

CLASS X SAMPLE PAPER ENGLISH

General instructions

1. This paper consists of four sections

Section A Reading -20marks

Section B Writing -30marks

Section C Grammar -20marks

Section D Literature -30marks

2. Attempt all questions

3. Do not write anything in the question paper

4. All answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the same order as in the answer sheet provided to you

5. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions

6. Strictly adhere to word limit given with each question

Section A(Reading)

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by writing the options that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet. **(5 Marks)**

Imagine 100 people walking on a beach in the middle of the night, stopping every once in a while to search for turtle eggs and hatchlings! I was a part of this walk recently in the heart of Chennai in Tamil Nadu! Our aim was to take them to the safety of a „hatchery“.

As we trudged along the beach, we came across the tractor-like tracks of a turtle that must have come ashore to lay her eggs. The tracks are unmistakable. These are caused by the feet and back flippers of the turtle as it drags itself across the sand. But try as we might, we could not locate the nest that the turtle must have dug to drop its eggs. An hour later, we came across another set of tracks, and this time located the nest.

As our expert guides dug, a wave of excitement went through the group...one by one, turtle hatchlings emerged from the hole. They began walking and we guided them to the sea so they could swim off. We found and released 87!

This night exercise has been a part of the unique “turtle walk” organized by conservationists in Chennai for the last 20 years! Every year when the nesting season of the Olive Ridley turtles comes around, people gather to patrol the beach every night. They ensure that no one digs up the eggs or hatchlings to eat them, and when they find eggs, they transfer them to a safe enclosed hatchery.

Why do they need to do this? Because the Chennai beach is visited by thousands of people, and by dogs, and the turtles could easily be disturbed or dug up.

Another threat faced by the hatchling is the lighting across the beach. When they emerge from the nest, these turtles look for the brightest part of the horizon and head there. In natural conditions, this would be the sea. In Chennai, however, it is now brighter inland than at the sea! Chennai’s turtle volunteers spend hours every night to ensure that this does not happen.

1. The Olive Ridley turtles come ashore

- (a) to lay eggs in nests
- (b) to enjoy the sand on the shore
- (c) to save themselves from bigger sea animals
- (d) to take rest

2. The author and others were looking for turtle eggs to

- (a) dig up the eggs and to eat them
- (b) keep them in show cases
- (c) transfer them to a safe enclosed hatchery
- (d) transfer them to a safe cage

3. Turtle eggs and hatchlings are in danger of

- (a) being dug up and eaten by people and dogs
- (b) being destroyed by children
- (c) being disturbed by bright light
- (d) being crushed by walkers on the beach

4. The hatchlings do not head towards the sea on their own because

- (a) they are too young to know the direction
- (b) they are attracted towards the bright lights inland
- (c) they are afraid of going to the sea
- (d) the sea waves are very strong

5. the word in the passage which means the same as “people engaged in protection of valued resources” is

- a. guides
- b. conservationists
- c. volunteers

d. flippers

2. Read the following passage and write the options that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet. **(5 Marks)**

Ever wondered about those tall structures that are landmarks along every shore all over the world? Lighthouses. We see them in pictures and in movies and along every seashore. Tall, stately structures looking out to sea, warning the incoming ships of approaching land. Did you know what served as a lighthouse in the early years? The locals from the area would light a fire at a height to warn boats of any impending dangers like rocks or even land. The early constructors of lighthouse included the Greeks, Romans and Phoenicians.

How do you think these lighthouses showed the way to incoming ships? Those were the days when technology had not taken over the world. The lighthouses used lamps to guide the ships. However, these lamps could throw light only as far as a few miles into the sea. It was only much later that mirrors, prisms, electricity and the automatic working of a lighthouse came to be. It is indeed amazing what these stately structures out in lonely locations across the world mean to the sailors as they near land after days out at sea.

Did you know that the Lighthouse of Alexandria is one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World? It was located on the island of Pharos in Egypt and it was built in 290 BC. The lighthouse used fire at night and reflected the sunrays during the day to warn sailors of land. This monument is a legacy in the world today although it was destroyed by several earthquakes that hit it in the 1300s.

Today, in its place stands a fort built in 1480 using the marble and stones from the lighthouse, a breathtaking structure that came down ravaged by nature.

