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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 recent years, the importance of sustainable living has gained significant attention across the world. With increasing environmental challenges such as climate change, deforestation, and pollution, individuals and communities are being encouraged to adopt eco-friendly practices. Sustainable living refers to a lifestyle that reduces an individual's environmental impact by making mindful choices in daily life.

One of the most effective ways to promote sustainability is by reducing waste. This includes minimizing the use of plastic, recycling materials, and reusing products whenever possible.

Another crucial aspect is conserving energy by using energy-efficient appliances and switching to renewable sources like solar power.

Education plays a key role in spreading awareness about sustainability. Schools and colleges are incorporating environmental studies into their curriculum to help students understand their responsibilities toward the planet. Small actions, when practiced collectively, can lead to significant positive changes.

Moreover, sustainable living is not just about protecting the environment; it also promotes a healthier lifestyle. Consuming organic food, reducing pollution, and

preserving natural resources contribute to overall well-being.

Questions:

- 1 What is meant by sustainable living? (1)
- 2 Mention any two environmental challenges highlighted in the passage. (2)
- 3 How can individuals reduce waste? (2)
- 4 Why is education important in promoting sustainability? (2)
- 5 How does sustainable living contribute to health? (1)
- 6 Find a word from the passage that means the same as “preserving”. (1)
- 7 What is the tone of the passage?
 1. (a) Critical
 2. (b) Informative
 3. (c) Humorous
 4. (d) Emotional (1)

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

Technology has transformed the way we communicate, learn, and work. With the rise of digital platforms, information is now easily accessible, making education more flexible and inclusive.

Online learning has become increasingly popular, especially after global disruptions such as the pandemic.

However, excessive dependence on technology has also raised concerns. Many experts argue that prolonged screen time affects mental and physical health. It can lead to reduced concentration, sleep disturbances, and lack of physical activity.

Despite these challenges, technology continues to evolve and offers numerous benefits. It has bridged geographical gaps, allowing people from different parts of the world to collaborate and share ideas. The key lies in using technology responsibly and maintaining a balance between digital and real-life interactions.

Questions:

- 1 How has technology changed education? (2)
- 2 What are the negative effects of excessive screen time? (2)
- 3 What does the phrase “bridged geographical gaps” mean? (2)
- 4 What is the main idea of the passage? (2)
- 5 Choose the correct option: The passage suggests that technology should be:

(a) Completely avoided
(b) Used responsibly
(c) Replaced entirely
(d) Ignored (1)
- 7 Find a word in the passage that means “too much”. (1)

SECTION B – WRITING & GRAMMAR (30 Marks)

Q3. Attempt ANY ONE of the following: (5 Marks)

(a) You are Riya Sharma, a resident of Delhi. Write a letter to the Municipal Corporation complaining about the poor condition of roads in your area.

OR

(b) Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily highlighting the issue of rising pollution in cities.

Q4. Attempt ANY ONE of the following: (5 Marks)

(a) Write an article in 120–150 words on the topic:
“The Importance of Time Management for Students”

OR

(b) Write a report on a school event (Annual Day / Sports Day) for your school magazine

Q5. Attempt the following grammar questions: (10 Marks)

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

- 1 She _____ (complete) her homework before dinner.
- 2 If I _____ (be) you, I would accept the offer.

3 He has been working here _____ five years.

4 They _____ (go) to the market yesterday.

(b) Editing the passage: (4)

The following passage has errors. Identify and correct them:

He do not likes playing football. He prefer to stay indoors and watch television.

(c) Rearrange the words to form meaningful sentences: (2 Marks)

1 always / punctual / he / is

2 reading / enjoys / she / books

Q6. Attempt ANY ONE of the following: (10 Marks)

(a) You are the Head Boy/Head Girl of your school. Draft a notice informing students about an inter-school debate competition.

OR

(b) Write an analytical paragraph (120–150 words) on the topic:

“Impact of Social Media on Youth”

SECTION C – LITERATURE (30 Marks)

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

“Driving from my parent’s home to Cochin last Friday morning, I saw my mother, beside me, doze, open mouthed, her face ashen like that of a corpse...”

- 1 Name the poet and the poem. (1)
- 2 Where was the poet going? (1)
- 3 What does the simile ‘ashen like that of a corpse’ signify? (2)
- 4 What were the poet’s feelings at that moment? (2)

Q8. Read the extract and answer the questions: (4 Marks)

“I am not deformed,” said Derry. “Only my face is burnt.”

- 1 Name the chapter and the author. (1)
- 2 Who is Derry speaking to? (1)
- 3 What does this statement reveal about Derry? (2)

Q9. Answer ANY TWO of the following in 30–40 words: (6 Marks)

- 1 Why did Gandhiji go to Champaran?

- 2 What is the significance of the title The Last Lesson?
- 3 What kind of person was Dr. Sadao?

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

- (a) Discuss the theme of fear and courage in Deep Water.

OR

- (b) Describe the relationship between Sophie and Jansie in Going Places.

**Q11. Answer ANY ONE of the following in 120–150 words:
(6 Marks)**

- (a) How does The Tiger King present irony?

OR

- (b) What message does On the Face of It convey about physical appearance and inner strength?

