

SET II
Class X

ENGLISH – LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

Time: 3 hrs

Max. Marks: 100

General Instructions:

- a. This paper consists of four sections:
 - i. Section A Reading 20
 - ii. Section B Writing 20
 - iii. Section C Grammar 15
 - iv. Section D Text Books 45
- b. All questions are compulsory.
- c. Marks are indicated against each question.

SECTION A- READING**20 MARKS**

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

As we alighted from the plane onto the tarmac of one of the smallest international airports in the world, a picture perfect sight greeted us. A quaint airport terminal surrounded by green mountains, so tranquil and beautiful even on a wet, grey morning, it simply took our breath away. We had landed in the kingdom of Bhutan one of the most isolated nations in the world with more than 70 percent of the harsh terrain under forest cover.

Our holiday was luxurious enough for the first couple of days in Thimpu and Paro. We saw the national animal, the Takin and the Dzongs that serve as the administrative and religious nerve centres.

We were put to test soon enough on a half day trip to Taktsang, the most revered temple in Bhutan. The temple is perched high on a granite cliff some 800 mtr. above the Paro valley and the walk through the beautiful forests of poplar and pines is about 10 km. in all. It gave us an idea of the terrain we would be up against and it possibly helped reassure our trek guide.

For the first time we encountered the ingenuous Bhutanese system of using running streams to power a rotating prayer wheel and tinkling bell.

The next day, armed with walking sticks, light jackets, sun caps and high spirits we set off. Enjoying the sunny weather, we walked through small villages and scenic farmlands on our way into the wilderness. For the first three days of our trial followed the fresh water river, the Paro Chhu through forest of blue pine-thick with the dangling Spanish Moss that is believed to be an indicator of the level of the oxygen in the air. The mountains were never far away in this stunning scenario.

- a. Why did the author say, “it simply took our breath away”? (1)
- b. Frame two questions on the basis of the underlined part of the passage. (2)
- c. Complete the following on the basis of the passage-‘we were put to test because- (1)
- d. What was special about the prayer wheel at Taktsang in Bhutan? (2)
- e. ‘On our way into wilderness’ means (1)
- i. walking towards forest
- ii. meeting animals
- iii. getting angry
- iv. getting out of the forest
- f. Write the correct option for the following-“Dangling Spanish Moss’ is believed to be (1)
- i. A church
- ii. A Buddhist temple
- iii. An indicator of the level of oxygen in air
- iv. An indicator of level of water in streams.
- g. What are the things the author equipped himself with on the second day? Why does he say ‘with high spirit’? (2)
- h. Find the words in the passage which mean the same as following: (2)
- i. Got down from
- ii. Strange
- iii. Admired
- iv. Moving to and fro

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Sabrimala is in the Western Ghats and is named after Sabari,-the tribal woman mentioned in the Ramayana, who attained salvations after her meeting with Ram. Sabarimala is believed to be the abode of lord Ayappa and is visited by about one crore pilgrims every year. For 41 days devotees follow a controlled life style. They eat only vegetarian food, refrain from consuming alcohol or tobacco, and follow personal cleanliness and celibacy. Pilgrims wear only black clothes and don’t shave. Irrespective of caste, creed, social status or religious belief, anyone can worship at the temple. All pilgrims are referred to as ‘swami’ during the pilgrimage. Offerings to Ayyappa are tied in a bag with compartments known as irumudi. This contains a ghee-filled coconut, betel leaves and nuts, and incense sticks. Pilgrims carry the offerings on their heads throughout the arduous journey chanting the slogan ‘swamiye saranam Ayyappa’ which means ‘oh Ayappa; I seek refuge in you’. The 18 steps to the temple represent the 18 puranas. Close to the temple’s entrance, there is a temple to a Muslim disciple. Vavar Swamy while those of two tribal chiefs, kadutha swamy and karuppa swamy, are positioned on either side of the steps.

