



S R SAMPLE PAPER 2

Class 12 - English Core

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, WRITING and LITERATURE.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number in your answer sheet to indicate the option/s being attempted.

SECTION A – READING SKILLS

1. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

[12]

It is hard to think of an Indian snack that is not fried. However, we need to be aware of what happens to oil when it is heated. When oil begins to smoke, it is a good indicator that it has been heated too much. At this temperature, chemical changes begin to take place, which has many health risks. Of course, this is tricky. If the oil is not hot enough, then more of it is absorbed, and the resultant product is quite soggy and unfit to eat.

Further, prolonged heating of oil at high temperature, i.e. at its smoking point, leads to its degradation. A substance called acrolein is formed which can irritate the stomach lining. The oil that has decomposed to acrolein is dark and viscous. Normally this does not happen when food is fried at home. But as oil is expensive we are not willing to put it down the drain after having used it only once. The common tendency is to set aside any oil that is left over to use another time. And repeated use of the same oil guarantees the formation of acrolein with all its undesirable effects.

In fact, some experts suggest that oil should not be held at its smoking temperature for more than 15 minutes at a time. This time span, as everyone knows, is hardly sufficient to prepare food for even a small family of four. Sadly, olive and corn oils are not widely available in our markets. Both these oils can be heated to higher temperatures before they start smoking.

Even heart-friendly oils, like those made from sunflower, are also not spared from these effects. Another problem arises when oil is stored under less than satisfactory conditions. If the oil is not stored in an airtight container which, additionally, allows light to pass through, then it will deteriorate further because of the effect of oxygen and light on the oil.

By and large, these undesirable effects result when food is deep-fried. So, eat deep-fried food occasionally. This does not mean we can no longer enjoy the flavour and palatability of fried foods. Some food like tikkis lend themselves to both deep and shallow frying. Since every batch of frying requires fresh oil, there is no problem with leftover oil.

The practice of heating small amounts of mustard, black grams chillies and the like in a little oil, before they are added to vegetables and curries, is called tempering. Tempering is not meant solely for flavour but has a nutritional benefit as well.

- (a) Complete the sentence by choosing an appropriate option.

_____ is a substance that irritates the stomach lining.

- i. Acrolein
 - ii. Sunflower oil
 - iii. Acetic acid
 - iv. Corn oil
- (b) Comment on the degradation of oil due to prolonged heating as referred to in paragraph two.
- (c) List any two ways one can opt to delish the flavours of deep-fried foods.
(Clue: Think about the alternatives to curb its harmful effects)
- (d) Select the option that conveys the opposite of ‘undesirable’, from words used in paragraph five.
- i. flavour
 - ii. tempering
 - iii. palatability
 - iv. occasional
- (e) What is the other consequence of improper storage of oil?
- i. Oxidisation of Oil when left in open/improperly stored
 - ii. Not storing it in air-tight container reduces freshness
 - iii. Oil used for Deep-frying is super unhealthy
 - iv. Light passes through it as Oil is transparent
- (f) Based on your understanding of paragraph six, list one major reason as to why tempering is done.
- (g) Why do we have a tendency of reusing the oil once used?
- (h) Complete the given sentence with an appropriate inference, with respect to the following:
According to the writer, a few healthy oils that can be heated to higher temperatures before they start smoking are not widely available in our markets. These oils are _____.
- (i) What happens to oil when it is heated?
- i. It begins to smoke
 - ii. Chemical Changes start taking place
 - iii. If not heated enough, more of it is absorbed
 - iv. Over-heating leads to its degradation

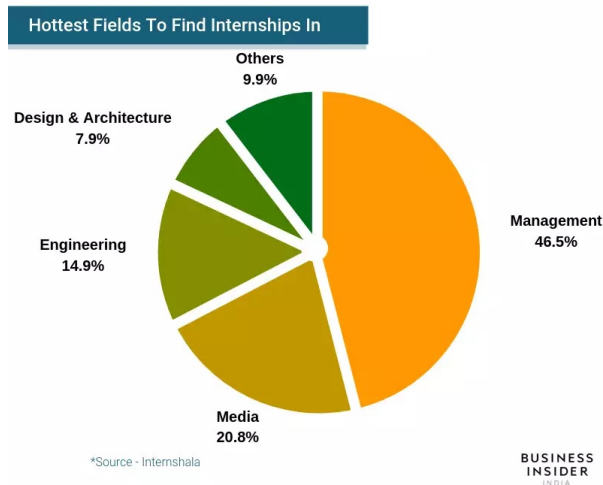
2. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

[10]

I. Over the last five years, more companies have been actively looking for intern profiles, according to a 2018-19 survey by an online internship and training platform. This survey reveals that India had 80% more internship applications — with 2.2 million applications received in 2018 compared to 1.27 million in the year before. The trend was partly due to more industries looking to have fresh minds and ideas on existing projects for better productivity. What was originally seen as a western concept, getting an internship before plunging into the job market, is fast gaining momentum at Indian workplaces.

