

SP 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. Marie Curie was one of the most accomplished scientists in history. Together with her husband, Pierre, she discovered radium, an element widely used for treating cancer and studied uranium and other radioactive substances. Pierre and Marie's amicable collaboration later helped to unlock the secrets of the atom
2. Marie was born in 1867 in Warsaw, Poland, where her father was a professor of physics. At an early age, she displayed a brilliant mind and a blithe personality. Her great exuberance for learning prompted her to continue with her studies after high school. She became disgruntled, however, when she learned that the university in Warsaw was closed to women. Determined to receive a higher education, she defiantly left Poland and in 1891 entered the Sorbonne, a French university, where she earned her master's degree and doctorate in physics.
3. Marie was fortunate to have studied at the Sorbonne with some of the greatest scientists of her day, one of whom was Pierre Curie. Marie and Pierre were married in 1895 and spent many productive years working together in the physics laboratory. A short time after they discovered radium, Pierre was killed by a horse-drawn wagon in 1906. Marie was stunned by this horrible misfortune and endured heartbreaking anguish. Despondently, she recalled their close relationship and the joy that they had shared in scientific research. The fact that she had two young daughters to raise by herself greatly increased her distress.
4. Curie's feeling of desolation finally began to fade when she was asked to succeed her husband as a physics professor at the Sorbonne. She was the first woman to be given a professorship at a world-famous university. In 1911, she received the Nobel Prize in chemistry for isolating radium. Although Marie Curie eventually suffered a fatal illness from her long exposure to radium, she never became disillusioned about her work. Regardless of the consequences, she had dedicated herself to science and to revealing the mysteries of the physical world.
 - (i) According to the author, what made Marie Curie the ever-existing name in the world of science?
 - (ii) What message does the phrase 'she never became disillusioned about her work' convey?
 - (iii) What qualities did Pierre and Marie show when they worked together? Choose one option from the following:
 - a. incompatibility

- b. envy
 - c. camaraderie
 - d. Jealousy
- (iv) Select the option with the underlined words that can suitably replace 'desolation' (paragraph IV).
- a. She was in gloom when her father left her all alone.
 - b. Riya was so elated to know that she passed the test.
 - c. The teacher was so strict while invigilating in the exam hall.
 - d. Mohan is a destitute boy who keeps worrying about his future all the time.
- (v) Marie had a 'blithe' personality. Substitute the word 'blithe' in ONE WORD.
- (vi) Identify the qualities of Marie Curie, according to the given passage.
- (1) determined
 - (2) brilliant
 - (3) carefree
 - (4) quarrelsome
 - (5) immoral
- a. (1), (2), (3)
 - b. (4) and (5)
 - c. (1),(4) and (5)
 - d. (2) and (3)
- (vii) Identify the tone in the given phrase- 'Marie was stunned by this horrible misfortune'.
- (viii) Choose the option that lists the quote best expressing the central idea of the given passage.
- a. The backbone of success is hard work, determination and perseverance.
 - b. Do not stop working; work is the only key to success.
 - c. Nothing grows but honesty and hard work.
 - d. Hard work pays off.

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

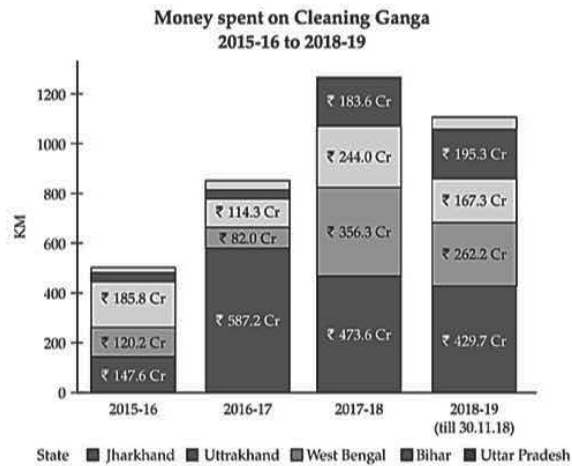
[10]

For millions of people in India, river Ganga is the most sacred river. It is considered as mother and goddess. It is also a lifeline to millions of Indians who live on the banks of its course and depend on it for their daily needs. River Ganga is the third largest river in the world by the amount of water that flows through it. It is the longest river in India. The river water of Ganga is used for irrigation, transportation and fishing.

