



### SAMPLE PAPER 1 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]

1. World Conservation Day is celebrated internationally to increase awareness about the best practices needed to protect our natural resources. The Earth is supplied with a limited amount of resources that we all rely upon, like water, air, soil and trees. The World Nature Conservation Movement is a great opportunity to celebrate the progress we've made and determine to take action, wherever needed. It is time to remind ourselves that we need to give back to nature instead of just using resources without thinking about conservation. There is a need to replenish and recycle the resources we consume from nature.
2. Our forests, rivers, oceans and soils provide us with the food we eat, the air we breathe, the water we irrigate our crops with. We also rely on them for numerous other goods and services. We depend on them for our health, happiness and prosperity. We have a cycle of biodiversity which needs proper conservation.
3. The population explosion remains one of the major reasons why natural resources are getting depleted at a very fast rate. Technological advancement and luxurious lifestyles have led to several environmental problems like global warming, ozone layer depletion, river water pollution and deforestation, which threaten the planet's future.
4. Humans, animals, marine creatures and the environment, all need to be protected and conserved for the planet's future well-being. There are many examples of conservation. One is a programme to try to preserve wetlands, or a programme to try and save old buildings. Another example is of an attempt to minimise the amount of electricity used by turning off lights when leaving a room, or an attempt to turn off the running tap to avoid wastage of water. There are lots of examples like these which need implementation.
5. Following these small steps in our daily lives we can help to maintain the balance of nature, thereby saving humankind from the kinds of natural disasters we may face in the near future.

6. Nature also has a profound impact on our minds and our behaviour, helping reduce anxiety, brooding, and stress and increase our attention, capacity, creativity and ability to connect with other people. So there is a need to save nature if we want to save life as the two are interconnected and need each other. If we hurt or destroy the environment, surely we will be ruined. We must create awareness among family members, and try and practise a sustainable lifestyle to protect and conserve nature.

**Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :**

i. Complete the sentence by choosing the appropriate option. **(1)**

There is an urgent need to conserve our natural resources because

- a. we are aimlessly using the natural resources and not replenishing them.
- b. they will be replaced by man-made resources.
- c. serious efforts are needed to cut down the consumption of these resources.
- d. we must become alert before it is too late.

ii. In the opinion of the writer, which are the primary natural resources without which our life is not possible?  
**(1)**

iii. In paragraph 1, the writer talks about **celebrating the progress**. Explain in context. **(1)**

iv. The writer would not agree with the given statements based on paragraph 6, EXCEPT **(1)**

- a. Stress can be relieved by working overtime.
- b. Nature can affect man's emotional well-being.
- c. Lifestyle cannot be changed permanently.
- d. Destruction of the environment is a temporary measure undertaken by man.

v. In the context of the given passage, what is the synonym of **replenish** (para 1) ? Choose the correct option.  
**(1)**

- a. scarcity
- b. restore
- c. reconcile
- d. minimize

vi. List two ways in which forests and rivers help mankind. **(2)**

vii. How can the solutions suggested in paragraph 4 be best described? **(1)**

- a. unrealistic
- b. short term
- c. practical
- d. challenging

viii. Why is it fair to say that population explosion remains one of the major reasons why natural resources are getting depleted rapidly? **(2)**

ix. Complete the given sentence with an appropriate reference with respect to the following: **(1)**

The writer quotes the example of family awareness in order to \_\_\_\_\_ (Paragraph 6).

x. What is the purpose of World Conservation Day? **(1)**

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

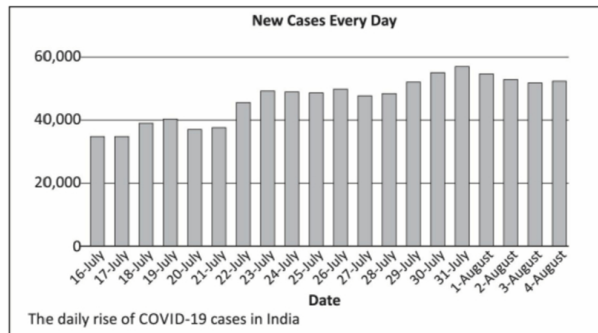
**[10]**

#### **India Covid-19 numbers explained**

1. With novel Coronavirus spreading rapidly all over the country, there are only three states right now, Meghalaya, Sikkim and Andaman and Nicobar Islands, that have less than 1,000 people infected with the

disease.