1. Lighthouses are built

- (a) to show direction to the ships
- (b) to warn the ships of approaching land or rocks
- (c) to show technological development
- (d) to keep a check on the ships at the sea

2. Lighthouses used only fire in the early years because

- (a) electricity was yet to be discovered

- (b) technology was not used
- (c) automatic lighthouses had stopped working
- (d) sailors wanted only fire to be used

3. The fort built in 1480 is unique because

- (a) it is a legacy in the world today
- (b) it was destroyed by several earthquakes
- (c) it is a breathtaking structure savaged by nature
- (d) it was built with the marble and stones from the destroyed lighthouse

4. The lighthouse of Alexandria

- (a) is located on the island of Pharos in Egypt
- (b) was destroyed in the 1300's
- (c) helps sailors today
- (d) used electricity at night

5. An important building/ structure that is easy to recognize is called a

- (a) stately structure (b) tall structure
- (b) beacon (d) landmark

3. Read the poem given below and answer the questions by writing the options that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet. **(5 marks)**

In London Town
It was a bird of paradise

Over the roofs he flew
 Children clapped their hands and cried: "How nice!
 Look- his wings are blue!"
 His body was of ruby red
 His eyes were burning gold
 All the grown-up people said
 "What a pity the creature is not dead,
 For then it could be sold"
 One was braver than the rest,
 He took a loaded gun
 Aiming at the emerald chest
 He shot the creature through the breast,
 Down it fell in the sun. It was not heavy, it was not fat
 And folk began to stare
 "We cannot eat it, that is flat!
 And such outlandish feathers as that
 Why, who could ever wear?"
 They flung it in to the river brown
 "A pity the creature died!"
 Thus they said in London town
 But all the children cried.

1) "Children clapped and cried" shows that

- (a) they were celebrating (b) they were happy and excited
- (c) they were very sad and emotional (d) they were shouting at each other

2) The grown ups were materialistic as

- (a) they wanted to eat the bird and sell its feathers
- (b) they wanted to throw the bird into the river
- (c) they wanted to sell the bird for a huge sum
- (d) they wanted to kill the bird to save their town

3) The adults do not have

- (a) the innocence of children (b) the wealth of the world
- (c) peace of mind (d) cruel feelings

4) The children were different from the grown ups as the children

- (a) were kind and liked the bird just as it was
- (b) they liked the bird for its colourful feathers
- (c) wept when the bird died
- (d) they stared at the outlandish bird in distaste

5) The word „outlandish" here means

- (a) Out of land (b) Unusual and strange

(c) Ordinary (d) Colourful

4. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: **(5marks)**

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

One cannot be truly human and civilized unless one looks upon not only all fellow-men but all creation with the eye of a friend. Throughout India, edicts carved on rocks and iron pillars are reminders that 22 centuries ago, emperor Ashoka defined the king's duty as not merely to protect citizens and punish wrong doers but also to preserve animals life and forest trees. Ashoka was the first and perhaps the only monarch until very recently to forbid the killing of a large number of species of animals for sport or food. He went further, regretting the carnage of his military conquests and enjoining upon his successors to find "their only pleasure in the peace that comes through righteousness. "

Along with the rest of man kind, we in India-in spite of Ashoka - have been guilty of wanton disregard for the sources of our sustenance. Though there is a concert at the rapid deterioration of flora and fauna, some of the wildlife has been wiped out, miles of forest's with beautiful old trees, mute witness of history have been destroyed. Even though India's industrial development is at its infancy, and it's most difficult the worked we inhabit is divided. On the one hand the rich are critical of the continuing poverty, on the other they warn against their own methods.

There is no wish to impoverish the environment any further and yet, for a moment, it is difficult to forget the grim poverty of a large number of people are not then poverty and need Peer group is a source of affection, sympathy and understanding.

the greatest polluters? The environment cannot be improved in conditions of poverty. Nor can poverty be eradicated without the use of science and technology.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, complete the statements that follow (5 Marks) Write the answers in your answer sheets against correct blank number.

- (a) A person can be considered truly human and civilized only when _____
- (b) According to Ashoka, the duty of a king is to _____
- (c) Ashoka has the unique distinction of and _____
- (d) _____
- (e) Ashoka urged his successors to find pleasure _____

WRITING - SECTION B (30MARKS)

5. Read the given hints and give the biographical sketch of Prof. Wangari Mathaai. Nobel Laureate and founder of the Green Belt Movement, Prof. Wangari Mathaai how her tree

planting initiative has helped stop the desertification of Africa and also empowered poor women across the continent. (5 marks)

Wangaari Mathaai was

1. Born on April 1, 1940 in the village Nyeri District of Kenya
2. First woman in East and Central Africa to earn a doctorate. Studied in Mount St. Scholastica College and the University of Pittsburgh, the United States as well as the University of Nairobi in Kenya
3. The first African woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize for “her contribution to sustainable development, democracy and peace” in 2004
4. An elected member of Parliament; served as Assistant Minister for Environment and Natural Resources between January 2003 and November 2005

6. Given below is an extract from an article in ‘The Newweek’: (5 marks)

‘For years , I ate fast food because it was efficient and cheap. I had no idea I could be damaging my health’ says Ceasar Barbar, 56 a maintenance worker with heart disease.

