
CBSE Sample Paper-03
SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I
English Language and Literature
Class – X

Time allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 70

General Instructions:

- (i) The Question paper is divided into three sections:

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| Section A - Reading | 20 marks |
| Section B - Writing and Grammar | 25 marks |
| Section C - Literature | 25 marks |
 - (ii) All questions are compulsory.
 - (iii) You may attempt any section at a time.
 - (iv) All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.
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Section A
Reading (20 marks)

1. Read the passage carefully. **(8)**

Perhaps the environmental crisis at hand has not yet touched your life, but the time is shortly to come. Recent NASA reports of a 60% loss of ozone over the Arctic provide an explanation for increased severity in the world's weather patterns which has now only begun to affect us whether directly or indirectly. The social, political and economic implications are difficult to imagine as our ozone layer continues to thin, forests disappear and desertification is occurring at an alarming rate.

Today, almost 1 million acres of forests disappear each week. This alarming rate of deforestation is forcing many world economies to rethink their business and manufacturing practices. A 70 feet tree cut for its lumber takes 65 years to replace. A 70 feet bamboo cut for the market can be replaced in less than 3 months, and bamboo is officially recognised as the world's fastest growing plant. Some species can grow 3 feet per day.

Driven by the constantly growing consumer demand for environmentally friendly products, bamboo is gaining momentum as a reliable source of high quality and durable green building material over traditional non-sustainable products. Bamboo is known to produce 30% more oxygen than a hardwood forest of comparable size, while preventing erosion, restoring soil, providing sweet edible shoots and removing toxins from contaminated soil. Ecologists tout bamboo as a logical, renewable source of building material. Many promote bamboo planting for erosion prevention and to reverse the effects of global warming. Being a grass, bamboo regenerates without replanting after harvesting.

Traditional hardwood lumber trees, such as oak, maple and birch, take 40-50 years to regenerate. In the meantime, there is less oxygen produced, less carbon dioxide consumed, and more soil run off in the spot where those trees were harvested – all producing negative environmental effects. Our planet is suffering from resource depletion, habitat loss, species extinction and ecosystem pollution. The choice of bamboo as building material will greatly help reverse these negative trends.

Answer the following questions:

- (i) Why is use of bamboo gaining momentum?
 - (ii) The greatest advantage of bamboo is that it _____.
 - (iii) Why is deforestation alarming?
 - (iv) What does 'More soil run off in the spot' means?
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(v) _____ produces more oxygen than a 30% hardwood forest of comparable size.

(vi) _____ take 40-50 years to re-grow _____

(vii) What problems are troubling the earth?

(viii) The author is promoting the use of _____ as a building material.

2. Read the passage carefully.

(12)

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge filed a lawsuit in the French courts on Friday against the publication closer for publishing inappropriate photos of the Duchess; this is the first time legal action has ever been implemented against the international press by the Royal Family. The shots were taken by paparazzi that was utilising a telephoto lens from a distance of a half-mile while the Royal couple were on vacation at the private home of a family member in southern France. Frequently the public hears about a celebrity, such as an actor or musician, being the prey of a ruthless paparazzi hoard. At night the celebrities have camera flashes in their eyes as they try to walk or drive and during the day they can feel threatened if they are being closely followed by a photographer desperate to catch an exclusive shot that could end up being worth thousands. There an age-old debate within the entertainment industry on whether a celebrity is entitled to a private life or do they relinquish all rights in exchange for fame.

Stars have their private information on display for the world to see. Yet most of the time, snippets of their lives get distorted and repackaged by tabloids to generate sales.

Everything the rich and famous do is under scrutiny and if they happen to be caught appearing to do something slightly scandalous, it's on tomorrow's headlines. Why should celebrities be subject to such a shocking lack of privacy? Aren't they just humans with the same rights as other citizens? Everyone has a basic right to privacy under the law, and that includes celebrities. They shouldn't have their personal and intimate details splattered across magazine pages every time they go out. Celebrities may deliberately leak personal details to generate publicity, but that's their own choice. It doesn't justify spying.