The Gangetic plain formed by river Ganga is one of the most fertile lands on earth. This is why almost 10% of the world's population lives here and earns its livelihood. The Ganga, in India, is the most worshipped body of water. The irony here is that in spite of being the most worshipped river, it is also the dirtiest one. It carries metals thrown out by tanneries, waste produced by industries and urban waste from different cities. All this has made river Ganga the fifth most polluted river in the world. Another major reason that adds to the Ganga river pollution is the coal-based power plants on its banks which burn tons of coal every year and produce a lot of fly ash. This ash mixed with domestic wastewater is released into the river. This bad situation calls for an urgent need to make efforts to reduce pollution and revive river Ganga.

To achieve these objectives, the Government of India has started a programme named "Namami Ganga Programme". The main pillars of this programme are sewage treatment, river surface cleaning, afforestation, river front development and public awareness. The importance of the success of "Namami Ganga Programme" can be seen through the following lines: " If Ganga dies, India dies. If Ganga thrives, India thrives. No Ganga,

No India".



- (i) Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your understanding of the passage.
- We can say that the situation of Ganga being polluted by those who worship it is comparable with the tainted politicians who claim to establish the rule of law even because _____.
- (ii) Fill the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of paragraph 2.
- The statement that, almost 10% of the world's population lives here and earns its livelihood, is a _____ (fact/ opinion) because it is a _____ (subjective judgement/objective detail).
- (iii) Justify the following, in about 40 words.
- If Ganga dies, India dies. If Ganga thrives, India thrives. No Ganga, No India.
- (iv) Based on the statistics, what was the highest/maximum contribution made by any state to the cleaning programme? Was it the same for the successive year too?
- (v) In the given diagram, identify the years when river Ganga was cleaned the maximum and minimum.
- (vi) Select the option that correctly displays the **pollutants** carried by river Ganga as mentioned in the passage. (Reference-Paragraph 2)

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- A. (i), (iii) and (v)
 B. Only (ii)
 C. Only (iii)
 D. (ii) and (v)
- (vii) Infer one positive and one negative feature of river Ganga as mentioned in the passage. (Answer in about 40 words)
- (viii) Choose the ODD one about the Namami Ganga Programme.
- A. Sewage treatment and river surface cleaning.
 B. Afforestation and riverfront development.
 C. Reduce pollution and revive the river.
 D. Mass mobilisation and public awareness.

SECTION B –GRAMMAR

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

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

The President

RWA, Magna Greens Apartments

42, Gandhi Marg, Jonpara

Mumbai

Subject: _____ (seek) Recommendation for 'Serving Citizens' Award' Nominations.

Dear Sir

- (ii) Identify the error in the given sentence, from an e-zine report and supply the correction. [1]

Anxiety is a manifestation of the mind being afraid of venture into the unknown.

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

- (iii) **Read the conversation and complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.** [1]

Ankit: Where are you going?

Atul: To the airport.

Ankit asked Atul where he was going. Atul replied _____.

- (iv) My father said to us, "We should study and get a good division in the examination." [1]

Reported speech: _____

- a) My father told us that we shall study and get a good division in the examination. b) My father tells us that we should study and get a good division in the examination.
- c) My father told us that we should study and got a good division in the examination. d) My father said us that we should study and got a good division in the examination.

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

The vocabulary list had been memorized by _____ (mostly / all / more) of the students and each one scored over 80 percent on the exam.

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

Bee bus stops are a small step toward supporting important pollinate insects.

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

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

This exams open doors to higher education, improve employment opportunities and increase options.

Option no.	Error	Correction
A	this	these
B	open	opens
C	to	for
D	options	option

- (viii) He is the man about whom we _____ so much. [1]

- a) heard b) would have heard
c) have heard d) had heard

- (ix) **Report the dialogue between Arjun and Arun, by completing the sentence:** [1]

Arjun: Are you right-handed?

Arun: No, I do all my work with my left hand.

In response to the question that whether he was right-handed, Arun denied and said that _____.

- (x) I said, "Two fixed menus for us, please." [1]

I _____ our meal.