Write a short composition for the same.

7. Write a letter to the editor of the newspaper on the health hazards caused by junk food using your own ideas and ideas from the unit on ‘Health and Medicine’. Your answer should be in about 150 words. You are a voracious reader you don’t like your friends wasting time by talking over mobiles, playing computer games and wasting time in other ways so write an article for the school magazine highlighting the **importance of reading**. (10 marks)

8. You come across a news on Beauty pageants and wonder whether beauty pageants have anything to convey to the world apart from exhibition of physical beauty, you decide to have a class debate on the same. Write your views for or against the motion Beauty pageants are only a show case of beauty. Write out your speech in not more than 200 words. (10 Marks)

GRAMMAR - SECTION C (20MARKS)

9. Edit the passage. (4 Marks)

Orange is a festival colour. It releases emotions (a) ____ and alleviates feelings for self pity. It stimulates (b) ____ the mind and renews an interest in life. It is (c) ____ a color of health and strength. It can be scarce, (d) ____ but it is precious for its serves the needs of human (e) ____ life and carry the more important vitamins. Think of (f) ____ carrots, pumpkins, orange and mangoes etc. (g) ____ It doesn't hang around all the time, but when it do, (h) ____ it fills the sky with its striking hue.

Answer option are :-

(a) (i) festival (ii) festivals (iii) festivity (iv) festive

(b) (i) for (ii) of (iii) from (iv) off

(c) (i) an (ii) a (iii) the (iv) this

(d) (i) can (ii) will (iii) should (iv) may

(e) (i) its (ii) his (iii) they (iv) it

(f) (i) more (ii) some (iii) most (iv) any

(g) (i) orange (ii) oranges (iii) Orange (iv) orange's

(h) (i) do (ii) did (iii) does (iv) done

10. In the following passage one word has been omitted from each line. Write the missing words. (4 Marks)

Working women / more likely to write (1) are long emails / express support and are (a) ____ emotive, while men prefer / stick to the (b) ____ point with precise orders, says / new book. (c) ____ Authored / Claire Damken Brown examines (d) ____ different email styles adopted by men / (e) ____ women in / workplace. Women get accused (f) ____ of being emotional. On the other /, men (g) ____ will act / a more challenging manner, playing (h) ____

devil's advocate in tense situations.

Answer option are :-

- (a) (i) that (ii) these (iii) the (iv) this
- (b) (i) of (ii) to (iii) from (iv) for
- (c) (i) a (ii) this (iii) an (iv) the
- (d) (i) by (ii) for (iii) from (iv) with
- (e) (i) or (ii) and (iii) but (iv) that
- (f) (i) that (ii) those (iii) the (iv) this
- (g) (i) angle (ii) place (iii) space (iv) hand
- (h) (i) on (ii) at (iii) in (iv) for

11. Look at the newspaper items given below. Use the information in the headlines to complete the paragraphs. (4 Marks)

a) News Headlines : **SAMSUNG LAUNCHES SOLAR POWERED PHONE**

NOIDA, June 11: Leading mobile handset manufacturer (a) _____ a low-cost solar-powered mobile phone today in a grand function at Pragati Maidan, and said it was planning to introduce about 20 more models by year-end.

b) News Headlines : **INDIA CHINA PLAN TO SIGN PACT ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

NEW DELHI: Reiterating that the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, a Memorandum of Agreement to establish a partnership in the area for practical cooperation (b) _____ on next Monday.

c) News Headlines : **RURAL STINT TO FETCH DOCTORS DOUBLE PAY**

NEW DELHI, Sept 17: Doctors who opt to work in rural areas will be duly compensated and (c) _____ of what their urban counterparts, during their rural stint, announces health minister Ghulam Nabi Azad on Thursday.

d) News Headlines : **CHINA'S OPPOSITION TO DALAI LAMA'S VISIT**

Oct. 23: The Dalai Lama, the supreme spiritual leader of the Buddhists, will visit Arunachal Pradesh for seven days from November 8, though his trip to the Himalayan state (d)

Answer option are:-

- (a) (i) Samsung was launched
- (ii) Samsung was launching
- (iii) Samsung has launched
- (iv) Samsung has been launched
- (b) (i) will be signed between India and China
- (ii) has been signed between India and China
- (iii) was signed between India and China
- (iv) could have been signed between India and China
- (c) (i) they fetched double pay
- (ii) they may fetch double pay
- (iii) they had fetched double pay
- (iv) they might fetch double pay
- (d) (i) has been opposed by China
- (ii) has opposed by China
- (iii) will have been opposed by China
- (iv) were opposed by China

12. Complete the following dialogue. (4 Marks)

Timmy : Sheena, there's a Mr. Miller on the phone (a) _____.
Sheena : I am busy at the moment. (b) _____ hold ?
Tell him I'll talk with him in a few seconds.
Timmy : O.k (c) _____ hold.
Sheena : Fine, I am coming in a second.
Timmy : Yes, be fast. He (d) _____ hurry.

