



VERY SPECIAL SAMPLE PAPER
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. Listening is the ability to accurately receive and interpret messages in the communication process. One of the greatest gifts any of us can ever receive is the gift of listening. It is also one of the greatest gifts we can ever give. Unfortunately, it appears to be a lost art. We live in a world where everyone is talking but few are listening. What often passes for listening is simply one person pausing to collect their thoughts for their next soliloquy.
2. Hearing refers to the sounds that you hear, whereas listening requires more than that it requires focus. Listening means paying attention not only to the story, but how it is told, the use of language and voice, and how the other person uses his or her body. In other words, it means being aware of both verbal and non-verbal messages. Your ability to listen effectively depends on the degree to which you perceive and understand these messages.
3. Listening is a difficult task. Like every skill the more you do it, the better you get up. Listening can be developed through practice, or lost if not used regularly. Good listeners focus on what they are hearing. They pause to think about what they've heard before responding. They ask questions because they want to know the answers. Not just to keep the conversation going.
4. So often, we are distracted by other things. We try to listen while continuing to work on the computer or watch television. To be fully present means we eliminate these distractions and focus exclusively on the other person. It takes great effort to be fully in the moment, leaning forward, eyes and heart open. Words are only part of communication. Sometimes we need to experience the other person's feelings to understand. We need to listen with our hearts as well as our mind. We must repeat back what the other person has said. When we do this and do it accurately-we communicate that we understand. It also allows us to re-calibrate our understanding if we have misunderstood something. Plenty of people are good talkers, few are good listeners. If you develop the latter skill, you will find yourself invited into amazing conversations that wouldn't otherwise happen.
 - (a) According to the passage, listening appear to be a lost are because we live in a world where _____.
 - (b) Choose the options with the sentences that are NOT TRUE according to the passage.
 - (I) Words are only the part of communication.
 - (II) Lots of people are good listeners.

(III) Listening refers to the voice that you hear.

(IV) Good listeners focus on what they hear.

(V) Listening is a tough task.

(VI) Hearing requires no focus.

a. II, III, VI

b. III, V, VI

c. I, III, IV

d. I, IV, VI

(c) Fill in the blank with the correct option.

_____ focus on what they are hearing.

a. good listeners

b. good orators

c. good understanding

d. good speakers

(d) Select the option that best captures the central idea of the passage from the following.

a. Do more listening than talking

b. Never stop listening

c. Learn by talking

d. Listening is talking

(e) We need to experience the other person's feelings:

a. to really understand

b. to be the part of the communication

c. to recalibrate our understanding

d. to keep the conversation going

(f) What our ability to listen effectively depends on?

a. how the other person uses his or her body

b. use of language and voice

c. both (a) and (b)

d. degree to which we perceive and understand the messages

(g) We need to _____ with our heart as well as our mind.

(h) **hearing**, different from **listening** as:

a. Hearing eliminates distraction; Listening gives us an opportunity to re-calibrate our understanding

b. Hearing is the ability to receive message; Listening is the ability to interpret message

c. Hearing refers to the sounds that you hear; Listening means paying attention not only to the story, but how it is told

d. Option (a), (b) and (c)

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

[10]

Papaya is the healthiest fruit with a list of properties that is long and exhaustive. Papaya favours digestion as well as cures skin irritation and sunburns. You can munch on it as a salad, have it cooked or boiled or just drink it up as milk shake or juice. The most important of these virtues is the protein-digesting enzyme in the milky juice. The enzyme is similar to pepsin in its digestive action and is said to be so powerful that it can digest 200

times its own weight in protein. It assists the body in assimilating the maximum nutritional value from food to provide energy and body-building materials.

Papain in raw papaya makes up for the deficiency of gastric juice and fights excess of unhealthy mucus in the stomach, dyspepsia and intestinal irritation. The ripe fruit, if eaten regularly, corrects habitant constipation, bleeding piles and chronic diarrhoea.

The juice is used as a cosmetic, removes freckles or brown spots due to exposure to sunlight and makes the skin smooth and delicate. A paste of papaya seeds is applied in skin diseases like those caused by ringworm. The black seeds of the papaya are highly beneficial in the treatment of cirrhosis of the liver caused by malnutrition, alcoholism, etc.