II. According to the survey data, India’s National Capital Region has been the top provider of internships, with a total of 35% internship opportunities, followed by Mumbai and Bengaluru at 20% and 15%, respectively. This includes opportunities in startups, MNCs and even government entities. The survey also revealed popular fields to find internships in (Fig 1). There has been growing awareness among the students about the intern profiles sought by hiring companies that often look for people with real-time experience in management than B- school masters.

Internship Trends 2018



III. The stipend has been an important factor influencing the choice of internships. The survey data reveals that the average stipend offered to interns was recorded as Rs. 7000 while the maximum stipend went up to Rs. 85,000. According to statistics, a greater number of people considered virtual internships than in-office internships. Virtual internships got three times more applications than in-office, since a large chunk of students were the ones already enrolled in various courses, or preferred working from home.

IV. Internship portals have sprung up in the last three to four years and many of them already report healthy traffic per month. Reports suggest that on an average, an internship portal company has around 200,000-plus students and some 8,000 companies registered on it. It gets around two lakh visits online every month. The Managing Director of a leading executive search firm says that though these web platforms are working as an effective bridge between the industry and students. Since there is a high likelihood that interns will leave the company, most reputable companies are still apprehensive about hiring too many interns.

- (a) Does the following statement agree with the information given in paragraph III?

The survey statistics mention the average stipend, indicating that most interns were offered the highest stipend of Rs.85,000.

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

- (b) Do you think that there were lesser companies searching for intern profiles earlier, as compared to those in the recent five years?
- (c) Choose the main idea of the paragraph that is likely to come before paragraph I.
- Process of registering for internships
 - Dos and Don'ts for an internship interview
 - Knowing more about internships
 - Startups and internships
- (d) Complete the sentence based on the following statement.
- Virtual internships attracted three times more applications than in-office.
- We can say this because_____.
- (e) Based on your reading of paragraphs II-III, select the appropriate counter-argument to the given argument.

ARGUMENT: I don't think you'll be considered for an internship just because you've been the student editor and Head of the Student Council.

- a. I know that my stipend might be on the lower side but I think that it's a good 'earn while you learn' opportunity.
 - b. I think I have a fair chance because I'm applying for a virtual position than an in-office one.
 - c. Lot of metro-cities have a good percentage of positions open and I think I should definitely take a chance.
 - d. I have real-time experience in managing a team and many companies consider it more meritorious than a degree in Management.
- (f) The phrase 'healthy traffic' in paragraph IV refers to the _____
- A. monthly data about the health of internship applicants.
 - B. updates from portals about health and road safety.
 - C. statistics about adherence to traffic rules by the portals.
 - D. sizeable number of visitors to the portal per month.
- (g) The majority of established companies are still hesitant to hire too many interns.
Give one reason why the established companies are reluctant.
- (h) Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option with reference to Fig 1.
Management internships' _____ is more than twice that of Media.
- A. importance
 - B. application
 - C. popularity
 - D. privacy

SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

3. You are Mohan/Mohini, Secretary, Social Activities Club of ABC School, Gokulpuri. The club has decided to launch a cleanliness drive in a slum colony near your school during the Dussehra holidays. Write a notice, in not more than 50 words, informing class XII students of your school about the drive and urge them to volunteer for the programme. Give all the necessary details. [4]

OR

You are Rani/Raj, Secretary Health Club, National Public School, Ramnagar. You find that after the lunch break the school playground and verandahs are littered with wrappers, paper/polythene bags, etc. Write a notice in about 50 words advising students to refrain from doing so.

4. You are Mr. Ajay Gupta of 7 Park Avenue, Delhi. Draft a reply accepting an invitation to attend a house warming party hosted by your colleague. [4]

OR

You are Roshan Khera, a resident of Haryana. Invite your friend Hrishit Arora who lives in old Delhi to spend a part of his summer vacation with you at your farm house near Pinjore.

