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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 and answer the questions that follow: (12 marks)

In recent years, the concept of lifelong learning has gained significant importance. No longer is education limited to schools and colleges; instead, it is seen as a continuous process that extends throughout one's life. This shift has been driven by rapid technological advancements and the changing nature of work. Today, individuals are expected to adapt quickly, learn new skills, and remain relevant in a competitive world. Online platforms and digital resources have made learning more accessible than ever. People can now learn from the comfort of their homes, choosing courses that suit their interests and career needs. However, this convenience also requires self-discipline and motivation, as learners must take responsibility for their progress.

Lifelong learning not only enhances professional growth but also contributes to personal development. It encourages curiosity, improves cognitive abilities, and helps individuals stay engaged with the world around them. In a society that values innovation and adaptability, continuous learning is no longer optional—it is essential.

Questions:

- 1 What has led to the growing importance of lifelong learning? (2)
- 2 How has technology influenced learning opportunities? (2)
- 3 What challenge do learners face in online learning? (2)
- 4 How does lifelong learning contribute to personal development? (2)
- 5 Find a word from the passage that means 'ability to adjust to new conditions'. (1)
- 6 What is the tone of the passage? (1)
 - (a) Critical
 - (b) Informative
 - (c) Humorous
 - (d) Emotional
- 7 Choose the correct statement: (1)
 1. (a) Education is limited to schools
 2. (b) Learning is a continuous process
 3. (c) Technology has reduced learning opportunities
 4. (d) Lifelong learning is optional
- 8 Suggest a suitable title for the passage. (1)

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

Urban gardening is becoming increasingly popular in cities around the world. With limited space and growing concerns about food security, many people are turning to small-scale gardening practices.

Rooftops, balconies, and even windowsills are being transformed into green spaces where vegetables, herbs, and fruits are cultivated.

One of the key benefits of urban gardening is that it promotes sustainability. By growing their own food, individuals reduce their dependence on commercially grown produce, which often involves transportation and packaging. This not only cuts down on carbon emissions but also ensures fresher and healthier food.

Moreover, gardening has been found to have therapeutic effects. It reduces stress, improves mental well-being, and provides a sense of accomplishment. In busy urban lifestyles, such activities offer a much-needed break from routine.

Questions:

- 1 Why is urban gardening gaining popularity? (2)
- 2 How does urban gardening contribute to sustainability? (2)
- 3 Mention one psychological benefit of gardening. (2)
- 4 What spaces are used for urban gardening? (2)
- 5 Find a synonym for 'dependence' from the passage. (1)
- 6 What is the main idea of the passage? (1)

SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR (28 Marks)

Q3. Notice Writing (4 marks)

You are the Cultural Secretary of your school. Write a notice informing students about an inter-school debate competition.

Q4. Formal Letter (6 marks)

Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper expressing concern over increasing pollution in your city and suggesting measures to control it. (Word limit: 120–150 words)

Q5. Article Writing (8 marks)

Write an article on the topic: “Importance of Time Management for Students”. (Word limit: 150–200 words)

Q6. Grammar (10 marks)

(a) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words: (3)

- 1 She _____ (complete) her work before the deadline.
- 2 If I _____ (be) you, I would accept the offer.
- 3 He has been working here _____ five years.

(b) Error Correction: (4)

Identify and correct the errors:

- 1 She don't like coffee.
- 2 He is more taller than his brother.
- 3 I have did my homework.

- 4 They was playing football.

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

- 1 always / she / punctual / is
- 2 reading / I / enjoy / books
- 3 playing / children / are / outside

SECTION C: LITERATURE (30 Marks)

Q7. Read the extract and answer the questions: (6 marks)

“Now we will count to twelve
and we will all keep still...”

- 1 Name the poem and the poet. (2)
- 2 What does ‘count to twelve’ signify? (2)
- 3 What is the poet urging people to do? (2)

Q8. Read the extract and answer the questions: (6 marks)

“But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep...”

- 1 Name the poem and the poet. (2)
- 2 What do ‘promises’ refer to? (2)
- 3 What does ‘sleep’ symbolize? (2)

Q9. Short Answer Questions (Any 4 out of 6): (8 marks)

- 1 Why did the peddler sign himself as Captain von Stahle? (The Rattrap)
- 2 What is the significance of the title Lost Spring?
- 3 How did Gandhiji help the sharecroppers in Champaran? (Indigo)
- 4 Why is Aunt Jennifer afraid in her marriage? (Aunt Jennifer's Tigers)
- 5 What kind of person is M. Hamel? (The Last Lesson)
- 6 Why did Douglas fear water? (Deep Water)

Q10. Long Answer Question (Any 1): (6 marks)

- 1 Discuss the theme of loss and responsibility in The Last Lesson.

OR

- 2 Explain the central idea of the poem Keeping Quiet.

Q11. Long Answer Question (Vistas – Any 1): (4 marks)

- 1 Describe the character of Dr. Sadao in The Enemy.

OR

- 2 What is the message of On the Face of It?

