

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

Time: 3 hrs

Max. Marks: 80

Note:

- Please check that this question paper contains **15** printed pages.
- Code number given on the right-hand side of the question paper should be written on the title page of the answer-book by the candidate.
- Please check that this question paper contains **17** questions.
- **Please write the Serial Number of the question before attempting it.**
- 15 minutes time has been allotted to read this question paper. The question paper will be distributed at 10.15 a.m. From 10.15 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., the students will read the question paper only and will not write any answer on the answer-script during this period.

General Instructions:

The question paper is divided into four sections:

Section A – Reading

15 Marks

Section B – Writing

15 Marks

Section C – Grammar

15 Marks

Section D – Literature /Textbooks

35 Marks

1. *All questions are compulsory.*
2. *Marks are indicated against each question.*

1. Read the passage given below and complete the statements that follow by choosing the most appropriate options.

$$1 \times 5 = 5$$

My peers always thought of me as a dull boy when I was in school and my teachers never thought differently. That was because I was indeed a dull boy. I was a backbencher, after all. I could never have been a frontbencher for obvious reasons. I had a persistent paranoia of being under the watchful eye of the teacher. It used to make me self-conscious and I hated being under supervision right from childhood. I wanted to be my own boss.

I have no regrets about having been a backbencher. It is true that I used to occupy one of the seats in the last row of the class but that does not mean that I did not listen to the teacher or that I cheated on homework.

In England, there used to be a dunce's corner for students who were slow learners. A student in the dunce's corner was supposed to be the rough equivalent of a backbencher in our country. Some eminent personalities from whom teachers didn't have very high expectations early on in life included the inventor Thomas Alva Edison as well as entrepreneurs Steve Jobs and Bill Gates. I feel honoured to be in their country!

There are others, of course, who prefer to make funny sounds, complete pending homework and throw chalks at other students – all sitting on those 'privileged seats'.

Believe me, it feels great! Because you not only learn whatever is taught but also get a back-view of everything that happens in class.

- (a) The paragraph describes _____.
- i. the simple joys of the frontbenchers
 - ii. the simple joys of the backbenchers
 - iii. the regrets of the author
 - iv. the achievement of the author
- (b) The backbencher is considered a _____.
- i. popular student
 - ii. bright student
 - iii. dull student
 - iv. teacher's favourite
- (c) The backbenchers feel great because he/she _____.
- i. can complete pending homework
 - ii. can make funny sounds
 - iii. can have a back-eye-view of everything that happens in the class
 - iv. gets an opportunity to eat snacks in between

(d) The expression 'privileged seats' refers to _____.

- i. seats reserved for teachers' favourite students
- ii. the last seats meant for the dull students
- iii. seats for eminent persons like Bill Gates and Edison
- iv. frontbenchers

(e) The author preferred to sit in the last row because _____.

- i. he was afraid of his teachers
- ii. he always cheated on his homework
- iii. he wanted to listen carefully what was being thought in the class
- iv. he hated to be under the watchful eye of the teacher

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

$$1 \times 5 = 5$$

Where the mind is without fear and the land is held high;

Where knowledge is free;

Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls;

Where words come out from the depth of truth;

Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection;

Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary
desert sand of dead habit;

Where the mind is led forward by thee into ever-widening thought and action –

Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.

(*Rabindranath Tagore*)

(a) The poem talks about a place where _____.

- i. there is peace and harmony
- ii. people live in fear
- iii. people fight with one another
- iv. there is no freedom

(b) 'Knowledge is free' means _____.

- i. education for all
- ii. education free of cost
- iii. education for the rich
- iv. education for the poor

(c) The phrase 'narrow domestic walls' refers to _____.

- i. houses with narrow walls
- ii. divisions of the world
- iii. country divided on the lines of caste and religion
- iv. thin walls of a house

(d) The people of this country could be guided by _____.

- i. logic
- ii. traditions
- iii. habits
- iv. customs

(e) Who is being addressed in this poem?

- i. People
- ii. Poet
- iii. God
- iv. Country

3. Read the poem given below.

$$1 \times 5 = 5$$

One day a rich father took his young son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose to show him how poor people can be. They spent a day and a night in the farm of a poor family. When they got back from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?" "Very good Dad!" "Did you see how poor people can be?" The father asked. "Yeah!" "And what did you learn?"

The son answered, "I saw that we have a dog at home, and they have four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of the garden; they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lamps in the garden; they have the stars. Our patio reaches to the front yard; they have a whole horizon."

When the little boy was finishing, his father was speechless.

His son added, "Thanks Dad for showing me how poor we are!"

Isn't it true that it all depends on the way you look at things? If you have love, friends, family, health, good humour and a positive attitude towards life, you've got everything!