A table spoon of its juice, combined with a hint of fresh lime juice, should be taken once or twice daily for a month. The fresh juice of raw papaya mixed with honey can be applied over inflamed tonsils, for diphtheria and other throat disorders. It dissolves the membrane and prevents infection from spreading. The nutrients in papaya have also been shown to be helpful in the prevention of colon cancer. Papaya's fibre is able to control cancer-causing toxins in the colon and keep them away from the healthy colon cells. In addition, papaya's folate, vitamin C, beta-carotene, and vitamin E have each been associated with a reduced risk of colon cancer. These nutrients provide synergistic protection for colon cells from free radical damage to their DNA. Increasing your intake of these nutrients by enjoying papaya is an especially good idea for individuals at risk of colon cancer.

		
2.4 g	Fibre	1.7 g
10.39 g	Sugar	7.82 g
107 mg	Potassium	182 mg
5 mg	Magnesium	21 mg
4.6 mg	Vitamin C	60.9 mg
54 IU	Vitamin A	950 IU

- (a) Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your understanding of the given passage.
We can say that Papaya as a fruit can be compared to that versatile player who can play the role of an all-rounder in a game, because _____
- (b) Fill in the blank with the appropriate option from those given in the passage.
The statement that, the juice, used as a cosmetic, removes freckles or brown spots due to exposure to sunlight and makes the skin smooth and delicate, is a _____ (fact/opinion) because it is a _____ (subjective judgement/ objective detail).
- (c) Justify the following in about 40 words.
Papaya assists the body in assimilating the maximum nutritional value from food to provide energy and body-building materials.
- (d) Based on the given data, apple is richer in which two nutrients as compared to papaya?
- (e) According to the table, papaya has enough Vitamin C, Vitamin A, and many other nutrients. How can the intake or consumption of these nutrients can help us? (Answer in about 40 words)

(f) Select the option that correctly displays what 'applied' signifies. (Reference-Paragraph 3 & 4)

i.



ii.



iii.



iv.



v.



A. (i), (iv) and (v)

B. Only (ii)

C. Only (iii)

D. (ii) and (v)

(g) Infer one health and one skin benefit of consuming Papaya.

(h) Which of the following does not represent the usage or value of raw papaya?

A. It can be munched as a salad.

B. Its fresh juice mixed with honey can be applied over inflamed tonsils, for diphtheria and other throat disorders.

C. It is highly beneficial in the treatment of liver cirrhosis.

D. It makes up for the deficiency of gastric juice and fights excess unhealthy mucus in the stomach.

SECTION B –GRAMMAR

3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed [10]

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

I _____ (entreat) you address this at your earliest convenience and issue the recommendation letters.

(b) Identify the error on a shop's hoarding and supply the correction. [1]

World Wide Travels Pvt. Ltd. Beaspur, Sewana
 For travel informations, contact the
 twenty-four hour help-desk

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction
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(c) **Read the conversation and complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.** [1]

Ranbir: Sir, can I be excused this once?

Policeman: I hope you'll remember the lesson you learned today.

Ranbir requested the policeman to excuse him that once. The policeman hoped _____.

(d) He said, "I have often told you not to waste your time". [1]

Reported speech: _____

- a) He told that he had often told him not to waste his time.
- b) He said that he had often told not to waste your time.
- c) He said that he had often suggested to him not to waste his time.
- d) He said that he had often told him not to waste his time.

(e) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option. [1]

Both players in the tennis match have been warned by the referee but _____ (either / neither / every) of them seems to take it seriously.

(f) Identify the error in the given sentence, from a report from the News for Kids site and supply the correction. [1]

But in recent years, insect numbers have been dropped sharply.

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction
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(g) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from the headline of a news report: [1]

TWO CHILD DIE AFTER MASSIVE FIRE BREAKS OUT IN TIRUPATI

Option no.	Error	Correction
A	child	children
B	die	dies
C	breaks	break
D	in	at

(h) Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option: [1]

As I stood in the balcony and watched the passers by throw paper out of their car, I was _____ by their behaviour.

