



SAMPLE PAPER 3 2024-25

Class 12 - English Core

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:

1. This question paper has **13** questions. **All** questions are **compulsory**.
2. This question paper contains **three** sections - Section A : **Reading Skills**, Section B : **Creative Writing Skills** and Section C : **Literature**.
3. Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number and part thereof in your answer sheet.
4. Separate instructions are given with each question/part, wherever necessary.
5. Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION A – READING SKILLS

1. **Read the passage given below:**

[12]

Hundreds of thousands of years ago giant mammoths still roamed the earth and the surface of the earth was covered by dense forests. Men took shelter in caves and covered their bodies with animal skins. At that time, dogs became man's best friend. At first, they followed man on his hunting trips and waited to get whatever scraps it could get, from the kill its master made. Then the instinct for companionship made it adopt man as its leader.

Soon, the man began to train dogs to help him during the hunt, to carry his burdens, and to give him companionship as he sat by the fireside in the evenings. These changes took place much before recorded history came into practice.

These findings can only be confirmed by the study of the bones of primitive dogs that lay beside the bones of primitive men in caves. As the history of the dog goes back to a time when records were not maintained, it is impossible to be sure of these happenings.

Some scientists believe that dogs are the result of a mating between wolves and jackals. Other scientists say that some species of dogs descended from wolves while others descended from jackals. Some even go on to say that dogs descended from coyotes and foxes. A widely held theory is that the modern dogs that we keep as pets descended from a remote common ancestor.

This last substantiates the differences in size and appearance between various breeds of dogs. Other evidence of the wild ancestry of dogs is the built of their bodies, which is very distinctly adopted for speed and strength. Together with their keen sense of smell, hearing qualities, it becomes obvious that they have wild hunters in their genes.

From the time when recorded history began, there have been references to dogs in them. There are images of dogs on Egyptian tombs that are 5000 years old. The Egyptians considered their dog as the sacred and the

whole family would go into mourning if the dog in an Egyptian home died. Today, the dog is an indispensable part of our lives. For hundreds of young, healthy blind people, the dog is their seeing eye.

A seeing-eye dog is usually a German shepherd dog. It takes three months to train a guide dog. First, come to the obedience exercise repeated daily as 'setting up exercises'.

Then a U – shaped leather harness is buckled on and the dog learns to walk at the left of the trainer. The dog is taught to stop and wait at the curb, watch traffic, and let the cars pass. Before the dog is passed on to a blind master, a final check is made. Then the blind master and his dog train together for four weeks before they go home to work smoothly as a team.

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

- i. Complete the sentence by choosing an appropriate option. **(1)**
Dogs became man's best friend at an early age by _____.
 - i. hunting food for his master
 - ii. being a constant companion
 - iii. protecting man from mammoths
 - iv. not letting the man feel alone in dark caves
- ii. Comment on any two theories about the origin of dogs as given in paragraph four. **(1)**
- iii. List the ways in which historians come to know that man and dog were historical companions. **(2)**
(Clue: Think about the evidences and findings)
- iv. Select the option that conveys the opposite of 'unfasten', from words used in paragraph 8. **(1)**
 - i. buckled
 - ii. taught
 - iii. curb
 - iv. master
- v. What makes us believe that dogs have a wild ancestry? **(1)**
 - A. Many varieties of dogs
 - B. Differences in the body built
 - C. Differences in strength and stamina
 - D. Sense of smell and hunting skills
 - i. Only A
 - ii. Only B and C
 - iii. Only B, C and D
 - iv. All of these
- vi. Some records share that since recorded history began, there have been references to dogs in them. Based on your understanding of paragraph six, list the importance of dogs in an Egyptian family. **(2)**
- vii. How can a dog be a "seeing-eye" for a blind man? **(1)**
- viii. Complete the given sentence with an appropriate inference, with respect to the following: **(1)**
_____ are considered to be ancestors of dogs (paragraph 4).
- ix. Which of the following conclusions, suggested in paragraph five, can be inferred? **(1)**
 - i. Wild ancestry of dogs
 - ii. Similarity in their size and appearance
 - iii. They are trained to be wild hunters

iv. Only a few breed has keen sense of smell

x. How did dogs become man's best friend in ancient times? (1)

2. **Read the following passage carefully :**

[10]

