

Question Paper
2010 outside Delhi set 1 CBSE Class 10
ENGLISH (Language and Literature)

Time allowed: 3 hours

Maximum marks: 100

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

(i) This paper consists of four Sections.

Section A – Reading 20 marks

Section B – Writing 20 marks

Section C – Grammar 15 marks

Section D – Text Books 45 marks

(ii) All questions are compulsory.

(iii) Marks are indicated against each question.

SECTION A (Reading) (20 Marks)

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

1. The exchange of greetings among people is very common. The most popular medium for this is the greetings card. It is usually sent by post. It is an illustrated message that expresses friendship, love, affection, goodwill, gratitude or some similar sentiment. Greeting cards are also sent to convey congratulations, thanks or get-well messages.

2. The practice of exchanging these cards between friends is an ancient one. The ancient Egyptians celebrated New Year by giving each other symbolic presents like scent bottles and mud tablets with the inscription “Good luck to you”. In ancient Rome, the medium of expression was a branch of an Olive tree. Their leaves were coated with gold.

3. The practice of sending greetings for the New Year continued in Europe through the early

days of the millennium. Then came the printing press. With its commercial use by 18th and 19th centuries, the exchange of New Year cards by merchants and tradesmen became very ordinary and uninteresting. Postal stamps and envelopes were introduced in 1840. They made the process of sending or passing the greetings from one person or place to another very convenient. The modern-day greetings card became definite and clear. in 1843 when the first Christmas card with season's greetings was designed in Britain. The commercial production of greeting cards became fully established by 1860.

4. There are several means of conveying greetings but the public post remains the most popular. In the modern times technology has greatly developed. There is almost a revolution in the field of communication. With the availability of this technology electronic mail is also being increasingly used for sending greetings.

5. In India, the practice of sending greeting cards was begun by the British. This practice still continues. We send greeting cards on occasions like New Year, Christmas, Diwali, Pongal, Durga Puja, Baisakhi, Bihu and other regional festivals. (309 words)

Answer the following questions briefly:

- (a) Why do the people send greeting cards?**
- (b) What symbolic presents did the Egyptians send on the eve of New Year?**
- (c) How did the ancient Romans convey their greetings?**
- (d) What effect did the printing press bring on the exchange of New Year cards?**
- (e) What changes were brought with the introduction of postal stamps and envelopes?**
- (f) Who introduced this practice in India?**
- (g) Find out from the passage the adverb form of the words given below:**
 - (i) usual (Para 1)**
 - (ii) great (Para 4)**
- (h) Find out from the passage the word which means the same as the following:**

‘sense of being thankful forever’ (Para 1)

Ans. (a) to express friendship love, affection, goodwill, congratulations, thanks or getwell messages (any four)

(b) scent bottles and mud tables (with the inscription “good luck to you”)

(c) by a branch of the Olive tree

(d) became very ordinary and uninteresting

(e) sending greeting cards became convenient

(f) British

(g) (i) usually

(ii) greatly

(h) gratitude

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (8 marks)

A little girl was fond of asking new questions day after day. One day she asked her mother, “Mummy, which one is good - an apple or a pear, a rose or a jasmine, a ball or a doll?”

The mother answered her questions easily but this time she was confused. How could she definitely say that one thing was good and the other was not? However she evaded the answer somehow.

But after a few days the little girl posed another question. “Mummy, is a story good or a song?”

This time the mother was well prepared and told the little girl that she would ask her a question first to which she should give a thoughtful reply. The mother then asked, “Tell me, is the sun good or the sky?”

The little girl thought and thought but could not find the right answer. She looked at the sky and then at the sun. It was indeed very difficult for her to decide in favour of either of the two since both were stunningly beautiful. Besides both were so close and inseparable.

The little girl now understood the point. Thereafter she never asked which one was good - this or that. Now she began to ask, “What is good in stories? What is good in songs?” And the mother answered her questions happily.

(a) What was the little girl fond of?

(b) Why did the little girl’s question confuse the mother?

(c) How did the mother solve the problem?

(d) Why could the girl not decide in favour of either the sun or the sky?

(e) What did she understand now? How did she change herself?

Ans. (a) asking new questions (b) could not decide, which was good and which was not?

OR

could not definitely say, one thing was good and the other was not

(c) put the same type of question to the daughter/asked whether the sun was good or the sky

(d)

- both were beautiful
- close and inseparable

(e)

- difficult to tell which one object was good
- changed the pattern of asking questions/what was good in one object

SECTION B (Writing) (20 Marks)

3. You are Uma / Umesh, living at 131, G.D.A. Flats, Kaushambi, Ghaziabad. You have been selected for a national level team of basketball. Expressing your happiness, write a letter to your father who is away on an official duty at Ahmedabad. Also inform him that you have to undergo a training for six months. (8 marks)

OR

One or two dustbins provided to your colony are not sufficient for the needs of its residents. They always remain filled to the brim. Most of the garbage therefore remains scattered on the main road emitting unbearable foul smell and creating highly insanitary conditions. Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner asking him to take urgent necessary action in the matter. You are Mudit / Mudita of 79, Pandav Nagar, Delhi.

