



PLANETSPARK

Grade 12

English NCERT Sample Question Paper



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SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER

Class: 12
Subject: English
Time: 3 Hours
Maximum Marks: 80

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. The Question Paper contains three sections: A, B and C.
2. Attempt all questions.
3. Read the instructions carefully before answering.
4. Marks are indicated against each question.
5. Maintain word limits where specified.
6. Write answers in a clear and legible handwriting.

SECTION A: READING SKILLS (22 Marks)

Q1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (12 Marks)

In recent years, the importance of mental well-being has gained recognition across the world. While physical health has traditionally been emphasized, mental health is now being acknowledged as equally vital. Stress, anxiety, and depression are increasingly common, especially among young people navigating academic pressure and social expectations.

One of the key factors contributing to mental distress is the constant comparison facilitated by social media. Individuals often present idealised versions of their lives, which can lead others to feel inadequate or unsuccessful. This phenomenon is particularly harmful to adolescents who are still forming their identities.

However, awareness and openness about mental health are gradually increasing. Schools and institutions are introducing counselling services, and conversations about emotional well-being are becoming more normalized. Practices such as mindfulness, regular exercise, and maintaining supportive relationships are being encouraged to promote mental health.

It is essential to understand that seeking help is not a sign of weakness but of strength. A supportive environment, where individuals feel safe to express their emotions, plays a crucial role in mental well-being.

Questions:

- 1 What has changed in society's perception of mental health? (1)
- 2 Why are adolescents particularly affected by social media comparison? (1)
- 3 What are two practices suggested to improve mental health? (2)
- 4 What role do schools play in promoting mental well-being? (2)
- 5 How can social media negatively impact mental health? (2)
- 6 Find a word from the passage which means the same as "recognition or acceptance of something as true or valid." (1)
- 7 What is the tone of the passage? (1)
 - a) Critical
 - b) Informative
 - c) Humorous
 - d) Sarcastic
- 8 Suggest a suitable title for the passage. (2)

Q2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (10 Marks)

Urbanization has transformed the way people live and interact. Cities offer better employment opportunities, education, healthcare, and infrastructure. However, this rapid expansion has also led to several challenges such as overcrowding, pollution, and inadequate housing.

One of the most pressing issues is environmental degradation. The increasing number of vehicles and industries contributes significantly to air pollution. Additionally, green spaces are often sacrificed to accommodate growing populations, reducing the quality of life.

Despite these issues, cities continue to attract people due to the promise of a better future. Sustainable urban planning is essential to address these challenges. Measures such as promoting public transport, conserving green areas, and implementing waste management systems can help create healthier urban environments.

Questions:

- 1 Mention any two advantages of urbanization. (2)
- 2 What environmental problem is highlighted in the passage? (2)
- 3 Why do cities continue to attract people? (2)
- 4 What are two solutions suggested for sustainable urban living? (2)
- 5 Find a word from the passage meaning “damage to the environment.” (1)
- 6 What is the main idea of the passage? (1)

SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR (23 Marks)

Q3. Notice Writing (5 Marks)

You are the Cultural Secretary of your school. Draft a notice informing students about an upcoming inter-school debate competition. Include all necessary details. (Word limit: 50 words)

OR

Draft a notice for a lost and found item in your school.

Q4. Letter Writing (5 Marks)

You are concerned about increasing pollution in your city. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily highlighting the issue and suggesting solutions. (Word limit: 120–150 words)

OR

Write a job application letter in response to an advertisement for a content writer.

Q5. Article Writing (5 Marks)

Write an article on “The Impact of Technology on Students’ Lives.” (120–150 words)

OR

Write an article on “Importance of Time Management for Students.”

Q6. Grammar (8 Marks)

a) Fill in the blanks with appropriate modals: (2)

- 1 You _____ finish your homework before going out.
- 2 She _____ speak three languages fluently.

b) Edit the passage: (3)

Each line has one error. Identify and correct it.

- 1 She go to school every day.
- 2 He don't like playing football.
- 3 They was happy with the results.

c) Rearrange the words to form meaningful sentences: (3)

- 1 always / on time / she / arrives
- 2 playing / enjoy / I / cricket
- 3 book / interesting / is / this

SECTION C: LITERATURE (35 Marks)

Q7. Read the extract and answer the questions: (5 Marks)

“My mother’s face, ashen like that of a corpse...”

- 1 Name the poet and the poem. (1)
- 2 Why is the mother’s face described as ‘ashen’? (2)

- 3 What does this description reveal about the poet's feelings? (2)

Q8. Read the extract and answer the questions: (5 Marks)

"The peddler knocked on the door and requested shelter for the night."

- 1 From which chapter is this line taken? (1)
- 2 Who opened the door? (1)
- 3 How was the peddler treated? (3)

Q9. Short Answer Questions (Any 5) (10 Marks)

- 1 Why did Gandhiji agree to a settlement of 25% in "Indigo"?
- 2 What is the significance of the title "The Last Lesson"?
- 3 What does the 'rattrap' symbolize?
- 4 How did the Maharaja try to avoid the prophecy in "The Tiger King"?
- 5 What is Aunt Jennifer afraid of?
- 6 What message does "Deep Water" convey?

Q10. Long Answer Question (1 out of 2) (5 Marks)

- 1 Discuss the theme of loss and separation in "My Mother at Sixty-Six."

OR

- 2 Describe the character of the peddler in “The Rattrap.”

Q11. Long Answer Question (1 out of 2) (5 Marks)

- 1 Discuss the role of courage and determination in “Deep Water.”

OR

- 2 Analyze the theme of social injustice in “Indigo.”

Q12. Long Answer Question – Vistas (1 out of 2) (5 Marks)

- 1 Explain the moral lesson in “The Enemy.”