1. Educational technology is the combined use of computer hardware, software, educational theory, and practice to facilitate learning. When referred to with its abbreviation EdTech, it points to the industry of companies that create educational technology. With education growing online, India's EdTech market size is expected to grow 3.7 times in the next five years.
2. Education in both rural and urban India is expected to be supported by technology in the near future.
3. As per a 2019-2020 report, only 22.3 percent of schools had an internet connection. Moreover, 61 percent of schools in the country didn't even have computers.
4. With the internet rate estimated to reach above 55 percent by the end of 2025 in India, digitisation of education will impact the country's development and become one of the topmost priorities for the government.
5. Budget 2021-22 allocated ₹ 93,224.31 crore to the Ministry of Education. It was an increase of over ₹ 8,100 crore from the revised estimates for the current fiscal year and the Department of Higher Education was allocated ₹ 38,350.65 crore.
6. The role of technology in education is more critical now than ever in addressing educational disparity. It has already made learning affordable and accessible. In particular, the use of technology in education in rural India is one of the biggest boons of recent times.
7. With help from apps and software, teachers can enhance their teaching ability and provide information about the most recent developments. Students can enjoy an interactive learning experience. Teachers can employ animation, powerpoint slides and graphs to catch the interest of their pupils. Gamification lends interest in the subject.
8. The online education system is a sector in which growth and development will work for the betterment of many sectors which include educating learners and increasing job opportunities for educators and technical teams.

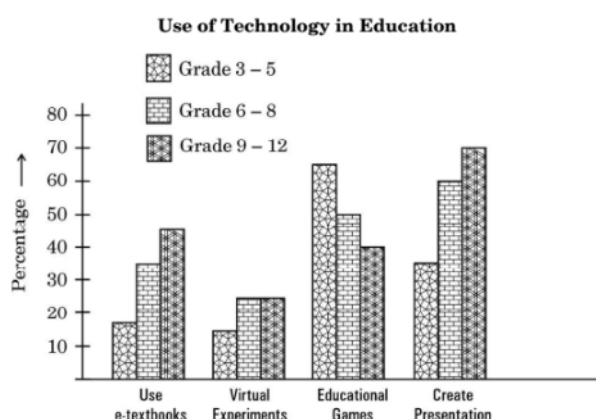


TABLE I.

REASONS FOR BOOM IN EDTECH

1. Lower cost involved in the dissemination of online education
2. Convenient, flexible and affordable
3. Initiatives by the Government which include programmes like SWAYAM and DIKSHA
4. Increasing number of education-based startups
5. Increment in the internet user base

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| 6. Increasing penetration of mobile devices
7. Inflow of investments and acquisitions in this sector
8. It overcomes the geographical barriers |
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Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

- i. Does the following statement agree with the information given in para 1? **(1)**
Education technology is the practice of introducing information and communication technology tools into the classroom.
Select from the following:
True - If the statement agrees with the information
False - If the statement contradicts the information
Not Given - If there is no information on this
- ii. What are the two essentials for digitization of education? **(2)**
- iii. Select the option that displays that the use of technology in education in rural India is one of the biggest boons of recent times. **(1)**
- a. Frees up the teacher to be able to concentrate on farming.
 - b. Teachers can enhance their teaching ability and provide more value to the students.
 - c. It understands what is needed and technology is subsequently developed effectively.
 - d. Simplifies assignment management with user-friendly methods.
- iv. Complete the sentence based on the following statement: **(1)**
The role of EdTech is more critical now _____.
- v. The word **critical** in para 6 most nearly means **(1)**
- a. difficult
 - b. crucial
 - c. complementary
 - d. causative
- vi. Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option: **(1)**
Technology in education works for the betterment of many sectors such as _____.
- a. farmers, educators and businessmen
 - b. educating learners, job opportunities for educators and technical teams
 - c. doctors, engineers and technocrats
 - d. banking, construction workers and software technicians
- vii. Digital education will become a top priority for the government because _____. **(1)**
- viii. Based on the reading of the passage, state a point to challenge the given statement: **(2)**
India's EdTech market size is expected to double in the next five years.

SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

3. You are the Anuj/Anu, Secretary of Saket Kunj, Saket, Navi Mumbai, Resident Welfare Association. Write a notice in 50 words to be circulated to all the residents informing them that there will be no water supply in your colony for two days due to necessary repair and maintenance work. Mention dates, and the timings that tankers will be available in the R.W.A. premises. **[4]**

OR

You are the Shila/Samir, Secretary of Saket Kunj, Saket, Navi Mumbai, Resident Welfare Association. Write a notice

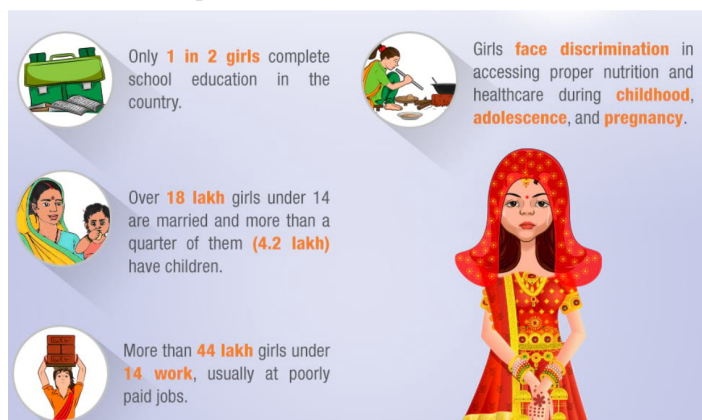
in 50 words to be circulated to all the residents informing them that there will be no electricity in your colony for one day due to repair of transformer and relaying of cables. Mention date and time.

4. You are Dr. Shailesh Gupta, an eminent educationist. You have been invited to preside over on Inter-Zonal [4]
Declamation competition by Neha the President of English Literary Club of Government Model Sr. Sec. School, Sector-19, Chandigarh. Write a letter of acceptance of the invitation.

OR

On 30th November your school is going to hold its annual sports day. You want Mr Dhanraj Pillai, a noted hockey player to give away the prizes to the budding sportspersons of the school. Write a formal invitation in about 50 words requesting him to grace the occasion. You are Karuna/Karan, Sports Secretary, Sunrise Global School, Agra.

5. Despite all the incentives the government is providing to encourage education of the girl child, the number of [5]
girls in the rural schools is not rising to the desired level. Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily giving your views on the problem. List a few suggestions on how the situation can be improved. You are Rani/Raj, 121 Main street, Kanpur.



OR

Draft an application for the post of accountant in Pioneers (Pvt.) Ltd. Co., Qatar, in response to their advertisement that appeared in **The Times of India** dated 1st April, 2022. Prepare a biodata to be enclosed. Your are Nipun/Aparna.

Immediate Vacancies – Finance and Accounts

A reputed Construction Company in Qatar requires the following candidates, who can start immediately

1. SENIOR ACCOUNTANT:
Post Graduation or above in Accounts with 10 years experience in Construction industry. Should be well versed in all aspects of Construction accounting and reports.

2. ACCOUNTANT (CASHIER)
Degree holder in Accounts with 10 years experience in handling Cash, bank and accounts related transactions.

Both candidates should be locally available with sponsorship transfer. Package will be at par with industry standards.

6. You are Praveen/Prerna. Secretary, Eco-club of Bharati school, Lucknow. You write an article on the hazards of [5]
environment pollution for the school magazine. You may use the cues given below. (120-150 words)

Causes - dumping of industrial waste in water bodies, improper disposal of e-waste and medical waste, indiscriminate construction work:
Solutions - stricter laws/role of media in spreading awareness/initiative by N.G.O.

OR

You are Radha/Ranjan of Daulat Ram Public School, Vadodara. Your school recently celebrated twenty-five years of meritorious service to the cause of education. You were asked to cover this event as a student correspondent of the school magazine. Write a report in 120-150 words. You may use the following cues:

Programme

PowerPoint Presentation on the School's Achievements
Speech by Chief Guest
Cultural Programme
Talks by former students
Vote of thanks

SECTION C - LITERATURE

7. **Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:** [6]

but after airport's
security check, standing a few yards
away, I looked again at her, Wan,
pale
as a late winter's moon and felt that
old
familiar ache, my childhood's fear
but all I said was, see you soon,
Amma,
All I did was smile and smile and
smile -----

- i. Choose the correct option:

In the above extract the narrator feels

- a. satisfied
- b. fearful
- c. nostalgic
- d. regretful

- ii. Identify the word in the extract that means **colourless**.

- iii. Complete the following analogy correctly:

She sang like a bird : Simile

All I did was smile and smile and smile : _____

- iv. Read the following statement and choose the correct option:

(1) The poet had gone through the security check.

(2) She did not want to look at her mother.

- a. (1) is true, but (2) is false.
- b. (1) is false, but (2) is true.
- c. Both (1) and (2) are true.
- d. Both (1) and (2) are false.

- v. What childhood fear is the poet referring to?

- vi. Fill the blank with appropriate words with reference to the extract:

Pale as a winter's moon suggests _____.