Most celebrities should and do know what they're getting into when they choose their occupation. But that doesn't make it right to invade their lives and broadcast them to all. Celebrities have every inch of their lives examined, talked about, and criticised. Some can't even order a meal at a restaurant without the paparazzi pointing their cameras. We live in a society that's supposed to be governed by law and order. Everyone is entitled to protection under the law, even publicity-seeking celebrities.

Answer the following questions:

(i) Why and against whom did the Duke and the Duchess of Cambridge file a lawsuit?

(ii) What do celebrities face during the day and at night?

(iii) What age-old debate is talked about in the passage?

(iv) Do celebrities deserve privacy, according to the writer?

(v) Find the synonym of the word 'paparazzi' in the passage.

(a) photographer

(b) journalist

(c) manager

(d) common man

(vi) Find the word out of the following in the passage that means 'unshared or private'.

(a) criticized

(b) threatened

(c) ruthless

(d) exclusive

(vii) Find the antonym of the word 'fame' in the passage.

(a) obscurity

(b) popular

(c) famous

(d) celebrity

(viii) Find the meaning of the word 'scandalous' in the passage.

(a) proper

(b) elegant

(c) disgraceful

(d) urgent

Section B

Writing (25 marks)

3. You are Lalit / Yogita of Ryan Public School, Delhi. You are concerned about the cleanliness in your school, as the students waste a lot of paper and do not use dust-bins properly. Write a letter to the Principal of your school, highlighting the possibility of diseases and the dire need for creating awareness about the prevention of such diseases through informative posters, in the morning assembly and giving suggestions to maintain cleanliness in the school in about 120 words. (5)

Or

"The immune system works best when you are sleeping." Taking tips from the notes given below, write an article in about 100-120 words on the effects of sleep disorder on our immune system. You are Dheeraj.

- Leads to an array of health problems
 - 7 to 8 hours of sleep a day
 - Natural killer cells generate while we sleep
 - Consistency strengthens immune system
4. Develop a story in about 150-200 words using the following start. Once upon a time, there was a peacock that was enjoying the (10)
5. Complete the following passage by choosing the correct word from the given options. (3)
- India (i) _____ known as a leader in entertainment. It produces more films than Hollywood (ii) _____ a year. A number of films use animation along with live actors to make (iii) _____ scene more plausible.
- (a) has (b) is (c) are (d) have
(a) within (b) in (c) on (d) during
(ii) (a) a (b) an (c) the (d) those
6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the wrong word and write it with the correction in the spaces given. (4)
- | | Incorrect | Correct |
|--|-----------|---------|
| Pedro was driving down the street with a sweat | (a) _____ | _____ |
| because he has an important meeting | (b) _____ | _____ |
| and couldn't find a parking place. | (c) _____ | _____ |
| Looking up inward heaven, he said. | (d) _____ | _____ |
7. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. (3)
- (i) playing / I loved / school / in / football
(ii) I / captain / was / school / football / the
(iii) dream of / football / I / would / playing / India / for

Section C

Literature Textbook and Long Reading Text (25 marks)

8. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow. (3)
- He should be snarling around houses
At the jungle's edge,
Baring his white fangs, his claws,
Terrorising the village!
- (i) What does the poet try to suggest through these lines?
(ii) How does the tiger scare the people?

(iii) What is the meaning of fangs?

Or

If ever you should go by chance
To jungles in the east;
And if there should to you advance
A large and tawny beast,
If he roars at you as you're dyin'
You'll know it is the Asian Lion

(i) State features of an Asian Lion.

(ii) What happens when the lion roars?

(iii) What do you mean by 'tawny' ?

9. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each.

(8)

(i) Why and how did the postmaster helped Lencho?