Ans. Letter Writing

Objective: To use an appropriate style and format to write a letter of complaint, requests etc (formal) and to family and friends etc (informal)

- To plan, organize and present ideas coherently

Marking: Marking should be in accordance with the following writing assessment scale

- Format/Layout : 2 marks
- Content : 3 marks
- Expression : 3 Marks

* Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings

* Coherence and relevance of ideas and style

Format/Layout : layout includes sender's address, date, designation and address of addressee, subject, salutation, complementary close etc according to requirement Under content, credit should be given for the candidate's creativity in presenting his/her own ideas.

Note :

- No mark is to be awarded if the content is not given
- Use of both the traditional and the new format is permitted

However mixing of the two is NOT acceptable

Value Points both for Option I (informal letter) and option II (formal letter) are provided in the question paper itself.

4. You went to visit a famous tourist spot alongwith your family during holidays. You found the place littered with plastic plates, broken bottles, leftover food etc. Write an article in about 80 words for a newspaper, expressing your views and suggesting some do's and don'ts so that people may inculcate good civic habits. You are Anuradha /Ashish. (8 marks)

OR

Many students feel very happy when they pass out of their schools and step into colleges. Write a paragraph in about 80 words bringing out the difference between school and college life. Make use of the hints given below. two different worlds - schools having fixed routine, dress code, prayer assembly, loads of homework, teacher supervision, discipline - college having freedom, no compulsions of school life - more fun and frolic – for some, period of responsibility.

Ans. Article/ Paragraph

Objective: To use an appropriate style to write an article, a paragraph etc. expressing your opinion.

- To plan, organize and present ideas coherently.
- To present an argument

Marking: (Article) Option I Marking should be in accordance with the flowing writing assessment scale

- Format(title/heading; name) :
- Content :
- Expression :

* Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings

* Coherence and relevance of ideas and style

- Under content, credit should be given for the candidate's creativity in presenting his/her own ideas.
- Value points given below are suggestive only. Any other relevant point given by the

student may be accepted.

Articles – Value Points:

- Tourist spots littered with plastic plates, broken bottles, excess foods
- Inculcate good civic habits

Do's

- Have a sense of belongingness
- throw the litter in the dustbins
- advise your children to do the same
- ask the authorities to put sign boards at the places

Don'ts

- Don't spoil the lawns
- Advise others also not to do it as a responsible citizen

OR

Marking: (Paragraph) Option II Marking should be in accordance with the following writing assessment scale

- Format(Title/Heading) :
- Content :
- Expression :

* Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings

* Coherence and relevance of ideas and style

- Under content, credit should be given for the candidate's creativity in presenting his/her own ideas.

Paragraph: The detailed value points are provided in the question paper itself

5. Doctor's Day was celebrated in your colony on July 1st, in the memory of Bharat Ratna, Dr. B.C. Roy. Mentioning various activities such as blood donation, lectures on

health and hygiene etc. by eminent doctors, write a report in about 60 words. You are Amrit / Amrita, Secretary of the Health Club of Samachar Apartments, Delhi. (4 marks)

OR

You are Ritu / Rakesh, a reporter. You came to know about a quarrel which led to the death of a man. You visited the spot and noted the following points. Using the given information write a report in about 60 words for your paper. man - 25 years - lost life - argument with a neighbour - children picked a quarrel - incident - Tuesday - 8 p.m. - victim worker in a welding shop - from work – returned home

Ans. Report Writing

Objective: To use an appropriate style to write a report, notice, paragraph etc. expressing opinion

- To plan, organize and present ideas coherently.
- To present an argument

Marking: Marking should be in accordance with the following writing assessment scale

- Format (headline/dateline; reporter) :
- Content :
- Expression :

* Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings

* Coherence and relevance of ideas and style

Note:

Under content credit should be given for the candidate's creativity in presenting his / her own ideas.

