



**SPECIAL SAMPLE PAPER 1**

**Class 10 - English Language and Literature**

**Time Allowed: 3 hours**

**Maximum Marks: 80**

**General Instructions:**

1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

**Section A**

**1. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

**[10]**

1. Caged behind thick glass, the most famous dancer in the world can easily be missed in the National Museum, Delhi. The Dancing girl of Mohenjodaro is that rare artefact that even school children are familiar with. Our school textbooks also communicate the wealth of our 5000 year heritage of art. You have to be alert to her existence there, amid terracotta animals to rediscover this bronze image.
2. Most of us have seen her only in photographs or sketches, therefore, the impact of actually holding her is magnified a million times over. One discovers that the dancing girl has no feet. She is small, a little over 10 cm tall - the length of a human palm - but she surprises us with the power of great art - the ability to communicate across centuries.
3. A series of bangles - of shell or ivory or thin metal - clothe her left upper arm all the way down to her fingers. A necklace with three pendants bunched together and a few bangles above the elbow and wrist on the right hand display an almost modern art.
4. She speaks of the undaunted ever hopeful human spirit. She reminds us that it is important to visit museums in our country to experience the impact that a work of art leaves on our senses, to find among all the riches one particular vision of beauty that speaks to us alone.
  - (i) The dancing girl belongs to
    - a. Mohenjodaro
    - b. Greek culture
    - c. Homosapiens
    - d. Tibet
  - (ii) In the museum she's kept among
    - a. dancing figures
    - b. bronze statues
    - c. terracotta animals
    - d. books
  - (iii) Select the option that displays the information not given in the passage.
    - a. The girl is caged behind glass.

- b. She is a rare artefact.
- c. School books communicate the wealth of our heritage.
- d. She cannot be rediscovered as she's bronze.

(iv) Complete the following for the passage:

Option	Reason
<b>Great Art</b> has power	_____

- (v) On the basis of your reading of the given passage, write any one interesting fact about the Dancing girl of Mohenjodaro.
- (vi) What does the dancing girl remind us? Mention any two points from the last para of the passage.
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- (vii) The dancing girl is made of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. terracotta
  - b. glass
  - c. bronze
  - d. Both terracotta and bronze
- (viii) Which of these is FALSE:
  - a. The dancing girls has no feet.
  - b. She is small.
  - c. She is little bigger than the human palm.
  - d. She is a little over 10 cm tall.
- (ix) What material was used to make the ornament that the dancing girl was wearing?
- (x) The dancing girl is a perfect example of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. rare artefact
  - b. hopeful human spirit
  - c. modern art
  - d. Both rare artefact and hopeful human spirit

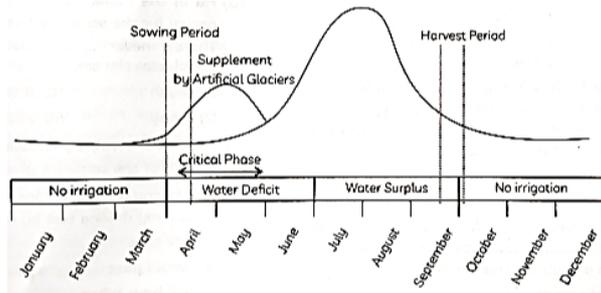
2. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[10]

1. Ladakh has always experienced seasonal water scarcity according to Morous November a co-author of the study. Nusser cold Glacier. Hub. Water scarcity issues are frequent and annual phenomena in Ladakh because of the complete dependence on irrigated agriculture from meltwater, especially from the glaciers. Since the glaciers reside at a much higher altitude than the villages, the meltwater from these water sources comes quite late in the year. And so there's a regular problem of severe water scarcity every year in those months when sowing of the cultivated plants starts that is in earth springs.
2. Climate change has increased water shortages in mountains region-worldwide Artificial glaciers help to alleviate seasonal Water shortages by storing meltwater from winter months in ice structures at an altitude lower than the natural glaciers and higher than the cultivated fields. There are several types of artificial glaciers. Due to their lower altitude, these stores of ice melt earlier than the natural glaciers. providing irrigation just in time for the start of the agricultural season.
3. Constructed ice reservoirs, along with water management systems have long been in Ladakh's technological repertoire. According to Nusser's chapter on Ethnic and Cultural Dimensions of Knowledge. Ladakh has a

