

CBSE Board
Class X Summative Assessment – II
English (Language and Literature)
Board Question Paper 2012 – Set 1 Solution

SECTION A
(Reading)

1. (a) – ii
(b) – iii
(c) – iii
(d) – ii
(e) – iv
2. (a) – i
(b) – i
(c) – iii/ii
(d) – i
(e) – iii
3. (a) In the eyes of the boy, his father and he were poor.
(b) The author's purpose in the passage is to show that a person's prosperity depends on the way he looks at things.
(c) The father took his son on a trip to the country because he wanted to show his son how poor people can be.
(d) The boy's father was speechless because the boy showed him that wealth does not make a person rich or poor, ones way of thinking does. The boy's views of poverty contrasted with his own.
(e) The word in the passage which means the same as 'a short journey' is 'trip'.

SECTION B
(Writing)

4.

Pranav/Priya
B-3/232, Sector 13
Dwarka, N. Delhi

To
Mr Gupta
450, Sector 20
Chandigarh

Subject: Request for repairs

Dear Sir,

Since the onset of the rainy season, I have started facing many problems owing to leakage in the house. The roof of the house is leaking in the balcony area. The leakage is peeling off the paint of the house making the whole place look very shabby. The water seeping through the walls is spoiling the wooden furniture. In addition, the constant dampness is causing health problems. There are also some loose electric wires which are causing short circuits. The voltage keeps fluctuating, and I have had to get it temporary repairs done as I was not able to contact you.

Kindly send someone to do the necessary repair work at the earliest.

Thanking you,

Yours truly,
Pranav/Priya

OR

Diwaker/Devika
A-10, Green Park
N. Delhi

Dear Rupali,

I attended Ashwathi's wedding last Wednesday. Both she and I missed you a lot at the wedding. The ceremony was very grand. Had you been there, you could have enjoyed a lot.

There were over a thousand guests and each was well attended. She received many expensive gifts from her family as well as from the business associates of her father. The banquet was scrumptious, and the entire hall was done up in a traditional style. Ashwathi was very tired by the time the rituals ended; nevertheless, her joy knew no bounds when she saw me and the rest of our gang.

She graciously received the greetings of all the guests. The wedding went on till late in the evening. It was a great day, but you were missed by all. I hope to see you soon and share more details in person. Till then I remain

Yours truly,
Diwaker/Devika

5. Statistics over the past few years have shown that there has been a major influx of people migrating from villages to cities. Many people migrate to cities for employment. It is an established belief that cities offer better-paying jobs than villages. The truth of the above statement can be contested as job opportunities and amenities are limited. The influx therefore puts pressure on these limited resources. People also move to cities hoping to elevate their standard of living not realising that in places where income is high, expenses are even higher. The only solution to this problem is making jobs available to people in their villages itself. This can be achieved if companies invest in rural areas, thereby creating employment opportunities.

OR

Books are Our Best Friends

Good friends are dependable and unconditional when it comes to love. If so, aren't books our greatest friends? They offer us a treasure house of knowledge without asking for anything in return. Unlike fair weathered friends who only stick around during the good times, books give us their company at all times. Books help us experience things which we would never have had we been stuck in our daily routines. They transform us through the knowledge they give us. We learn about culture, science, literature and the cosmos. Books teach us values; they expose us to different sensibilities and make us more tolerant. Books give us pleasure, but they also give us knowledge. They are the easiest escape routes from boredom. They keep us entertained and busy at the same time, just like a true friend.

6.

Explosion in Bus to Uttam Nagar

Pawan/Preeti

25th August 2012

An explosion in a bus on its way to Uttam Nagar claimed the lives of two and injured 25 others in New Delhi. The incident occurred during the peak hours on 21st August 2014. The blast occurred at the rear end of bus number 5 just half an hour after leaving the depot. Men, women and children alike were injured in the explosion. The casualties were immediately taken to Raj Narayan Hospital. Investigations have begun to track the culprits behind the explosion.

OR

A young boy was travelling by a train one day. He had a big brown briefcase containing a huge sum of money. He casually began talking to a fellow traveller in the train. After a while, the train stopped at a certain station. The boy with the brown bag, who had by now befriended a fellow traveller, wanted to have some snacks. He left his bag of money with the other man and went out for a while. When he returned, he was shocked to see that his bag of money was missing and also the man in whose custody he left it.

SECTION C
(Grammar)

7. (a) – i
(b) – iii
(c) – ii
(d) – iv
(e) – ii
(f) – i

8. (a) – iii
(b) – iv
(c) – i

9.

Master Chandgi Ram's daughter, Deepika Kalirama

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| have | e.g. have | has |
| set up <u>the</u> wrestling centre | (a) the a | |
| <u>of</u> girls in village Poochanpur, Dwarka. | (b) of | for |
| Deepika is <u>an</u> eldest daughter of | (c) an | the |
| <u>a</u> wrestling guru Chandgi Ram. | (d) a | the |
| After the guru passed <u>on</u> a year ago, | (e) on | away |
| Deepika took it upon <u>himself</u> to carry on | (f) himself | herself |
| the legacy of her father. | | |

10.(a) Sculpture and painting form an essential part of temple architecture.