You can't buy any of these things. You can have all the material possessions you can imagine, but if you are poor of spirit, you have nothing!

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

(a) In the eyes of the boy, _____ were poor.

(b) The author's purpose in the passage is to show that _____.

(c) The father took his son on a trip to the country because _____.

(d) The boy's father was speechless because _____.

(e) The word in the passage which means the same as 'a short journey' is _____.

SECTION B
(Writing)

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4. You are Pranav/Priya, a resident of B-3/232, Sector 13, Dwarka, N. Delhi, living in a rented house. The rainy season has set in. The house needs urgent repairs. Write a letter, in about 100 words, to your landlord living at 450, Sector 20, Chandigarh, asking him to undertake the repair work immediately.

(Hints: leaking roof, loose electrical fittings, paint and polish)

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OR

You are Diwaker/Devika living at A-10, Green Park, N. Delhi. Write a letter to a friend in about 100 words, telling him/her about the interesting things you have noticed at the wedding reception of the sister of one of your friends at Chandigarh.

5. There is a massive influx of people into the metropolitan cities from the villages and the small towns of the country. It is giving rise to slums and also causing pressure on civic amenities. Write an article in about 120 words expressing your opinion on why this influx is taking place and how this problem can be solved. You are Shreyas/Shruti. You can use the hints given below.

(Hints: coming for jobs – live in slums, pressure on transport, accommodation, schools etc. – needs planning – job opportunities in villages and towns to be created)

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OR

You are Rohan/Ritu, a student of Class Xth of Sarvodya Senior Secondary School, Janakpuri, N. Delhi. Your school is holding an inter-house declamation contest in about 120 words. You can use the hints given below.

(Hints: books enlighten, cheer, encourage, break loneliness, never leave in need, a welcome escape from boredom)

6. You are Pawan/Preeti, a young reporter of the Daily Times, N. Delhi. Recently, you witnessed an explosion in a bus killing 2 and injuring 25. Being an eye witness, write a report, in about 80 words, for your newspaper giving heading, date, bus number, persons killed, injured and saved.

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OR

Develop the following outline into a story in about 80 words.

A young boy travelling by a train has a briefcase containing a lot of money befriends a fellow traveller train stops boy goes out to buy snacks returns briefcase gone.

SECTION C
(Grammar)

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7. Complete the following passage by choosing the appropriate words from the given options.

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$$

The tiny sand fly (a) _____ the deadly Kala Azar, a parasitic disease. This disease (b) _____ hundreds every year and can also (c) _____ death. It (d) _____ now to be made part of school textbooks in Bihar (e) _____ awareness about the fly. The Bihar Government (f) _____ to introduce a new chapter on it from next year.

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|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| (a) (i) causes | (ii) caused | (iii) will cause | (iv) causing |
| (b) (i) affect | (ii) affected | (iii) affects | (iv) is affected |
| (c) (i) will cause | (ii) cause | (iii) has caused | (iv) to cause |
| (d) (i) was | (ii) has | (iii) has | (iv) is |
| (e) (i) can create | (ii) to create | (iii) has created | (iv) created |
| (f) (i) has decided | (ii) will decide | (iii) decided | (iv) had decided |

8. Given below are the notes taken by a reporter regarding the Health Check-up Camp organised at DAV School premises recently. Study the given notes and complete the following paragraph by filling in the spaces from the given options.

$$1 \times 3 = 3$$

- General physicians and specialists from Escorts Hospital carried out a health check-up for general health, E.N.T., blood pressure, blood sugar
- Organised an interactive session on heart problems for the senior citizens
- Lecture on 'Yoga tips for good health' – a huge success

Health check-up for general health, E.N.T., blood sugar and blood pressure (a) _____ by general physicians and specialists from Escorts Hospital. An interactive session on heart problems (b) _____ for senior citizens. Lecture on Yoga tips for good health (c) _____ a huge success.

(a)

- is carried out
- has carried out
- was carried out
- has been carried out

(b)

- has organised
- organised
- was being organised
- was organised

(c)

- i. was
- ii. has been
- iii. can
- iv. has

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. $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$

Master Chandgi Ram's daughter, Deepika Kaliraman have	e.g. have	has
set up the wrestling centre	(a) _____	_____
of girls in village Poochanpur, Dwarka.	(b) _____	_____
Deepika is an eldest daughter of	(c) _____	_____
a wrestling guru, Chandgi Ram.	(d) _____	_____
After the guru passed on a year ago,	(e) _____	_____
Deepika took it upon himself to carry on	(f) _____	_____
the legacy of her father.		

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

For example:

are / Indian temples / store-house / a / Indian art / of
Indian temples are a store-house of Indian art.

