

**Sample Question Paper - 2**  
**Class- IX Session- 2021-22**  
**TERM 2**  
**Subject- English Lang. & Lit**

**Time Allowed: 2 hour**

**Maximum Marks: 40**

**General Instructions :**

1. *The question paper contains three sections – Reading, Writing & Grammar and Literature.*
2. *Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.*

**Section A - Reading**

**[10 Marks]**

**1. Read the passage given below :**

- (1) An escalating epidemic of overweight and obesity is affecting many countries in the world; more than 300 million people are overweight or obese. Obesity could be region specific. In India, some people tend to be overweight because of their high calorie diet and lack of physical activity. In the United States, obesity is more prevalent in lower economic groups. Obesity is now well recognized as a disease in its own right. Though, obesity commonly means very overweight, it is defined as an excess amount of body weight that includes muscles, bone, fat and water. 'Obesity' specifically refers to an excess amount of body fat. Some people such as body builders or other athletes with a lot of muscle, can be overweight without being obese.
- (2) A certain amount of body fat is needed for stored energy, heat insulation, shock absorption and other functions. Generally, women have more body fat than men. Usually men with more than 25% body fat and women more than 30% body fat are regarded as obese. Obesity tends to run in families suggesting a genetic cause. Environmental factors mean lifestyle behaviour such as what a person eats and his or her level of physical activity. Although you cannot change your genetic makeup, you can change your eating habits and levels of activity. You can learn how to choose more nutritional meals which are low in fat to become more active.
- (3) Then there are psychological factors. Negative emotions such as boredom, sadness or anger, respond to people who overeat. There is also 'binge eating' i.e. when people eat large amounts of food thinking that they cannot control how much they are eating. Those with the most severe binge eating problems are also likely to have symptoms of depression and low self-esteem. These people may have more difficulty in losing weight and keeping it off, than people without binge eating problems.
- (4) Obesity is more than a cosmetic problem; it is a health hazard. Several serious medical conditions have been linked to obesity, including type-2 diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and heart stroke. Obesity is also linked to higher rates of certain types of cancer. Other diseases and health problems linked to obesity include gall bladder disease and gallstones, liver disease and osteoarthritis which leads to deterioration of joints and gout which also affect the joint and reproductive problems in women.

- (5) As the trend is to equate attractiveness with slimness, especially for women, obesity makes people feel unattractive. There are many methods of treatment, but the benefits of exercise are much more than any other way of losing weight. Not only does exercise help you lose weight but also improves your fitness and flexibility and improves skin texture. Exercises are also free from the side effects of crash dieting, slimming capsules and the heat treatment used by slimming centres.

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer ANY FIVE of the following questions:**

- (i) List a few causes of a person being obese. (1 × 5 = 5)
- (ii) Which emotions are considered as negative?
- (iii) Why is a certain amount of body fat needed?
- (iv) What other serious medical conditions have been linked to obesity?
- (v) Mention any two benefits of exercises.
- (vi) Which word is the antonym of 'rigidity' in Paragraph 5?

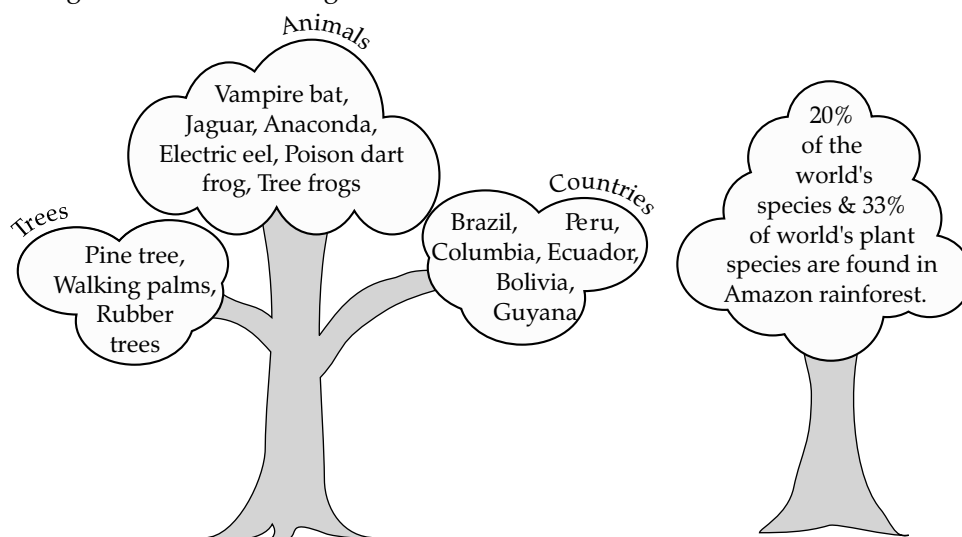
## 2. Read the passage given below :

The Amazon is the world's largest tropical rainforest. It covers an area of nearly 2.8 million square miles, which is about the size of the continent of Australia. The Amazon rainforest gets its life from the majestic Amazon river, the world's second largest river, which runs directly through the heart of the region. The rainforest itself is simply the drainage basin for the river and its many tributaries. The vast forest itself consists of four layers, each featuring its own ecosystem and specially adapted plants and animals.