- a. How did the pilgrim centre Sabrimala get its name? (1)
- b. What is the controlled life style followed by the pilgrims. (1)
- c. What is the significance of ‘irumudi’? (1)

- d. Why does the writer call the journey arduous? (1)
- e. Write any two special features of the pilgrimage. (2)
- f. Find out the words from the passage which mean the same as the following:
 - i. House
 - ii. A place of worship (2)

SECTION B- WRITING**20 MARKS**

3. Your cousin is a brilliant student but he is not keeping good health because he avoids homemade food and is very fond of eating outside. Write a letter telling him/her about the harmful effects of junk food and advising him/her how to maintain good health in not more than 100 words. You are Arpil/Arpita of C-8 Lawrence Road, Delhi. (8)
- OR

Write a letter to the Principal of your school requesting him/her to introduce inter-house activities like quiz programmes, debates, recitation, essay-writing, painting and sports explaining how it may be beneficial for all-round development of their personality. You are Vineet/Vineeta, the head boy/girl of New Modern School, Amritsar. (8)

4. You don't approve of the ways of people as they waste a lot of water in different activities. Even the taps in schools are not closed properly, thereby, wasting the valuable water due to negligence and carelessness. You wish to spread awareness among students about it. Write down your views appealing students of your school to conserve water and to save it for future in an article for school magazine in about 125-150 words. (8)



On the basis of the picture given above imagine yourself Rahul who met a Ginnie, while going to school. Rahul requested the Ginnie to fulfill his wishes which the ginnie promised to fulfill. Write an interesting article on 'My meeting with Ginnie' describing ginnie and your wish fulfillment in about 125-150 words. (8)



5. Given above is a picture describing the boy trying to fly a kite . Write instructions for your cousin to fly a kite in about 50-60 words. (4)

OR

You recently visited the 'World Book Fair' organized at Pragati Maidan and found it quite an enriching experience. Write a report in about 50-60 words so as to encourage other students to visit it. (4)

SECTION C- GRAMMAR

15 Marks

6. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it in your answer sheet. Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined as shown.

(1\2 x8=4)

It is a matter common experience e.g. matter of common
that new born babies cry lot during (a)
the first month. But as the baby (b)
starts growing there is a marked (c)
decline in this practice. And the time (d)
he is two years old habit is almost gone (e)
In fact crying the baby's first sound (f)
Message. Most mothers are to distinguish (g)
Between cries indicating hunger, anger pain (h)

7. Below you can see a set of instructions for getting a book issued from the library. Read these instructions and complete the passage given below:

- Select the required book from the shelves
- Give the book along with the library ticket at the counter.
- The librarian mentions the date of return on the book.
- Show the book to the checker at the gate.

For getting a book issued from the library, first of all the required book(a)_____from the library shelves. Then it (b)_____along with the library ticket at the counter. The date of return (c)_____by the librarian in the book. While leaving the library the book (d)_____to the checker at the gate.

8. The underlined words in the following passage have been used inappropriately. Replace them with their appropriate forms. Write your answer in your answer sheet with correct number. Do not copy the whole passage (1/2x8=4)
- Bananas are often known for soft texture and (a) smooth. It reduces our (b) acid and reduces (c) irritate by coating the lining of the stomach. This unique (d) tropic fruit is (e) extreme high in potassium yet low in salt, making it the perfect way to beat high blood (f) press. A drug administration allowed the banana industry to make (g) office claims for the fruit's ability to (h) reduction the risk of blood pressure and stroke.
9. Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet. Remember to number the answers correctly. (3x1=3)
- Example
Amusement/are/a source of/to/sleep walkers/other people
Sleep walkers are a source of amusement to other people.
- a. for/sleep walkers/anxiety/a source of/but/are/their families
b. incidents/to prevent/not easy/are/sleep walking
c. result/and sometimes/in accidents/they

SECTION- D TEXT BOOKS

45 marks

10. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

Mark! While relatives are looking on and lamenting deeply, one by one mortals are carried off, like an ox that is led to the slaughter. So the world is afflicted with death and decay, therefore, the wise do not grieve, knowing the terms of the world. Not from weeping nor from grieving will anyone obtain peace of mind; on the contrary, his pain will be the greater and his body will suffer. He will make himself sick and pale, yet the dead are not saved by his lamentation. He who seeks peace should draw out the arrow of lamentation, and complaint, and grief. He who has drawn out the arrow and has become composed will obtain peace of mind; he who has overcome all sorrow will become free from sorrow and be blessed."

