

Question Paper 2011
Outside Delhi set 1 CBSE Class 10
ENGLISH (Language and Literature)

Time allowed: 3 hours

Maximum marks: 100

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

(i) The Question Paper is divided into four Sections.

Section A: Reading Comprehension 15 marks

Section B: Writing 15 marks

Section C: Grammar 15 marks

Section D: Literature/Text Books 35 marks

(ii) All questions are compulsory.

(iii) Marks are indicated against each question.

SECTION A

(Reading) (15 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below and choose the most appropriate answer to each question out of the options that follow: 1x5=5

In ancient times, the Olympics were associated with Greek religious festivals. Life in ancient Greece revolved around their gods. The Greeks believed that their gods were immortal, and more powerful than human beings. They honoured their gods with festivals devoted to sports. The most important of these festivals were the four national festivals. They were open to sportsmen from all Greek regions and colonies. Each of the festivals was held at a different place and was celebrated in honour of a particular god. The Olympic Games were held in Olympia which was an important religious centre in ancient Greece. A magnificent temple was built there in honour of the god, Zeus. He was regarded as the ruler of both gods and men. People tried to please Zeus by excelling in sports, and many contests of skill and strength were held. It was believed

that the Olympic Games were founded by the Greek hero, Hercules who was known as the son of the god, Zeus. He performed twelve seemingly impossible tasks to become the greatest of all Greek heroes. He cleaned in a single day King Augeas' stables which was an impossible task. The king was fabulously rich and had thousands and thousands of animals. So his stables were extremely dirty and full of stink. Hercules redirected the course of the river, Alpheus through the stables of the king. All the muck and dirt were washed out in a single day. To celebrate this achievement he started the Olympic Games in honour of his father, Zeus.

(a) The Greeks celebrated festivals devoted to sport to

- (i) gain physical strength
- (ii) honour their gods
- (iii) get power
- (iv) become immortal

(b) In ancient Greece the Olympic Games were held

- (i) in Greek regions
- (ii) in colonies
- (iii) at religious centres
- (iv) at Olympia

(c) They honoured Zeus by

- (i) building magnificent temples
- (ii) excelling in sports
- (iii) excelling in contests of skill and strength
- (iv) doing all the above things

(d) The impossible task performed by Hercules was

- (i) the cleaning of Augeas' stables in a day
- (ii) removing the muck and dirt from the king's stables
- (iii) redirecting the course of the river through the stables
- (iv) All of the above

(e) The word/phrase in the passage which means 'deathless' is

- (i) gods
- (ii) immortal
- (iii) human beings
- (iv) religious centre

Ans. No penalty for errors in spelling, grammar or punctuation. Accept any other answer similar in meaning to the answers given below.

- (a) (ii) honour their gods
- (b) (iv) at Olympia
- (c) (iv) doing all of the above things / (i) building magnificent temples
- (d) (iv) all of the above
- (e) (ii) immortal

2. Read the poem given below and choose the most appropriate answer to each question out of the options that follow: 1x5 = 5

Oh, books, what books they used to know,

Those children living long ago!

So please, oh please, we beg, we pray,

Go throw your TV set away,

And in its place you can install
A lovely bookshelf on the wall.
Then fill the shelves with lots of books,
Ignoring all the dirty looks,
Fear not, because we promise you
That, in about a week or two
Of having nothing else to do,
They'll now begin to feel the need
Of having something to read.
And once they start - oh boy, oh boy!
You watch the slowly growing joy
That fills their hearts. They'll grow so keen
They'll wonder what they'd ever seen
In that ridiculous machine

Roald Dahl

(a) The word 'they' in the first line refers to

- (i) writers
- (ii) children living in the present times
- (iii) children living in the olden days
- (iv) parents of children

(b) The poet wants the TV set to be replaced with

- (i) gadgets
- (ii) bookshelves filled with lots of books
- (iii) bookshelves
- (iv) showcases

(c) The poet is sure that the children would begin to read the books within a week or two because they

- (i) will have no other work
- (ii) will have no television
- (iii) will have books in the shelves
- (iv) with no work, will feel the need for something to read

(d) Once the children start reading they will get

- (i) joy
- (ii) surprise
- (iii) excitement
- (iv) thrill

(e) The tone of the poem is

- (i) sad
- (ii) humorous
- (iii) happy
- (iv) satirical

Ans. No penalty for errors in spelling, grammar or punctuation. Accept any other answer similar in meaning to the answers given below.