The detailed value points are provided in the question paper itself

SECTION C (Grammar) (15 Marks)

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet as given below against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied.
($\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$ marks)

Chandni is the small tree. It e.g. the – a
can be spotted almost nowhere in (a)
the city. It small tree is also (b)
call Jasmine. It grows up to (c)
around two meter in height. (d)
The trunk in the tree is thick, (e)
crooked and leggy. The dark green
leaves are find in opposite pairs. (f)

Ans. (a) nowhere - anywhere / everywhere

(b) it - this

(c) call - called

(d) metre - metres

(e) in - of

(f) find - found

7. Fill in the following blanks with suitable non-finites: ($\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$ marks)

On the information (a) _____ (provide) by an unknown person, the police arrested three men for (b) _____ (steal) medicines from a godown. They were interrogated. They disclosed that after (c) _____ (commit) the theft, they used (d) _____ (sell) the medicines at cheap rates in the grey market.

Ans. (a) provided

(b) stealing

(c) committing

(d) to sell

8. Read the dialogue and complete the passage given below. Write the correct answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole sentences. (1x3=3 marks)

Mother: Why are you looking so disturbed today?

Shilpi: I've got a big test on Friday, and I'm very nervous about it. Mother wanted to know from her daughter, Shilpi (a) _____ that day. Shilpi told her (b) _____ on Friday and (c) _____ about that.

Ans. (a) why she was looking so disturbed

(b) that she had got a big test

(c) she was very nervous

9. Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet. Remember to number the answers correctly. (1x2=2 marks)

Example:

national/the / tiger / animal/the majestic / is / of India

The majestic tiger is the national animal of India.

(a) tiger / member / cat family / the / is / the largest / of

(b) and beauty / people / the tiger / admire / for / its strength

Ans. (a) Tiger is the largest member of the cat family.

(b) People admire the tiger for its strength and beauty

10. Look at the sentences given below and complete the paragraph that follows. Write the correct answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole sentences. (1x3=3 marks)

- (a) Short brisk exercise increases the blood circulation in the body.
- (b) It makes you feel more alert.
- (c) Better circulation of blood improves headache and fatigue.

Doing exercise is good for both the young and the old. The blood circulation in the body (a) _____ by short brisk exercise and you (b) _____ more alert by it. Headache and fatigue (c) _____ by better circulation of blood.

Ans. (a) is increased by short brisk exercise

(b) are made to feel

(c) are improved

11. The underlined words in the following passage have been used inappropriately. Replace them with their appropriate forms. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct numbers. Do not copy the whole passage. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$ marks)

The crime branch of Delhi Police (a) recent arrested four persons for their (b) involve in seventeen cases of theft. They had (c) stole goods worth more than one crore. Their (d) interrogate led the police to a man whom they had sold the looted jewellery.

Ans. (a) recently

(b) involvement

(c) stolen

(d) interrogation

SECTION D (Text Books) (45 Marks)

12. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. Remember to number the

answers correctly. (5 marks)

Kisa Gotami had an only son, and he died. In her grief she carried the dead child to all her neighbours, asking them for medicine, and the people said, “She has lost her senses. The boy is dead.”

At length, Kisa Gotami met a man who replied to her request, “I cannot give the medicine for thy child, but I know a physician who can.”

And the girl said, “Pray tell me, sir; who is it ?” And the man replied, “Go to Salyamuni, the Buddha.”

(a) What was Kisa Gotami’s grief?

(b) What did she do in her grief?

(c) How did the people react?

(d) Which physician is referred to by the man?

(e) Which phrase in the passage means the same as ‘at last’?

Ans. (a) death of her son

(b) carried the dead child to her neighbours and asking for medicines

(c) had lost her senses

(d) Salyamuni / Buddha

(e) ‘At length’

13. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. Remember to number the answers correctly. (5 marks)

Goodness! Wasn’t there anything she could do? If only she could tell Wanda she hadn’t meant to hurt her feelings. She turned around and stole a glance at Peggy, but Peggy did not look up. She seemed to be studying hard. Well, whether Peggy felt badly or not, she, Maddie, had to do something. She had to find Wanda Petronski. Maybe she had not yet moved away.

(a) Who is 'she'?

(b) Had she hurt Wanda's feelings? What did she wish to tell her?

(c) What did she decide to do?

(d) Which word in the passage is the adverb form of 'bad'?

Ans. (a) Maddie

(b) Yes, didn't mean to hurt her

(c) to find / meet Wanda

(d) badly

14. Answer the following question in about 80 words: (6 marks)

Why did the Seagull's father and mother threaten him and persuade him to fly? How did they do it?

OR

Why was the Baker's furnace essential in a traditional Goan village?

Ans.

- young seagull was afraid of flying because of the vast expanse of sea beneath
- left alone for 24 hours, left to starve
- desperate with hunger
- mother takes a piece of fish within his reach but not nearer
- dived at the fish falls into space
- wings spread begins to soar

OR

Essential

- Presence of Bakers in the Gaon village a must
- Marriage gifts meaningless without the sweet bread 'the bol'

- Party or a feast loses its charm without bread
- On the occasion of daughters' engagement lady of the house must prepare sandwiches
- Christmas cakes and bolinhas, a must

15. Answer the following question in 30 - 40 words: (4 marks)

How does Natalya react when she comes to know that Lomov had come to propose for her hand?