2. Lakshadweep, of course, still hasn't reported even a single case till now, the only region in India entirely free of the epidemic.
3. Otherwise, even the relatively smaller states now have significantly large spread of the disease. Goa, for example, has seen more than 7,000 of its people infected by the virus till now. Tripura has over 5,500 cases, while Manipur has more than 3,000, and Nagaland a little less than 2,500. Puducherry has more than 4,000 cases, while even Daman and Diu has over 1,300 people infected.
4. And in each of these states, the numbers are rising at a fast pace, at a rate higher than the national level. The infections had initially reached these states in the first and second week of May, when the lockdown was relaxed for the first time to enable people stuck in different parts of the country to return to their native places.
5. After a period of very slow growth, the number of cases have begun to rise rapidly in the last one month. In Goa, for example, the total number of infected people has nearly doubled in the last 15 days. Same has happened in Puducherry, as well.
6. Tuesday was one of those rare occasions when the number of active cases in the country, those who are yet to recover from the disease, went down compared to the previous day. That is because the number of recoveries, combined with the number of deaths, exceeded the new cases that were detected on Tuesday.



7. With over 52,500 new cases detected in the country, the total number of infections crossed 19 lakh, out of which 12.82 lakh people have recovered from the disease. The number of dead is now close to 40,000.
8. The number of recoveries on Tuesday was the highest-ever for a single day. More than 51,700 people were declared to have been recovered. Three days earlier, the number of recoveries had crossed 50,000 for the first time, but in the next two days the number had fallen to much lower levels.

**Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :**

- i. Does the following statement agree with the information given in paragraph 1? **(1)**

At least 1,000 people have the disease in Meghalaya, Sikkim, and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

**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. Do you believe that COVID cases in Goa, Tripura, Manipur, Nagaland, Puducherry, and Daman and Diu are increasing quickly and at rates that are lower than the national average? **(2)**
- iii. Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the incorrect statement. **(1)**
  - A. The virus has so far infected more than 7,000 residents of Goa.
  - B. Manipur has over 3,000 cases, while Tripura has over 5,500.
  - C. Less than 2,500 COVID cases were reported in Nagaland.

D. There are fewer than 4,000 COVID cases in Puducherry.

iv. Tuesday was one of those rare occasions when the number of active cases in the country decreased from the day before. **(1)**

We can say this because\_\_\_\_\_.

v. More than 51,700 people were declared to have been recovered on \_\_\_\_\_. **(1)**

A. Wednesday

B. Sunday

C. Tuesday

D. Monday

vi. The infections had initially reached Goa, Tripura, Manipur, Nagaland, Puducherry, and Daman and Diu in May's first and second week. Give one reason behind such an upsurge in COVID cases. **(2)**

vii. Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option. **(1)**

The overall number of infected people in Goa has nearly doubled over the past 15 days. This indicates that \_\_\_\_\_ now.

A. there are less than 50% cases

B. there are not more cases

C. there are more cases

D. None of these

viii. Complete the sentence appropriately with one word. **(1)**

With over 52,500 new cases detected in the country, the total number of infections has surpassed 19 lakh, with 12.82 lakh people \_\_\_\_\_ from the disease.

### **SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS**

3. You are Rahul/Rashmi. As President of the Literary Club of your school you have organized an inter-school debate competition on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee celebrations of your school. Write a notice in about 50 words, informing the students of your school about the competition. **[4]**

OR

You are Roshni/Rahul, Secretary of ABC Colony Welfare Association, Naveenbagh. Write a notice for the society notice board informing residents that there will be no water supply in your colony on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 due to maintenance work. Invent necessary details.

