

SP 3

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. Mountains have always been held in great awe by mankind. They have been a challenge to humans. Those brave among us have always wanted to conquer them. You see, the more incredible the mountains, the greater the thrill – a challenge to the bravery of the human race.
Climbing mountains is an experience that is hard to put into words. You are in a beautiful environment and, when you reach the top, you feel incredible. But you also have to climb down, which is when most accidents happen – people are tired, it gets dark, it's harder. So, mountain climbing is undoubtedly one of the most popular adventure sports along with being challenging and risky for the climber.
2. Without any perceived risk, there can't be a feeling that any significant challenge has been surmounted. Fair, but we have to bear in mind that mountaineering is not a sport that can be embraced without preparation. The enthusiasts must develop in themselves the spirit of adventure, willingness to undertake hardships and risks, extraordinary powers of perseverance, endurance, and keenness of purpose before climbing a mountain. They should also know how to handle mountaineering equipment. Then comes the penance of the rigorous training. This could very well be the lifeline up there. It helps inculcate and hone survival instincts that allow the climber to negotiate perilous situations. There are numerous institutes in India and abroad that offer such training.
3. Mountain climbers are unanimous in agreeing that unpredictable weather is what they fear the most. There may be sunshine one moment and a snowstorm the other. At higher altitudes, snow is a regular feature, and being decisive about setting up camps or proceeding further is crucial. The icy sheets after ice storms make walking treacherous, while the powdery snow makes a mountaineer sink deep into the snow. Up there, where the intention is to embrace Nature's wonder, one realizes that it cannot be done without facing its formidable glory. A true mountaineer may challenge the mountain, yet is always respectful to the powerful forces of nature.
4. Summiting mountains carries its health risks such as oxygen and altitude sickness problems, frostbites, swelling of hands and feet, fluid collection in the brain or lungs, and exhaustion. Yet, the gratification mountaineers feel from mastering something so frightening, urges them to undertake these endeavors. We may think that the mountaineers are fearless, experts say, "Not at all. It's fear that keeps them so intrigued

with such arduous journeys.” Impulse and brazenness can be deadly foes. In the words of the Indian mountaineer, Bachendri Pal, “The biggest risk ... is to not to take the risk at all. Remember that.”

- (i) Why does the writer say that mountains inspire **awe** in humans? (Paragraph 1)
- A. They present us with opportunities for exciting sports.
 - B. They evoke the wish in us, to master them.
 - C. They inspire in us, deeds of valour.
 - D. They represent peace and calm, to us.
- (ii) Select the option that corresponds to the following relation below:
The more incredible the mountains-the greater the thrill (Paragraph 1)
- A. The higher the stamina-the lower the food intake
 - B. The more you laugh-the lesser your illness
 - C. The smaller the car-the bigger the advantage
 - D. The heavier the luggage-the higher the penalty
- (iii) Select the option that displays what the writer projects, with reference to the following:
So, mountain climbing is undoubtedly one of the most popular adventure sports (Paragraph 1)
- A. doubt
 - B. caution
 - C. conviction
 - D. denial

- (iv) Complete the following with a phrase from paragraph 1.

Opinion	Reason
_____	Best experienced rather than described

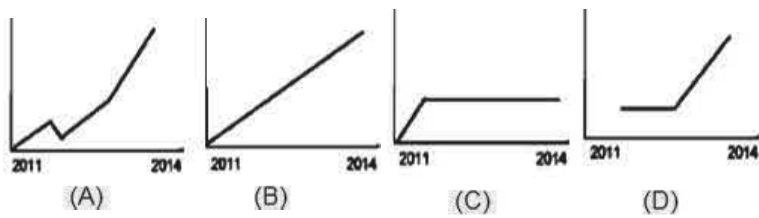
- (v) The writer compares training to penance in the line- Then comes the penance of the rigorous training. (Paragraph 2)
State 1 point of similarity between training and penance.
- (vi) Based on your reading of the text, list 2 reasons why the writer says that **mountaineering is not a sport that can be embraced without preparation.** (Paragraph 2)
- A. _____
 - B. _____
- (vii) What connect does the writer draw out between unpredictable weather and setting up of camps? (Paragraph 3)
- (viii) The writer says, “A true mountaineer may challenge the mountain, yet is always respectful to the powerful forces of nature.” (Paragraph 3)
Select the reason the mountaineer is respectful to the forces of nature, up in the mountains.
- A. survival
 - B. experience
 - C. tradition
 - D. directive

2. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

[10]

1. The North-East of India is a melting pot of variegated cultural mosaic of people and races, an ethnic tapestry of many hues and shades. Yet, these states are lesser explored as compared to the rest of the country. The new generations of travellers who are ‘money rich and time poor’ are increasingly looking for unique experiences - a phenomenon being called the emergence of the ‘experience economy’. For this new and growing breed of tourists, the North-East with its variety and uniqueness holds immense attraction.
2. A study conducted in 2020 by Dr. Sherap Bhutia, revealed that the foreign tourist arrival in the North-East increased from 37,380 persons in 2005 to 118,552 in 2014. The overall growth rate of tourist (both domestic and foreign) in the North-East was as high as 26.44% during 2005-06. A high and positive growth of 12.53% was registered in foreign tourist visits to North-East States of India during 2012 from 2011, which further rose to register a growth of 27.93% during 2013 from 2012. Foreign tourist arrivals in the North-East witnessed a growth of 39.77% during 2014 from 2013, according to data provided from the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.
3. The study recommendations for tourism planners included the need to concentrate on some key areas like enhancement of tourist facilities, tourism financing, focus on community involvement and others for the formulation of a sustainable tourism strategy in the North-East States of India.
 - (i) Infer one reason for the following, based on information in paragraph 1.
The rate of tourism in the North-East of India puzzles tourism officials.
 - (ii) Select the appropriate option to fill in the blanks.
From paragraph 1, we can infer that the _____ and _____ of the North-Eastern states aid attracting the ‘money rich and time poor’ tourists.
 - i. distinctiveness
 - ii. conventionality
 - iii. diversity
 - iv. uniformity
 - v. modernity

A. i & iii
B. ii & iv
C. ii & v
D. i & iv
 - (iii) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/ phrase from paragraph 1:
aroma : cooking :: _____ : painting
(**Clue:** Just like aroma is integral to cooking, similarly _____ is/are integral to painting)
 - (iv) Select the correct option to complete the following sentence:
Travellers advocating the ‘experience economy’ seek a holiday package with (Paragraph 1)
 - A. grand facilities, expensive hotels and excellent services to pamper them.
 - B. a wholesome experience within the budget they have planned for.
 - C. places and cities to buy things from and opportunities spend money.
 - D. cost-effective services, affordable accommodation and many days of touring.
 - (v) Select the chart that appropriately represents the trend of foreign tourist travels in the North-East, from 2011-2014, as per paragraph 2.



- i. Option A
 - ii. Option B
 - iii. Option C
 - iv. Option D
- (vi) Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option.
 The study of tourist travel statistics in the North-East, from 2005 to 2014 showed _____ results.
- A. expected
 - B. encouraging
 - C. inconsistent
 - D. questionable
- (vii) Substitute the word 'witnessed' with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following, sentence from paragraph 2:
 Foreign tourist arrivals in the North-East witnessed a growth of...
- (viii) Select the option that titles paragraphs 1-3 appropriately, with reference to information in the text.
- A. (1) Full Speed Ahead!, (2) Ups and Downs, (3) Cause for Concern
 - B. (1) Winds of Change, (2) Numbers Don't Lie, (3) Time for Action
 - C. (1) Inspecting Trends, (2) Statistically Speaking, (3) Let's Investigate
 - D. (1) Cause & Effect, (2) Dynamic Data, (3) Dependable Facts

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]**
 These students ensured that the beggars were _____ (rehabilitate) at Seva Sadan.
- (ii) Identify the error in the given sentence, from a report from the News for Kids site and supply the **[1]**
 correction.
 The advertising company Clear Channel has working with The Wildlife Trusts and city governments to set up bee bus stops in cities across the UK.
 Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

- (iii) **Read the conversation and complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.** **[1]**
Mike: I must arrange a couple of things. But I am free tonight.
Liz: You might come to my place.
 Explaining to Liz that he had to arrange a couple of things Mike said he was free that night. Liz suggested _____.
- (iv) He said, "I shall go as soon as possible". **[1]**
Reported speech: _____
- a) He said that he would go as soon as it
 - b) He said that he would go as soon as

was possible.

possible.

c) He said he would go as soon as it was possible.

d) He said that he will go as soon as it was possible.