- (a) the temple architecture / form an / sculpture and painting / of / essential part
- (b) is / situated in / Konark Temple / north-eastern part of Puri / the
- (c) of a chariot / the temple / in the form / is

11. Read the following dialogue between a mother and her son. Complete the paragraph that follows by filling in the gaps appropriately. $1 \times 3 = 3$

Marie: Did you see my new umbrella? Isn't it fine?

Tony: Yes, it is! Did you buy it from the mall?

Marie: No, your father has bought it for me.

Marie asked her son Tony (a) _____ and she wanted to know whether it was a fine one. Tony agreed and asked his mother (b) _____. His mother replied in the negative and added that (c) _____.

SECTION D
(Literature/Textbooks)

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- 12. (a)** Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

$1 \times 4 = 4$

So, the world is afflicted with death and decay; therefore, the wise do not grieve, knowing the terms of the world.

“Not from weeping nor from grieving will anyone obtain peace of mind; on the contrary, his pain will be the greater and his body will suffer. He will make himself sick and pale, yet the dead are not saved by his lamentation. He who seeks peace should draw out the arrow of lamentation, and complaint, and grief.”

- i. Why did Buddha give this sermon to Kisa Gotami?
- ii. What fact of life did Buddha convey to Gotami in this sermon?
- iii. How can one obtain peace?
- iv. Which word in the passage means the same as ‘affected by suffering or pain’?

- (b)** Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

$1 \times 4 = 4$

I whipped off the lock and tore open the lid, and Mij, exhausted and blood-spattered, whimpered and caught at my leg. He had torn the lining of the box to shreds; when I removed the last of it so there were no cutting edges left, it was just ten minutes until the time of the flight, and the airport was five miles distant. I put the miserable Mij back into the box, holding down the lid with my hand.

- i. What did Mij do to the box?
- ii. What was Mij’s condition when he emerged from the box?
- iii. Why was the author in a hurry to reach the airport?
- iv. Find the word in the passage which means the same as ‘worn out’.

- 13.** Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate options. Do any two extracts.

$3 \times 2 = 6$

- (A)** So, that show their relations to me and I accept them, They bring me tokens of myself, they evince them plainly in their possession.

- (a)** The speaker accepts that _____.

- i. animals are better than men
- ii. animal are his best friends
- iii. there is a close relation between man and animal
- iv. all of the above

- (b)** By ‘tokens of myself’ the speaker means _____.

- i. animals are like men
- ii. coins dropped by the speaker
- iii. they remind him of the basic values of the human beings
- iv. the marks of animal’s goodness

- (c) Animals have _____ the 'tokens' dropped by man.
- i. retained and preserved
 - ii. searched
 - iii. robbed
 - iv. lost

(B) "I heard an old religious man
But yesternight declare
That he found a text a text to prove
That only God, my dear,
Could love you for yourself alone
And not your yellow hair."

- (a) The speaker prove his stand by quoting _____.
- i. religious preaching
 - ii. an old religious man
 - iii. an old religious text
 - iv. both (ii) and (iii)

- (b) The speaker wants to convince the listener that the young lover loves her for her _____.
- i. intelligence
 - ii. youth
 - iii. physical beauty
 - iv. qualities

- (c) According to the text, _____ can love people for themselves.
- i. a true lover
 - ii. only God
 - iii. an old man
 - iv. an old religious man

(C) The fog comes
on little cat feet.
It sits looking
over harbour and city
on silent haunches

(a) The poet compares the fog with _____.

- i. a little cat
- ii. haunches
- iii. feet of the little cat
- iv. city

(b) 'It sits looking'. 'It' here refers to _____.

- i. harbour
- ii. fog
- iii. cat
- iv. wind

(c) The figure of speech used by the poet is _____.

- i. simile
- ii. alliteration
- iii. metaphor
- iv. personification

14. Answer any three of the following questions in 40–50 words each.

2 × 3 = 6

- (a) After her son's death, why does Kisa Gotami go from house to house?
- (b) How is the Goan baker still an important part of the life of a Goan village?
- (c) Why does Lomov wish to propose to Natalya?
- (d) What happened when Maxwell took Mijbil to the bathroom?
What happened two days after?

15. Answer the following question in about 80 words.

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What type of person is Natalya? Give two examples to show her quarrelsome nature.

OR

What are the various legends about the origin of tea?

16. Answer the following question in about 80 words.

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How did a book become a turning point in Richard Ebricht's life?

OR

How was Bholi 'like a dumb cow'? How did she become a confident person?

17. Answer any **two** of the following questions in 40–50 words each.

$3 \times 2 = 6$

- (a) Mention any two of Ebright's contributions to the world of Science.
- (b) What was the lawyer's first impression of Lutkins? Why did he change his opinion about him later on?
- (c) For what unusual reasons did Ramlal send Bholi to school?