OR

- Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:**

"The little old house was out with a little new shed

In front at the edge of the road where the traffic sped,

A roadside stand that too pathetically pled,
It would not be fair to say for a dole of bread,
But for some of the money, the cash, whose flow supports
The flower of cities from sinking and withering faint.”

- i. Where was the new shed put up?
 - a. Behind the house
 - b. In front of the house
 - c. Besides the house
 - d. At the door of the house
- ii. Who are referred to as **the power of cities**?
 - a. The poor people
 - b. The elite class
 - c. Village people
 - d. People living in cities
- iii. Find a synonym of the word **Decay** from the extract.
- iv. Complete the following analogy correctly.

A roadside stand that too pathetically pled: personification:: polished traffic: _____
- v. On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to (1) and (2) given below.
 - (1) The condition of the shed aroused one's pity.
 - (2) The owner of the shed sought favours from the city people.
 - a. (1) is true but (2) is false.
 - b. (2) is true but (1) is false.
 - c. (2) is the reason for (1).
 - d. Both (1) and (2) cannot be inferred from the extract.
- vi. Identify the phrase, from the extract, that suggests a similar meaning to that of the underlined:

The villagers were striving to earn a square meal.

8. **Read the following text carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

[4]

I cried aloud, shaking my head all the while until I felt the cold blades of the scissors against my neck, and heard them gnaw off one of my thick braids. Then I lost my spirit. Since the day I was taken from my mother I had suffered extreme indignities. People had stared at me. I had been tossed about in the air like a wooden puppet. And now my long hair was shingled like a coward's! In my anguish I moaned for my mother, but no one came to comfort me. Not a soul reasoned quietly with me, as my own mother used to do; for now I was only one of many little animals driven by a herder.

- i. **Then I lost my spirit.** Choose the option that DOES NOT refer to **spirit**. (1)
 1. resolve
 2. energy
 3. determination
 4. indifference
 5. enthusiasm
 6. will power
 - a. 1, 2 and 5

- b. 2, 4 and 6
- c. 1, 3 and 6
- d. 3, 4 and 6

ii. Choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below. (1)

Statement 1 The author had been subjected to humiliation when she was separated from her mother.

Statement 2 Nobody was able to ease her distress and empathise with her.

- a. Statement 1 is true but Statement 2 is false.
- b. Statement 1 is false but Statement 2 is true.
- c. Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 cannot be inferred from the passage.
- d. Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 can be inferred from the passage.

iii. What is the tone of the given extract?

iv. Complete the sentence appropriately, with reference to the extract. (1)

In her community, _____ hair was worn by mourners and cowards wore _____. (1)

OR

Read the following text carefully and answer the questions that follow:

The man moaned with pain in his stupor but he did not awaken.

"The best thing that we could do would be to put him back in the sea," Sadao said, answering himself. Now that the bleeding was stopped for the moment he stood up and dusted the sand from his hands.

"Yes, undoubtedly that would be best," Hana said steadily. But she continued to stare down at the motionless man.

"If we sheltered a white man in our house we should be arrested and if we turned him over as a prisoner, he would certainly die," Sadao said.

"The kindest thing would be to put him back into the sea," Hana said. But neither of them moved. They were staring with curious repulsion upon the inert figure.

i. Based on the conversation between Sadao and Hana in the given extract, write an idiom (related to water) that best describes the situation in which they were. (1)

ii. Complete the sentence appropriately, with reference to the extract. (1)

Sadao and Hana cared about the soldier but were _____.

iii. In which of the following options can the underlined words NOT be replaced with **stupor**? (1)

- a. She hung up the phone feeling as though she had woken up from a slumber.
- b. The manager complained about the employee's sluggishness.
- c. He seemed to be in a trance when the doctor called upon him last week.
- d. Seeing him in a daze, the lawyer decided not to place him in the witness box.

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9. **Read the following text carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

[6]

I heard M. Hamel say to me, "I won't scold you, little Franz: you must feel bad enough, see how it is ! Everyday we have said to ourselves. Bah! I've plenty of time I'll learn it tomorrow. And now you see where we've come out. Ah, that's the great trouble with Alsace; she puts off learning till tomorrow. Now those fellows out there will

have the right to say to you. 'How is it; you pretend to be Frenchmen, and yet you can neither speak nor write your own language ?' But, you are not the worst, poor little Franz. We've all a great deal to reproach ourselves with".

