

CBSE Class 10th English Language and Literature
Sample Paper - 06

Maximum Marks: 80

Time Allowed: 3 hours

General Instructions:

- This paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C. All questions are compulsory.
 - Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
 - Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.
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Section A

- 1. Read the passages given below and answer the questions that follow them: (8 marks)**

Politics of coalition has become the ultimate truth of Indian politics these days. No doubt, a coalition gives the chance and pleasure of running a government, but in the course of time, temporal friendship, deceit and blackmailing turn out to be the cause of brutal termination of a coalition government.

The Indian society is divided into different religions, castes, sects and regional mindsets. There are regional parties having special zones for them. These small and regional groups never hesitate to indulge in the act of blackmailing for their own purpose. There is no discussion on the burning and relevant topics of national interest. These coalitions have become a severe headache for our nation. Their main ambition is to achieve power at any cost. The soul of India lies in the unity of its diverse culture but the main inspiration for the politics of coalition is to get easy access to the throne. The Indian culture aims at unifying its people of different sects while politics keeps an eye on dividing the Indian masses into castes, regions and religions.

In the early post-colonial period, ideologies were meant to unite different sects of people. Congress was a union of people from different points of view but the Communist Party, the Jansangh, and the Socialist Party were totally based upon their

strong ideologies. They were quite dedicated to build a society, rather a nation, based upon nationalism, communalism or socialism. In order to strengthen their ideology among the party members, they used to organise special camps and sessions.

- a. What type of government is the ultimate truth of Indian politics nowadays?
- b. What is not a cause of brutal termination of a coalition government?
 - a. Temporal friendship
 - b. Deceit
 - c. Blackmailing
 - d. All of these
- c. Regional parties blackmail the coalition government the most. (True/False)
- d. These coalitions have become a _____ for our nation.
- e. Whose main ambition is to achieve power at any cost?
- f. What was the political ideology in the early post-colonial period?
- g. What was the ideology of Congress?
- h. Other parties were quite dedicated to build a society, rather a nation, based upon _____
 - a. nationalism
 - b. communalism
 - c. socialism
 - d. all of these

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (12)

Evelyn Glennie was born in 1965 and grew up on a farm near Aberdeen in Scotland. She loved playing music, and her ambition was to become a solo percussionist. She started having problems with her ears and began to lose her hearing. By the time she was twelve, she was deaf. She couldn't hear at all. Evelyn became very angry; it seemed to her that she would never fulfil her dream of being a great musician.

After a while Evelyn stopped being angry and instead found ways of adapting her playing to suit her deafness. At the age of sixteen, she became the first deaf student at the Royal Academy in London. She went on to make lots of CDs and is now famous for being the world's only full time solo percussionist. Evelyn likes to play unusual instruments and has over a thousand instruments some of which she has made herself. She likes to play with musicians from all over the world, and requests

composers to create music especially for her. An example of this is a piece, which was composed for her by the jazz composer Diango Bates, for which kitchen pots and pans were used as instruments. Her sixteen solo albums (including twelve on the RCA/BMG label) have reached a remarkably diverse public, as have her numerous collaborations with musicians from the non-classical world.

Glennie contends that hearing is a form of touch, and that everyone, whether "deaf" or not, processes sound in an individual way. When Evelyn performs, she doesn't wear shoes or socks. This is to enable her to feel the music through the floor and her body. Usually, percussionists play at the back of the Orchestra, Evelyn plays at the front so that she can lip - read signals from the conductor. Glennie has said that she doesn't want an operation to cure her deafness; she likes being who she is and doesn't want to change the way she works. Like many other courageous people, she tries hard to help others. She has helped many deaf children by giving them an opportunity to learn a musical instrument.

Answer any four of the following questions :

- a. What was Glennie's ambition?
- b. Where and when was she born?
- c. Why did she become very angry?
- d. How did she stop herself from getting angry?
- e. What is she now famous for?
- f. Why does she not wear shoes or socks when she performs?