long history of water harvesting and community management of water resources. This history includes tanks for storing meltwater called zings as well as an official called Chudpon who ensures equitable distribution of water. The Regional Environmental changes study further mentions the tradition of "snow harvesting" which involves building small barrier walls.

4. Since then, four types of modern ice reservoirs have been developed, as identified by Nusser and his co-authors. Basin structures store ice similarly to how traditional zings store water. While zings are generally built around the same level as fields basins for ice storage are located at altitudes higher than cultivated fields, so that water can freeze. The advantage of ice basins over zings, and the advantage of ice reservoirs over water reservoirs, is that evaporation is minimized and so, more water is retained.



- (i) Select the option that is true for the two statements given below.
- (1) Ladakh has always experienced water scarcity.
  - (2) Climate change has increased water shortages in mountain-region worldwide.
- a. (1) is the result of (2)
  - b. (1) is the reason for (2)
  - c. Both (1) and (2) are true
  - d. (1) contradicts (2)
- (ii) What has increased water shortages in mountain regions worldwide?
- (iii) Why are the basins for ice-storage located at altitudes higher than the cultivated fields?
- (iv) 'Zings are generally built around the same level as.' Choose the correct option.
- (1) fields
  - (2) roads
  - (3) canals
  - (4) underground water
  - (5) wells
- a. 1, 3, 5
  - b. 3 and 5
  - c. 2 and 4
  - d. only 1
- (v) Zings are generally built to retain the ice. The underlined phrase means to \_\_\_\_\_ the ice.
- (vi) \_\_\_\_\_ has always been experienced by Ladakh.
- (vii) The amount of water in the months of \_\_\_\_\_ is in surplus.
- (viii) There is no irrigation in the month of February as per the given chart. (True/false)
- (ix) Artificial glaciers help to:
- a. manage water systems
  - b. alleviate seasonal water shortages
  - c. irrigate agriculture from meltwater



Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

11. Ritu bumped into an ex-colleague (Gautam) at a party. They discussed their current job profile. Report what Gautam asked Ritu. [1]

Do you work from home?

12. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the idiom. [1]

Do unto others as you \_\_\_\_\_ have them do unto you.

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| a) might  | b) would |
| c) should | d) could |

13. The Captain said to his men, "Stand at ease". [1]

**Reported speech:** \_\_\_\_\_

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|---|--|
| a) The Captain told his men that they should stand at ease. | b) The Captain wanted his men to stand at ease.    |
| c) The Captain urged his men to stand at ease.              | d) The Captain commanded his men to stand at ease. |

14. Identify the error in the given sentence, from a report from the News for Kids site and supply the correction. [1]  
 Small gardens on bus shelter roofs are being planted with flowers chosen to help supporting the struggling insects.

Use the given format for your response.

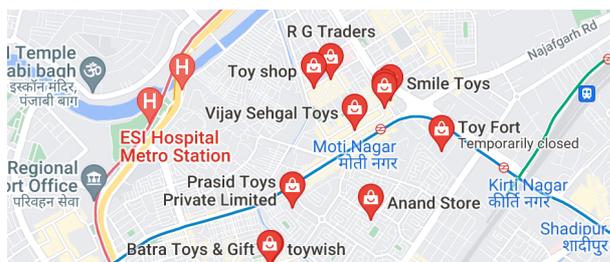
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**SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS**

15. The road that leads to your market is broken and full of potholes. Mosquitoes and flies breed there. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper drawing attention of the concerned authorities to get the road repaired. You are P.V. Prabhu/Prabha, 112, Aram Nagar, Delhi. [5]

