

SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER
CLASS X
SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT II
ENGLISH
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(Language and Literature)

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The Question paper is divided into four sections:

Section A	:	Reading Comprehension	15 Marks
Section B	:	Writing	15 Marks
Section C	:	Grammar	15 Marks
Section D	:	Literature/Text Books	35 Marks

All questions are compulsory.

Marks are indicated against each question.

SECTION - A
READING - 15 MARKS

- 1. Read the passage given below:** (5 Marks)

A park created by a Maharaja, the Keoladeo Ghana National Park, 176 km. from Delhi and 55 km. west of Agra and the Taj Mahal, is perhaps the only habitat created by a Maharaja. Two kilometres away from Bharatpur town, the royal family of Bharatpur developed the area in the late 19th Century.

The Maharaja constructed small dams for water conservation, diverted water from a nearby irrigation canal and soon thousands of water birds descended. The Maharaja, wanting to celebrate his success, invited dignitaries of British and Princely India to shoot waterfowl.

The sandstone in the park records the exploitation of those days. The first recorded shoot was by Lord Curzon in 1902. In 1956, the habitat shooting reserve became a sanctuary but the shooting continued until 1964. The sanctuary was upgraded to a National Park in 1981 and renamed Keoladeo Ghana.

This 29 sq. km. fresh water shallow swamp of Keoladeo Ghana with kadam, babul (Acacia nilotica) - ber and ficus trees has a rich aquatic vegetation, 50 species of fish, five species of amphibians, 28 species of reptiles and more than 366 species of birds (which include 32 species of birds of prey) and 27 species of animals like blackbuck, sambar, spotted deer, bluebull and 379 floral species.

The painted storks, like many other birds in Bharatpur during the monsoon, are local migrants. The highlight of the park is that it is the only known wintering area of the highly endangered central population of the Siberian cranes.

Migratory birds at the park start arriving in October for wintering. That wetlands help in maintaining the freshwater flow within river systems is a known fact. In Bharatpur, the shallow aquifers of the Gangetic plain are recharged during the monsoon and from streams and wetlands in all seasons.

According to a report by Wetlands International, one-third of the world's wetlands are located in Asia.

Complete the following sentences based on your reading of the passage in your own words:

- a. The dams for water conservation served a dual purpose for the Maharaja because.....
- b. The purpose of the sandstone in the park is to
- c. The National Park is full of
- d. In winter the Keoladeo Ghana is visited by the famous.....
- f. The word in the fourth paragraph that means 'growing or living in or near water' is

2. **Read the passage given below and write the option that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheets. 5 Marks**

THE DISGUISE ARTISTS

Aesop prawns start life as colourless, almost transparent infants who drift with the tide. On reaching maturity, they drift inshore, reach out to grasp the first passing seaweed and, once established upon it, they proceed to colour themselves to blend with it. After a week, their colouring is complete and they are safe from the closest scrutiny.

Should disaster strike and their chosen home be destroyed, they first try to find a new home with the same colour scheme as the first. If this proves impossible, they philosophically settle for a different coloured home and restart their own colouring process. A week zips past --- and they change colour to merge beautifully with their new homes once again. Aesop prawns also take on the colours of the day. Regularly at nightfall, they change to a deep transparent blue, reverting to their chosen house-colour as the sea lightens at dawn.

Interestingly, the "decision" to adopt a particular colour is in no way an act of will on the part of the prawn. Scattered over its body surface are small pigment cells, each containing a central bag of colours (a reservoir of primary pigments: red, yellow and blue) with five branches extending from it. These pigment cells are influenced by the light that falls directly on them or enters through the prawn's eyes. Different coloured lights activate the hormones that control the flow of pigments. And after dark, red and yellow are withdrawn to make way for the nocturnal blue 'night suit' of the Aesop prawn. A system that provides the animal, at all times, with an enviable cloak of invisibility.

1. The unique feature of Aesop prawns is that
 - a. They blend with their surroundings
 - b. they drift with the tide

- c. they grasp seaweeds
 - d. they are transparent
2. When Aesop prawns are rendered homeless,
- a. they change their colour
 - b. they first look for a home of the same colour
 - c. they cannot survive
 - d. they become transparent
3. During the night Aesop prawns
- a. change to a deep blue colour
 - b. take on their chosen house-colour
 - c. become red, yellow and blue
 - d. revert to light colours.
4. Colour change of Aesop prawns is influenced by
- a. the will of the prawns
 - b. the light that falls on their body and eyes
 - c. the hormones that control the pigments
 - d. the five branches of its colour bag
5. A word from the passage that means the same as 'night like' is.....
- a. reverting
 - b. pigment
 - c. nocturnal
 - d. cloak
3. **Read the poem given below and write the option that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheets:** (5 Marks)

Be the Best of Whatever You Are

Douglas Malloch

If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill,
Be a scrub in the valley - but be
The best little scrub by the side of the rill;
Be a bush if you can't be a tree.
If you can't be a bush be a bit of the grass,
And some highway happier make;
If you can't be a muskie then just be a bass-
Be the liveliest bass in the lake!