- a) put in
- b) put up
- c) put off
- d) put away

(i) **Report the dialogue between a mother and her daughter, by completing the sentence:** [1]

Mother: When will your exams start?

Daughter: Next month, Mother.

In response to the question about her exams, the daughter told her mother that _____.

- (j) Choose the correct reported speech of a given sentence: [1]

"The film began at seven o'clock," he said.

- a) He said that the film had begun at seven o'clock. b) He said that the film had begun at seven o'clock.
c) He says that the film had begun at seven o'clock. d) He says that the film had begun at seven o'clock.

- (k) Complete the line from a self-awareness song, by filling the blank with the correct option. [1]

"Where the mind _____ forward by thee
Into ever-widening thought and action
Into that heaven of freedom my Father, let my country awake."

- A. was led
B. has been led
C. is led
D. had led

- (l) Identify the error and supply the correction, for the following: [1]

Mumbai
HI LIFE EXHIBITION
The finer fashion showcase of the season.

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

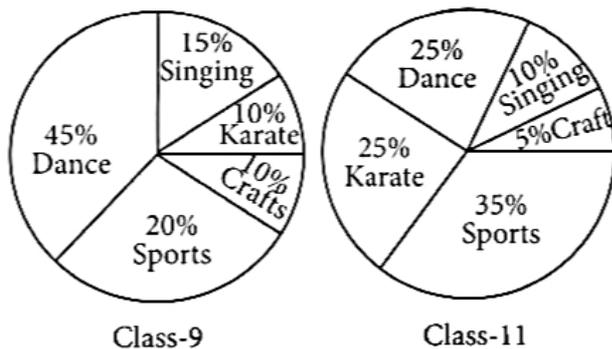
SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

4. The recent increase in crimes against people of the North-East, especially in the cities, has highlighted the growing problem faced by the community. Fear of violence continues to worry them. Write a letter to the Editor of Times of India expressing your concern over the recent death of a young student resulting from a racial comment against people from North-East. Suggest what steps the government should take to solve this problem. You are Aanchal/Aryan, a resident of A-12, East of Kailash, N. Delhi. [5]

OR

Express your views by writing a letter to the Editor of the daily local newspaper on the subject 'Reforming Beggars'.

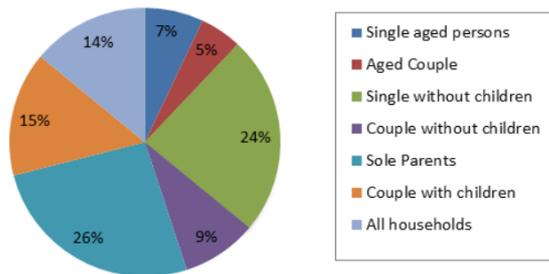
5. The given pie charts show percentage of girls of class - 9 and 11 regarding their interest in extra curricular activities study the pie chart and write an analytical paragraph describing the information. [5]



OR

The pie chart shows the proportion of people from different households living in poverty in the UK in 2002. Write an analytical paragraph to describe the information in 100-120 words.

Proportion of people from each household type living in poverty



SECTION C - LITERATURE

6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. [5]

(a) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: [5]

Ausable was, for one thing, fat. Very fat. And then there was his accent. Though he spoke French and German passably, he had never altogether lost the American accent he had brought to Paris from Boston twenty years ago.

“You are disappointed,” Ausable said wheezily over his shoulder.

i. Who is ‘you’ here?

- a. Fowler
- b. Ausable
- c. Waiter
- d. Max

ii. How is Ausable different from other secret agents?

iii. ‘You’ believed that Ausable was _____.

iv. It can be inferred from the extract that a secret agent is expected to be

- 1) fit.
- 2) compassionate.
- 3) apologetic.
- 4) suave.
- 5) violent.

- a. Option 1, 3 & 5
- b. Option 1 & 4
- c. Option 2, 4 & 5
- d. Option 2 & 3

(b) Read the passages given below and answer the questions that follow: [5]

The following Sunday Lencho came a bit earlier than usual to ask if there was a letter for him. It was the postman himself who handed the letter to him while the postmaster, experiencing the contentment of a man who has performed a good deed, looked on from his office. Lencho showed not the slightest surprise on seeing the money; such was his confidence - but he became angry when he counted the money. God could not have made a mistake, nor could he have denied Lencho what he had requested.

i. Why was Lencho not surprised on seeing the money? Answer in about 40 words.

ii. Complete the sentence with the appropriate option. Lencho became angry when he got the money because _____.

