



SPECIAL SAMPLE PAPER 2

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. Have you every failed at something so miserably that the thought attempting to do it again was the last thing you wanted to do?
2. If your answer is yes, then you are "not a robot" Unlike robots, we human beings have feelings, emotions, and dreams. We are all meant to grow and stretch despite out circumstances and our limitations. Flourishing and trying to make our dreams come when you fail despite all of your hard work? Do you stay down and accept the defeat or do you get up again and again until you are satisfied? If you have a tendency to perserve and keep going then you have what experts call, grit.
3. Falling down or failing is one of the most agonising. embarrassing, and scariest human experiences. But, it is also one of the most educational. empowering, and essential parts of living a successful and fulfilling life. Did you know that perseverance is one of the seven qualities that have been described as the keys to personal success and betterment in society? The other six are: curiosity. gratitude. optimism, self-control social intelligence, and zest. Thomas Edison is a model for grit for trying 1000 plus times to invent the light bulb. If you are reading this with the lights on in your room, you know well he succeeded. When asked why he kept going despite his hundreds of failures, he merely stated that what he had were not failures. They were hundreds of ways not to create a light bulb. This statement not only revealed his grit but also his optimism for looking at the bright side.
4. Grit can be learned to help become more successful. One of the techniques that helps is mindfulness. Mindfulness is a practice that helps the individual stay in the moment by bringing awareness of his/her experience without judgment with this practice of mindfulness, individuals have the ability to stop the self-sabotaging downward spiral of hopelessness, despair and frustration.
5. What did you do to overcome the negative and self sabotaging feelings of failure? Reflect on what you did, and try to use those same powerful resources to help you today.
 - (i) 'Grit can be learned to help become more successful. The underlined word can be substituted with the word _____ from the passage.
 - (ii) Choose the statement from the following that is NOT APPROPRIATE according to the passage.
 - a. Grit can not be learned to help become more succesful.

- b. Practising our dreams come true is great when life is going out way.
- c. Mindfulness can be learned to help you become more successful
- d. Reflect on what you did and try to use those same powerful resources to help you.
- (iii) Select the sentence from the following that reveals Thomas Edison's grit.
- a. Did you know that grit is one of the seven qualities that have been described as the keys to personal success and betterment in society?
- b. We are all meant to grow and stretch despite our circumstances and our limitations.
- c. They were hundreds of ways not to create a light bulb.
- d. Thomas Edison is a model for grit.
- (iv) According to the passage, falling down or failing is one of the most _____, _____ and _____ human experience.
- (v) What does the phrase 'keep going' refer to in the line-'If you have the tendency to persevere and keep going'?
- a. to walk
- b. get wild
- c. moving in a certain direction
- d. Continue doing something difficult
- (vi) Select the appropriate option to complete the given sentence.
The word 'gratitude' refers to the quality of being _____
- a. regretful
- b. thankless
- c. arrogant
- d. thankful
- (vii) Choose the option that makes the correct use of 'model', as used in the passage to fill in the blank space.
- a. They allowed me to _____ it on stage.
- b. Jane Austen was regarded as the _____ of grit in fiction.
- c. The first woman up was not certainly a _____
- d. The business _____ must work because of its novelty.
- (viii) Which of the following can stop the self-sabotaging downward spiral of hopelessness, despair and frustration?
- a. mindfulness
- b. growth
- c. gratitude
- d. hard work
- (ix) Failure is the most frustrating emotion felt by a person who is regularly trying. (True/false)
- (x) Complete the given analogy correctly with a word from the passage.
Despair : disdain :: _____ : Positivity

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

[10]

1. Diabetes is a metabolism abnormality that affects the way your body uses blood sugar (glucose), your main source of energy. To understand diabetes, you have to start from the beginning - with food. Your body converts a portion of the food you eat and digest into glucose. Glucose is then absorbed into your

bloodstream, where it can enter the individual cells of tissue throughout your body to be used as energy. Before your cells will let glucose in, however, they need the help of insulin.

