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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 (20 Marks)

Q1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (10 Marks)

In today's fast-paced world, the importance of mental well-being is often overlooked. People are constantly juggling multiple responsibilities, leaving little time for self-reflection and relaxation. This continuous pressure leads to stress, anxiety, and burnout.

Mental health is not merely the absence of illness but a state of complete emotional and social well-being.

Simple habits such as regular exercise, adequate sleep, and meaningful social interactions can significantly improve one's mental state. Moreover, seeking help from professionals should not be stigmatized.

Educational institutions and workplaces are gradually recognizing the need to promote mental health awareness. Workshops, counseling sessions, and mindfulness programs are becoming more common.

However, much remains to be done to create a supportive environment where individuals feel safe discussing their struggles.

Questions:

- 1 What is the main reason for increased stress in modern life? (1)

- 2 Define mental health as per the passage. (1)
- 3 List any two habits that improve mental well-being. (2)
- 4 Why is seeking professional help often avoided? (1)
- 5 How are institutions addressing mental health issues? (2)
- 6 Find a word from the passage that means “social disgrace.” (1)
- 7 What is the tone of the passage? (1)
 - a) Humorous
 - b) Critical
 - c) Informative
 - d) Sarcastic

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

Riya had always been fascinated by the stars. Growing up in a small village with minimal electricity, she often spent her nights gazing at the sky. Unlike many children her age, she preferred books on astronomy over fairy tales.

Her teachers noticed her curiosity and encouraged her to pursue science. Despite financial challenges, Riya worked hard and secured a scholarship to a prestigious university. Her journey was not easy, but her determination never wavered.

Today, Riya is a successful astrophysicist contributing to space research. She often returns to her village to inspire young minds and remind them that dreams can be achieved with persistence and passion.

Questions:

- 1 What made Riya interested in astronomy? (1)
- 2 How was she different from other children? (2)
- 3 What challenges did she face? (1)
- 4 How did her teachers support her? (2)
- 5 What message does Riya's story convey? (2)
- 6 Find a word in the passage that means "strong determination." (1)
- 7 Suggest a suitable title for the passage. (1)

SECTION B – WRITING & GRAMMAR (30 Marks)

Q3. Notice Writing (5 Marks)

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

Q4. Formal Letter (5 Marks)

Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily expressing concern about rising pollution levels in your city.

Q5. Article Writing (10 Marks)

Write an article in 120–150 words on the topic:
“The Impact of Social Media on Youth”

Q6. Grammar (10 Marks)

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

- 1 She _____ (complete) her work before the deadline.
- 2 They _____ (play) football when it started raining.
- 3 If he _____ (study) harder, he would pass.

(b) Editing the passage: (4 Marks)

There is an error in each line. Identify and correct it.

- 1 She go to school everyday.
- 2 He don't like coffee.
- 3 They was playing outside.
- 4 I has completed my homework

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

- 1 always / honesty / the / best / policy / is
- 2 success / hard work / key / is / the / to
- 3 should / we / environment / protect / the

SECTION C – LITERATURE (30 Marks)

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

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

- 1 Who is the poet? (1)
- 2 What is the age of the mother? (1)
- 3 Where is the poet going? (1)
- 4 What emotion does the poet feel here? (2)

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

“But I can’t remember that
he ever did for me
anything worth remembering.”

- 1 Identify the chapter and author. (1)
- 2 Who is 'he' in the extract? (1)
- 3 Why does the speaker say this? (2)
- 4 What does this reveal about their relationship? (1)

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

- 1 Why did the peddler sign himself as Captain von Stahle?
- 2 What was the significance of the last lesson in "The Last Lesson"?
- 3 How did the author feel about her grandmother in "The Portrait of a Lady"?
- 4 What is the theme of "Keeping Quiet"?
- 5 Why was Sophie fascinated by Danny Casey?
- 6 What message does "The Third Level" convey?

Q10. Long Answer Questions (Any 2) (10 Marks)

- 1 Discuss the theme of loss and separation in "My Mother at Sixty-Six."
- 2 Explain how kindness transforms the peddler in "The Rattrap."
- 3 Describe the character of Dr. Sadao in "The Enemy."

ANSWER KEY

SECTION A – READING SKILLS (20 Marks)

Q1. Answers

- 1 Increased stress is due to people juggling multiple responsibilities.
- 2 Mental health is a state of complete emotional and social well-being.
- 3 Regular exercise and adequate sleep. (Any two: exercise, sleep, social interaction)
- 4 Due to stigma attached to mental health issues.
- 5 By organizing workshops, counseling sessions, and mindfulness programs.
- 6 Stigmatized
- 7 c) Informative

Q2. Answers

- 1 Her fascination grew from observing the stars in her village.
- 2 She preferred astronomy books over fairy tales.
- 3 She faced financial challenges.
- 4 They encouraged her and supported her pursuit of science.