4. You have been invited by the Economics Society of Flora Public School for a panel discussion on 'Changing Economic Trends'. Due to sudden illness, you are unable to attend the event. Write a letter in 50 words expressing your inability to attend the programme. Mention day, date, time and venue. You are Dr. Rao. **[4]**

OR

You are Mr. Ajay Gupta of 7 Park Avenue, Delhi. Draft a reply of refusal expressing inability to attend a house warming party hosted by your colleague.

5. Games and Sports are not given as much importance in the country as is given to academics. As a result of this, our achievements in the international arena are not very spectacular. Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily on the importance of sports and games and on the need to create awareness about it. You are Sunita/Sameer, 8/35, MG Road, Bengaluru. **[5]**



OR

You are Sudha / Sudhir resident of A-7, Shanti Park. You read the following advertisements in a newspaper.

### SITUATION VACANT

I wanted a young and experienced graduate with fluency in English and Hindi to work as a receptionist at Customer Care booths of NCR Groups of Hotels, Delhi. Contact Manager along with your complete C.V. within 7 days of this advertisement.

Draft an application in response to the advertisement giving your detailed resume.

6. “The return of the cheetahs will help in the restoration of open forests and grassland ecosystems in India”. Write an article in **120-150** words expressing your views on how this will help conserve bio-diversity, wild life and soil conservation. You are Bela/Bhanu. Use the following cues along with your own ideas to compose your article. [5]

- ecological balance of nature
- helps keep food chain in place
- maintain ecological stability
- diversity ensures healthier ecosystems
- cultural significance
- good for mental health

OR

You are Jay/Jaya, an NCC cadet from Shyamala Memorial Hall, Trichy. You were selected as a member of the contingent to represent Tamil Nadu in the Republic Day parade in Delhi. Write a report for your school magazine, in 100-125 words on the programme, and about your participation.

### SECTION C - LITERATURE

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

.....I saw my mother,  
beside me,  
doze, open-mouthed, her face  
ashen like that  
of a corpse and realised with  
pain.....

- Where was the poet driving to?
  - Home to the Cochin airport
  - To Home
  - Cochin airport to home
  - None of these
- What did she realise with pain?

- a. She had lost their bag
  - b. She suffered from an injury
  - c. She had to leave her house
  - d. Her mother had grown very old
- iii. How did the poetess feel on this realization?
- a. Enraged
  - b. Delighted
  - c. Sad
  - d. Enthusiastic
- iv. On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.
- (1) Mother's face is pale and pallid.
- (2) The daughter is struck with the horror and pain of losing her.
- a. (1) can be inferred from the extract but (2) cannot.
  - b. (2) can be inferred from the extract but (1) cannot.
  - c. Both (1) and (2) can be inferred from the extract.
  - d. (2) is the reason for (1) and can be inferred from the extract.
- v. \_\_\_\_\_ is the poetic device used in the extract.
- vi. Which poetic device is used in 'hurt hands'.

OR

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

Sometimes I feel myself I can hardly bear  
The thought of so much childish longing in vain,  
The sadness that lurks near the open window there,  
That waits all day in almost open prayer.  
For the squeal of brakes, the sound of a stopping car,  
Of all the thousand selfish cars that pass,  
Just one to inquire what a farmer's prices are,

- i. What is the sentiment expressed in the above extract?
- (i) remorse
  - (ii) regret
  - (iii) empathy
  - (iv) disappointment
  - (v) guilt
- Choose the correct appropriate option.
- a. (iii) and (iv)
  - b. (ii) and (iii)
  - c. (iv) and (v)
  - d. (i) and (v)
- ii. Identify the phrase in the extract that suggests **innocent desires**.
- iii. The roadside stand owners pray for \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. a relief from the heat

- b. free housing
- c. cars stopping
- d. benefits from pollution

iv. Complete the following analogy correctly:

He fought like a lion : Simile :: selfish cars : \_\_\_\_\_

v. On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to (1) and (2) given below:

(1) The people who have put up the roadside stand keep waiting for customers.

(2) They become sad when someone turns up.

- 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.

vi. Fill the blank appropriately with reference to the extract.