2. Insulin is a hormone produced by your pancreas - a gland located just behind your stomach. Normally, insulin acts as a master key, unlocking the doors of your cells and allowing glucose inside. To simply maintain this process, such as at night when you're asleep, the pancreas releases a low level of insulin on a constant basis. When necessary, such as after a meal, your pancreas increases insulin supply to meet demand.
3. After you eat a meal or a snack, your pancreas releases more insulin to make sure the extra glucose in your bloodstream can enter your cells. If you have more glucose than you need, your body can remove the excess from your blood and store it in your liver and muscles or convert it to fat. Then, when you run low on fuel, your body can release this stored energy back into your bloodstream, where insulin is waiting to usher it into your cells.
4. If you have diabetes, this whole process goes awry. Instead of entering cells throughout your body, excess glucose builds up in your bloodstream and some of it may eventually be excreted in your urine. This can happen when your pancreas doesn't produce enough insulin (Type 1 diabetes), when your cells have become resistant to the effects of insulin (Type 2 diabetes) or, more commonly, when both of these problems occur.
 - (i) Give one conversion function of our body, based on information in paragraph 1.
 - (ii) Select the appropriate option to fill in the blanks based on paragraph 1.

When _____ is ingested, it enters our bloodstream and goes to all of the tissue cells in our body where it can be used as _____.

(1) Glucose (2) Insulin (3) Fat (4) Energy (5) Metabolism

 - a. 2,3
 - b. 1,4
 - c. 4,5
 - d. 5,3
 - (iii) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/ phrase from paragraph 1.

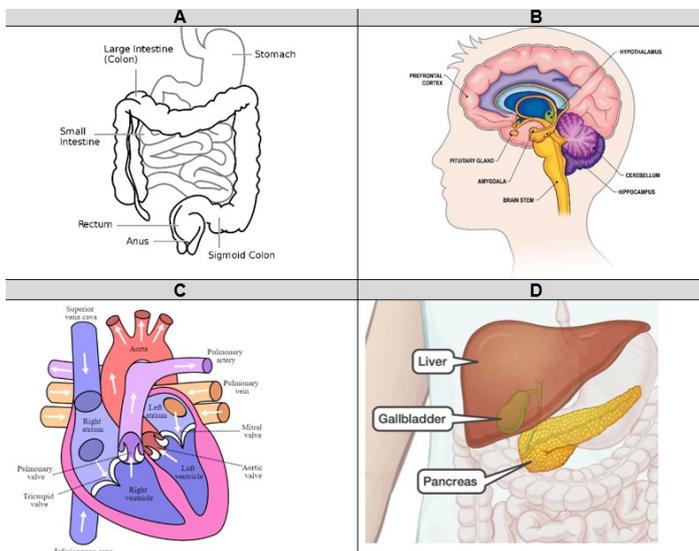
Water: Absorbed in Soil :: _____ : Absorbed in bloodstream.

(Clue: Just like water is absorbed in Soil, similarly _____ is absorbed in bloodstream.)

 - a. Metabolism
 - b. Glucose
 - c. Insulin
 - d. Energy
 - (iv) Select the correct option to complete the following sentence: (Paragraph 1).

Diabetes affects how our body uses our primary source of energy i.e blood sugar due to _____.

 - a. Lack of insulin and glucose
 - b. Process of glucose transmission
 - c. Abnormalities in our metabolism
 - d. Presence of high-level fats
 - (v) From Paragraph 2, choose the option that best describes the organ that secretes insulin.



(vi) Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option.

By opening the _____ doors and letting glucose in, insulin functions as a master key.

- cell
- pancreas
- blood stream
- vein

(vii) Substitute the word 'excess' with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following, sentence from paragraph 3.

If you have more glucose than you need, your body can remove the **excess** from your blood and store it in your liver and muscles or convert it to fat.

(viii) List any 2 organs of our body mentioned in Paragraph 3.

(ix) What causes the blood to become overloaded with glucose, some of which may be excreted in urine?

Explain any two causes.

(x) Select the option that titles paragraphs 1-4 appropriately, with reference to information in the text.

A.

- Diabetes: Metabolic abnormality
- Necessity of Insulin
- What happens internally
- Failure of Process

B.

- Eating Sugar, Getting Diabetes
- Disadvantages of Insulin
- Pancreas and Liver
- Cure of Diabetes

C.

- Drinking Glucose as energy drink.
- Insulin and its negative function
- Liver transplant
- Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes

D.

1. The story of Diabetic patient
2. Flow of insulin
3. Disadvantage of sugar in blood
4. Types of Diabetes

SECTION B –GRAMMAR

Attempt any 10 questions

3. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the following. [1]

Dressing up for his office party, Rohan mumbled, “Does this tie _____ my shirt?”