(The Last Lesson)

- i. 'And now you see where we've come out.' (1)

The tone of M. Hamel in the above line is that of:

- A. kindness
- B. happiness
- C. regret
- D. enthusiasm

- ii. 'We've all a great deal to reproach ourselves with.' (1)

Select the option, which conveys the meaning of **reproach** as reflected in the above line.

- A. The player received a reprimand for breach of rules.
- B. The students approached the management with a demand for new canteen.
- C. The clerk received a letter of appreciation for his innovative ideas.
- D. She could not find a way to broach the subject with her boss.

- iii. State whether the following statement is true or false with reference to the extract. (1)

M. Hamel endorses the belief that there is plenty of time to learn their language.

- iv. Complete the sentence appropriately. (1)

'You must feel bad enough.' Through these words M. Hamel urges the people _____.

- v. Identify the line from the text that reinforces the theme of patriotism in the story. (1)

- vi. She puts off learning till tomorrow. The phrase 'puts off' suggests _____. (1)

OR

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

Wherever they find food, they pitch their tents that become transit homes. Children grow up in them, becoming partners in survival. And survival in Seemapuri means rag-picking. Through the years, it has acquired the proportions of a fine art.

- i. What is the most likely reason some people set up **Transit Homes**?

This could be because

- a. they were vagabonds
- b. they travelled in search of food
- c. they were hunter-gatherers
- d. their practiced slash-and-burn agriculture

- ii. Replace the underlined word with its antonym from the extract.

They lost the perfection of doing their job.

- iii. On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.

(1) People in Seemapuri excelled in the art of renovating rags.

(2) The only livelihood in Seemapuri was rag-picking.

- a. (1) Can be inferred from the extract but (2) cannot.
- b. (1) cannot be inferred from the extract but (2) can.
- c. (1) is true but (2) is false.

d. (2) is the reason for (1).

iv. Children who grow up in transit homes become:

- a. partners in crime
- b. partners in survival
- c. friends
- d. homemakers

v. Rationalise, to support the given opinion:

Rag picking was a fine art for them.

vi. Garbage is referred to as _____ metaphorically.

10. **Answer any five of the following questions in 40-50 words each:** [10]

- (a) What lesson did Douglas learn when he got rid of his fear of water? [2]
- (b) What reference has the poet (Keeping Quiet) made when he said, 'to put on clean clothes'? [2]
- (c) What is Aunt Jennifer's death symbolic of? (Aunt Jennifer's Tigers) [2]
- (d) Which was the only occasion when Sophie got to see Danny Casey in person? [2]
- (e) Why is the Englishman's visit referred to as unexplained mystery? Answer in reference to the chapter [2]

Poets and Pancakes.

- (f) Why did Umberto Eco prefer himself to be called an academician than a novelist? (**The Interview**) [2]

11. **Answer any two of the following questions in 40-50 words each:** [4]

- (a) What are the indications for the future of humankind? (**Journey to the End of the Earth**) [2]
- (b) How was the hundredth tiger made available to the king? [2]
- (c) What kind of indications do we get while visiting Antarctica to save Earth? (**Journey to the End of the Earth**) [2]

12. She gave a little cry of joy. She found a small rattrap, ... (The Rattrap) [5]

Saheb-e-Alam received a pair of discarded shoes with a hole in one of them. In spite of this he was very happy. (Lost Spring)

Compare the joy that both Edla and Saheb experience after receiving their respective gifts.

OR

Keats presents the idea of beauty as eternal that has a timeless lifelong attraction. According to him,

"...it will never

Pass into nothingness, but will keep

A bower quiet for us, and a sleep

Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing."

In the same vein, Neruda manifests the beauty of quietness to obtaining inner clarity.

"Now I'll count up to twelve

and you keep quiet and I will go."

Pen down your thoughts in the form of a descriptive essay by exploring a common connection that runs into the phrases like "pass into nothingness", "quiet breathing" and "you keep quiet and I will go".

13. Mr. Lamb kept on telling Derry to think of the positive things. You as a grown-up Derry, recount the story narrated by Mr. Lamb to convince him to think positively. [5]

You may begin like this:

My childhood days were surrounded by negativity until I met Mr. Lamb who became my inspiration. I remember once he narrated to me a story of a man who locked himself up in his room...

OR

Sadao shared a matured relation with his father. His father had gone through a lot of hardships to bring him up and he was concerned about his education. Therefore, Sadao was sent to America to study surgery and medicine at the young age of twenty-two.

Create a diary entry as a Sadao narrating your experiences in America.

You may begin this way:

I went to America because of my father as his prime concern was my education...

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