5. After passing the secondary school examination, a candidate has to make a very difficult choice from a number of streams available to him at the senior school level for further studies. There is not a valid mechanism to assess the suitability of a candidate for a particular stream. Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily emphasising the need for educational counsellors for guidance in this matter in each school. You are Vinita/Vinay, 48, Agra Fort, Agra. [5]



OR

You are Ketan Pandey of 63, Civil Lines, Delhi. You saw an advertisement in ‘The Hindu’ for the post of Accountant in a reputed school. Write an application in 120-150 words to the Jindal Public School, New Delhi, giving your detailed bio-data.

ACCOUNTANT
Qualification: B.Com. with 5-8
 years experience of handling
 work of accounts Independently
 & having Knowledge of Tally.
 Walk-in Interview from 18 to 24 Dec., 12
 between 09:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. (except Sunday)
JINDAL PUBLIC SCHOOL
 Dashrathpuri, Dwarka-Palam
 Road, New Delhi-110 045

6. Science attempts to explore the secrets of nature, while religion wants to reveal the very purpose of existence. [5]
 The aim of both science and religion is to discover the truth. Write an article in 150-200 words on ‘Science and Religion’.

OR

A one-day cricket match was played between your school ACE Public School and DFG Public School, Lampur. Your team won the match by 4 wickets. Write a report in 150 - 200 words on the same for your school magazine. You are Sapna/Sridhar.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

7. **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:** [6]
 “A thing of beauty is a joy forever
 Its loveliness increases, 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.”

Therefore, on every morrow, are we wreathing

A flowery band to bind us to the earth

- (a) How does a thing of beauty give us everlasting joy?
- It gives sound sleep.
 - It increase in loveliness.
 - It never fades.
 - It provides shady place.
- (b) What is the effect of increase in its loveliness?
- It gives a peaceful sleep.
 - It provides good health.
 - It allows quiet breathing.
 - All of these
- (c) Which one example of the beauty of nature which the poet has given in these lines?
- A sound sleep
 - Trees and gardens
 - A shady place
 - Mental peace
- (d) The expression **pass into nothingness** implies that, beautiful things
- never increase
 - create unhappiness among friends
 - always bring unhappiness
 - never fade away
- (e) Answer in one word.
The extract highlights the healing quality of the _____.
- (f) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.
- (1) We are surrounded by beautiful things.
(2) Beautiful things provide us joy.
- (1) can be inferred from the extract but (2) cannot.
 - (2) can be inferred from the extract but (1) cannot.
 - Both (1) and (2) can be inferred from the extract.
 - (2) is the reason for (1) and can be inferred from the extract.

OR

Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

[6]

Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering through her wool

Find even the ivory needle hard to pull.

The massive weight of Uncle's wedding band

Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand.

- (a) Choose the option that displays the same poetic device as used in the first line of the extract.
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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| a) The dazzling drizzle drenched all. | b) I'm as happy as I can be. |
| c) Life is a roller coaster ride. | d) Nature is God's gift to us. |
- (b) Which of the following may NOT be (symbolically) associated with the phrase 'massive weight' in the

given context?

- a) superiority
 - b) cumbersome
 - c) stress
 - d) obligations
- (c) Which of the following is/are reflected in Aunt Jennifer's life/nature?
- i. dominating
 - ii. bad experiences
 - iii. struggle-free life
 - iv. better relationships
 - v. positive outlook

Choose the most appropriate option.

- a) (i), (iii) and (iv)
 - b) (i), (ii) and (v)
 - c) Only (ii)
 - d) (ii) and (iv)
- (d) Answer in ONE word.
It became difficult for the aunt to pull her _____ up and down of the cloth out of fear.
- (e) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.
1. She trembles while she is embroidering the piece of cloth.
 2. She fears her husband as he doesn't approve of her hobby of embroidery.
- a) (2) can be inferred from the extract but (1) cannot.
 - b) (1) can be inferred from the extract but (2) cannot.
 - c) (2) is the reason for (1) and can be inferred from the extract.
 - d) Both (1) and (2) can be inferred from the extract.
- (f) Which of the following is an apt title for the extract?
- a) Aunt's Heavy Ring
 - b) Uncle's Gift of Ivory
 - c) Joy of Aunt's Wedding
 - d) The Ivory's Anguish

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

[4]

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.