- (a) (iii) children living in the olden days
- (b) (ii) bookshelves filled with lots of books
- (c) (iv) with no work, will feel the need for something to read
- (d) (i) joy
- (e) (ii) humorous

3. Read the passage given below: 1x5=5

Once a carpenter went looking for a job. He approached a building contractor, and got a job at a decent salary and good working conditions. The carpenter was thrilled and determined to do his best. His boss provided him with tools and showed him the place where he was supposed to work.

At the end of the first day, the carpenter prepared fifteen doors. His boss was happy with his performance and congratulated him. The carpenter tried harder the next day but he was able to prepare only 10 doors. The third day he tried even harder, but he could prepare only seven. Day after day he was preparing less and less doors.

"I must be losing my strength," the carpenter thought. He went to the boss and apologized, saying that he could not understand what was going on. "When was the last time when you sharpened your tools ?" the boss asked. "Sharpen! I had no time to sharpen my tools. I have been busy trying to prepare doors," said the carpenter. Most of us never update our skills. We think that whatever we have learned is enough.

Complete the following sentences based on your reading of the passage in your own words.

- (a) The carpenter approached the building contractor because**
- (b) The carpenter became extremely happy because he**
- (c) The boss congratulated him because**
- (d) His boss advised him**

(e) The word in the passage which means the same as 'asked someone for something' is
..... .

Ans. (a) he wanted to get a job

(b) got a job with decent salary & good working conditions

(c) he was satisfied with the carpenter's performance

(d) to sharpen his tools / update his skills

(e) approached

SECTION B

(Writing) 15 Marks

4. You are Madhur / Madhurika living at 53, Niti Apartments, Hyderabad. Write a letter in not more than 100 words to your friend telling him/her about a very interesting story book that you have recently finished reading. 6

OR

A number of accidents take place due to low hanging high tension electric wires in the city. Write a letter in not more than 100 words to the editor of a national daily advocating the need for the removal of these wires from near the residential areas. You are Ankur / Akriti, living at 15, Main Road, Khajoori Khas, Delhi.

Ans. 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 6 marks

- Format / Layout : 1 mark

- Content : 3 marks

- Expression : 2 marks

* Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings (1)

* Coherence and relevance of ideas and style (1)

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 are provided in the question paper itself .

5. The prices of the items of daily consumption such as milk, vegetables, pulses etc. have been skyrocketing for the last several months making it difficult for the common man to survive. Write an article in not more than 120 words expressing your views and suggesting solutions. You are Meghraj / Meghna. 6

OR

Malaria and dengue fever which greatly affect the children are most common during the rainy season. Write a speech in not more than 120 words to be delivered in the morning assembly to create awareness among the students about these diseases. You may take help from the notes given below. You are Prerna / Pranav.

- water borne diseases, caused by mosquito bite
- dengue mosquitoes breed in clean water and bite during daytime
- don't let water accumulate in coolers, plants, anywhere at home or in the neighbourhood
- cover all containers
- cover the whole body - wear full-sleeved clothing
- use mosquito repellents and mosquito nets

Ans. Objective : To use an appropriate style to write an article, a speech etc. expressing your opinion.- To plan, organize and present ideas coherently.

- To present an argument

Marking : Marking should be in accordance with the following writing assessment scale 6 marks

- Layout (Title/Heading ; name) : 1/2 mark

- Content : 3 marks

- Expression : 2 1/2 marks

* Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings (2)

* Coherence and relevance of ideas and style (1/2)

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

Value Points are provided in the question paper itself.