- 5 Hard work and determination can help achieve dreams.
- 6 Determination
- 7 Title: From Dreams to Stars (or any suitable equivalent)

SECTION B – WRITING & GRAMMAR (30 Marks)

Q3. Notice Writing (Sample Answer)

ABC Public School, Delhi
NOTICE

Inter-School Debate Competition

This is to inform all students that an Inter-School Debate Competition will be held on 20th July 2026 in the school auditorium. Interested students from classes XI and XII may register their names with the undersigned by 15th July 2026.

For further details, contact the Cultural Committee.

XYZ
Cultural Secretary

Q4. Formal Letter (Sample Answer)

123, Green Colony
Delhi
14 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 wish to draw attention to the alarming rise in pollution levels in our city. The increasing number of vehicles, industrial emissions, and lack of awareness are major contributors to this issue.

Pollution is causing serious health problems among citizens. Immediate steps such as stricter regulations, promotion of public transport, and tree plantation drives are necessary.

I hope the concerned authorities will take prompt action.

Yours sincerely,
XYZ

Q5. Article Writing (Sample Answer)

The Impact of Social Media on Youth

Social media has become an integral part of the lives of young people. It provides a platform for communication, creativity, and information sharing. However, its excessive use can lead to negative consequences such as reduced attention span, cyberbullying, and mental health issues.

While social media helps in staying connected and aware of global events, it also creates unrealistic expectations and peer pressure. Many youths compare themselves with others, leading to dissatisfaction and stress.

Therefore, it is important to use social media wisely and maintain a balance between virtual and real life. Awareness and self-discipline are key to ensuring that social media has a positive impact.

Q6. Grammar Answers

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

- 1 She completed her work before the deadline.
- 2 They were playing football when it started raining.
- 3 If he studied harder, he would pass.

(b) Editing:

- 1 go → goes
- 2 don't → doesn't
- 3 was → were
- 4 has → have

(c) Rearrangement:

- 1 Honesty is always the best policy.

- 2 Hard work is the key to success.
- 3 We should protect the environment.

SECTION C – LITERATURE (30 Marks)

Q7. Answers

- 1 Poet: Kamala Das
- 2 The mother is sixty-six years old.
- 3 The poet is going to Cochin airport.
- 4 The poet feels sadness and anxiety about her mother's ageing and possible loss.

Q8. Answers

- 1 Chapter: The Third Level; Author: Jack Finney
- 2 'He' refers to Charley's grandfather.
- 3 Because he never did anything memorable or extraordinary.
- 4 It shows a distant or ordinary relationship.

Q9. Short Answers

- 1 The peddler signed as Captain von Stahle out of gratitude and to maintain dignity after being treated kindly.

- 2 It marked the end of learning French under M. Hamel and symbolized loss of freedom.
- 3 The author deeply loved and admired her grandmother.
- 4 It promotes peace, introspection, and unity among humans.
- 5 Sophie was fascinated by Danny Casey as she saw him as a symbol of success and fantasy.
- 6 It conveys the idea of escapism and the human desire to avoid harsh realities.

Q10. Long Answers

- 1 **My Mother at Sixty-Six**
The poem explores themes of ageing, separation, and fear of loss. The poet observes her mother's frailty and is reminded of the inevitability of death. She feels a deep emotional pain but tries to hide it behind a smile. The poem reflects universal human fears and attachment to loved ones.
- 2 **The Rattrap**
The peddler's life changes when he experiences kindness from Edla Willmansson. Her compassion makes him realize his mistakes and inspires him to reform. The story highlights the transformative power of kindness and trust.
- 3 **The Enemy**
Dr. Sadao is portrayed as a skilled doctor and a compassionate human being. Despite being a Japanese citizen during wartime, he saves an American soldier's

life. His actions reflect moral courage and humanity above nationalism.

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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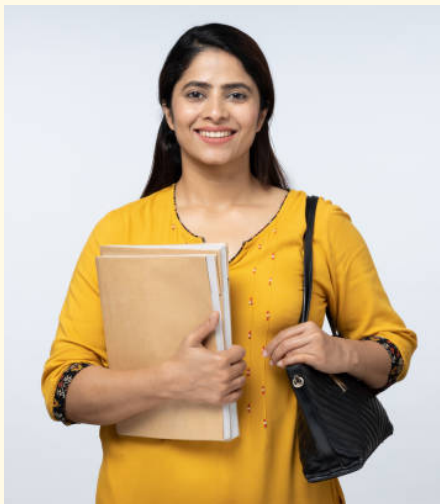
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