We can't all be captains, we've got to be crew,
There's something for all of us here,
There's big work to do, and there's lesser to do,
And the task you must do is the near.
If you can't be a highway then just be a trail,
If you can't be the sun be a star;
It isn't by size that you win or fail-
Be the best of whatever you are!

1. Being the best scrub tree is as good as being a.....
 - a. bush
 - b. pine
 - c. valley
 - d. grass
2. 'Be the liveliest bass in the lake!' Here bass means.....
 - a. water plant
 - b. edible fish
 - c. ship
 - d. sailor
3. We can't all be captains, we've got to be crew means.....
 - a. we can be the best wherever we are
 - b. we should be a part of the crowd
 - c. we should not be ambitious
 - d. we should also be willing to serve
4. The message of the poem is.....
 - a. only the best is appreciated in life
 - b. if we fail the world will laugh at us
 - c. if we want to succeed in life, we must be strong
 - d. we must always be our best in anything we do
5. The tone of the poem is.....
 - a. happy
 - b. sad
 - c. inspirational
 - d. educational

SECTION B
WRITING - 15 MARKS

4. Your brother, who is in a hostel, is very fond of eating outside. As a result, he keeps getting sick often. Write a letter telling him about the harmful effects of junk food and advising him to eat healthy food in 100 words. You are Arjun/ Arpita of C- 8, Lawrence Road, Amritsar.

OR

(6 Marks)

You come across the photograph given below and are upset about even the educated people flouting rules. Write a letter to the editor of Hindustan Times, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, advocating the need to be law abiding citizens. (100 words)



5. You read the following article by a student in a magazine but you do not agree with the views expressed. Inspired by this, write a speech for your school assembly telling the students why schools must have a school uniform. (120 words) 6 Marks

Quite frankly I've had enough of uniforms. "Wear a tie.", "Button up your shirts." Seriously? If it's 46 degrees in the classroom and your school can't afford a cool environment, don't tell us to put our uniforms on. If it's 06 degrees, and we are freezing, don't tell us to take the sweaters off. We are stupid, so we must wear uniforms. Is that right? We are not smart enough to wear our own clothes? We must follow your stupid school rules just so the school rating goes up? I think school uniforms must be abolished.

OR

There have been a lot of thefts in your locality. Write a speech to be delivered at the community centre in your society on what precautions to take. Tell them, "A stitch in Time, Saves Nine.". (120 words)

6. It is Grandparents Day tomorrow. Your cousins and you want to give your grandparents a surprise. Plan a dialogue with your sister/ brother about what you could do to make them feel important and happy. (80 words)

OR

(3 Marks)

Complete this story: 'It was a quiet, cold and dark night, like it usually is in winters when all retire to bed early. Suddenly a shriek jerked the people in the building out of their beds. It was distinctly the voice of

SECTION - C

GRAMMAR - 15 MARKS

7. **Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate words from the given options.**
($\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$ Marks)

When Alexander and his men (a)the plain of Gaugamela, they found that the ground (b) level. The Persian chariots stood in formation, ready to attack across that flat surface. Darius (c) his scythed chariots to propel themselves forcefully into the Greek forces, with (d) ripping at the flesh of both horses and men. The chariots began their rapid (e) the army of Alexander the Great. The Greek general, (f) a quick assessment of the situation, ordered the ranks of the Greek fighters to split apart.

- (a) (i) were reaching
(ii) reach
(iii) reached
(iv) have reached
- (b) (i) had been made
(ii) is being made
(iii) is made
(iv) was made
- (c) (i) has expected
(ii) did expect
(iii) had expected
(iv) expected
- (d) (i) there carved blades
(ii) they're curved blades
(iii) their curved blades
(iv) they curving blades
- (e) (i) drove to
(ii) drive toward
(iii) drives to
(iv) driven along
- (f) (i) having made
(ii) have made
(iii) had to make

(iv) is having to make

8. Complete the headlines by choosing the correct answers from the options given below:(3 Marks)

(a) 12 injured as buses collide:

_____ at the K.N.P. junction yesterday.

- (i) 12 persons were injured as two buses collided
- (ii) 12 persons have been injured when two buses collided
- (iii) 12 persons had been injured as two buses collided
- (iv) 12 persons are injured as two buses collide

(b) Drive against Liquor Mafia launched

The police _____ engaged in smuggling of liquor to the state.

- (i) has launched a drive against the mafia who have
- (ii) have launched a drive against the mafia that is
- (iii) had launched a drive against mafia that will be
- (iv) had launched a drive against mafia who were

(c) China develops medical robot

A polytechnic university in China _____ that can conduct surgeries.

- (i) have developed a medical robot
- (ii) has developed a medical robot
- (iii) is developing a medical robot
- (iv) will be developing a medical robot

9. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line against which a blank is given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number as given in the example.