Answer the following questions:

- a. What is meant by the word, 'ambition'?(Para 1)
 - i. goal in life
 - ii. hope
 - iii. employment
 - iv. success
- b. Find the word opposite in meaning to 'happy'.
 - i. solo
 - ii. angry

iii. hearing

iv. helpless

c. What is meant by the word 'unusual'?(para 2)

i. uncommon

ii. unknown

iii. employment

iv. uncover

d. Find the word opposite in meaning to 'disable'.

i. enable

ii. retain

iii. keep

iv. draw

3. You are Prabhu Kumar/Parvati of 17E, Ravi Dass Road, Kochi. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the editor of a newspaper about the nuisance caused by loudspeakers in the city during examination days drawing the attention of the concerned authorities to the problem. **(8)**

OR

You are Arjun of class X. You believe that honesty is the best policy for earning one's livelihood. Write an article on the topic: "Honest Means of Livelihood".

4. Complete the story based on the outline given below in 150-200 words: **(10)**

a pond a crocodile.....a monkey.....on a treewere friends. Crocodile's wife.....wanted monkey's heart..... monkey bewildered.....planned.....heart, home.....went back to get it.....saved himself.

OR

Write a story in 150-200 words based on the following outline :

two cats — hungry — a loaf of bread — can't divide — each greedy — wants more — a clever monkey — offered to help — ate the bread — bit by bit — bread finished — cats foolish — remained hungry.

5. **Complete the paragraph given below with the help of options that follow: (4)**

Recent heavy rains lashed Chennai city throwing normal life out of gear. The city (a)____ severe water logging and people wading through knee-deep water. Many volunteers in their respective areas (b)____ out the relief activities. In Annai Satya Nagar, food packets (c)____ distributed to the victims. Many of NGOs (d)_____ helped the needy.

- a. (i) seen (ii) saw (iii) see (iv) sees
- b. (i) carry (ii) carrying (iii) carried (iv) had carried
- c. (i) were (ii) was (iii) did (iv) have
- d. (i) are (ii) were (iii) also (iv) but

6. **The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line against which a blank has been given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer-sheet against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied. (4)**

		Error	Correction
People of diverse faiths they live	(a)	_____	_____
together do no spontaneously turn	(b)	_____	_____
against each other. There is	(c)	_____	_____
three requisites for communal violent.	(d)	_____	_____

7. **Rearrange the following words and phrases into meaningful sentences. One has been done for you as an example. (4)**

Example: beach vacations / was / an attraction / coconut water / long ago / during
Long ago coconut water was an attraction during beach vacations.

- a. these days / of trade / Delhi / for / has become / but / a hub / tender coconuts
- b. its demand / value / due to / has mushroomed / of the fruit / the food
- c. need to be fuelled / by awaring / people / the demand / coconut water / health benefits / it's / for / tremendous
- d. is a / natural / energy / drink / water / coconut.

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (1 × 4 = 4)

But up jumped Custard, snorting like an engine,
Clashed his tails like irons in a dungeon,
With a clatter and a clank and a jangling squirm
He went at the pirate like a robin at a worm.

- a. How did Custard jump up?
- b. What did Custard do to the pirate?
- c. Which poetic device has been used above?
- d. Name the poet.

OR

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (1 × 4 = 4)

It is from these comrades in the struggle that I earned the meaning of courage. Time and again, I have seen men and women risk give their lives for an idea. I have seen men stand up to attacks and torture without breaking, showing strength and resilience that defies the imagination. I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumphs over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear. No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite. Even in the grimmest times in prison, when my comrades and I were pushed to our limits, I would see a glimmer of humanity in one of the guards, perhaps just for a second, but it was enough to reassure me and keep me going. Man's goodness is a flame that can be hidden but never extinguished.

- a. From whom did Mandela learn the meaning of courage?
- b. What must people learn?
- c. Find out a word similar in meaning to Victory'.
- d. What is the definition of a brave man according to the author?

9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each: (10)

- i. Why does Anne Frank think of having a diary?
- ii. Do you know what a 'bearhug' is? It's a friendly and strong hug-such as bears

are thought to give, as they attack you. Again, hyenas are thought to laugh, and crocodiles to weep ('crocodile tears') as they swallow their victims. Are there similar expressions and popular ideas about wild animals in your own language(s)?

