. Characteristic
- ii. “I am just not comfortable.” Here the word COMFORTABLE is a .....
  - a. Noun
  - b. Verb
  - c. Adjective
  - d. Adverb
- iii. “I do not regret the change.” Here the word REGRET is a .....
  - a. Noun
  - b. Verb
  - c. Adjective
  - d. Adverb
- iv. The opposite word for OVERCOME is .....
  - a. Conquer
  - b. Yield
  - c. Fear
  - d. Beat
- v. A word used for ADVANTAGES in the text-
  - a. symptoms
  - b. servers
  - c. pros
  - d. cons

**Section B**

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3. Your school won an award for maintaining cleanliness in and around your school. The whole school worked towards it with dedication. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper mentioning the steps that your school took to create awareness of cleanliness. You are School Captain, Shan Sharma, Government Senior Secondary School, New Delhi. **(8)**

**OR**

You are Ravi/Reshma. You happened to see the following lines in a newspaper.

"We all mourn and groan about the loss of the quality of life through the destruction of our ecology, and yet each one of us, in our comfortable little ways contribute daily to that destruction. It is time now to awaken in each one of us the respect and attention our beloved mother deserves" says Asner, an environmental supporter.

You decide to write an article for the school magazine titled "Save the Planet Earth". Write the article in about 100-150 words.

4. Complete the following story in 150-200 words. The beginning of the story is given below: **(10)**

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 .....

**OR**

Complete the story based on the outline given below in 150-200 words:

A thirsty crow ..... looked for water..... found a pitcher.....very less water in it .....picked up pebbles and put them in the pitcher..... water level raised.

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)**

When Charles could not (a) \_\_\_\_\_, he wandered about the city streets. He found food and warmth (b) \_\_\_\_\_. Sometimes he was sent away (c) \_\_\_\_\_ that is a boarding

school for orphans. There he met (d) \_\_\_\_\_ boys of his age.

- a. (i) get work (ii) got work (iii) have got work (iv) getting to work
- b. (i) where he could (ii) when he could (iii) wherever he could (iv) what he could
- c. (i) from an orphanage (ii) off an orphanage (iv) on an orphanage
- d. (i) Less (ii) more (iii) many (iv) lesser

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. (4)**

		<b>Error</b>	<b>Correction</b>
Anne is in need of the true friend with	e.g.	the	a
who she can share her joys and	(a)	.....	.....
sorrows. She has loving parents and about			
thirty people whom she can call friend.	(b)	.....	.....
When she is with his friends she	(c)	.....	.....
could talk about matters of everyday	(d)	.....	.....
but cannot share her feelings.			

7. **Rearrange the jumbled words and phrases into meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example.**

**Example :** population / ruling / young / in India / the / will be / corporations / soon  
 Soon young population will be ruling the corporation in India.

- a. people / who are / of young talented / pool / has a / India / the country / making / proud / in different fields
- b. over / countries / in this way, / an edge / other / India has / developing
- c. creativity, / is the / source of / youth / vibrancy, / and passion / enthusiasm
- d. towards / is working / development / youth / Indian / its country's / the / government / for / empowering.

**Section C**

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8. **Read the extract given below answer the question that follows: (1 × 4 = 4)**

He should be lurking in the shadow,  
Sliding through long grass  
Near the water hole  
Where plump deer pass.

- a. Where should he be lurking?
- b. What should he be sliding through?
- c. What is the meaning of "lurking"?
- d. Who would pass through the water hole?

**OR**

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

Paris was about 150 kilometres behind me when I saw the clouds. Storm clouds. They were huge.

They looked like black mountains standing in front of me across the sky.

I knew I could not fly up and over them, and I did not have enough fuel to fly around them to the north or south.

"I ought to go back to Paris," I thought, but I wanted to get home.

I wanted that breakfast.

'Ill take the risk,' I thought and flew that old Dakota straight into the storm.

- a. When did the writer see the clouds?
- b. What did the clouds look like?
- c. Find out the opposite of 'small' from the above passage.
- d. What risk did the writer take?