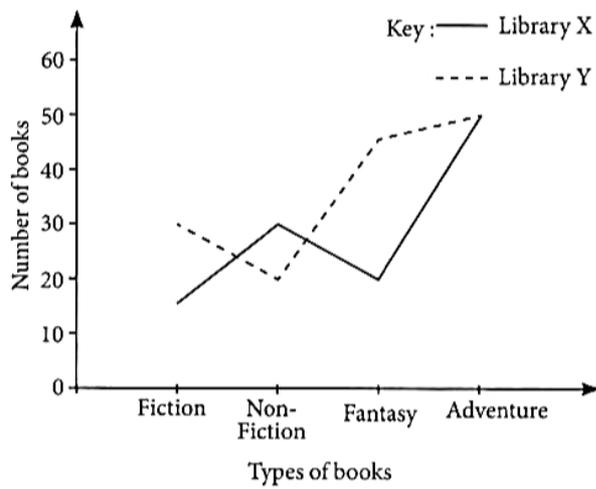
OR

You are Neeraj. You are a Sales Manager of DBM School, Gwalior. You need educational toys and play equipment for kindergarten students. For this, you searched google Maps as below and found that Kirti Nagar, New Delhi is one of the best markets for educational toys. After discussing over a call, you have selected **Quality Toys** company to place your order.



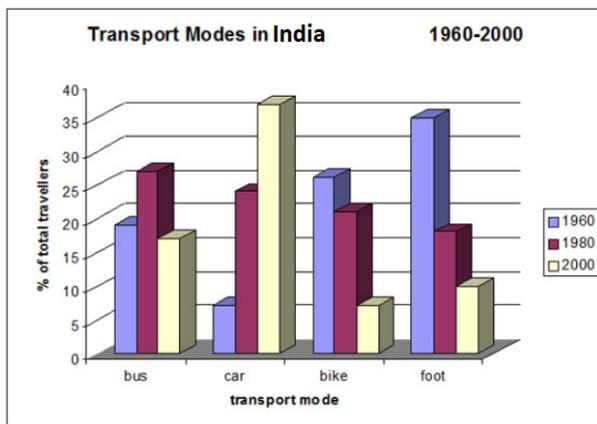
Write a letter to the Manager, Quality Toys, Kirti Nagar, Delhi placing an order.

16. The given double line graph shows the number of different types of books in two libraries. Write an analytical paragraph using the information given in the graph. [5]



OR

The following bar chart shows the different modes of transport used to travel to and from work in one Indian city in 1960, 1980, and 2000. Write an analytical paragraph by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant(150-200 words).



### SECTION C - LITERATURE

17. Read the text carefully and answer the questions: [5]

So, in order not to shake the writer's faith in God, the postmaster came up with an idea: answer the letter. But when he opened it, it was evident that to answer it he needed something more than goodwill, ink and paper. But he stuck to his resolution: He asked money from his employees.

- (i) Who decided to answer the letter?
  - a. The postmaster
  - b. Lencho himself
  - c. a post office employee
  - d. God
- (ii) How did the postmaster help the writer of the letter?
- (iii) The word \_\_\_\_\_ in the extract means the same as a **firm decision**.
- (iv) Write an antonym for **unnoticeable** from the passage?
  - a. evident
  - b. faith
  - c. resolution
  - d. goodwill
- (v) What kind of a person was the postmaster?
  - a. cunning

- b. arrogant
- c. amiable
- d. lethargic

OR

**Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[5]

Suddenly Valli clapped her hands with glee. A young cow, tail high in the air, was running very fast, right in the middle of the road, right in front of the bus. The bus slowed to a crawl, and the driver sounded his horn loudly again and again. But the more he honked, the more frightened the animal became and the faster it galloped - always right in front of the bus.