**Squeal of brakes** implies \_\_\_\_\_

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

**[4]**

When I heard this, I didn't want to laugh any more, I felt terribly sad. How could they believe that it was disgusting if one of us held that package in his hands, even though the vadai had been wrapped first in a banana leaf, and then parcelled in paper? I felt so provoked and angry that I wanted to touch those wretched vadais myself straightaway. Why should we fetch and carry for these people, I wondered. Such an important elder of ours goes meekly to the shops to fetch snacks and hands them reverently, bowing and shrinking, to this fellow who just sits there and stuffs them into his mouth. The thought of it infuriated me.

i. The elder handing snacks reverently, bowing and shrinking to the fellow indicates that the **fellow** was (1)

- 1. condescending
- 2. unassuming
- 3. submissive
- 4. disdainful
- 5. aggressive
- 6. domineering

- a. 2, 3 and 6
- b. 1, 4 and 5
- c. 1, 4 and 6
- d. 2, 3 and 4

ii. Based on the given context, choose the option that illustrates when a person can be provoked, out of the examples given below. (1)

- 1. The employees organised a peaceful protest outside the firm.
- 2. The manager ill-treated one of the employees and wrongfully terminated him.
- 3. The employees wrote a letter of complaint against the manager.
- 4. The director of the firm scheduled a meeting for reconciliation.

- a. Option 1
- b. Option 2
- c. Option 3

d. Option 4

iii. What changed the mood of the narrator? (1)

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

The narrator of the given extract is a Tamil Dalit woman whose penname is \_\_\_\_\_.

OR

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

Sadao slept badly that night. Time and time again he woke, thinking he heard the rustling of footsteps, the sound of a twig broken or a stone displaced in the garden - a noise such as men might make who carried a burden.

i. Why did Sadao awake again and again? (1)

- a. He was tired badly
- b. He was helpless
- c. He was waiting eagerly for someone's arrival
- d. He was worried about General's health

ii. The **men** referred to in the given extract could be \_\_\_\_\_. (1)

iii. What does **burden** refer to in the line: **men might make who carried a burden here?** (1)

iv. What quality of Sadao has been depicted here? (1)

- a. a good doctor
- b. a professional man
- c. a true patriot
- d. serving humanity

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

[6]

Poor man! It was in honour of this last lesson that he had put on his fine Sunday clothes, and now I understood why the old men of the village were sitting there in the back of the room. It was because they were sorry, too, that they had not gone to school more. It was their way of thanking our master for his forty years of faithful service and of showing their respect for the country that was theirs no more.

i. Select the suitable word from the extract to complete the following analogy:

Honour: Respect :: \_\_\_\_\_: Regretful

ii. Based on the above extract, choose the statement that is FALSE for the villagers.

- a. They had gathered to bid farewell to M.Hamel.
- b. They expressed their gratitude towards M.Hamel.
- c. They regret not learning their mother tongue seriously.
- d. They were more willing to welcome a replacement for M.Hamel.

iii. Why does the narrator refer to M. Hamel as **Poor man!**?

- a. He empathizes with M. Hamel as he had to leave the village
- b. He believes that M. Hamel's "fine Sunday clothes" clearly reflected that he was not rich.
- c. He feels sorry for M. Hamel as it was his last French lesson.
- d. He thinks that M. Hamel's patriotism and sense of duty resulted in his poverty.

iv. Which of the following idioms might describe the villagers' act of attending the last lesson most accurately?

- a. 'Too good to miss'
- b. 'Too little, too late'
- c. 'Too many cooks spoil the broth'



- d. 'Too cool for school'
- v. Rationalise, to support the given opinion.

Besides M. Hamel, there was one thing more that brought the old men of the village there.

- vi. Complete the sentence with an appropriate explanation, as per the extract.

M Hamel was wearing his best dress in \_\_\_\_\_.

OR

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

In his hand is a steel canister. "I now work in a tea stall down the road," he says, pointing in the distance. "I am paid 800 rupees and all my meals." Does he like the job? I ask. His face, I see, has lost the carefree look. The steel canister seems heavier than the plastic bag he would carry so lightly over his shoulder. The bag was his. The canister belongs to the man who owns the tea shop. Saheb is no longer his own master!