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

- i. Why did such a large number of international leaders attend the inauguration? What did it signify the triumph of?
- ii. What did Maddie think hard about? What important decision she took?
- iii. Why did the Buddha choose Benares to preach his first sermon?
- iv. Explain this statement: 'Mrs. Pumphrey is a very loving and caring mistress.'

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v. What did Ausable and Fowler see after entering the room?

vi. What did Griffin tell Mrs. Hall about his uncommon appearance?

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**

'The story, 'Bholi' throws light on some social evils being practised in our society. Bholi took a stand and succeeded in overcoming social barriers. What can you contribute to change the social attitudes, illustrated in the story.

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**Answer**

**Section A**

1.
  - a. Animals hibernate to survive cold/harsh winters.
  - b. False
  - c. Skunk
  - d. Hibernation Inducement Trigger
  - e. When days become cooler and shorter
  - f. Hibernating inducement trigger
  - g. The term 'dormancy' is used to describe the behaviour of hibernating animals.
  - h. True
2.
  - I.
    - i. The youngster quit Facebook in December after spending over three years on soul networking site.
    - ii. Many users, worried about how Facebook activity could possibly affect their offline lives, are choosing to commit 'Facebook Suicide'.
    - iii. The narrator called Facebook 'a recipe for disaster' because its activities affect the offline lives of many people.
    - iv. 'Facebook Suicide' means to quit Facebook for the activities are done on Facebook affect our career and social life badly.
    - v. Today Facebook has eighty million users.
  - II.
    - i. Characteristic
    - ii. Adjective
    - iii. Verb
    - iv. Yield
    - v. Pros

**Section B**

3. Government Senior Secondary School  
New Delhi  
April 12, 2018

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The Editor  
The Tribune  
New Delhi  
Sir,

**Subject: Awareness of Cleanliness.**

I feel immense pleasure to state that our school won an award for maintaining cleanliness in and around our school.

We used to have talked in the morning assembly on the need to maintain cleanliness. The poster competition was organized on the dangers of keeping school unclean. Proper implementation of 'Swachh Bharat Programme' was done under the trained N.S.S. teachers. To motivate the students, arrangements were made such as microphone setup, projector with screen setup, etc. so that the students, teachers and other staff can listen to the Prime Minister's talk on the maintenance of cleanliness. It was a joint effort. Notice board on the campus displayed slogans- "Don't litter" and "clean campus-healthy campus". Rallies were taken out to make the residents of the area aware of the need to maintain cleanliness. The whole school worked towards the set goal with dedication for awareness towards cleanliness.

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I want to make an appeal to the brethren of my country that each and every person should be determined to make his/her surroundings clean and beautiful and work for it wholeheartedly. I hope you will give my ideas enough space in your esteemed daily.

Yours sincerely,  
Shan Sharma  
(School Captain).

**OR**

**Save the Planet Earth**

**(By Ravi)**

Lamenting the slow but sure destruction of ecology has become one of our most favourite pastimes. We all mourn and groan in chorus. It is a tragic irony that each one of us is contributing to that destruction. Consequently, the Earth is no more a pleasant, cozy and safe place to live on. And the villain is none other than man himself. Man's hunger is limitless. The ruthless and cruel hands of man have scorched

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and maimed the planet Earth. Man and his domestic animals swallowed more and more forests and green belts. Unplanned urbanization and industries have resulted in the degradation of environment and ecology. Our rivers, lakes and seas have become dumping grounds for human and industrial wastes. The global warming has led to the melting of the polar ice and glaciers. If this destruction is not checked immediately, we will not be able to save this planet. Let us redeem our pledge to save this earth before it is too late.

#### 4. **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

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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.

