
CBSE Class 11 English Core
Sample Papers 03

Time: 3 Hrs. MM:80

General Instructions:

- i. This question paper is divided into three sections.
 - ii. Section A Reading Comprehension 20 Marks
 - iii. Section B Writing and Grammar 30 Marks
 - iv. Section C (Literature) Text Books and Long Reading Texts - 30 Marks
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Section-A: Reading

1. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow:

1. Heat wave in India occurs mostly in patches and in few states at a time. However, this time around, heatwave conditions have not only occurred early but also simultaneously in a large chunk of the country.
2. Yes, it is true that heatwave conditions are being witnessed only in few pockets of a particular state but almost in all the states of East, Central and Peninsular India.
3. At present, heat wave conditions are prevailing in pockets of Maharashtra, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Karnataka. Temperatures continue to break records at several places and accordingly, the death toll has touched at least 130.
4. The inbuilt characteristic of heat wave is that it only occurs in pockets and not in an entire region or state.

Here's a look at the temperatures in several cities:

NAME OF PLACE	NAME OF STATE	MAXIMUM IN °C
Titlagarh	Odisha	45.5
Anatapur	Andhra Pradesh	44.3
Gulbarga	Karnataka	43.9
Akola	Maharashtra	43.8

Bankura	West Bengal	43.6
Nizamabad	Telangana	43.6
Ramagndam	Telangana	43.6
Kurnool	Andhra Pradesh	43.1
Sambalpur	Odisha	42.8
Burdwan	West Bengal	42.0
Chandbali	Odisha	41.9
Midnapore	West Bengal	41.7
Kolkata	West Bengal	40.0

5. April, May and June are the hottest months in India with Summer season peaking in May, in most parts of the country. June is the onset month of Southwest Monsoon when summer-like conditions leave Peninsular and Central India but remains in North India.
6. Heatwave is all pervasive and a major phenomenon in India, claiming hundreds of lives every year. Heat comes in spurts and lasts for not more than 5 to 7 days as it is also the season for thundershowers. Heat wave percent is more prominent in the interiors of the country. Hilly regions, Northeast India and coastal stations generally do not witness heatwave conditions.
7. In plains, temperatures should exceed 40°C for declaring heatwave but in the coastal stations 40°C would amount to tremendously hot weather if maximum touches the 40-degree mark. Even this criteria has been overruled this year as Chandbali, a coastal station in Odisha exceeded 40°C. Few coastal stations in Andhra Pradesh have also seen the mercury rise above 40°C. All in all, we can say that 2016 is turning out to be exceptionally hot and oppressive.
8. For coastal stations and other places, if the day temperature rises 5°C above normal irrespective of reaching 40°C, we call it a hot day. Therefore, on a general note, heat wave prevails in the interiors and hot days in the coastal area.
9. In Delhi-NCR, temperatures have been a little above normal for the last few days. For now, temperatures will continue showing a gradual rise, amounting to heat wave in pockets. However, some relief will come by Sunday onwards. No relief likely in other

parts of the country. In fact, heatwave conditions will accentuate in Maharashtra and Karnataka and continue as it is in Gangetic West Bengal, Odisha, Bihar and Jharkhand.

10. Weeks of relentless heatwave in India is getting worse. Within a span of five days, the deadly weather has claimed more than 30 lives in southern and eastern part of the country. Temperatures that are hotter than normal for April have caused 55 heat-related deaths in Odisha, around 45 in Andhra Pradesh and more than 60 in Telangana during this month.
 11. While schools have been shut in Odisha, Telangana and other parts of India where deadly heat refuses to abate, severe water shortage and drought-like conditions in parts of Maharashtra still persist. Heatwave continues to sweep many parts of India due to which the death toll has risen to 130 from 111 in a span of one week. Almost 100 people have died in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh due to heatwave conditions till now, while sunstroke has claimed 30 lives in Odisha. Central and Peninsular India continues to witness the hottest April as temperatures in parts of Maharashtra, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Rayalaseema and Telangana have remained beyond 40°C in last ten days. The temperature touched 44° Celsius in three Telangana districts on Thursday, a day after Hyderabad broke a 43-year record with mercury reaching the 43°C level. In Odisha, Cuttack, Khurda, Balasore and Titlargarh have been hit worst with the mercury hovering around 42 for past few days. Dry weather is likely to prevail parts of Central and East India due to which maximum temperature is likely to settle between 42 and 45 degrees Celsius.(Source: Internet)
 1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, select the most appropriate answer from the given options
 - i. Definition of a hot day in coastal station means
 - a. Temperature going above 40 degrees
 - b. Temperature around 40 degrees
 - c. Temperature rising 5 degrees above normal
 - d. Temperature falling 5 degrees below normal
 - ii. The death toll due to hot, dry weather in Southern and eastern parts has reached
 - a. 30
 - b. 60
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c. 55