- iii. What was Valli's deepest desire?
 - iv. Why did the lady in red advise Horace about his hay fever? Did she really care about him?
 - v. What was the actual purpose of tiny gold spots on a monarch pupa that was discovered by Ebright?
 - vi. What kind of a person is Madam Loisel? Why is she always unhappy?
10. Helen Keller's determination to study and compete with normal children helps her to enter Radcliffe College. What does this show about her personality? **(8)**

OR

What role was played by the family of the seagull to train him in the art of flying?

11. How was an unduly kind attitude of Tricki's mistress responsible for his ailment? **(8)**

OR

Describe the encounter of the young lawyer with the hack driver in the village.

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Answer

Section A

1.
 - a. The coalition government
 - b. All of these
 - c. True
 - d. severe headache
 - e. Regional parties
 - f. The political ideology was meant to unite different sects of people.
 - g. Congress was a union of people from different points of view.
 - h. all of these
2. To fulfil her dream of being a great musician, she stopped being angry and instead found ways of adapting her playing to suit her deafness. Glennie is now famous for being the world's only full-time solo percussionist.
 - a. Glennie's ambition was to become a solo percussionist.
 - b. Evelyn Glennie was born in 1965 and grew up on a farm near Aberdeen in Scotland.
 - c. Glennie became angry because she thought she would never be able to fulfil her dream of becoming a great musician.
 - d. Evelyn Glennie does not wear shoes or socks when she performs to enable her to feel the music through the floor and her body.

Part-II

- a. goal in life
- b. angry
- c. uncommon
- d. enable

Section B

3. 17 E, Ravi Dass Road,
Kochi

April 06,20XX

The Editor

The Times of India

New Delhi

Sir,

Subject: Nuisance Caused by Loudspeakers

It is through the columns of your esteemed daily that I wish to draw the attention of the civic authorities about the great nuisance that the loudspeakers blaring out 'Bhajans' and 'Kirtans' in the name of Puja in my locality. In fact, this is the high time for the students as they are busy in their preparation for the coming examinations. Students prepare till late at night. They want to have peace of mind for preparation and thereafter soundless sleep but the loudspeakers continuously disturb their peace of mind.

I approached the organizers with my complaint but they would not take any notice of it. Such a public nuisance is rather unpardonable.

I would request you to publish this letter of mine in your newspaper so that the concerned authorities initiate necessary steps to ban the loudspeakers during the examination.

Thanking you

Yours truly,

Prabhu Kumar.

OR

Honest Means of Livelihood

Every human being has to earn his bread and butter. Means vary from person to person. These means can be fair or foul, honest or dishonest. One has to face many obstacles and odd situations in life. Unfortunately, the modern man hankers after money and has become commercial-minded. People are not afraid of the Almighty. They wish to accumulate riches by hook or by crook. They have no respect for human and moral values. The social norms and time-tested principles bemoan somewhere in a corner. The mortals of this computer age only focus on money. Not everyone can make easy money without resorting to corruption. One should always remember that honest people get respect in society and feel satisfied. They don't have to feel guilty.

But those who are corrupt have to hide behind the veils when caught. A person should always be honest when it comes to earning a livelihood.

4.