6. Your area was greatly affected due to flood in the Kosi river. There was a great loss of life and property. The students of your school rendered service and support to the victims. Write a report in about 80 words for your school magazine. You are Poonam / Prerit, Secretary of the Cultural Society of D.A.V. Sr. Sec. School, Patna.

OR

Tomorrow is your grandmother's birthday. The children of your family want to celebrate it with great enthusiasm but without letting her know about the preparation you want to make. Write a dialogue, in about 80 words, which you might have with your family members about the plans that you have in your mind. You are Ankit / Anjali.

Ans. Objective : To use an appropriate style to write a report, dialogue etc.

- To plan, organize and present ideas coherently.

- To present an argument

Marking : Marking should be in accordance with the following writing assessment scale 3 marks

- Content : 2 marks

- Expression : 1 mark

Note :

(a) Under Content credit should be given for the candidate's creativity in presenting his / her own ideas.

(b) In Report Writing, weightage of half mark may be included under content.

SECTION C
(Reading) 15 Marks

7. Read the passage given below. Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate word/words from the given options. $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$

A large number of scientists gathered at Lakpat in Gujarat (a) the view of the last eclipse of the twentieth century. This place (b) to be the best as the totality there would be the (c) They (d) there to study the phenomenon. But they (e) because the clouds (f) the clear view of the eclipse.

(a) (i) see (ii) has seen (iii) to see (iv) seemg

(b) (i) was considered (ii) had considered (iii) consider (iv) considered

(c) (i) longer (ii) longest (iii) more longer (iv) lengthier

(d) (i) are going (ii) were going (iii) were gone (iv) had gone

(e) (i) were disappointed (ii) disappointed (iii) had disappointed (iv) have disappointed

(f) (i) have blocked (ii) blocked (iii) were blocked (iv) block

Ans. (a) (iii) to see

(b) (i) was considered

(c) (ii) longest

(d) (iv) had gone

(e) (i) were disappointed

(f) (ii) blocked

8. Given below are the notes taken by a reporter regarding the speedy disposal of the court cases by a judge in Andhra Pradesh. Study the given notes and complete the following paragraph by filling in the spaces from the given options. $1 \times 3 = 3$

- a junior judge cleared 111 cases creating a world record
- cases include thefts, street brawls and road accidents
- imposed fines in 78 cases
- acquitted the accused in 32 cases Speedy disposal of court cases

111 cases related to thefts, street brawls and road accidents (a) by a junior judge in Manglagiri town in Andhra Pradesh on Thursday creating a world record. In 78 cases fines (b) and in the remaining 33 cases the accused (c) He was lenient with those who admitted the crime. If we had a few more of these judges, there would be no backlog left.

(a) (i) cleared

(ii) were being cleared

(iii) were cleared

(iv) had been cleared

(b) (i) were imposed

(ii) have been imposed

(iii) were being imposed

(iv) had been imposed

(c) (i) are acquitted

(ii) were being acquitted

(iii) had been acquitted

(iv) were acquitted

Ans. (a) (iii) were cleared

(b) (i) were imposed

(c) (iv) were acquitted

9. 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 as given in the example. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied. $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$

When Saina Nehwal land in e.g. land - landed

Hyderabad, his face was radiant (a) _____

of joy and happiness. The warm (b) _____

welcome who she received made (c) _____

her emotional. She said if she (d) _____

hadn't expected to seeing so (e) _____

many people which had travelled (f) _____

all the way to congratulate her.

Ans. (a) her

(b) with

(c) that / which

(d) that

(e) see

(f) who

10. Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences as shown. $1 \times 3 = 3$

For example:

person / physically / a / was / she / handicapped

She was a physically handicapped person.

(a) sat up / chair / wheel/in a / she / so

(b) an / took her / brother / her / apple / orchard / to

(c) a tree / with / laden / saw / red apple / she

Ans. (a) So she sat up in a wheel chair.