- a) proposed b) protested

c) ordered

d) suggested

- (xi) Complete the line from a self-awareness song, by filling the blank with the correct option.

[1]

An angel writing in a book of gold:

Exceeding peace _____ Ben Adhem bold,

And to the presence in the room he said,

"What writest thou" - The vision _____ is head,

i. makes, raises

ii. had made, raised

iii. had made, raise

iv. makes, raised

- (xii) Identify the error and supply the correction, for the following:

[1]

Delhi Government	
BENEFITS OF RAINWATER HARVESTING	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Help cater to the potable water need of the ever-growing population• Stop the rapid fall for Groundwater• Help maintain Green Cover	

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

4. You are Aryan/Amrita of C/43, Hauz Khas, New Delhi. You have read a report in a magazine mentioning that there are 12 million child workers in your country. It is a national problem. Write a letter to the editor 'The Indian Express', giving your views on why child labour exists and how it can be abolished.

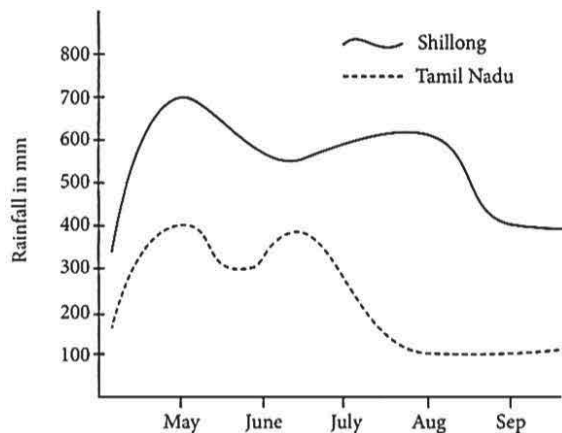
[5]

OR

You are Shammi/Sapna, resident of 12 Mall Road, Agra. You have noticed that majority of the water taps in your colony keep on leaking. Also, water drips from various joints in the supply pipes. All these lead to a big wastage of potable water. Write a letter of complaint to the Municipal Commissioner, Agra Municipal Corporation requesting him to get the necessary repairs done.

5. Line graph below shows the comparison of rainfall in two different states of India that is Tamil Nadu and Shillong between the month of May-September. Write an analytical paragraph studying the graph.

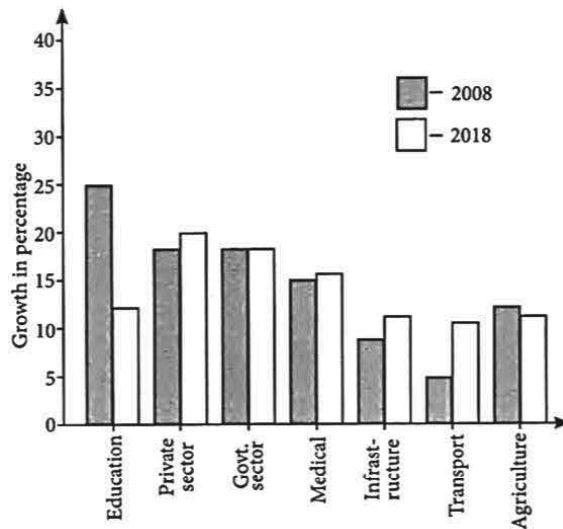
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OR

Write an analytical paragraph based on the double bar graph showing the percentage growth in different sectors in a

developing country from the year 2008 to 2018.



SECTION C - LITERATURE

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

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

Ausable moved to an armchair and sat down heavily. "I'm going to raise the devil with the management this time, and you can bet on it," he said grimly. This is the second time in a month that somebody has got into my room through that nuisance of a balcony!

i. Who is Ausable?

ii. Ausable's annoyance at the balcony when he says, "...nuisance of a balcony..." could be called fake. Why is it so?

iii. Which word replaces 'sat down heavily' in the sentence - 'Ausable moved to an armchair and sat down heavily'?

- a. dumped
- b. flumped
- c. pumped
- d. jumped

iv. Delnaaz is a new tenant in her locality and Mrs. Mehta is the landlady. Choose the option that lists an action that would require Mrs. Mehta to 'raise the devil' with Delnaaz.

