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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 carefully and answer the questions that follow: (12 Marks)

In today's fast-paced world, success is often measured by achievements, wealth, and social status. However, true success is deeply personal and varies from individual to individual. For some, it may mean professional accomplishments, while for others, it could be emotional well-being or meaningful relationships. The pressure to conform to societal expectations often leads individuals to pursue goals that are not aligned with their true aspirations. This can result in stress, dissatisfaction, and a lack of fulfillment. On the contrary, those who define success on their own terms tend to lead more balanced and content lives. Education plays a crucial role in shaping an individual's perspective on success. Rather than focusing solely on academic excellence, it should encourage critical thinking, creativity, and self-awareness. This enables individuals to make informed choices and pursue paths that resonate with their values. Ultimately, success is not a destination but a journey. It involves continuous growth, learning, and adaptation. Recognizing this can help individuals appreciate their progress and find joy in the process rather than just the outcome.

Questions:

- 1 What is the common measure of success in modern society? (1)
- 2 Why do individuals often feel dissatisfied despite achieving goals? (1)
- 3 How does education influence one's perception of success? (2)
- 4 What is the result of pursuing goals not aligned with personal aspirations? (2)
- 5 Explain the idea: "Success is not a destination but a journey." (2)
- 6 Find words from the passage which mean the same as: (2)
 - a) Happiness (para 2)
 - b) Understanding of oneself (para 3)
- 7 What message does the passage convey? (2)

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

Technology has transformed the way we communicate, learn, and work. From smartphones to artificial intelligence, advancements have made life more convenient and efficient. However, this rapid growth also brings challenges such as reduced face-to-face interactions and increased dependence on digital devices.

Young people, in particular, are deeply influenced by technology. While it provides access to vast information and opportunities, it can also lead to distractions and decreased attention spans. Therefore, it is essential to strike

a balance between digital and real-life experiences. Schools and families play a vital role in guiding the responsible use of technology. Encouraging critical thinking and digital literacy can help individuals navigate the online world safely and effectively.

In conclusion, technology is a powerful tool that, when used wisely, can enhance human potential and improve quality of life.

Questions:

- 1 What are the benefits of technology mentioned in the passage? (2)
- 2 What challenges arise due to excessive use of technology? (2)
- 3 How does technology affect young people? (2)
- 4 What role do schools and families play? (2)
- 5 Suggest a suitable title for the passage. (1)
- 6 What does the word “navigate” mean in the context of the passage? (1)

SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR (28 Marks)

Q3. Attempt ANY ONE of the following: (8 Marks)

a) You are the Head Boy/Head Girl of your school. Write a notice informing students about an upcoming inter-school debate competition. Include necessary details. (50 words)

OR

b) You are Riya Sharma of Class 12. Write a formal letter to the Editor of a newspaper expressing concern about increasing pollution in your city. (120–150 words)

Q4. Attempt ANY ONE of the following: (8 Marks)

a) Write an article on the topic “Importance of Mental Health Among Students.” (120–150 words)

OR

b) Write a report on a cultural event organized in your school. (120–150 words)

Q5. Attempt the following grammar questions: (12 Marks)

(a) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words: (4)

- 1 She _____ (finish) her homework before going out.
- 2 If I _____ (be) you, I would accept the offer.
- 3 He is fond _____ music.
- 4 They have been working _____ morning.

(b) Rearrange the following words to form meaningful sentences: (4)

- 1 is / honesty / the / best / policy
- 2 always / truth / the / speak / should / we

(c) Identify and correct the errors: (4)

- 1 She do not like coffee.
- 2 He has wrote a letter.

SECTION C: LITERATURE (30 Marks)

Q6. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow: (6 Marks)

“My mother at sixty-six, now driving from my parent’s home to Cochin last Friday morning...”

- 1 Name the poem and the poet. (2)
- 2 What does the poet notice about her mother? (2)
- 3 What does the image convey? (2)

Q7. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow: (6 Marks)

“Gandhi ji said that the Champaran episode was a turning point in his life.”

- 1 From which chapter is this line taken? (2)
- 2 Why was it a turning point? (2)
- 3 What does this reveal about Gandhi's character? (2)

Q8. Answer ANY TWO of the following in 30–40 words each: (6 Marks)

- 1 Why did the peddler sign himself as Captain von Stahle?
- 2 What is the significance of Aunt Jennifer's tigers?
- 3 Why was Edla happy to see the gift left by the peddler?

Q9. Answer ANY ONE of the following in 120–150 words: (6 Marks)

- 1 Discuss the theme of fear in "Deep Water."

OR

- 2 Describe the character of Sophie in "Going Places."

Q10. Answer ANY ONE of the following in 120–150 words: (6 Marks)

- 1 How does "The Enemy" highlight human values during wartime?

OR

- 2 What is the central theme of "The Third Level"?

ANSWER KEY

SECTION A – READING SKILLS

Q1. Answers

- 1 Achievements, wealth, and social status.
- 2 Because they pursue goals that are not aligned with their true aspirations.
- 3 Education shapes perception by encouraging critical thinking, creativity, and self-awareness, helping individuals define success for themselves.
- 4 It leads to stress, dissatisfaction, and lack of fulfillment.
- 5 It means success is a continuous process of growth and learning rather than a final goal.
- 6 a) Happiness – Contentment
b) Understanding of oneself – Self-awareness
- 7 The passage conveys that true success is personal and should be defined by one's own values rather than societal expectations.

Q2. Answers

- 1 Technology makes life convenient, efficient, and provides access to vast information and opportunities.
- 2 Reduced face-to-face interaction and increased dependence on digital devices.
- 3 It influences them positively by providing information but also causes distraction and reduced attention span.