Remember to underline the word that you have supplied: (3 Marks)

Chocolate can make peoples happy.	peoples - people (example)
Chocolate are also considered very	(a)
good in health. One	(b)
bar off chocolate	(c)
have more protein than one banana.	(d)
You might had heard people saying	(e)
that chocolates spoils the teeth.	(f)

10. Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences as shown in the example. (3 Marks)

Example: important / it / is / to observe / rules / traffic
It is important to observe traffic rules.

- (a) not / children / below / of / the age / must / drive / eighteen years.
(b) protection / our / we / must / helmets / own / wear / for
(c) phones / must / used / not / mobile / be / driving / while

11. Read the comic strip and fill in the blanks in the passage given below by choosing the correct options. (3 Marks)



One morning while reading the paper, Raj told his wife (a)..... His wife, Molly, said that she thought (b)..... . Raj replied that (c)..... as the cashier had run away with Rs 5 million.

SECTION - D TEXT BOOKS-35 MARKS

12. (a) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (4 Marks)

My dear fellow... I'm so glad, and so on... Yes, indeed, and all that sort of thing. [*Embraces and kisses Lomov*] I've been hoping for it for a long time. It's been my continual desire. [*Sheds a tear*] And I've always loved you, my angel, as if you were my own son. May God give you both - His help and His love and so on, and so much hope... What am I behaving in this idiotic way for? I'm off my balance with joy, absolutely off my balance! Oh, with all my soul...,

- A. Who is the speaker of these lines?
B. What purpose did the speaker initially suspect the guest had for visiting?

- C. Why was the speaker glad?
- D. Why does the speaker's joy not last long?

12. (b) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (4 marks)

Her first journey - what careful, painstaking, elaborate plans she had had to make for it! She had thriftily saved whatever stray coins came her way, resisting every temptation to buy peppermints, toys, balloons, and the like, and finally she had saved a total of sixty paise. How difficult it had been, particularly that day at the village fair, but she had resolutely stifled a strong desire to ride the merry go-round, even though she had the money.

- A. Who does 'her' refer to in the passage?
- B. Where was her first journey made to?
- C. Why had she resisted all temptations?
- D. Find a word in the passage that means 'with determination'.

13. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate options from those given below. [Attempt any two] (3x2=6 Marks)

a. **It sits looking**

over harbor and city

on silent haunches

and then moves on.

A. The 'it' in these lines is.....

- a. a tree
- b. the fog
- c. a cat
- d. the wind

B. "It" has been compared to a.....

- a. dog
- b. man
- c. cat
- d. night

C. The figure of speech used in these lines is.....

- a. simile
- b. metaphor
- c. personification
- d. repetition

b. **Pistol in his left hand, pistol in his right,
And he held in his teeth a cutlass bright,
His beard was black, one leg was wood;
It was clear that the pirate meant no good.**

- A. Who held the pistols?
- a. a child
 - b. a dragon
 - c. a pirate
 - d. Belinda
- B. What did the Dragon do to him ?
- a. became his friend
 - b. scared him
 - c. ate him
 - d. screamed at him
- C. What does the expression 'the pirate meant no good' convey?
- a. that he was fierce and cruel
 - b. that he was brave and fearless
 - c. that he was going to do some harm
 - d. that he was not a good person

**c. The leaves strain toward the glass
small twigs stiff with exertion
long-cramped boughs shuffling under the roof
like newly discharged patients
haalf-dazed, moving
to the clinic doors.-**

- A. Why do the leaves strain toward the glass?
- a. to breathe
 - b. to be with other trees
 - c. to escape captivity
 - d. to celebrate with animals
- B. What are branches compared to?
- a. doctor's clinic
 - b. lazy persons
 - c. little twigs
 - d. patients
- C. What is the figure of speech in 'like newly discharged patients'?
- a. Metaphor
 - b. personification
 - c. simile
 - d. onomatopoeia

14. Answer any three of the following questions in 40-50 words each. (2X3=6 Marks)

1. What was Valli's favourite pastime?
2. What is the story about the Kodavu people's descent?
3. When would the baker come everyday? Why did the children run to meet him?
4. After her son's death, why does Kisa Gotami go from house to house?
Why does she not get what she wants?

Q15. Answer the following question in about 80 words. (5 Marks)

On what issues did Lomov and Natalya quarrel? What does their quarrel reveal about them?

OR

How did the Budha make Kisa Gotani understand the inevitability of death?

Q16. Answer the following question in about 80 words. (4 Marks)

How do the three nursery rhymes frighten Think Tank?

OR

Losing a necklace changed the Course of Loisel's life. How did this happen?

17. Answer any two of the following questions in 40-50 words each. (2X3=6 Marks)

- a. How did Bholi's teacher play an important role in changing the course of her life?
- b. Mention any two of Ebrights' contributions to the world of science.
- c. What was the lawyer's first impression of Lutkins? Was he correct ?