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| a) go with | b) go along |
| c) go well | d) go for |

4. **Report the dialogue between grandmother and children, by completing the sentence:** [1]

Children: Can we go to the park?

Grandmother: Yes, but don't play on the grass, boys.

Giving permission to go to the park, Grandmother warned the children and told them _____.

5. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given quote from a motivational speaker. [1]

It's never too late to be who you _____.

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| a) could be | b) might have been |
| c) could have been | d) should have been |

6. 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 support the struggle insects.

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

7. I _____ tennis every Sunday morning. [1]

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| a) am playing | b) play |
| c) playing | d) am play |

8. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter: [1]

These students ensured that the beggars were _____ (rehabilitate) at Seva Sadan.

9. **Report the dialogue between a father and son, by completing the sentence:** [1]

Son: Are you not excited about the trip, dad?

Father: I have been to Australia before.

In response to the question about being excited about the trip, the father says that _____.

10. Identify the error and supply the correction, for the following: [1]

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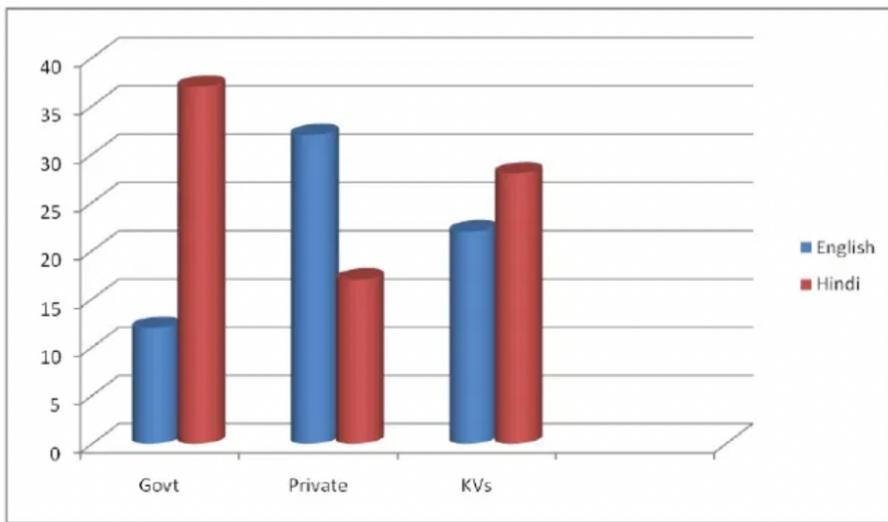
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Use the given format for your response.

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OR

The following table shows details about the internet activities for six categories for different age groups. Write an analytical paragraph for the table given in around 150-200 words.

Activity %	Age Group						
	Teens	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70+
Get News	76	73	76	75	71	74	70
Online games	81	54	37	29	25	25	32
Downloads	52	46	27	15	13	8	6
Product research	0	79	80	83	79	74	70
Buyin g a product	43	68	69	68	67	65	41
Searching for people	5	31	23	23	24	29	27

SECTION C - LITERATURE

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

To enhance the image of this long-awaited friend in my imagination, I don't want to jot down the facts in this diary the way most people would do, but I want the diary to be my friend, and I'm going to call this friend **Kitty**.

- (i) Who is I here?
 - a. Anne Frank
 - b. Otto Frank
 - c. Margot Frank
 - d. Mrs. Frank
- (ii) Who is her long-awaited friend?
 - a. Margot Frank
 - b. Kitty, the diary
 - c. Mr. Van Daan
 - d. Mr. Keesing
- (iii) What do most people do?
 - a. They jot down facts in a diary
 - b. They do not keep a diary

- c. They loose their diary
- d. They forget to update their diary
- (iv) The phrase _____ in the passage means to **record**.
- (v) What name did Anne Frank give to her diary?

OR

Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

[5]

It was this desire for the freedom of my people to live their lives with dignity and selfrespect that animated my life, that transformed a frightened young man into a bold one, that drove a law-abiding attorney to become a criminal, that turned a family-loving husband into a man without a home, that forced a life-loving man to live like a monk.