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

According to the studies, dolphins, whales and _____ (any/many/much) other sea creatures use highly sophisticated navigation systems.

(vi) Identify the error in the given sentence where two girls are talking and one of them is saying about her mother and supply the correction. [1]

My mother teaches at one of the reputed schools of the city. She is a M.A. B.Ed.

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]

An initial investigation into the matter has revealed that the fire may have been caused by a short circuit.

Option no.	Error	Correction
A	an	the
B	into	of
C	has	have
D	may	might

(viii) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the following. [1]

He _____ the photos on the table so that everyone could see them.

a) spread away

b) spread out

c) spread in

d) will be spreading

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

Ankit: May I drop you there in my car?

Atul: Thanks a lot. It will be a great help to me.

Ankit asked Atul if he might drop him there in his car. Thanking him Atul said _____.

(x) The Captain said to his men, "Stand at ease". [1]

Reported speech: _____

a) The Captain told his men that they should stand at ease.

b) The Captain wanted his men to stand at ease.

c) The Captain urged his men to stand at ease.

d) The Captain commanded his men to stand at ease.

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

"I _____ an arrow into the air,

It fell to earth, I knew not where;

For, so swiftly it _____, the sight
 Could not follow it in its flight."

- A. has shot, flew
- B. shot, flown
- C. have shot, has flown
- D. shot, flew

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

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ENCHANTING LADAKH 2021

The exhibition-cum-sale showcasing the arts, crafts and looms of Ladakh by the artisans and
 craftspeople of Kargil and Leh.

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

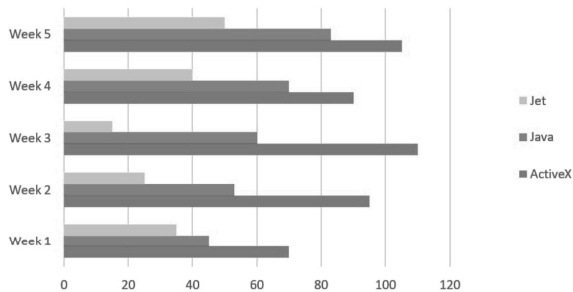
SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

4. Now-a-days, we see the rise in prices of edible things like pulses, onions, oils and some other products. The layman is facing hardship on account of it. Write a letter to the editor of a reputed daily requesting him to highlight the difficulties faced by the common man due to the rise in prices. Sign yourself as Pranjal/Praneeta living at 124, Vivek Vihar, Delhi. [5]

OR

You are Niharika, Incharge of the Neighbourhood Library for children. Write a letter to Manautal Publishers placing an order for books 2 sets each of Panchatantra and Amar Chitra Katha in about **120** words. Mention mode of payment, library discount and date of delivery.

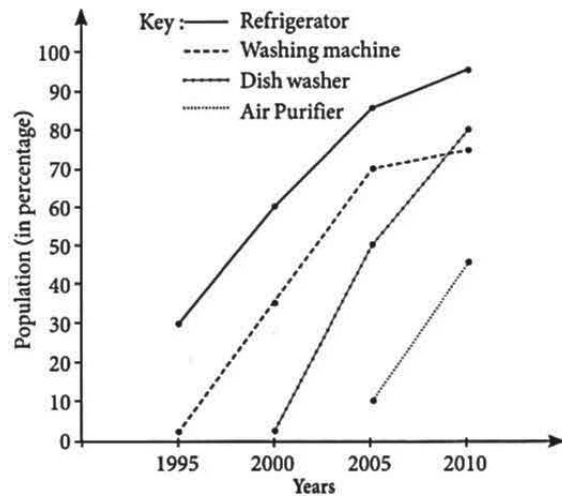
5. The bar chart shows the number of times per week (in 1000 s), over five weeks, that three computer packages were downloaded from the internet. Write an analytical paragraph by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant. [5]



OR

The line graph shows information about the usage of different home appliances based on technology by the people of a developing country-X over a period of fifteen years. Write an analytical paragraph summarising the information

given in the graph.



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 choose the appropriate option from the questions below: [5]

They were days of deep content, starting well with the extra egg in the morning, improved and sustained by the midday wine, and finishing luxuriously around the fire with the brandy.

It was a temptation to keep Tricki on as a permanent guest, but I knew Mrs. Pumphrey was suffering and after a fortnight, felt compelled to phone and tell her that the little dog had recovered and was awaiting collection.

i. Mr. Herriot would start well with the _____ in the morning.