Answer option are :-

- (a) (i) which wants to talk to you
- (ii) who wants to talk to you
- (iii) who wanted to talk to you
- (iv) that wants to talk to you
- (b) (i) can you ask him to

- (ii) can you say him to
- (iii) may you ask him to
- (iv) may you say him to
- (c) (i) I set him on the hold
- (ii) I have set him on the hold
- (iii) I have put him on the hold
- (iv) I put him on the hold
- (d) (i) is in a hurry
- (ii) was in a hurry
- (iii) is in hurry
- (iv) was in hurry

13. Read the conversation between Joy and Harry. A few words have been jumbled. Rearrange the words to form meaningful sentences. (4 Marks)

Joy : What's going on? You don't look fine !

Harry : I have a stomachache. **(a)** *bad food/ today/ i/ I think/ lunch/ at/ have got / some.*

Joy : Really ? But we ate at the same place. **(b)** *fine / come/ stomach/ how / my/ is ?*

Harry : **(c)** *iron stomach/ the other hand/ an/ isn't/ you/ strong/ have /as / on/ my stomach/ and.*

Joy : So what should we do now?

Harry : I've got to find a restroom - and quick ! **(d)** *royal/ have/ I think/ runs/ I / the / got.*

Answer option are :-

- (a) (i) I think I got some bad food at lunch today
- (ii) I got some bad food at lunch I think today
- (iii) Today I think I got some bad food at lunch today
- (iv) some bad food at lunch today I think I got.
- (b) (i) How my stomach come is fine?
- (ii) How is come my stomach fine?
- (iii) How come my stomach is fine
- (iv) How come my stomach is fine?
- (c) (i) You have an iron stomach isn't as strong and my stomach, on the other hand,
- (ii) on the other hand, You have an iron stomach and my stomach, isn't as strong
- (iii) You have an iron stomach and my stomach, on the other hand, isn't as strong
- (iv) You have an iron stomach and my stomach, isn't as strong, on the other hand
- (d) (i) I think I have got the royal runs
- (ii) I think I have got the runs royal
- (iii) I have I think got the royal runs (iv) I have got the royal runs, I think.

SECTION D (LITERATURE)

14. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow? (4 marks)

I am silver and exact. I have no preconceptions.

Whatever I see I swallow immediately

Just as it is, unmisted by love or dislike.

- Why does the mirror say 'I am silver'?
- What do you understand by 'I have no preconceptions'?
- Mention how the mirror gives a true reflection.
- How is the mirror exact?

15. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow? (4 marks)

In me she has drowned a young girl and in me an old woman

Rise towards her day after day like a terrible fish. 4 m

- How has 'She' transformed?
- How is the mirror a witness to her transformation?
- Explain 'rises like a terrible fish'

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)

Anthony: Have patience, gentle friends, I must not read it,

It is not meet you know how Caesar loved you

You are not wood; you are not stones, but men.

- What is Anthony unwilling to read?
- What is his motive?
- Why does he say that they are not wood or stones but men?

Or

Anthony was indeed an excellent orator who ignited the spirit of revenge in the minds of the Roman people. Describe how he molded the minds of the Roman people and turned them against the conspirators.

17. Answer the following in 30-40 words: (10 marks)

- How was Scrooge better than his word? How did he keep his promises?
- 'Ali displays qualities of love and patience,' Give evidence from the story to support the statement.
- How did the grand mother provide a new life to the children at the refugee camp?
- Describe how the frog befools the nightingale.
- Why does the poet refer to the lady as a 'Terrible fish' in the poem 'Mirror'?

18. Imagine you are Miriam, the daughter of Ali. You have learnt the miserable condition of your father through an acquaintance. You decide to write a letter to your father at once. Write a letter using not more than 100 words

“OR”

The white woman who came to make a film on the refugees is deeply impressed to meet the grandmother in the story 'The Ultimate Safari'. She writes a letter to the Secretary, Refugee camp Circle, Mozambique, making out a case for providing additional support to the grandmother. Write the woman's letter in about 150-175 words.

-:YOU WON'T WIN IF YOU DON'T BEGIN

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