THE CROCODILE AND THE MONKEY

Once upon a time, there was a clever monkey lived on a berry tree, on the banks of a river. In the same forest lived a crocodile and his wife. One day, the crocodile wandered deep into the river and came to rest under the berry tree, on which the monkey lived. The crocodile, having swum up quite a distance, was tired and hungry. The kind monkey saw that the crocodile was hungry and shared the berries with the crocodile. The crocodile ate the sweet berries, thanked the monkey and they became good friends. One day the crocodile told the monkey about his wife and family. So, the monkey gave some berries to the crocodile for his wife. The crocodile's wife loved the berries. She had never eaten anything so sweet before. But she was not as kind and gentle as her husband and she said 'Imagine how sweet the monkey would taste as he eats these berries every day.' The kind crocodile tried to explain to his wife that he could not possibly eat the monkey. 'He is my best friend', he said. But his greedy wife would not listen. So he made a plan. The next day, he went to the monkey and told him that his wife wanted to invite him to dinner. The monkey got ready and jumped on the crocodile's back to go to his wife. After some time, he at once sensed that something was wrong. He came to the conclusion that the crocodile had planned to take out his heart by killing him. He made a plan. He said to the crocodile, "Brother, I know you wanted my heart. Don't worry, I am your real friend. My heart is with my mother. Just wait. I'll bring it to you." After saying these words, he jumped back to the tree. The crocodile thought that the monkey had gone to his home to get his heart back. But the fact was that he was befooled by the clever monkey. Hence, by his intelligence, the monkey saved himself. The crocodile felt really foolish as he had lost a friend and a supply of good sweet fruit. From that day on, the monkey never trusted crocodiles again.

OR

A Monkey and Two Cats

Once upon a time, two cats were passing through a street. Suddenly they spotted a

loaf of bread lying beneath a tree. Both pounced upon it and caught the loaf at the same time. "It is mine. I saw it first," claimed one cat. While the other said, "I pounced upon it first and so it belongs to me." After having fought for a while, one cat said, "Let us divide it into two and take one piece each." "Indeed, a good idea," said the other cat. "But how do we divide it now?" A monkey sitting on the branch of the tree had watched all that happened between the two cats. "That loaf of bread looks good. I could do with it myself," he thought. Slowly he came down from the tree and walked up to the confused cats. "Yes, my dear friends! Can I help you?" asked the monkey. The cats told the monkey what the problem was and said, "Why do not you be the judge between us?" When the monkey nodded, the cats said, "Please divide this loaf for us." The clever monkey smilingly broke the bread into two pieces. But one piece was a little bigger than the other. "OH no! I will take a little bite of this bigger piece to make both equal," said the monkey, slyly. He took a bite from the bigger piece. But, he had taken a big bite. "Uh oh! Now it has become smaller than the other piece. I will just have to take a little bite from this piece now," said the clever monkey. The Judge Monkey took another bite. The two cats sat in front of the monkey, seeing the loaf of bread they had found getting smaller and smaller. When the whole loaf was eaten by the monkey, the monkey said, "I am sorry. I was really difficult to divide that loaf. I must be going now." And the monkey jumped onto the tree and was gone. "If only we had not quarreled among ourselves, we would have remained united and we need not have to go to the monkey and to become hungry now," said the two cats.

5. a. saw
b. carried
c. were
d. also

6.

	Error	Correction
(a)	they	who
(b)	no	not
(c)	is	are
(d)	violent	violence

7. a. But these days Delhi has become a hub of trade for tender coconuts.

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- b. Its demand has mushroomed due to the food value of the fruit.
 - c. The demand for coconut water needs to be fuelled by awarding people of its tremendous health benefits.
 - d. Coconut water is a natural energy drink.

Section C

- 8.
 - a. Custard jumped up snorting like an engine.
 - b. Custard ate the pirate.
 - c. Alliteration.
 - d. Ogden Nash.

OR

- a. Mandela learnt the meaning of courage from the comrades who were involved in the struggle.
 - b. The people must learn to hate. love comes naturally to the human heart.
 - c. Triumph.
 - d. The Brave man is 'he who conquers fear'.
- 9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each:
 - i. Anne Frank thinks of having a diary because she has no real friends with whom she can share her feelings and views. She cannot talk to her friends about her inner feelings, but can only talk about ordinary things. She wants to confide in someone, so she writes a diary to share her feelings. She feels that paper has more patience than people.
 - ii. A bearhug is the bear's tight embrace to kill its victim. But hyena and crocodile do not behave like this to show their love. This is their false attitude. In every language, we have similar expressions and popular ideas about wild animals like 'A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush', 'Raining cats and dogs', 'Wild goose chase'.
 - iii. Valli was an eight-year-old girl. She had listened to people who had travelled by bus and had gathered some details about their trip. Day after day she watched the bus and she wished to ride on that bus, even if just once. This wish became stronger and stronger until it was an overwhelming desire.
 - iv. Horace heard a voice from the doorway when he sneezed loudly. It was the

voice of the lady in red, and she asked him about the hay fever. When he replied that he had been suffering from hay fever, the lady in red advised him to go to a doctor. She did not care about him. She only did so to win his faith.