- a. milk
- b. brandy
- c. extra egg
- d. sandwich

ii. It was a temptation to:

- a. have fun with Mrs. Pumphrey
- b. to keep Tricki on as a permanent guest
- c. to start the day with brandy
- d. none of these

iii. Mr. Herriot felt compelled to:

- a. play with Tricki
- b. take Tricki along with him
- c. tell Mr Pumphrey that the little dog has recovered
- d. tell Mr Pumphrey suffer

iv. Which of the following is not true?

- a. These days were the days of deep content.
- b. Mr. Herriot did not know that Mrs. Pumphrey was suffering.
- c. He would finish luxuriously round the fire with brandy.
- d. It was a temptation to keep Tricki.

v. Which word means the same as 'the desire to do something'?

- a. Temptation
- b. Suffering
- c. Permanent
- d. Sustained

(ii) **Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow it: (4 marks)** [5]

But he was tired and weak with hunger and he could not rise, exhausted by the strange exercise.
His feet sank into the green sea, and then his belly touched it and he sank no farther.
He was floating on it, and around him, his family was screaming, praising him and their beaks were offering him scraps of dog-fish.
He had made his first flight.

- a. What was the condition of the seagull at the time of landing on the sea?
- b. How did he land?
- c. Find a word in the passage similar in meaning to 'extremely tired'.
- d. How did his family react on his first flight?

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

(i) Read the following extracts and answer the questions/complete the sentences that follow: [5]

Or if sometimes when roaming around
A noble wild beast greets you
With black stripes on a yellow ground
Just notice if he eats you.
This simple rule may help you learn
The Bengal Tiger to discern.

- i. Who would be seen roaming around?
- ii. The simple rule here refers to _____.
- iii. What is the rhyming scheme of the given lines?
- iv. Which word means the same as 'assist'? Choose the correct option:
 - a. discern
 - b. learn
 - c. help
 - d. None of these

(ii) Read the following extracts and answer the question/complete the sentences that follow: [5]

He should be lurking in shadow,
Sliding through long grass
Near the water hole
Where plump deer pass

- i. He should be lurking in shadow to _____.
- ii. Where was the tiger actually? Choose the correct option:
 - a. Jungle
 - b. Natural Habitat
 - c. Cage in the Zoo
- iii. Name the poem and poet.

iv. Which word refers to **fat**?

8. **Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words** [12]

- (i) What were the legends related to the origins of tea? [3]
- (ii) What did the poet think of the day before the fall of dust of snow on him? [3]
- (iii) Lencho did not bother exploring any other means to resolve his situation but just turned to God. Do you feel that his approach was justified? Why/Why not? [3]
- (iv) Do you agree with Anne when she says that teachers are the most unpredictable creatures on earth. Rationalise. [3]
- (v) Describe the appearance of the dragon. [3]

9. **Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.** [6]

- (i) Amanda wants to be Rapunzel, a beautiful princess living in a tranquil tower. Write a character sketch of Amanda in the light of this remark. [6]
- (ii) Imagine you're one of the columnists in a magazine. People write to you about their issues, seeking your advice. [6]
Matilda writes to you about the guilt she feels for having lost a necklace and how it changed the course of her life and her husband's. What would be your advice to her?
- (iii) What was the turning point in Ebright's life? [6]

10. **Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words** [6]

- (i) Look at the image of Maslow's hierarchy of needs. [6]

Abraham Maslow devised a theory of motivation that shows the basic needs at the bottom, and more advanced needs as you move up. It includes the theory that fundamental needs must be met before an individual can be motivated to achieve higher order needs.



Where in this hierarchy of needs, would you locate the young seagull's first flight? Justify your response.

- (ii) Mijbil and the Tiger, both were looked after by humans. Assume they both meet each other in the zoo and have a conversation about their lifestyle and feelings. Write this conversation as per your understanding of Mijbil the Otter and A Tiger in the Zoo. [6]

You may begin like this

Tiger: Thanks for visiting me, though I don't usually like visitors.

Mijbil: Oh? I would love visitors, I think.

11. **Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.** [6]

- (i) Dr Urquhart contributed significantly to Ebright's growth as a scientist. Explain. [6]
- (ii) Who was Anil? How did he transform Hari Singh's character? [6]

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