(b) Konark Temple is situated in the north eastern part of Puri.

(c) The temple is in the form of a chariot.

11. Marie asked her son Tony (a) whether he saw her umbrella and she wanted to know whether it was a fine one. Tony agreed and asked his mother (b) if she bought it from the mall. His mother replied in the negative and added that (c) Tony's father had bought it for her.

SECTION D
(Literature/Textbooks)

12. (a)

- i. Buddha gave this sermon to Kisa Gotami to make her understand the inevitability of death as she was lamenting the death of her son.
- ii. Buddha conveyed to Gotami that the life of mortals in this world is brief. It has to see its end and no one can stop it, nor can anyone affect a dead person by his or her lamentation.
- iii. We can obtain peace only when we completely give up all lamentations, complaints and grief from our lives.
- iv. The word 'grief' means the same as 'affected by suffering or pain'.

(b)

- i. Mij tore the inner lining of the box to shreds.
- ii. Mij was whimpering as he was exhausted and he emerged from the box blood-spattered.
- iii. The airport was five miles away, and there was only ten minutes left for his flight to take off. Therefore, the author was in a hurry to get to the airport.
- iv. The word which means the same as 'worn out' is 'exhausted'.

13. (A)

- (a) – i
(b) – iii
(c) – i

OR

(B)

- (a) – iv
(b) – iii
(c) – ii

OR

(C)

- (a) – i
(b) – ii
(c) – iv

14.

- (a) After Kisa Gotami's only son died, she was devastated. All she wished was for him to be alive again. She carried him to all the houses in her neighbourhood hoping that someone would give her some medicine which would bring her dead son back to life.
- (b) The bakers are a part of the Goan culture. They play an essential part in all festivals and occasions. Marriage gifts are meaningless if they do not contain 'bol' a kind of sweet bread. Apart from bread, the baker also brings cakes and bolinhas which are a must during festivals such as Christmas.
- (c) Lomov believes that it is silly wasting time waiting for true love. He has reached the critical age of thirty-five and has all kinds of medical problems. He feels content that Natalia is well educated, not bad looking and an excellent housekeeper. Being neighbours for ages, he thinks she is suitable for being his wife.
- (d) Mijbil was an otter who, like all otters, loves water. When Maxwell took Mijbil to the bathroom, he jumped into the tub at once and played in the water for almost half an hour splashing water everywhere. Two days later, Mijbil went into the bathroom all alone and climbed into the bath tub. After trying for a while, he managed to turn on the tap at full speed.

15. Natalya was a beautiful young daughter of the farmer Stepan Tschubukov. She was an excellent house keeper, but she was also very temperamental. She could be jovial and welcoming at one instance and be arrogant and stubborn at another. She was possessive and egoistic like her father. She believed that her family was superior to the others as far as their social standing was concerned. She did not let Lomov speak any further once he mentioned the meadow. The disagreement on this matter only ended in a heated argument.

OR

16. Richard Ebright used to avidly collect butterflies. At the age of two, having collected twenty five in all, he thought that he had all the species of butterflies. But when he read the book 'the Travels of Monarch X' he came to realise that butterflies could migrate and were present all over the world. His enthusiasm was thus rekindled. He also contributed to the research conducted on the subject. He thus came to realise that there is no end to the possibilities in the world of science.

OR

Bholi the simpleton was sent to school by her father Ramlal much like how he sent away the cow Lakshmi who was of no use to him. Ramlal believed that sending Bholi to school will relieve him of her burden. Under the loving tutelage of the school teacher, Bholi learnt to build confidence and knowledge. Bholi surprised everyone by standing up to the man who asked for a bigger compensation to marry her. She asserted her individuality by saying that she would spend her life teaching others and serving her parents rather than marrying someone who did not love her.

17.

- (a) When 22, Richard Ebright and his classmate's theory on how cells work was published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Science. It was the first time that the magazine had published the work of college students.
- (b) The lawyer initially was impressed by Oliver Lutkins' honesty and helpfulness. He had won the lawyer's trust by posing as Bill and by offering to help him find Lutkins. He charged the lawyer for every service he rendered. Soon, he came to know about Lutkins' con, but it was too late. He realised Bill was not the honest person he had perceived him to be; in fact, he was an imposter.
- (c) Being the Numberdar, Ramlal was to set an example to the villagers by sending his daughters to school. He was hesitant to send his other daughters because educating them might affect their chances of getting married. He knew that no man would want to marry Bholi as she was unintelligent and unattractive. Furthermore, he knew that with Bholi at school, the family did not have to bother about her; the school authorities would be responsible for her.