- 4 They guide responsible use and promote digital literacy and critical thinking.
- 5 “Impact of Technology on Life” (or similar appropriate title)
- 6 “Navigate” means to manage or find one’s way through.

SECTION B – WRITING & GRAMMAR

Q3. Notice Writing (Sample Answer)

ABC Public School, Delhi

NOTICE

Inter-School Debate Competition

Date: 10 July 20XX

All students are informed that an inter-school debate competition will be held on 20 July in the school auditorium. Interested students may register their names with the English teacher by 15 July. For further details, contact the undersigned.

Riya Sharma
(Head Girl)

OR Letter to Editor (Sample Answer)

Riya Sharma
XYZ Colony, Delhi
Date: 10 July 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. The increasing number of vehicles, industrial emissions, and lack of greenery have severely affected air quality.

This has led to health issues such as respiratory problems, especially among children and the elderly. Immediate steps such as promoting public transport, planting trees, and enforcing stricter pollution control laws are necessary.

I hope the authorities will take urgent action to address this issue.

Yours sincerely,
Riya Sharma

Q4. Article Writing (Sample Answer)

Importance of Mental Health Among Students

Mental health is as important as physical health, especially for students. Academic pressure, competition, and social expectations often lead to stress and anxiety. Maintaining good mental health helps students focus better, improve performance, and build confidence.

Schools should promote counseling services and awareness programs. Students should also practice relaxation techniques and maintain a healthy lifestyle. In conclusion, prioritizing mental health is essential for overall well-being and success.

OR Report (Sample Answer)

Report on Cultural Event

A cultural event was organized in ABC Public School on 5 July 20XX. The event showcased various performances including dance, music, and drama. Students participated enthusiastically and displayed remarkable talent. The event was well-organized and appreciated by teachers and parents. Overall, the event was a great success and encouraged creativity among students.

Q5. Grammar Answers

(a) Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of the verbs given: (3 Marks)

- 1 had finished
- 2 were
- 3 of
- 4 since

(b) Rearrange:

- 1 Honesty is the best policy.
- 2 We should always speak the truth.

(c) Correct sentence:

- 1 She does not like coffee.
- 2 He has written a letter.

SECTION C – LITERATURE

Q6. Answers

- 1 Poem: My Mother at Sixty-Six
Poet: Kamala Das
- 2 The poet notices that her mother looks pale, weak, and lifeless like a corpse.
- 3 The image conveys the poet's fear of losing her mother and the reality of aging and death.

Q7. Answers

- 1 Chapter: Indigo by Louis Fischer
- 2 It was a turning point because Gandhi successfully fought for the rights of indigo farmers and gained confidence in his methods of non-violence and truth.
- 3 It reveals Gandhi's determination, leadership, and commitment to justice.

Q8. Answers (Any Two)

- 1 The peddler signed himself as Captain von Stahle to express his transformation and gratitude after being treated kindly by Edla.

- 2 Aunt Jennifer's tigers symbolize strength, courage, and freedom, contrasting her own oppressed life.
- 3 Edla was happy because the peddler redeemed himself by returning the money and leaving a gift, proving his goodness.

Q9. Long Answer (Sample)

Deep Water – Theme of Fear

In Deep Water by William Douglas, fear plays a central role. The author's fear of water began after a childhood incident and was intensified by a near-drowning experience. This fear affected his confidence and restricted his activities.

However, with determination and proper training, he overcame his fear. The story highlights that fear can be conquered through courage, persistence, and self-belief. It teaches an important lesson about facing one's fears rather than avoiding them.

OR

Character of Sophie

Sophie, in Going Places by A.R. Barton, is a young girl full of dreams and fantasies. She longs for a better life and imagines meeting the footballer Danny Casey. However, her dreams are unrealistic and disconnected from reality. Sophie's character reflects youthful imagination and the human tendency to escape reality through fantasies.

Q10. Long Answer (Sample)

The Enemy – Human Values

In The Enemy by Pearl S. Buck, Dr. Sadao risks his life to save an enemy soldier during wartime. Despite being a Japanese citizen, he prioritizes his duty as a doctor over national loyalty.

The story highlights values such as humanity, compassion, and moral courage. It shows that human life is more important than political conflicts.

OR

The Third Level – Theme

The Third Level by Jack Finney explores the theme of escapism. Charley imagines a third level at Grand Central Station that leads to a peaceful past.

The story reflects the stress of modern life and the desire to escape into a simpler time. It suggests that imagination can provide relief from reality, but one must also accept the present.

MARKING SCHEME (Brief)

- Section A: 1 mark per correct response
- Section B:
 - Notice: Format (1), Content (2), Expression (2)
 - Letter: Format (1), Content (2), Expression (2)
 - Article: Content (4), Organisation (3), Expression (3)
 - Grammar: 1 mark each
- Section C:
 - Extracts: 1 mark each
 - Short answers: 2 marks each
 - Long answers: 5 marks each

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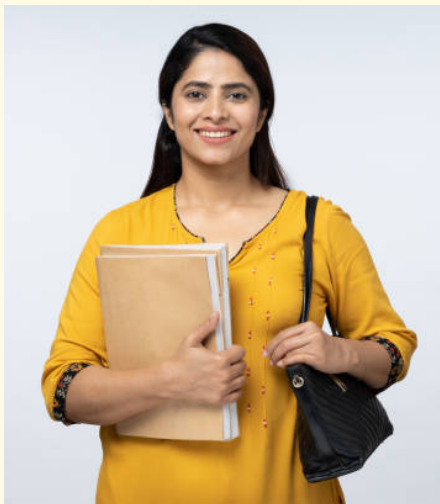
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