(ii) How is courage related to the brave man according to the author of the lesson?

(iii) Why did the young seagull feel very miserable on the ledge?

(iv) What does Anne write in her first essay to support her habit of talking so much?

10. Describe Lencho's qualities in light of his faith in God. Do you have faith in God like Lencho?

Was Lencho's reaction towards post office employees right?

(4)

Or

Discuss how extreme behaviour can hasten the end of the world with respect to 'Fire and Ice'.

11. **A.** Mr. Frank is not only an ideal and caring father but also an understanding husband. Comment.

(10)

Or

The Franks don't consider themselves outside the society. What gives this impression?

11. **B.** What happened when the signs that Helen used to communicate with, became inadequate?

(10)

Or

Helen writes, "I had learned a new lesson – that nature 'wages open war against her children, and under soft touch hides treacherous claws'." What deeper and more important lesson did Helen learn about life?

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Section A
Reading (20 marks)

1. (i) Use of bamboo is gaining momentum because it is a reliable source of high quality and durable 'green' building material.
(ii) is a renewable source of building material
(iii) Deforestation is alarming because it will hinder world economies, business and manufacturing practices.
(iv) It means that soil erosion takes place where hardwood lumber trees were harvested.
(v) Bamboo
(vi) Traditional hardwood lumber trees, after harvesting
(vii) The problems of resource depletion, habitat loss, species extinction and ecosystem pollution are disturbing the earth.
(viii) bamboo
2. (i) The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge filed a lawsuit against the publication 'closer' for publishing inappropriate pictures of the Duchess taken while the Royal couple was on a vacation in southern France.
(ii) Celebrities feel threatened if they are being followed by the photographers for an exclusive shot during the day and they have to face camera flashes in their eyes as they try to walk or drive at night.
(iii) The age-old debate in the passage argues on whether a celebrity is entitled to a private life or do they relinquish all rights in exchange for fame.
(iv) Yes, celebrities deserve privacy, according to the author, as it is a basic right of every human and we live in a society governed by law and order.
(v) (a) photographer
(vi) (d) exclusive
(vii) (a) obscurity
(viii) (c) disgraceful

Section B
Writing (25 marks)

3. Class IX-B
Ryan Public School, Delhi
25th Sep, 20XX

The Principal
Ryan Public School, Delhi
Subject: Prevention of Diseases by Maintaining Cleanliness in Our School

Respected Principal Sir,

As a student of this school and as the class monitor in my section, I feel it my responsibility to bring to your notice that students waste a lot of paper, throw leftovers anywhere and everywhere, besides not using dust-bins properly. Such unacceptable behaviour of students

may cause all kinds of diseases.

There is a dire need for creating awareness about the prevention of such diseases through putting up informative posters, mentioning this in the morning assembly and giving suggestions to maintain cleanliness in the school. I am sure that if all these measures are followed, I am confident that such diseases can be prevented from starting in the school.

Obediently yours
Neelansh Dwivedi

Or
Effect of Sleep Disorder
By Dheeraj

Sleep plays a vital role in maintaining one's health. Not getting enough sleep is linked with an array of health problems. Our immune system is complex and is made up of several types of cells and proteins that are charged with keeping foreign invaders such as the germs of flu or cold at bay. But it can only function properly if rewarded with a minimum of 7 to 8 hours of undisturbed sleep a day.

Lack of sleep does not allow our immune system to generate natural killer cells that keep us healthy. Sleep deprivation decreases the availability of these defensive cells, leaving our bodies susceptible to new viruses and bacteria.

Consistency is the key to a good sleep hygiene and helps strengthening our immune system. However, we should take care not to overdo it either, as excessive sleep has a dark side too.

4. Once upon a time, there was a peacock that was enjoying the pleasant weather in a forest. Suddenly, a godlike lady emerged from a river in the forest and started talking to the peacock. She asked the peacock to ask for a boon.