- (a) What burden had the **men** to carry?
- a. Dr. Sadao himself
 - b. Dead body of Tom
 - c. The General
 - d. The things they have stolen from Sadao's house.
- (b) What quality of Sadao has been depicted here?
- (c) Why did Sadao awake again and again?
- (d) Who are the **men** referred to?
- a. General and his subordinate
 - b. Servants
 - c. Assassins
 - d. Messengers from General

- d. Two days a week, five hours each day
- (c) Rewrite the sentence by replacing the underlined phrase with its inference.
William used every way he knew to overcome this fear.
- (d) Replace the underlined word with its antonym from the extract.
William's fear had **released** him over time.
- (e) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.
(1) The author decided to get an instructor.
(2) He wanted to learn to swim and get rid of his fear.
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).
- (f) Rationalise, to support the given opinion:
The belt around William's waist was put purposefully for safety reasons.

OR

Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

[6]

They had merely heard that a Mahatma who wanted to help them was in trouble with the authorities. Their spontaneous demonstration, in thousands, around the courthouse was the beginning of their liberation from fear of the British. The officials felt powerless without Gandhi's cooperation. He helped them regulate the crowd. He was polite and friendly. He was giving them concrete proof that their might, hitherto dreaded and unquestioned, could be challenged by Indians. The government was baffled. The prosecutor requested the judge to postpone the trial. Apparently, the authorities wished to consult their superiors.

- (a) Complete the sentence with an appropriate explanation, as per the extract.
The officials felt powerless because the crowd _____.
- (b) Rationalise, to support the given opinion:
The demonstration in front of the courthouse proved that the dread instilled in their heart had begun to lessen.
- (c) The tone of the author when he writes: **Apparently, the authorities wished to consult their superiors** is _____.
a. humourous
b. dramatic
c. sarcastic
d. persuasive
- (d) Gandhiji's behaviour towards the British prior to the proposal of postponement of the trial was that of:
a. indifference
b. calm acceptance
c. ignorance of consequences
d. polite helpfulness
- (e) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.
(1) The government was bewildered.
(2) The situation was getting tougher.
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).

(f) Select the suitable word from the extract to complete the following analogy:

Apparent: Evident :: Solid: _____

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

(a) Why was the crofter happy when the peddler knocked on his door? [2]

(b) What were the poet's feelings at the airport? How did she hide them in the poem *My Mother at Sixty-Six*? [2]

(c) What do you understand when the poet says that "the trusting sorrow" of the poor people is unsaid? [2]

(A Roadside Stand)

(d) How did Sophie's father react when Geoff told him about her meeting with Danny Casey? [2]

(e) What was specific about the Gemini Studios in India? [2]

(f) What does Umberto Eco remark about Lodge's observation about him? [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 did Sam settle down in the old Galesburg? [2]

(c) Why is Antarctica and its understanding important for the survival of the world? (**Journey to the End of the Earth**) [2]

12. We find different portrayals of young children in the texts **Going Places, Lost Spring, Deep Water, and Last Lesson**, which offer an assortment of diverse experiences of children in society. It ranges from being a rag-picker like Saheb from **Lost Spring** to a truant schoolboy Franz from **The Last Lesson** and romantic dreamer Sophie in the story **Going Places**. [5]

You have been asked to address your peers and share (any three)-

- the ways these portrayals highlight making the optimum use of their constrained opportunities.
- the cause of our sadness due to our imaginary expectations in our minds.
- not giving up and winning over your fear even after an awful experience.
- the importance of understanding the value of our privileges like coming to school, having someone to share your pain with or having a loving family that we already have without making any effort.

Compose this draft, with reference to any three of these prescribed texts listed above.

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

OR

Like Stephen Spender, Pablo Neruda is also invited to Gemini Studios for their **Annual Poets' & Writers' Conclave**.

Conclave.

As Neruda, prepare a speech on **Art & The Contemporary World** referring to the extract from *Keeping Quiet*.

Those who prepare green wars,

wars with gas, wars with fire,

victory with no survivors,

*would put on clean clothes
and walk about with their brothers
in the shade, doing nothing.*

You may use the given value points to present a resolution:

- Exploitation of nature
- War for the territorial benefit
- Problems like Plastic Pollution, Ocean Acidification, and Deforestation
- Promoting brotherhood, peace, and unity

13. In the story, **The Tiger King**, the existence of tigers was at stake for more than one reason and for no fault of their own. **[5]**

As a reader, express your thoughts in a diary entry commenting on the killing of animals for whims and fancies. Support your response with reference to the story.

You may begin this way:

Author Kalki has subtly presented the eccentricities of the king who tries to avoid death following an astrologer's prediction...

OR

It may take a long time for oppression to be resisted, but the seeds of rebellion are sowed early in life.

As Bama's brother, express your concern about the impact of prejudices like discrimination and oppression on the children's minds in a diary entry.

You may begin like this:

Injustice in any form cannot escape being noticed even by children...

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