(b) Her brother took her to an apple orchard.

(c) She saw a tree laden with red apples.

11. Read the following dialogue between Garima and Karan. Complete the dialogue by filling in the gaps appropriately. 1x3 = 3

Garima : So, after a decade in the industry, are you truly 'satisfied' ?

Karan : I love the film industry. It has its flaws though.

Garima : What do you mean by this statement?

Karan: We are a bunch of competitive, ambitious, sometimes petty people.

But the passion cements us together.

Garima asked Karan if after a decade in the industry (a)

Karan told her (b) although it had its flaws. Garima then enquired

(c) Karan explained that they were a bunch of competitive, ambitious, sometimes petty people but the passion cemented them together.

Ans. (a) he was truly satisfied

(b) that he loved the film industry

(c) what he meant by that statement

SECTION D

(Literature/Text Books) 35 Marks

12. (a) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. 1x4=4

We kids would be pushed aside with a mild rebuke and the loaves would be delivered to the servant. But we would not give up. We would climb a bench or the parapet and peep into the basket, somehow. I can still recall the typical fragrance of those loaves. Loaves for the elders and the bangles for the children.

- (i) Who are 'we' in the passage?
- (ii) Why were the children pushed aside?
- (iii) Why did they still follow the baker?
- (iv) Which word/phrase in the passage means the same as 'an expression of disapproval/a scolding' ?

(b) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. 1x4 = 4

LOMOV : [greatly moved] Honoured Stepan Stepanovitch, do you think I may count on her consent?

CHUBUKOV : Why, of course, my darling, and... as if she won't consent!

She's in love; egad, she's like a lovesick cat, and so on.

Shan't be long!

- (i) What does Lomov want to be assured of?
- (ii) Why does he want this assurance?
- (iii) Why is Chubukov sure of Natalya's consent?
- (iv) Which word in the passage means the same as 'agree'?

Ans. (a) (i) the children

(ii) disturbed the delivery of loaves

(iii) bangles for the children

(iv) rebuke

(b) (i) Natalya's consent

(ii) for marriage to Natalya

(iii) she is in love / a love sick cat

(iv) consent

13. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate options. Attempt any two: $3 \times 2 = 6$

(A) Custard the dragon had big sharp teeth,

And spikes on top of him and scales underneath,

Mouth like a fireplace, chimney for a nose,

And realio, trulio daggers on his toes.

(a) The above lines tell us about

(i) kitten

(ii) mouse

(iii) dog

(iv) Custard

(b) It is a description of the

(i) appearance of the dragon

(ii) courage of the dragon

(iii) heroism of the dragon

(iv) cowardice of the dragon

(c) The rhyme scheme of the stanza is

(i) a a ; a b

(ii) a b ; a b

(iii) a a ; b b

(iv) a b ; b b

(B) The fog comes

on little cat feet.

It sits looking

over harbour and city

(a) "It" in the above lines refers to

(i) the cat

(ii) the harbour

(iii) the fog

(iv) the city

(b) Like a cat it moves

(i) silently

(ii) upward

(iii) very fast

(iv) over harbour and city

(c) "It sits looking" The poetic device used here is

(i) simile

(ii) personification

(iii) metaphor

(iv) alliteration

(C) So they show their relations to me and I accept them.

**They bring me tokens of myself, they evince
them plainly in their possession.**

(a) In the above lines 'they' stand for

(i) listeners

(ii) audience

(iii) animals

(iv) viewers

(b) The author feels related to them as they remind him of

(i) his ego

(ii) the basic qualities of his nature

(iii) inhuman characteristics

(iv) his greed

(c) They seem to possess those qualities which man has chosen to

(i) ignore

(ii) deny

(iii) drop

(iv) All of the above

Ans. (A) (a) (iv) custard

(b) (i) appearance of the dragon

(c) (iii) a a ; b b

(B) (a) (iii) the fog

(b) (i) silently

(c) (ii) personification

(C) (a) (iii) animals

(b) (ii) the basic qualities of his nature

(c) (iv) all the above

14. Answer any three of the following questions in about 40 - 50 words each: 2x3 = 6

(a) Describe Coorg's weather. When is it the most pleasant for the tourists to visit Coorg?