- A. He was only given 70 pesos when he had asked for 100 pesos.
- B. He wanted more money.
- C. He wanted money directly from God.
- D. He understood that The postmaster collected money for him.

iii. Identify the irony used in the above stanza.

iv. State any one inference about the postmaster from the given context: It was the postman himself who handed the letter to him while the postmaster, experiencing the contentment of a man who has performed a good deed, looked on from his office.

7. **Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.**

[5]

(a) Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow:

[5]

The trees inside are moving out into the forest,
the forest that was empty all these days
Where no bird could sit
no insect hide
no sun bury its feet in shadow.

i. Complete the sentence appropriately.

It is clear that Personification is the poetic device used for 'No sun bury its feet....' because (Clue: explain how personification applies here)

ii. State whether the following statement is True or False:

The extract uses trees as a symbol for conservative people.

iii. Select the appropriate option to complete the sentence, according to the extract. The idea of a forest that has been 'empty all these days' is _____.

- A. unnatural
- B. scary
- C. magical
- D. legendary

iv. Which three things cannot happen in a treeless forest?

(b) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

[5]

Belinda still lives in her little white house,
With her little black kitten and her little gray mouse,
And her little yellow dog and her little red wagon,
And her realio, trulio, little pet dragon.

i. With whom does Belinda live and where?

ii. How many characters and animals are introduced in this extract?

- a. 1, 4
- b. 2, 5
- c. 4, 1
- d. 1, 5

iii. Fill in the blank with one word. Bravest of all pets was _____.

iv. What effect do the words 'realio and trulio' have on the poem?

8. **Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words** [12]
- (a) Inspired by the diversity in the chapter, **Glimpses of India**, you wrote an article for your school magazine on the topic, **Diversity-the Uniqueness of India**. [3]
Write a paragraph, sharing two key opinions from the article.
- (b) The poet celebrates the strength of the tiger in this poem. Counter the statement. [3]
- (c) How does Chubukov react to the controversy surrounding the Oxen Meadows? [3]
- (d) Why does Anne provide a brief sketch of her life? [3]
- (e) Why does the poet of Fire and Ice hold with those who favour fire? [3]
9. **Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.** [6]
- (a) What did Mrs. Pumphrey do when Tricki was in the hospital? [3]
- (b) What happened at Bholi's marriage ceremony? [3]
- (c) What happened when Mr. and Mrs. Hall entered the stranger's room? [3]
10. **Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words** [6]
- (a) In a parallel world, the pilot of the black aeroplane narrates his adventure in a story titled **The Old Dakota**. You come across an excerpt from the story, which responds to the ending questions of Black Aeroplane and describes the black aeroplane pilot's decision to fly away after watching the Dakota land. [6]
Compose the said excerpt of the story employing relevant details from **Black Aeroplane**.
- (b) In the chapter, **Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom**, the swearing-in ceremony represented a shared victory for justice, peace, and human dignity over the most despised apartheid regime based on racial discrimination. Similarly, in the poem **The Tress**, the hard-fought victory for the trees has been achieved. They have been freed from the artificial glasshouse that held them captive. Imagine Nelson Mandela is congratulating trees on their victory in a letter in which he describes what freedom meant to him. [6]
You may begin like this.
Dear Trees,
It is with great joy that I write to you today on the occasion of your freedom ...
11. **Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.** [6]
- (a) Imagine you're one of the columnists in a magazine. People write to you about their issues, seeking your advice. [6]
Matilda writes to you about the guilt she feels for having lost a necklace and how it changed the course of her life and her husband's. What would be your advice to her?
- (b) Based on the given context, write a diary entry, as the narrator, on what you experienced and the possible reason for it. [6]
I should have been able to jump into one of the carriages, but I hesitated - for some reason I can't explain - and I lost the chance to get away. Answer in the context of the lesson **The Thief's Story**.

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