The forest floor is the lowest region. Since only two percent of the sunlight filters through the top layers to the understory, very few plants grow here. The forest floor, however, is rich with rotting vegetation and the bodies of dead organisms, which are quickly broken down into nutrients and integrated into the soil. Tree roots stay close to these available nutrients and decomposers such as millipedes and earthworms use nutrients for food.

The understory is the layer above the forest floor. Much like the forest floor, only about 2-5 per cent of the sunlight reaches this shadowy realm. Many of the plants in the understory have large, broad leaves to collect as much sunlight as possible. The understory is so thick that there is very little air movement. As a result, plants rely on insects and animals to pollinate their flowers.

The layer above the understory is the canopy. This is where much of the action in the rainforest occurs. Many canopy leaves have specially adapted leaves which form "drip tips". Drip tips allow water to flow off the leaves which prevents mosses, fungi and lichens from occupying the leaves. Leaves in the canopy are very dense and filter about 80 per cent of the sunlight. The canopy is where the wealth of the rainforest's fruits and flowers grow. Bromeliads-cup-like plants, provide drinking pools for animals and breeding locations for tree frogs.



Size: 5.5 million km. sq.

**On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer ANY FIVE questions that follow:**

- (i) Why is there very little air movement in the understory? (1 × 5 = 5)

- (ii) How are bromeliads useful for animals and tree frogs?
- (iii) According to the above passage, which animals are found in Amazon rainforest?
- (iv) Why is Amazon rainforest unique in terms of flora and fauna?
- (v) How are 'drip tips' useful for leaves?
- (vi) Pick the antonym of 'unmixed' from Paragraph 2.

## Section B - Writing & Grammar

[10 marks]

3. Attempt ANY ONE from (i) and (ii). (5)
- (i) Your friend has behaved very selfishly in the canteen today and so you are very upset. Write a diary entry in 100-120 words expressing your feelings.
  - (ii) Develop a story in about 100-120 words with the following beginning. Also give a suitable title.  
An old couple was living in Shobit's adjacent flat. One day, he saw some commotion in their house. He went there and found .....
4. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the error and write its correction against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the correction. The first one has been done for you. (1 × 3 = 3)

	Error	Correction
Sachin Tendulkar is a best	eg.: a	<u>the</u>
cricketer in India. He has play for	(a) .....	.....
more than 20 years for a country.	(b) .....	.....
He retired from the games	(c) .....	.....
last year.		

5. Read the conversation and complete the passage given below: (1 × 2 = 2)
- Sneha** : Do you know that the Andaman trip has been postponed?
- Deepthi** : No, I didn't know that.
- Sneha asked Deepthi (a) \_\_\_\_\_ postponed.
- Deepthi answered in negative and said that (b) \_\_\_\_\_ that.

## Section C - Literature

[20 marks]

6. Answer ANY SIX questions in 30-40 words each. (2 × 6 = 12)
- (i) Why does the author break down in tears after the fire?
  - (ii) How did Prashant manage food for his village people?
  - (iii) How can you say that the snake was harmless?
  - (iv) How do the people hate their brothers? Are they right?
  - (v) The poet wants the tree to be snapped out. Why?
  - (vi) Why did Jerome offer to pack?
  - (vii) What does Maria say about her Russian origin?
7. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 120 words each. (4 × 2 = 8)
- (i) How did Behrman save Johnsy's life?
  - (ii) How did Gerrard befool the intruder to be able to save himself?
  - (iii) 'Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.' What values made Santosh serve the society?

# Solution

## Section A - Reading

1. (i) Environmental factors, psychological factors and heredity can be the causes of a person being obese.  
(ii) Boredom, sadness and anger are considered as negative emotions.  
(iii) A certain amount of body fat is needed for stored energy, heat insulator, shock absorption and other functions.  
(iv) Other medical conditions linked with obesity are type-2 diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and heart stroke.  
(v) Exercise helps lose weight, improves fitness and flexibility and improves skin texture.  
(vi) flexibility. (1 × 5 = 5)
2. (i) It is so because understory is so thick and also covered with large, broad leaves.  
(ii) Bromeliads provide drinking pools for animals and breeding locations for tree frogs.  
(iii) Vampire bat, jaguar, Anaconda, electric eel, poison dart tree frogs etc. are found in Amazon forest.  
(iv) Amazon rainy forests are unique because 20% of the world's species and 33% of world's plant species are found here.  
(v) 'Drip tips' allow water to flow off the leaves which prevents mosses, fungi and lichens from occupying the leaves.  
(vi) integrated. (1 × 5 = 5)

### Commonly Made Error

- Student do not read the questions carefully. Instead, they jump to conclusions.

### Answering Tips

- Thorough reading of the passage should be done before choosing the correct option.
- Regular practice of unseen passage is a must.