**OR**

### **A Thirsty Crow**

It was a hot summer's day. A thirsty crow flew into a village in search of water. The crow flew over the houses, fields, and trees. But he didn't find any water. After a long time, he came across a farm. Under one of the trees on the farm was a pitcher of water. Happy that he found some water finally, he swooped down to the tree and then down to the ground. He quickly moved towards the pitcher and looked inside. There was very little water in the pot. The crow put his beak inside the pitcher but could not reach the water. The water level was too low, and the narrow opening prevented his neck from going all the way down. He tried to push the vessel down to let the water out, but it was too heavy. The crow was disappointed. He was really thirsty and needed a drink of water badly. He could have given up and flown to another farm, looking for water. But he didn't. Instead, he looked around and thought, "What else can I do?" He saw that there were a lot of pebbles on the farm. And, he had an idea! He collected a pebble and put it into the pitcher. He collected another pebble and another and put them all in the pitcher. As he added more and more stones, the water level came up to the brim. He drank water, quenched his thirst and flew away. Hence, with his will-power, he found a way to quench his thirst. So the moral of the story is that 'where there is a will, there is a way.'

5. a. get work  
b. wherever he could  
c. to an orphanage.  
d. many

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	<b>Error</b>	<b>Correction</b>
(a)	who	whom
(b)	friend	friends

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(c)	his	her
(d)	could	can

7. a. India has a pool of young talented people who are making the country proud in different fields.  
b. In this way India has an edge over other developing countries.  
c. Youth is the source of creativity, vibrancy, enthusiasm and passion.  
d. The Indian government is working towards empowering youth for its country's development.

### Section C

8. a. He should be lurking in the shadows in the forest.  
b. He should be sliding through long grass in the forest.  
c. "Lurking" means to wait in ambush.  
d. A plump deer would pass through the water hole.

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- a. The writer saw the clouds when Paris was about 150 kilometres behind him.  
b. The clouds looked like black mountains standing in front of the writer across the sky.  
c. The opposite of 'small' in the passage is 'huge'.  
d. The writer wanted to reach home. So, he flew the old Dakota aeroplane straight into the storm.
9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each:
- When Mandela became the President, he abolished apartheid and thus diplomatic relations were rebuilt with many countries. The inauguration of a new, non-racial government was a historic moment in South African as well as world history. Thus, several distinguished international leaders attended this inauguration. It signified the triumph of justice, peace and human dignity.
  - Maddie thought about Wanda and her faded blue dress and the little house she lived in. Maddie felt so sad. Maddie sat up on her bed and pressed her forehead tight in her hands and really thought. After a long time, she reached

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an important conclusion that she would never make anybody else that unhappy again. Even if it meant losing Peggy's friendship, she would protest if she ever heard anybody making fun of others.

- iii. The Buddha chose to preach his first Sermon at the city of Benares as Benares is regarded as the holiest of the dipping places on the River Ganges. His sermon had been preserved. It reflected the Buddha's wisdom about one inscrutable kind of suffering.
- iv. There is no doubt that Mrs. Pumphrey is a very loving and caring mistress. She provides Tricki all the luxuries. She even overfeeds him out of love and concern. She also shows her concern when Tricki is in the hospital by sending him wine, eggs etc.
- v. When Ausable switched on the light and closed the door after entering the room, they saw a man standing halfway across the room with an automatic pistol. They both were shocked. However, it was the first authentic thrill of the day for Fowler. The man with the pistol was aiming at them and he looked like a fox.
- vi. Griffin told to Mrs. Hall that an accident had affected his face. So he had to cover it with bandages, false nose, and big bushy side-whiskers. He also mentioned that he did not want to be disturbed as he wanted to enjoy his solitude. Mrs. Hall believed him because there was no reason for not believing him.

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

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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**

Social discrimination against women has been highlighted in the narrative of 'Bholi' where women are considered as a liability, a burden to be borne till they are eventually disposed of in marriage.

The family in particular and the society at large have no faith in their capabilities and hence do not consider it essential to educate them. But Bholi's story proves that

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daughters are capable and responsible in supporting the family same as the menfolk. In the story also the main concern of Bholi's family was her marriage. Her family was more concerned about her looks instead of about her health or studies. The story shows many evils of society like the position of girls in the family, the importance of beauty and dowry. But a confident and educated girl face all of these with lots of courage. This shows the importance of education in a girl's life. A significant change in social attitudes can be brought about by a girl herself. We can spread awareness by educating the girls about their basic rights in society. Mass media such as television is very influential and significant work is already being done to initiate a change in attitude towards the girls.