ANSWER KEY

SECTION A – READING SKILLS (20 Marks)

Q1. Answers

- 1 Sustainable living is a lifestyle that reduces environmental impact through mindful choices
- 2 Climate change and pollution.
- 3 By reducing plastic use, recycling materials, and reusing products.
- 4 Education spreads awareness and helps people understand their responsibility toward the environment.
- 5 It promotes healthier living through organic food and reduced pollution.
- 6 Conserving
- 7 (b) Informative

Q2. Answers

- 1 Technology has made education more accessible and flexible through online learning.
- 2 Reduced concentration, sleep disturbances, and lack of physical activity.
- 3 It means connecting people across distances.

- 4 The balanced use of technology and its impact on life.
- 5 (b) Used responsibly
- 6 Excessive

SECTION B – WRITING & GRAMMAR (30 Marks)

Q3. Letter Writing (Sample Answer)

(a) Complaint Letter

Riya Sharma

Delhi

Date: XX/XX/XXXX

To

The Municipal Corporation

Delhi

Subject: Complaint regarding poor condition of roads

Sir/Madam,

I wish to draw your attention to the poor condition of roads in our locality. The roads are full of potholes, causing inconvenience and accidents. During rains, the situation worsens as waterlogging makes commuting difficult. I request the concerned authorities to take immediate action and repair the roads to ensure public safety.

Yours sincerely,

Riya Sharma

Q4. Article Writing (Sample Answer)

The Importance of Time Management for Students

Time management is essential for students to achieve academic success. Proper planning helps in balancing studies, extracurricular activities, and rest. Students who manage their time effectively can complete assignments on time and reduce stress.

It also helps in improving productivity and concentration. By setting priorities and avoiding procrastination, students can make the best use of their time. Therefore, time management is a crucial skill for every student.

Q5. Grammar Answers

(a) Fill in the blanks:

- 1 She had completed her homework before dinner.
- 2 If I were you, I would accept the offer.
- 3 He has been working here for five years.
- 4 They went to the market yesterday.

(b) Editing:

Incorrect → Correct

- do → does
- likes → like
- prefer → prefers

Correct Sentence

He does not like playing football. He prefers to stay indoors and watch television.

(c) Rearrangement:

- 1 He is always punctual.
- 2 She enjoys reading books.

Q6. Notice Writing (Sample Answer)

ABC School
NOTICE

Date: XX/XX/XXXX

Subject: Inter-School Debate Competition

All students are informed that an inter-school debate competition will be held on 15th August. Interested students may give their names to the undersigned by 10th August.

Head Boy

SECTION C – LITERATURE (30 Marks)

Q7. Answers (My Mother at Sixty-Six)

- 1 Poet: Kamala Das; Poem: My Mother at Sixty-Six
- 2 She was going to Cochin airport.
- 3 It signifies the mother's pale, lifeless appearance and the poet's fear of losing her.
- 4 The poet felt pain, anxiety, and fear of separation.

Q8. Answers (On the Face of It)

- 1 Chapter: On the Face of It; Author: Susan Hill
- 2 Derry is speaking to Mr. Lamb.
- 3 It shows Derry's insecurity and sensitivity about his appearance.

Q9. Short Answers

- 1 Gandhiji went to Champaran to address the problems of indigo farmers exploited by British landlords.
- 2 The title The Last Lesson signifies the final French lesson taught before German was imposed, symbolizing loss of language and freedom.
- 3 Dr. Sadao was kind, skilled, and compassionate. He treated the enemy soldier despite risks.

Q10. Long Answer

- (a) Deep Water – Fear and Courage
- In Deep Water, William Douglas describes his fear of water developed during childhood. The fear was so intense that it affected his confidence. However, with determination and training, he overcame it.
- The story highlights that fear can be conquered through courage, persistence, and practice. It emphasizes that facing fears is essential for personal growth.

Q11. Long Answer

- (b) On the Face of It – Message

The play conveys that physical appearance should not define a person. Mr. Lamb encourages Derry to accept himself and live confidently.

It teaches that inner strength and positive thinking are more important than outward looks. Society should judge individuals by their character, not appearance.

MARKING SCHEME (Brief)

- **Section A: 1 mark per correct response**
- **Section B:**
 - **Letters/Articles/Notice: Format (1), Content (2–3), Expression (1–2)**
 - **Grammar: Accuracy-based marking**
- **Section C:**
 - **Extracts: Textual accuracy**
 - **Short answers: Relevance + conciseness**
 - **Long answers: Content, coherence, textual support**

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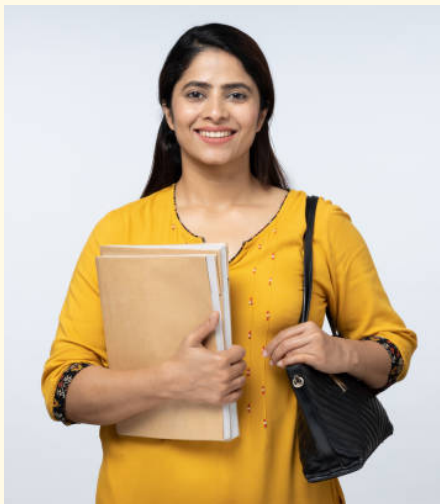
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