## Section B - Writing and Grammar

3. (i) 24 March, 20XX  
Saturday, 10:00 PM  
Dear Diary,

The pace of the world can't be judged by a simple person. Generally, friends are considered to be the best people and friendship, the best relationship, but the incident that happened today made me upset. My friend and I got a chance to drink tea in the canteen. I was glad. We were talking about various issues. All of a sudden, the behaviour of my friend changed and he said that, he had heard that, I had complained to the teacher against him. I assured him that I had never done such a thing, but he was not ready to accept my views and left the place after humiliating me. He has hurt my feelings. I am unable to find a way to solve the problem. I cannot believe that my one and the only friend behaved like that. He never behaved like that before. Today I may be hurt and upset with him, but from tomorrow, I will again try to make him understand.

Good Night Diary

XYZ

(ii)

CUT

An old couple was living in Shobit's adjacent flat. One day, he saw some commotion in their house. He went there and found that there were some masked people who were threatening the old couple and they were trying to escape from their grip. Meanwhile, there was a sound of hooter and people saw three cars coming towards their house. Now, the robbers were trying to free themselves, but they were in the control of the couple. People were surprised how the old couple could be able to handle the young robbers. By now, police had also reached the spot and arrested all the robbers. People were paying their respect to the police, but all of a sudden, there was a sound of 'Cut'. The people were surprised as all the people including the old couple, robbers and police were laughing. Shobit was quite amazed to know that all this was the shooting for a TV serial. Now everyone came to know that the old man was the director of TV films. Shobit took a sigh of relief and decided to approach the old man to introduce him on the silver screen.

(5)

**4. Error Correction**

(a) play played

(b) a the

(c) games game

(3)

5. (a) if she knew that the Andaman trip had been

(b) she didn't know.

(2)

**Commonly Made Error**

- Student do not change the verb or pronoun while writing in indirect speech.

**Answering Tips**

- Learn the rules of reported speech by heart.
- Practice the exercises regularly to have a common over them.

**Section C - Literature**

6. (i) After the fire broke out in the author's house, he and his mother ran out into the front yard. The house was completely burnt down. There was no trace of his cat. The author thought that it had been killed in the fire and therefore broke down in tears.
- (ii) Prashant along with his group put pressure on the merchant to part with his rice, branches were gathered to light fire on which the food was cooked and served to the survivors. He asked the children to lie on the sand with utensils on their stomach to pass the message to those in helicopters that they were hungry and needed food.

- (iii) A green snake has no venom, so it is always harmless. Apart from it, the line 'the snake was harmless even to the children' also shows that the snake was harmless. A snake does not bite any one unless disturbed by someone.
  - (iv) People hate their brothers in different ways and the common of them is by taking arms against them. As they take them to be wrong and consider themselves to be right. It is always wrong they should live in peace and tranquility.
  - (v) The poet knows that earlier, the methods of killing the tree were not successful, so he wants a different way in which the roots of the tree are pulled out and then he wants to snap out the tree to kill it with surety.
  - (vi) Jerome, the narrator, took pride in himself for his packing skill. When, he along with his friends, George and Harris decided to go on a holiday, he offered to do the packing as he felt it would be an easy task and he would get to boss the other two in doing the task.
  - (vii) Maria Sharapova says that though America has played a major role in her life yet she is proud to be a Russian. She says that she still holds the Russian citizenship and her blood is totally Russian. She is ready to play the Olympics for Russia if they would invite her to play. (2 × 6 = 12)
7. (i) Behrman knew Johnsy's life depended on the last leaf on the creeper. No amount of persuasion, medicine and care brought back life in Johnsy. Johnsy was tired of waiting for the last leaf to fall, she also wanted to die peacefully like the poor and tired leaves. So, when it was raining heavily, Behrman knew the last leaf would fall, so he set about to make his masterpiece. It was a painting of the ivy leaf which never fell. While painting he caught pneumonia and died two days later trying to save the life of Johnsy. Her life was saved, the Ivy leaf became his masterpiece because of the supreme sacrifice.
- (ii) Once Gerrard, the playwright, was alone in his cottage. All of a sudden an intruder entered his cottage. He had a revolver in his hand and he wanted to kill Gerrard. At the time, he was busy over the phone. Seeing the intruder, Gerrard did not lose his peace of mind. The intruder revealed that he was a jewel thief. He had killed a policeman and the police was after him. He wanted to avoid the police by taking Gerrard's identity. Gerrard concocted a story and told that he too was a criminal like him. As a proof, he showed him his travelling bag. He told the intruder that by killing him he would be accused of double murder.
- He told the intruder that his friend was standing below on the road. As soon as the police arrived, he would inform Gerrard. Gerrard took the intruder to the door to show the man. When they reached near the cupboard, Gerrard pushed him into the cupboard, locked it from outside and called the police to arrest the intruder.
- (iii) Santosh Yadav is the only woman in the world who has climbed Mount Everest twice. Her iron-will, physical endurance and mental toughness helped her to set a record of being the only woman to have done that. Santosh was adventurous, hard working and always open to challenges. Being an ardent lover of environment, she worked for the betterment of it. She was a true patriot who felt very proud to unfurl the Indian Tri colour on the top of the world. She always felt that we should never ask as to what country could do for you but see to it that what you could do for the country. She proved this by getting 500 kilograms of garbage from Himalayas. (4 × 2 = 8)