v. Everyone except Dr. Urquhart assumed that tiny gold spots on a monarch pupa were only ornamental but Ebright and another excellent science student first had to build a device that showed that the actual purpose of these tiny gold spots is to produce a hormone that helps a butterfly for the complete development.

vi. Madam Loisel is a pretty woman but was born in a poor family. She is also married to a poor clerk. She is always unhappy because of her poor condition. She doesn't like her lifestyle. She is a day-dreamer. She wants to possess material goods like rich people and is disappointed with her life of deprivation.

10. Life is not as simple as it looks because everyone has to face some problems in his/her life. The person who overcomes all the obstacles in his path with determination turns out to be a successful person. Helen was a deaf and blind girl. She faced problems right from her childhood. She wanted to be treated as normal and did not want compassion or sympathy from others. At times her friends discouraged her but that did not deter her from her efforts. She worked hard and gained knowledge in all subjects with the help of Miss Anne Sullivan. Miss Sullivan was one person who she relied on and emerged as a successful personality. She put all her time with dedication to enter Radcliffe College. It wasn't an easy task but it was only her will power, firm determination and Anne Sullivan's guidance that made her dream come true. Though she did face problems in college but with her perseverance, she sailed out of them. Hellen Keller became the first deaf-blind person to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree. She succeeded in her life in spite of her disadvantages due to which she had to work extra hard to keep up with her studies. That show her dedication, perseverance, and endurance made her achieve the impossible in her life.

OR

To train the young seagull in the art of flying, the entire family helped out. His brothers, sisters and parents encouraged him to fly. They played many tricks on him. Sometimes they flew away from the ledge and left him alone. He came out and tried to flap his wings, but his fear seized him and again he went inside. His parents

threatened him that he would die of hunger as they did not feed him for a few days. Even then he could not gather the courage for flying. But this trick worked and he tried to make his first attempt. Soon he started flying. He was very happy. He was screaming with joy. He was feeling it as a victory over his fear. Now he did not want to remember about his past. He wanted to enjoy heartily, his first flight. He joined his family and landed on the sea water. Thus, the entire family helped him in learning the art of flying.

11. Tricki was a small pet dog of Mrs. Pumphrey. He lived an affluent life. He loved to eat fatty foods like cream-cakes and chocolates. He was very greedy for food. He could eat at any time. He was fed thrice a day but whenever he looked slow, Mrs. Pumphrey thought it better to feed him extra times. She gave him malt, cod liver oil and Horlicks to make him build up. The greed of Tricki and Mrs. Pumphrey's pampering him, doing no exercise were the main reasons behind his ailment. The vet had directed dieting and regular exercise for Tricki but the ailment of her gardener left Tricki with no exercise at all.

OR

The narrator was a junior assistant clerk in a big law firm. He was going through a training period and was never given any real work of a lawyer. He was sent to New Mullion to serve the summons and find out Oliver Lutkins. At the station, he met a cheerful hack driver who was Lutkins himself. He took advantage of the situation as the author who had never met Lutkins before could not identify him. The fun-loving Lutkins introduced himself as Bill. He offered him all his help to find Lutkins. He took him all over the village but in vain. They both went around the small village asking the places Oliver hanged out. After all failed attempts they went to his mother to find him. Lutkin's mother invited them both in the kitchen and then took out the iron rod from the stove and threatened them to burn them by that. She chased them out and laughed on them. He entertained the author with his lucid description of the village folk, charged him two dollars per hour and half a dollar for food. The author was impressed by the warm affection, kind and helpful nature of Bill and the hospitality and cooperation of the villagers. He thought of leaving his present job and starting his legal practice at New Mullion.