- (i) Which animal was spotted by Valli?
  - a. Cow
  - b. Monkey
  - c. Goat
  - d. Horse
- (ii) Why did the bus slow to a crawl?
- (iii) What did the honking do to the animal?
  - a. It got scared
  - b. It felt delighted
  - c. It lied down
  - d. It ran away from the bus
- (iv) The word \_\_\_\_\_ in the given extract means fearful/afraid.
- (v) How did Valli react on seeing the animal?
  - a. She clapped her hands
  - b. She started dancing
  - c. She yelled
  - d. She fainted

18. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[5]

Has given my heart,  
A change of mood.  
And saved some part,  
Of the day I rued.

- (i) What did it shake on the poet?
  - a. Dust of snow
  - b. Branch
  - c. Dust
  - d. None of these
- (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ is the poet of the above lines.
- (iii) What was the mood of the poet in the beginning of the poem?
  - a. Sad mood
  - b. Happy mood
  - c. Confuse mood

- d. No mood at all
- (iv) What does “Dust of Snow” represent?
- (v) Name the poetic device used in the line “Has given my heart”
  - a. alliteration
  - b. metaphor
  - c. oxymoron
  - d. simile

OR

**Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[5]

I am an orphan, roaming the street.

I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet.

The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet.

- (i) Identify the literary device used in the last line.
- (ii) Read statements A and B given below, and choose the option that correctly evaluates these statements.

**Statement A-** The figure **I** imagines a less than realistic view of being an orphan.

**Statement B-** The figure **I** does not like the speaker.

- a. A is true, B is false, according to the extract.
- b. A is true, B cannot be clearly inferred from the extract.
- c. A cannot be clearly inferred from the extract, B is false.
- d. A is true and can be inferred from the poem, B is true too.
- (iii) In the given extract, the \_\_\_\_\_ is contrasted with the constant instructions received.
- (iv) The rhyme scheme **aaa** in the above extract is followed in all other stanzas of the poem that are written in parenthesis, i.e. (). Why?

Read the reasons given below, and choose the option that lists the most accurate reasoning:

- i. It shows the simplicity of the child’s thoughts.
- ii. It reflects the harmony and rhythm of the child’s inner world.
- iii. It mirrors a child’s expression.
- iv. It highlights the poet’s aesthetic sensibility.

Options:

- a. (i) and (iv)
- b. (i) and (ii)
- c. (ii) and (iii)
- d. (iii) and (iv)
- (v) Pick the option that lists the usage of the word **pattern**, as in the extract above.
  - a. That is a lovely pattern for wallpaper.
  - b. He decided to wear a patterned shirt to the party.
  - c. Poetry is a form of pattern making.
  - d. She patterned her hair after her favourite celebrity.

19. Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each.

[12]

- (i) When her son dies, Kisa Gotami goes from house to house. What does she ask for? Does she get it? Why not?

- (ii) To say that for destruction ice is also great for the poet, what does **ice** stand for? How is it sufficient to bring destruction?
- (iii) Is bread an important part of Goan life? How do you know this?
- (iv) How did Custard prove that he was not a coward?
- (v) What does Chubukov say to Lomov about his being a hunter?
20. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each. [6]
- (i) Why did Mr. Herriot take a decision to admit Tricky to the hospital?
- (ii) What did Ausable do when he saw Max with a pistol?
- (iii) What experiments and projects did Ebright undertake?
21. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. [6]
- (i) Imagine yourself to be the narrator of **Mijbil the Otter**. A friend of yours is confused about whether to adopt an otter as a pet or not and has asked for your advice. Based on the experiences described in the chapter, write a letter to your friend giving your opinion on the matter. You may use the prompt given below:
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Sandaig Bay, UK  
4 December '61  
Dear Gavin  
Trust you and Mij are doing well. I am writing for a special reason that will surely interest. This is because it concerns the love of your life-otters! I have been...  
Yours affectionately  
Kevin
- (ii) What differences do you find in the behaviour of the young seagull in the very beginning and at the end of the story?
22. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. [6]
- (i) Give a brief character sketch of Anil.
- (ii) In A Question of Trust, what precautions did Danby take to avoid arrest? What blunder did he commit in his last venture?

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