OR

- 2 Describe the challenges faced by Dr. Sadao in “The Enemy.”

ANSWER KEY

SECTION A: READING SKILLS (22 Marks)

Q1. Answers

- 1 Mental health is now being recognized as equally important as physical health.
- 2 Adolescents are affected because they compare themselves with idealised lives shown on social media while still forming their identities.
- 3
 - Practicing mindfulness
 - Regular exercise / maintaining supportive relationships (any two)
- 4 Schools provide counselling services and promote awareness about emotional well-being.
- 5 Social media creates unrealistic comparisons that make individuals feel inadequate or unsuccessful.
- 6 Acknowledged
- 7 (b) Informative
- 8 Suitable title: “Importance of Mental Well-being” / “Mental Health in Modern Times”

Q2. Answers

- 1
 - Better employment opportunities
 - Improved education / healthcare / infrastructure (any two)
- 2 Environmental degradation, especially air pollution.

- 3 Cities attract people because they offer better opportunities and a promise of a better future.
- 4
 - Promoting public transport
 - Conserving green areas / waste management systems (any two)
- 5 Degradation
- 6 The passage discusses the advantages and challenges of urbanization and the need for sustainable development.

SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR (23 Marks)

Q3. Notice Writing (5 Marks)

ABC School, Delhi

NOTICE

Date: 10 April 20XX

Inter-School Debate Competition

All students are informed that an inter-school debate competition will be held on 20 April 20XX in the school auditorium. Interested students may register with the undersigned by 15 April.

Cultural Secretary

Q4. Letter Writing (5 Marks)

123, Green Street
Delhi

10 April 20XX
The Editor
The Times of India
Delhi

Subject: Rising Pollution in the City

Sir/Madam,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I wish to highlight the alarming rise in pollution levels in our city. Increasing vehicular emissions, industrial waste, and lack of greenery are major contributors.

This has led to severe health issues among residents. I request the concerned authorities to promote public transport, enforce stricter pollution laws, and increase green cover.

I hope this issue receives urgent attention.

Yours sincerely,
XYZ

Q5. Article Writing (5 Marks)

The Impact of Technology on Students' Lives

Technology has transformed the way students learn and interact. Online resources, digital classrooms, and

educational apps have made learning more accessible and engaging. Students can now access vast information instantly.

However, excessive use of technology can lead to distractions and reduced physical activity. Social media also affects concentration and mental health.

Therefore, while technology is beneficial, students must use it wisely and maintain a balance between digital and real-life activities.

Q6. Grammar (8 Marks)

(a) Fill in the blanks:

- 1 must / should
- 2 can

(b) Editing:

- 1 She goes to school every day.
- 2 He doesn't like playing football.
- 3 They were happy with the results..

(c) Rearrange:

- 1 She always arrives on time.
- 2 I enjoy playing cricket.
- 3 This is an interesting book.

SECTION C – LITERATURE (30 Marks)

Q7. Answers:

- 1 Poem: My Mother at Sixty-Six
Poet: Kamala Das
- 2 The mother's face is described as 'ashen' to show her pale, lifeless appearance due to old age.
- 3 It reflects the poet's fear of losing her mother and her deep concern and sadness.

Q8. Answers:

- 1 Chapter: The Rattrap
- 2 The old crofter opened the door.
- 3 The peddler was treated kindly. The crofter welcomed him, gave him food, shelter, and even shared his earnings with him.

Q9. Short Answer Questions (Any 5) (10 Marks)

- 1 Gandhiji agreed to 25% to make the British accept their wrongdoing and to establish the principle of justice.
- 2 The title signifies the last French lesson due to the German order banning French language instruction.
- 3 The rattrap symbolizes the world as a trap where people get caught due to greed.
- 4 The Maharaja killed tigers continuously to avoid being killed by one.
- 5 Aunt Jennifer is afraid of her dominating husband and the constraints of married life.
- 6 "Deep Water" conveys that fear can be overcome with courage and determination.

Q10. Long Answer (5 Marks)

My Mother at Sixty-Six:

The poem deals with the theme of ageing, loss, and separation. The poet feels pain and anxiety as she notices her mother's ageing face. The fear of losing her mother reminds her of childhood insecurities. However, she hides her emotions and smiles, showing her inner strength.

Q11. Long Answer (5 Marks)

Deep Water:

The story highlights courage and determination through the author's journey of overcoming fear of water. Through practice and perseverance, he conquers his fear, proving that determination can help overcome even deep-rooted fears.

Q12. Long Answer – Vistas (5 Marks)

The Enemy:

The story teaches the moral lesson of humanity above all. Dr. Sadao saves an enemy soldier despite risks, showing that compassion and ethics are more important than national loyalty.

MARKING SCHEME (Brief)

- Section A: Accuracy and comprehension (1 mark each unless specified)
- Section B:
 - Format (1) + Content (2) + Expression (2)
- Section C:
 - Extracts: textual accuracy
 - Short answers: relevance + clarity
 - Long answers: content (3) + expression (2)

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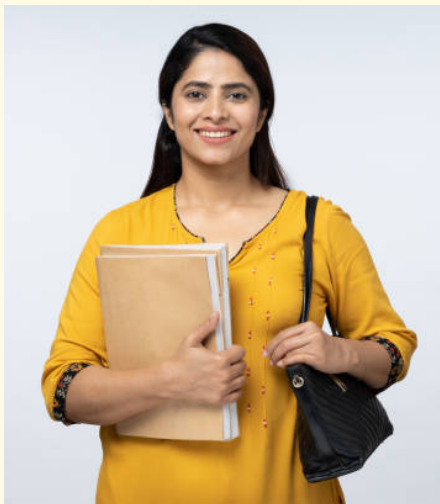
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