d. 65

iii. Which month does the monsoon generally begin in, in major parts of India?

a. May

b. April

c. July

d. June

iv. Identify the incorrect statement in the context of the passage

a. In India heatwave occurs in patches

b. In India the heat wave is all pervasive and a major phenomenon

c. In India the heatwave is not prevalent in the interior parts of India

d. In India the heatwave is getting very harsh

v. The word patch in the passage means a.

a. A piece of land used for specific purpose.

b. A spread out area

c. A piece used to cover a hole

d. A piece used to strengthen a weak place

vi. The word phenomenon does not mean

a. Something remarkable

b. Something impressive

c. Something extraordinary

d. Something unexceptionable

2. Answer the following questions as briefly as possible

i. What is the pattern of heat wave in India?

ii. What are the two major effects of heat wave?

iii. Look at the table of temperatures in the passage and name the State which is reeling the most under severe heat conditions.

iv. Mention any two precautions you can take to avoid a sunstroke?

v. Find the word in the passage which means 'noticeable' (para 6)

vi. Find the word in the passage which means opposite of 'slightly' (para 7)

2. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:

i. Do I want fame like Shahrukh khans? Do I want success like Sachin Tendulkar's? Do I want beauty like Aishwariya Rai's? Do I want intelligence like Dr. Kalam's ? Do I want

compassion like Mother Teresa's? Do I want power and courage like Kiran Bedi? Do I want to be a good human being like my parents are? Or do I want to be just myself?

- ii. These are some questions that flit between our conscious mind. Such questions help us choose our ideal persona. The choice determines our oneness with that 'other', which we generally call role model. Although it has come to have a variety of connotations-from a source of inspiration to a social icon-the phrase quite literally means a model for a role, a person one can strive to emulate. For example Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam is more than a name- it is a symbol of dreaming big, realizing those dreams and inspiring others to do so. Dr. Kalam is not just a huge success-the son of a fishing boat owner went on to become a rocket scientist and then the president of India-but he also embodies the right values. In short, a role model in everyway.
 - iii. Children choose role models for themselves as early as the pre-school years, according to a theory of Dr. Amy Beth Taublieb, a clinical psychologist. The type of model changes with the development level of the child. It is the youth, with the unlimited possibilities of the future beyond them, who are influenced by the people that inspire them to fly high.
 - iv. Today's role models are associated with money, beauty and fame. Actors and rock stars have become the centre of attention as our heroes in the 21st century. But a good role model is someone we should want to be like because we see value in his or her actions.
 - v. The role models people choose reflect the type of values they have and the society they have and the society they will create,
 - vi. We often do not recognize our true role models until we have noticed our own personal growth. Thus, we need to keep the following points in mind before defining our source of inspiration:
 - vii. Choose someone who has a lot of confidence in himself herself and in his/her abilities. A good role model would be someone who knows who he or she is. You do not want role models who would pretend to be something they are not, and would fake a personality to suit others. Choose someone who thinks it is alright to be unique, even if that means facing some ridicule. They should make you feel good about being yourself; they should not make you compare yourself to them and wish you were prettier or richer.
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Choose someone who is kind and can communicate with people.

Look for someone who is living life the way you would like to. If you want to be a famous author, your role model could be someone who is a success at writing.

With these points plus our intuition or faith, we can create a picture of the ideal self that we really aspire to be. Then we just need to take one step forward to close the gap between the ideal self and the real self.

- a. On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it, using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations (wherever necessary-minimum 4) and a format you consider suitable. Also supply an appropriate title to it.
- b. Write a summary of the above passage in about 80 words.