(b) What is the Chinese legend associated with the discovery of tea?

(c) Why did Prince Siddhartha Gautama leave the palace and become a beggar?

(d) The author says: 'The baker and his family never starved.' Why does he say so? Give reasons.

Ans. (a)

- during the monsoons it pours plenty of rain
- weather is perfect from September to March
- air breathes of invigorating coffee
- September to March is the time for visitors to resume their journey

(b) Chinese legend :

• Chinese emperor - boiled water before drinking - twigs burning under the pot fell into the water - gave delicious flavour - twigs were tea leaves

(c)

- went out at the age of about 25
- chanced to see a sick man, then an aged man and then a funeral procession
- enquired/pondered, if this would be his fate too
- left the palace in search of enlightenment concerning the sorrows he had witnessed

(d)

- baker's presence essential in Goan villages
- sweet bread called 'bol' essential as marriage gifts – sandwiches on daughter's engagement – cakes and bolinhas for Christmas – bread for a party or a feast
- baking, therefore, a profitable profession
- baker, his family and even his servants never starved

15. Answer the following question in about 80 words: [5]

How did the otter behave in the beginning? How did he become familiar with the author?

OR

What kind of person is Valli? Illustrate your answer from the text that you have read.

Ans.

- in the beginning neither hostile nor friendly
- simply aloof and indifferent, slept on the floor as far from the author's bed as possible
- got a little familiar with the author and his surroundings
- second night came to his bed and remained asleep in the crook of his knees till morning
- began to lose his apathy - author took him to the bathroom – immensely enjoyed water , playing with a rubber ball
- soon began to follow the author without a lead and came when called by name

OR

- an eight-year-old girl, full of curiosity
- her past time : watching the street - people - coming and going of the bus - wanted to

ride the bus herself

- a good planner : plans entirely of her own, finds the details of the bus journey - its distance, fare, time of arrival and departure, saves money
- quite confident : travels alone, deals with the conductor, an elderly man, elderly woman
- cautious and careful - doesn't get down from the bus to have a drink at the stall
- secretive - keeps her journey a secret from her mother - behaves like a grown up person

16. Answer the following question in about 80 words: [4]

What does Bill say about Lutkin's character to the narrator?

OR

On the basis of your understanding of the story, sketch the character of Bholi.

Ans.

- dishonest, plays a lot of pocker
- good at deceiving people
- owes money to many people
- not really bad
- very interesting character, poses as Bill

OR

- fourth daughter of Ram Lal, fell off the cot when ten month's old – perhaps brain damaged - small pox when two year's old - entire body disfigured with pock marks - stammered - called 'Bholi'/simpleton/ backward
- treated indifferently by parents - neither good looks, nor intelligent
- children made fun - mimicked
- encouraged, inspired and loved by her teacher
- turns into a bold confident girl - refuses to marry an aged, mean, greedy, heartless person

17. Answer any two of the following questions in 40 - 50 words each: 3x2 = 6

(a) According to the author, what are the qualities that go into the making of a scientist?

(b) Why did Jeanne not recognize her friend, Matilda?

(c) How does Think-Tank interpret the library found by his crew on Earth? Why does he ask Omega to eat a book?

Ans. (a)

- start with a first-rate mind
- add curiosity
- mix in the will to win for the right reasons (be competitive, not in a bad sense but to do the best)
- do real experiments, not simply make a neat display

(b)

- looked older, rough and crude
- shabbily dressed, clothes with creases,
- tone louder – no good looks remained any more

(c)

- library interpreted by Think-Tank as a crude refreshment stand and book as a sandwich
- reason – earth creatures always eating sandwiches, their staple diet
- orders his assistants to eat it to confirm his opinion