OR

What makes Chubukov misunderstand the purpose of Lomov's visit?

Ans.

- falls into an easy chair, begins to wail
- asks her father to bring Lomov back quickly
- blames her father for Lomov's going out of their house
- yells at him to fetch him

OR

- Chubukov misunderstands that Lomov had come to borrow money
- Lomov said had come to trouble him with a request for help
- did not reveal his purpose of coming directly

16. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet. Remember to number the answers correctly. (4 marks)

If ever you should go by chance

To jungles in the east;

And if there should to you advance

A large and tawny beast,

If he roars at you as you're dyin'

You'll know it is the Asian Lion ...

(a) Where is the Asian Lion found?

(b) What are its characteristic qualities which enable you to identify it ?

(c) What effect does it leave on you?

Ans. (a) in the jungles in the east

(b)

- large and tawny
- roars

(c) afraid / feeling of death

OR

I sit inside, doors open to the veranda

writing long letters

in which I scarcely mention the departure

of the forest from the house.

(a) Who is 'I'?

(b) What is he doing?

(c) Where are the trees in the poem?

Ans. (a) the author/the poet/Adrienne Rich

(b) writing letters

(c)

- inside the house;
- now moving outside

17. Answer any two of the following questions in 30 - 40 words each, on the basis of the lines given below: (6 marks)

(a) ‘But Custard cried for a nice safe cage.’

Who is Custard? Why did he cry for a ‘nice safe cage’?

(b) ‘An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy’

Who is the boy? What is his state of mind? Why is he in such a state of mind?

(c) ‘They do not make me sick discussing their duty to God’

Who are ‘they’ ? What makes him sick?

Ans. (a)

- is a dragon
- bravest and the fiercest of them all
- wants a nice safe cage for him, shows his basic nature of being calm and quiet the effect of parody which the poet wants to create

(b)

- the one who is playing with the ball
- state of grief, sadness, disappointment
- ball fallen down into the water can’t be retrieved

(c)

- the animals
- the discussions/ the logic/ the reasons about subjects of philosophy or religion which the animals do not indulge in

18. Answer the following question in 80 - 100 words: (8 marks)

What kind of person is Matilda Loisel? Support your answer giving examples from the story, ‘The Necklace’.

OR

**How did Griffin's invisibility come to his help whenever he found himself in trouble?
Give examples from the text in support of your answer.**

Ans.

- pretty lady, born into a family of clerks as if 'through an error of destiny'
- thinks herself born for delicacies and luxuries
- marries a clerk with all discomforts
- borrows a necklace for her vanity, pretensions and false ego – lost/stolen
- suffers a needles sacrifice for ten years to pay the debt (does all sorts of menial Jobs)
becomes a strong, hard, crude woman of the poor household
- remains unhappy the whole of her life

OR

- brilliant scientist, invented a rare drug, could make himself invisible
- removed his clothes to become invisible after setting fire to his landlord's house
- escaped easily from the boys who followed his footprints in London
- robbed a London store took off his clothes quickly when chased
- escaped after hitting and robbing a shop keeper
- escaped from the people and the constable

19. Answer the following question in 30 - 40 words: (4 marks)

How did lunch become 'a ceremonial occasion for Mr. Herriot and his partners'?

OR

What did Ausable tell Max when he heard the knock? Why did he tell him so?

Ans.

- Mrs. Pumphrey sent fresh eggs, two dozen at a time to build up Tricki's strength
- Herriot and his partners began to take two eggs each in breakfast
- then bottles of wine began to arrive to enrich Tricki's blood
- began a ceremony to take two glasses of wine before and several during the meal

OR

- tells him about the police being called
- called for extra protection for such an important paper
- Max would be afraid, would jump out of the balcony, the story which he had cooked would get rid of him

20. Answer the following question in 20 - 30 words: (3 marks)

How was the hack driver recognized?

OR

What other interests besides science did Richard Ebright pursue?

Ans.

- lawyer ordered to go back to New Mullion to fetch Lutkins
- with him went a man who had worked with Lutkins
- saw Bill, the hack driver with Lutkin's mother talking and laughing at the platform
- companion told the lawyer that Bill was Lutkins himself

OR

- became a champion debater and public speaker
- a good canoeist and allaround outdoors-person
- an expert photographer, particularly of nature and scientific exhibits
- devoted a lot of energy towards the Debatino and Model United Nations Clubs