- (i) Mandela was transformed from a:
 - a. frightened man to a bold man
 - b. law abiding attorney to a criminal
 - c. life-loving man to the one who lives like a monk
 - d. all of these
- (ii) Which desire transformed Mandela into a criminal?
 - a. The desire to travel freely
 - b. The desire to become rich
 - c. The desire for freedom for all
 - d. None of these
- (iii) Which of the following did Mandela want for his people?
 - a. Freedom
 - b. Dignity
 - c. Respect
 - d. All of these
- (iv) The word _____ from the extract means **being worthy of honour or respect**.
- (v) How did **he** become a criminal?

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

[5]

But if it had to perish twice

I think I know enough of hate

To say that for destruction ice

Is also great And would suffice.

- (i) What does the **ice** symbolise?
 - a. Happiness
 - b. Freshness
 - c. Hatred
 - d. Passion
- (ii) Who composed these lines?
 - a. Robert Frost
 - b. Robin Klein
 - c. Carolyn Wells

- d. Leslie Norris
- (iii) According to the poet, if the world has to _____, ice would be equally competent in ending it.
- (iv) What is enough to destroy the world?
- dictatorship
 - affection
 - love
 - hatred
- (v) _____ is the noun form of **suffice**.

OR

Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

[5]

He hears the last voice at night,
The patrolling cars,
And stares with his brilliant eyes
At the brilliant stars.

- (i) Complete the sentence appropriately.
Enjambment is a poetic device wherein a line continues without any punctuation mark. In this stanza, line _____ continues to line _____.
- (ii) Which word in the stanza means **looks intently**?
- Patrolling
 - Stares
 - Brilliant
 - Hears
- (iii) Which are the rhyming words in this stanza?
- stars-eyes
 - night-cars
 - cars-eyes
 - stars-cars
- (iv) What sound does the tiger hear at night?
- (v) How do his eyes look?
- Brilliant
 - Dull
 - Weak
 - Strong

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

[12]

- Where did Buddha preach his first sermon?
- Would you agree that the poetess has an in-depth knowledge of the wild? Support the statement in context of the poem **How to Tell Wild Animals**.
- Why did Valli not get off from the bus when it stopped at the bus stand?
- Evaluate the poem in the context of the given quote.
If only our eyes saw souls instead of bodies, how very different our ideals of beauty would be.
You may begin like this:

The poet shares that God loves us unconditionally, for who we are and not our appearance.

This quote..... (continue).....

(v) What do you learn about Natalya from the play, 'The Proposal'?

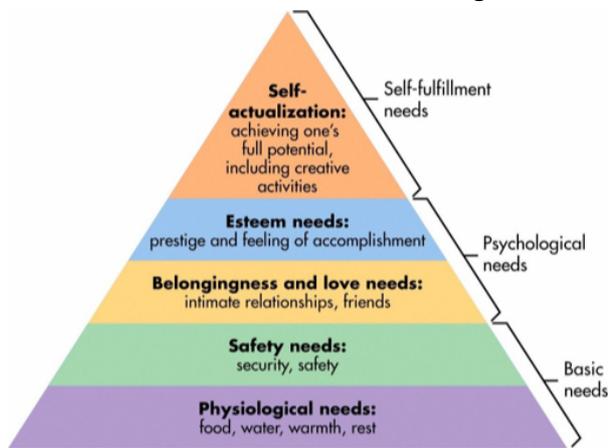
20. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each. [6]

- (i) What was Mr. Herriot's strict advice? Did Mrs. Pumphrey pay heed to his advice? What excuses did she make?
- (ii) What did Ausable and Fowler see after entering the room?
- (iii) Did Ebright have other interests besides science? Mention them.

21. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. [6]

- (i) Mijbil the otter meets the little boy from the poem, ball. Try to build an interesting Conversation between the two of men.
- (ii) Look at the image of Maslow's hierarchy of needs.

Abraham Maslow devised a theory of motivation that shows the basic needs at the bottom, and more advanced needs as you move up. It includes the theory that fundamental needs must be met before an individual can be motivated to achieve higher order needs.



Where in this hierarchy of needs, would you locate the young seagull's first flight? Justify your response.

22. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. [6]

- (i) Why did Mr. Hall and Mrs. Hall enter the stranger's room? What happened there?
- (ii) Who tried to invade the Earth in the twenty-first century and what saved it?

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