The peacock was surprised as he thought why he was being blessed. Yet, the peacock said that he wanted to be an eagle. The lady insisted on him to get converted into a human being so that he can explain humans the plight of birds and teach them a good lesson. But the peacock looked up in the sky and said he wanted to fly high over the clouds and his heavy wings stopped him from doing so. The lady granted his wish half-heartedly. The peacock got transformed into an eagle. He looked at himself and excitedly made a loud cry like a proud eagle. He took his first flight and went straight up over the clouds. As soon as he reached a good height, he was hit by a gunshot and fell down to the ground, eventually dying an unfortunate death. The lady emerged again, restored life in him and converted him into a peacock. She further asked him to be contented in life.

5. (i) (b) is
(ii) (b) in
(iii) (c) the
6. (i) with in
(ii) has had
(iii) found find
(iv) inward toward
7. (i) I loved playing football in school.
(ii) I was the school football captain.
(iii) I would dream of playing football for India.

Section C
Literature Textbook and Long Reading Text (25 marks)

8. (i) The poet is trying to suggest that the tiger should be allowed to live in his natural habitat.
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- (ii) The tiger scares the people by growling at them and showing his teeth and claws.
 - (iii) 'Fangs' are the two long sharp teeth at the front of the mouths of some animals.

Or

- (i) An Asian Lion is large and brownish-yellow in colour.
 - (ii) When the lion roars, it is very scary and it feels like we are going to die.
 - (iii) 'Tawny' means brownish-yellow in colour.
9. (i) The postmaster was determined to help Lencho. He did not want Lencho's faith in God to be shaken so he asked his employees and friends to help Lencho. He also contributed a part of his salary for this act of charity.
- (ii) The author believes that courage is not the absence of fear, but it is the triumph over it. The brave man is not the one who does not feel fear of any kind but he is the one who has the courage to conquer it.
- (iii) The young seagull felt very miserable on the ledge as he was alone and his family had already flown away. He was feeling very hungry and had nothing to eat. His condition was worsening because he could not even dive for fish.
- (iv) Anne Frank supports her nature by stating that talking is a student's trait and she will try to control it. But she also says that she has got it from her mother and such inherited traits cannot be curbed.
10. Lencho was a poor farmer who totally depended on the harvest to survive and fulfil basic needs of his family. Once his crops were destroyed due to heavy rainfall and hailstones and he was feared for his family to be survived. He believed that God would help him in this plight. He had firm faith in God and believed that God would not let him be hungry. Now-a-days faith in God like Lencho is almost impossible and unseen. People are very much aware that nobody is willing to help others without any self interest. Lencho's reaction towards post office employees was not good and appropriate but it was just because of his innocence as he could not believe that God had done such a mistake. It were only the post office employees who had stolen money according to him.

Or

- 'Fire' symbolises desire and 'Ice' symbolises hatred. Desire is a kind of intense love or want that focuses people on getting and possessing and acquiring. Our society is full of people who spend their lives working to get a bigger and better TV, a more stylish car or a more extravagant house. This kind of desire can lead people to destruction in the form of bankruptcy or even broken relationships. Frost's poem speaks on the issue of greed corrupting people and even society. The power of hate, which is symbolised by ice is just as great as desire. While desire consumes quickly hate produce shy yet restrained devastation. For instance, hate is the root cause of racism and war. It can linger in people's mind for lifetimes. Moreover, it consumes the hater even more than the person hated. It thus, ruin lives.
11. A. Mr. Frank is perhaps the most sensible, balanced and mature character in The Diary of a Young Girl. As the head of the family, Mr. Frank is aware of his duties and responsibilities. When he senses that there is a danger to his family, he very wisely shifts everyone to the secret annexe. He is resourceful enough to make sure that his family never lacks provisions. Mr. Frank is an ideal and caring father who shows a good understanding of both his daughters. He shares a special relationship with his younger daughter Anne. He supports her and takes her side during family arguments. While the other adults in the family and neighbourhood are
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highly critical of Anne, Mr. Frank is rather generous in his dealings with the girl. Anne too adores her father and considers him her role model. She tries her best to impress him and live up to his expectations. When Mr. Dussel rejects Anne's request to allow her to work at the table, Mr. Frank intervenes and makes sure that his daughter's wish is granted. However, Mr. Frank is also a little strict in the sense that he does not always let Anne have her own way, and checks her from time to time. Mr. Frank is an understanding husband in the sense that he knows how to bear with a highly sentimental, conservative and critical lady like Edith Frank, his wife. He also knows that his wife lacks inner feelings, and tries to make up for the emotional support, which she cannot provide her daughters with. He even tries to change Anne's attitude towards her mother, so that his wife does not feel ignored or neglected by her own children.