ANSWER KEY

SECTION A – READING SKILLS

Q1. Answers

- 1 Rapid technological advancements and the changing nature of work have led to the growing importance of lifelong learning.
- 2 Technology has made learning more accessible through online platforms and digital resources, allowing people to learn from home.
- 3 Learners face the challenge of maintaining self-discipline and motivation.
- 4 It enhances curiosity, improves cognitive abilities, and keeps individuals engaged with the world.
- 5 Adaptability
- 6 (b) Informative
- 7 (b) Learning is a continuous process
- 8 Lifelong Learning: A Necessity in the Modern World

Q2. Answers

- 1 Urban gardening is gaining popularity due to limited space and concerns about food security.
- 2 It reduces dependence on commercially grown produce, cutting down transportation and packaging, thus lowering

carbon emissions.

- 3 It reduces stress / improves mental well-being.
- 4 Rooftops, balconies, and windowsills are used.
- 5 Dependence → reliance
- 6 The passage highlights the benefits and growing importance of urban gardening.

SECTION B – WRITING & GRAMMAR

Q3. Notice Writing (Sample Answer)

ABC School, Delhi

NOTICE

Inter-School Debate Competition

Date: 20 April 2026

All students are informed that an inter-school debate competition will be held on 30 April 2026 in the school auditorium. Interested students from Classes XI and XII may register their names with the undersigned by 25 April 2026.

For further details, contact the Cultural Committee.

XYZ

Cultural Secretary

Q4. Letter to Editor (Sample Answer)

123, Green Park
Delhi
20 April 2026

The Editor
The Times of India
Delhi

Subject: Rising Pollution Levels in the City

Sir/Madam,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to draw attention to the increasing pollution levels in our city. The air quality has deteriorated significantly, causing serious health issues among residents.

The main causes include vehicular emissions, industrial waste, and lack of green spaces. Immediate measures such as promoting public transport, strict emission controls, and tree plantation drives must be implemented.

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

Yours sincerely,
ABC

Q5. Article Writing (Sample Answer)

Importance of Time Management for Students

Time management is a crucial skill that every student must develop. Proper planning helps students balance their academic responsibilities and personal activities effectively.

By managing time wisely, students can complete assignments on time, reduce stress, and improve productivity. It also allows them to focus on their goals and avoid last-minute pressure during exams. Moreover, time management teaches discipline and responsibility. Students who plan their schedules are more organized and confident in their approach to studies.

In conclusion, effective time management is essential for academic success and overall development.

Q6. Grammar Answers

(a) Fill in the blanks:

- 1 completed
- 2 were
- 3 for

(b) Error Correction:

- 1 She doesn't like coffee.
- 2 He is taller than his brother.
- 3 I have done my homework.
- 4 They were playing football.

(c) Reordering:

- 1 She is always punctual.
- 2 I enjoy reading books.
- 3 Children are playing outside.

SECTION C – LITERATURE

Q7. Answers

- 1 Poem: Keeping Quiet; Poet: Pablo Neruda
- 2 It signifies a moment of pause and introspection.
- 3 The poet urges people to remain still and reflect on their actions.

Q8. Answers

- 1 Poem: *A Roadside Stand*; Poet: Robert Frost
- 2 'Promises' refer to duties and responsibilities in life.
- 3 'Sleep' symbolizes death.

Q9. Short Answers

- 1 The peddler signed himself as Captain von Stahle as a gesture of gratitude and to restore his dignity after being treated kindly.
- 2 The title Lost Spring refers to the loss of childhood and dreams of poor children forced into labor.
- 3 Gandhiji helped the sharecroppers by fighting for their rights and securing justice through peaceful protest.

- 4 Aunt Jennifer is afraid due to the oppressive nature of her marriage and her husband's dominance.
- 5 M. Hamel is a dedicated and strict teacher who later shows deep love for his language and students.
- 6 Douglas feared water due to a traumatic childhood experience of nearly drowning.

Q10. Long Answer (Sample)

The Last Lesson

The theme of loss and responsibility is central to The Last Lesson. The story highlights the loss of language and freedom when the order comes to stop teaching French in schools. M. Hamel realizes the importance of his role as a teacher and regrets not fulfilling his responsibilities earlier. Similarly, the villagers understand the value of their language only when it is taken away. The lesson emphasizes the importance of preserving one's culture and fulfilling duties sincerely.

OR

Keeping Quiet

The poem emphasizes the importance of silence and introspection. The poet suggests that by pausing our activities, we can reflect on our actions and avoid violence and destruction. It promotes peace, unity, and harmony among people.

Q11. Long Answer (Vistas)

The Enemy

Dr. Sadao is a skilled and compassionate doctor who faces a moral dilemma when he treats an injured enemy soldier. Despite the risks, he chooses humanity over nationalism and saves the soldier's life. His character reflects courage, kindness, and ethical responsibility.

OR

On the Face of It

The story conveys the message that physical appearance should not define a person's worth. It encourages acceptance, confidence, and a positive outlook towards life.

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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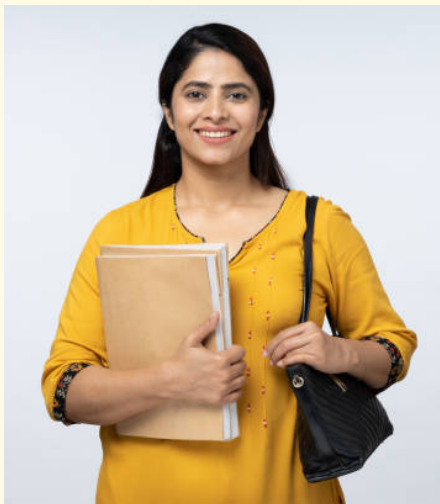
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