- i. What is Saheb holding while on his way?
  - a. Rag picking bag
  - b. A pair of different colour shoes
  - c. A gold coin
  - d. A steel canister
- ii. Identify the textual clue that allows the reader to infer that the new job impacted Saheb. (Clue: a phrase)
- iii. Complete the sentence with an appropriate explanation, as per the extract.
 

The steel canister seem heavier than the plastic bag he would carry so lightly because \_\_\_\_\_.
- iv. Replace the underlined word with its antonym from the extract.
 

Saheb was no longer his own servant now.
- v. On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.
  - (1) Saheb was now having a job and a master.
  - (2) The author is happy to find that Saheb is now having a full-time job.
  - 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).
- vi. When the author met Saheb the second time, Saheb was:
  - a. wearing tennis shoes
  - b. barefoot
  - c. cheerful
  - d. wearing uniform

10. **Answer any five of the following questions in 40-50 words each:** **[10]**
- (a) How did Douglas remove his residual doubts about his fear of water? **[2]**
  - (b) What kind of war it would be when there are no survivors? Answer the question based on your understanding of the poem Keeping Quiet. **[2]**
  - (c) What picture of male chauvinism (tyranny) do we find in the poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers'? **[2]**
  - (d) What is your impression of Sophie's brother Geoff? **[2]**
  - (e) Describe the make-up room of the Gemini Studios as described by the author. **[2]**
  - (f) What drawbacks of interviews have been pointed out by Lewis Carrol? **[2]**

11. Answer any two of the following questions in 40-50 words each: [4]
- (a) How do geological phenomena help us to know about the history of humankind? (**Journey to the End of the Earth**) [2]
- (b) When the Maharaja did not find tigers in his own kingdom, what did he do to fulfill his vow? [2]
- (c) Tishani Doshi considered the program I Do you agree with her? Why/Why not? [2]  
(Journey to the End of the Earth)

12. The different portrayal of men in the texts **The Rattrap** and **Aunt Jennifer's Tigers** offers insights into the tendency of men to change or remain rigid. [5]

You have been asked to address your peers and share:

- The ways these portrayals highlight the willingness to improve and accept mistakes.
- The importance of updating and adapting our nature and knowledge according to changing times.

You may begin this way:

*Good morning, everyone.*

*As I analysed the allotted texts...*

You may end this way.

*To conclude, I'd like to say that*

Compose this draft, with reference to the prescribed texts listed above.

OR

After reading Keat's *A Thing of Beauty* Sneha deduced that all the things that take away all the sorrow that surrounds us from time to time can be a thing of beauty.

Today while explaining Frost's **A Roadside Stand**, the teacher said: "...that even seemingly insignificant things, like a tiny fruit shop, can have profound beauty and significance."

She is confused as to how can a shabby **roadside stand** be considered a thing of beauty.

Sneha discusses this with her father, an army personnel posted in the hills, over the phone but he was unable to convince her. As her father compose a letter (in 200 words), explaining his thoughts on the concept of beauty and consequently validating what the teacher taught. Support your response with reference to both poems.

You may begin this way:

*Dear Sneha*

*I appreciate your inquisitiveness that how could a shabby shop referred to in the poem, **A Roadside Stand**, which you read recently could be a thing of beauty...*

You may end this way:

*Although I wish to explain this in person, I have no better option than to explain you through this letter. I hope this explanation would be helpful to you. Please let me know if you still have doubts.*

*Warmly,*

13. Mr. Lamb had a positive impact on Derry's life. His meeting with Mr. Lamb transforms him from a scared child to a confident boy. Write a diary entry as Derry highlighting the qualities and attitudes that brought such changes in his personality. [5]

You may begin like this:

The brief association that I had with Mr. Lamb has changed me...

OR

After having escaped from Japan with the help of Dr. Sadao, Tom (the prisoner of war) writes an article highlighting how Sadao's actions demonstrated the importance of humanity and living in harmony. (The Enemy)

You may begin like this:

Humanity is a value that binds us together .....

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