- a. Why did Buddha give this sermon to Kisa Gotami? (1)
b. What fact of life did Buddha convey to Kisa Gotami in this sermon? (2)
c. Who can obtain peace of mind in this world? (1)
d. Find out the words from the passage which mean the same as following: (1)
i. killing of animals etc.
ii. feeling sorry/sorrowful

11. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

For girls, this contest consisted of designing dresses and for boys, of designing motor boats. Probably Peggy would win the girls medal. Peggy drew better than anyone else in the room. At least, that's what everybody thought. She could copy a picture in a magazine or some film star's head so that you could almost tell who it was. Oh, maddie was sure Peggy would win. Well, tomorrow the teacher was going to announce the winners. Then they'd know.

The next day it was drizzling, Maddie and Peggy hurried to school under Peggy's umbrella. Naturally on a day like this, they didn't wait for Wanda. Petronski on the corner of Oliver Street.

- a. How was Wanda different from other girls? (1)
- b. What did Wanda mean when she said that she had hundred dresses all lined up in the closet? (1)
- c. Write down the correct option for the following:
They did not wait for Wanda Petronski because: (1)
 - i. It was raining heavily.
 - ii. They were curious to know the result of the contest.
 - iii. Wanda was absent from school for many days.

- d. Who had won the girls' medal at last? Why? (2)

12. Answer the following question in about 80-100 words: (6)

Imagine you are the air hostess of the flight on which Maxwell flew with his otter. Narrate the events on board the plane.

Or

Give the character sketch of Natalya in about 100 words.

13. Answer any two of the following questions in 30-40 words each: (2x2=4)

- a. Why does Valli refuse to look out of the window on her way back?
- b. Why does Chubukov suspect Lomov when he comes to his house?
- c. Why did the woman in the control room look at pilot of Dakota D5088 strangely?

14. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

But he's locked in a concrete cell,
His strength behind bars
Stalking the length of his cage,
Ignoring visitors.

- i. Who does 'he' refer to in the stanza? (1)
- ii. Why is 'he' locked? (1)
- iii. Explain: 'stalking the length of his cage' (1)
- iv. Why is he ignoring visitors? (1)

Or

All night the roots work
To disengage themselves from the cracks
In the Veranda floor
The leaves strain towards the glass
Small twigs stiff with exertion
Long-cramped boughs shuffling under the roof
Like newly discharged patients
Half dazed, moving
To the clinic doors.

- a. Where are the trees in the poem? (1)
- b. What do their roots and their leaves do? (2)
- c. Which poetic device has been used in the lines, "Like newly discharged patients"? (1)

15. Answer any two of the following questions briefly on the basis of the lines given below: (2x3=6)

- a. 'He is learning, well behind his desperate eyes'
What is the boy learning from the loss of the ball?
- b. "Where the sole inhabitant in me-a mermaid, drifting blissfully"
Why does Amanda wish to be a mermaid?
- c. "They do not sweat and whine about their condition."
Who are "they" referred to here?

SUPPLEMENTARY READER

15 Marks

16. Answer the following question in about 80-100 words: (8)

What guesses did Think Tank make about the book found on earth? How did Noodle manage to correct him without offending him?

Or

'A thief in Hari Singh changed into a good human being'. How far was Anil's considerate nature responsible for this transformation?

17. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words: (4)

1. How did a tendency to show off become a curse for Matilda?

Or

What role did the non-existent balcony play in the story "The Midnight Visitor"?

18. Answer the following question in about 20 to 30 words: (3)
- How did Griffin enjoy himself at the big London store?

Or

For what unusual reasons was Bholi sent to school?