- a. She uses the elevator five times a day.
- b. She feeds the stray dogs in the street.
- c. She works late at night and stays home in the afternoon only.
- d. She plays music louder than is necessary late into the night.

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

So, in order not to shake the writer's faith in God, the postmaster came up with an idea to answer the letter. But when he opened it, was evident that to answer it, he needed something more than goodwill, ink, and paper. But he stuck to his resolution: he asked for money from his employees, he himself gave part of his salary and several friends of his were obliged to give something for an act of charity'. It was impossible for him to gather together the hundred pesos, so he was able to send the farmer only a little more than half. He put the money in an envelope addressed to Lencho and with it a letter containing only a single word as a signature: God. 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.

- i. What is the significance of the situation where the postmaster decided to help Lencho? Answer in about 40 words.
- ii. How did the postmaster collect money to be sent to Lencho? Complete the sentence with the appropriate option. He collected money from his employees and gave _____.
 - A. a part of his salary to send to Lencho.
 - B. the collected money to Lencho.
 - C. the contribution to Lencho.
 - D. his monthly salary to Lencho.
- iii. Identify the word from the passage, which is opposite to the phrase 'very few'.
- iv. What were the things the postmaster kept in the envelope? State any one inference about the postmaster from the given context: "So, in order not to shake the writer's faith in God, the postmaster came up with an idea to answer the letter."

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

- (i) 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?

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

Belinda paled, and she cried Help! Help!
But Mustard fled with a terrified yelp,
Ink trickled down to the bottom of the household,
And little mouse Blink strategically mousehold.

- i. Pick an option that best fits the usage of the word 'trickled' as used in the extract.
 - a. The water trickled down the tap and filled the trough.

b. Students trickled into the classroom as the teacher entered.

c. Tears trickled down her cheeks as she heard the sad news.

d. His enthusiasm for the task slowly trickled away.

ii. Where did Blink hide himself?

iii. Fill in the blank with one word which means the same as 'ran away' _____.

iv. Comment on the humour used in these lines.

8. **Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words** [12]
- (i) What type of place is Coorg? [3]
 - (ii) What does the poet want to convey through the poem A Tiger in the Zoo? [3]
 - (iii) On what issues did Lomov and Natalya quarrel? What did their quarrel reveal about them? [3]
 - (iv) What made Mr. Keesing allow Anne to talk in class? (From the Diary of Anne Frank) [3]
 - (v) What do you think would be enough to destroy the world? Can Fire and Ice contribute to it? [3]
9. **Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.** [6]
- (i) What would you have done if you were in the place of James Herriot? [3]
 - (ii) What happened at Bholi's marriage ceremony? [3]
 - (iii) What did Griffin, the scientist, do to escape after setting the fire to his landlord's house? [3]
10. **Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words** [6]
- (i) Imagine that the narrator shared his story with friends and family once he got home. One of them, a spiritual leader, decided to incorporate the story as part of his weekly sermon to the congregation. Another friend, a psychologist, worked the story into his next lecture on survival instinct and crisis management.
Do you think the two interpretations of the story would be different? If so, how?
What insights might the narrator get about his mysterious experience, if he were to attend both the sessions? Answer in the context of the lesson **Two Stories about Flying**. [6]
 - (ii) The tiger in the zoo is pacing back and forth in his enclosure, restless and frustrated. He sees the Mandela in the next cage over and they make eye contact. The man is old and tired, but there is a fire in his eyes. They begin to speak to each other, each in their own language, but understanding each other perfectly. Imagine that they are both discussing about achieving freedom and never giving up hope.
You may begin like this.
The tiger says, "I was born wild, free, but I was captured and put in this zoo. I long to be free again, to roam the forests and plains."
Mandela replies ... [6]
11. **Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.** [6]
- (i) Matilda goes home after meeting Madam Forestier after ten years and shares the fact with M Loisel that the necklace was a false one. Write the dialogue between Matilda and M Loisel.
Matilda: I don't know how to tell you this but I met Madam Forestier today and she told me that her necklace was
M Loisel: What! I can't believe my ears. That huge debt was for nothing!
Matilda: ...
M Loisel: ... [6]
 - (ii) Sometimes deception is a way of life. Explain this statement by citing facts from the lesson 'The [6]

Thief's Story'.

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