Or

Although the Franks are being persecuted as Jews, they clearly see themselves as part of the society as a whole and not members of a separate group.

Mr. Frank demonstrates his open mindedness when he decides to buy Anne a Bible. Margot is perturbed by this gesture of their father and asks if he is really planning to give Anne a Bible for Hanukkah. Mr. Frank realises her confusion and says that it would be better to give the Bible to Anne on St Nicholas Day as 'Jesus and Hanukkah don't go together'. Even Anne is extremely interested in mythology.

Additionally, since the Franks and the van Daans are not strictly religious, but do celebrate both Jewish and Christian holidays, they most likely identify themselves as Germans first and Jews second. They all dream about going back to their normal lives after the war is over. They all want to go to Germany, to their homes – the place they had to leave due to the fascist regime. Their identity became unclear when Hitler came to power and they lost their German citizenship. Moreover, they all feel sad for the atrocities going on in the outside world. They have sympathy for all those who are suffering.

Or

11. **B.** Helen recalls that her desire to express herself was growing and the signs that she used to express herself became less and less adequate. She failed to make herself understood to others. This frustrated her to a great extent and led to furious outbursts. She felt as if invisible hands were holding her. She made frantic efforts to free herself. Not that struggling helped matters, but the spirit of resistance was strong.

After a while, the need of some means of communication became so urgent that these outbursts occurred daily, sometimes even hourly. Obviously her parents were deeply grieved and perplexed. They wanted to – teach her, to provide her with some sort of education that would help her communicate in a better way. When Helen was about six years old, her father heard of an eminent oculist in Baltimore, who had been successful in many cases that had seemed hopeless.

Helen was taken to Baltimore, but as the doctor was unable to help her. he advised her parents to visit Dr Bell. Dr Bell in turn referred them to Mr. Anagnos who was finally able to find a teacher for Helen. Miss Sullivan's arrival was the key that opened the doors of education for poor Helen.

Or

Helen's first experience with nature was so fascinating, that she soon began to relate herself with the elements around her. However, by and by she also learnt that nature was not always kind or benevolent. The day Miss Sullivan taught Helen to climb a tree, the weather was fine and Helen Loved the cool shade, sitting on the branches of the tree. When Miss Sullivan went to fetch Lunch, the weather suddenly changed. The sky grew black, indicating a thunderstorm. The strong winds shook the tree, and Helen was scared to the point of death. Fortunately, Miss Sullivan came to her rescue and helped her get down the tree.

Helen here learnt about the malevolent or dangerous side of nature. Moreover, she learnt a more important Lesson that Life was not always a bed of roses. It had its pleasant as well as unpleasant moments, and one must be prepared to face both. While on one hand we enjoy the pleasures Life offers us, on the other hand we should brave the risks and the challenges with the same spirit.

Helen also learnt that difficulties and problems should not sadden or overpower a person, as these are temporary. Though Helen was frightened for a time, she did not lose her spirit. Besides, her Love for and kinship with nature also did not diminish, through which we see that she soon overcame her fears.