Section: B (Writing)

3. You are Rohan Kapoor, the secretary of the Science Club of your school. Write a notice in not more than 50 words informing the students about the CW Raman National Science Exhibition to be held shortly in the school and requesting them to participate in it enthusiastically. Also inform them that outsiders, too, are welcome to this exhibition.

OR

You lost a library book in the school. Draft a suitable notice for the school notice board. Invent all necessary details about the book,

4. As Director of Wis Mehta & Company, 44 Main Road, Greater Kailash, Delhi, write a letter to a firm manufacturing computers enquiring about the features, process and terms of sale for their computers?

OR

You are Rajat Pathak, a Sports enthusiast. You are quite concerned about India's performance at the upcoming Olympics. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper expressing your views on the need to provide encouragement and adequate training to sports persons. Express the hope that relevant steps in this direction would help Indian sports persons to do well at the forthcoming Olympic Games.

5. Pawan Kumar, the head of a counselling centre, is quite disturbed about the general despondency and lack of direction students feel after the CBSE results. This is mainly due to academic, family and social pressures and expectations from the students. Pawan
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strongly feels the need to open guidance and counselling centres in all schools. He writes an article on the topic 'Guidance and Counselling- the Need of the Hour'. Write the article.

OR

As a student reporter of your school news-bulletin write a report in about 150-200 words on the Children's Day Celebration in the school.

GRAMMAR

6. Complete the following passage by filling in the blanks with correct form of verb, given in the brackets.

Games (i)-(make) the students physically strong and mentally well balanced. It has positive effect on the behavior also. A game should always be (ii)-(play) with sportsman spirit. In fact, work and play must (iii)-(go) hand in hand,

7. Do as directed.

- i. The head boy wrote a notice for notice board. (Change the voice)
- ii. The father and son had grown too distant to talk with each other. (Rewrite removing "too")
- iii. For further information, students contact the undersigned. (fill in suitable modal)
- iv. Teachers will come in Summer vacations to take extra classes. (Fill in suitable determiner)

8. Write the omitted/ erased/ missing word in the following paragraph which has not been edited. Insert a slash (/) where missing word needs to be used and write the missing word in the space provided.

	Example:Parents play important role	Play	an	important
1)	in personal and scholastic a)	.....	.....	.....
2)	achievement of children. Home (b)	.....	.....	.....
3)	is best place for education (c)	.....	.....	.....
4)	and first school of the child, (d)	.....	.....	.....
5)	So the parents attend PTMs (e)	.....	.....	.....
6)	of their ward without fail. (f)			

Section: C (Literature)
Text Books and Long Reading Texts

10. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow

Yet have I killed

The seed I spent or sown it where The land is his and none of mine? We speak like strangers, there's no sign of understanding in the air-

- a. Who does I stand for?
- b. What do the words 'seed' and 'land' stand for?
- c. Why do they speak like strangers?

OR

Now she's been dead nearly as many years

As that girl lived. And of this circumstance

There is nothing to say at all.

- a. What do you think was the age of that girl in the photograph?
- b. What does the word 'circumstance' mean in the poem?
- c. How has this circumstance affected the speaker?

11. Answer any three of the following questions in about 30 to 40 words.

- a. Why would the mother laugh at the snapshot?
- b. Why did Grandmother disapprove of the things taught at the English school?
- c. What are Mayday calls? Why was the boat getting no replies, to its Mayday calls?
- d. Why did the author resolve to forget the address?
- e. Why did Mr. Koch give Albert a glowing reference'?

12. How has the growth of world population become the strongest factor in distorting the future of human beings? What does the author suggest in this regard?

OR

The grandmother is a silent voice in the story. However, her actions reveal her personality. Draw a character sketch of Grandmother citing examples from the text.

13. Attempt the following questions in about 120-150 words.

- a. What attempts were made by the Ghost to frighten the Otis family and what was the outcome each time?
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- b. What forced Washington to open the night school? What were the rules and why did he call his night students Plucky class?

Answer in about 120 to 150 words:

- a. Compare and contrast the characters of Mr. Otis and Lord Canterville.

OR

- b. What were the qualities of General Armstrong that made him the beloved of all the people-whites and colored?