
CBSE Class 10th English Language and Literature
Sample Paper - 04

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)**

Hibernation is one of the main adaptations that allow certain northern animals to survive long, cold winters. Hibernation is like a very deep sleep that allows animals to save their energy when there is little or no food available. The body functions of true hibernators go through several changes while they are in hibernation.

Body temperature drops and the heart rate slows down. For example, a hibernating woodchuck's body temperature drops by more than 30 degrees Celsius and its heart rate slows down from 80 to 4 beats per minute! Other true hibernators include the jumping mouse, little brown bat, eastern chipmunk, and several ground squirrels.

Other animals such as the skunk and racoon are not considered true hibernators, as they wake up in winter to feed and their body functions do not change as much.

Since they only sleep for a little bit at a time, the term 'dormancy' or light sleeping' is used to describe their behaviour.

The largest animals to hibernate are bears. Their heart rate may slow down from a usual 40-50 beats per minute to 8-12 beats per minute, but their body temperature changes very little, so they are able to wake up quickly.

Hibernating animals have a special substance in the blood called hibernation

inducement trigger, or HIT. This substance becomes active in the fall when the days become cooler and shorter. When HIT becomes active, the animals start preparing for winter.

Some animals store food so that they can eat when they wake up and some animals eat a lot in late summer and fall to add excess fat to their bodies.

This fat keeps them warmer and acts as a source of energy while they are sleeping.

Some animals also make changes to the places where they will sleep. They add leaves and grasses to keep themselves warm.

- a. Why do animals hibernate?
- b. The body functions of true hibernators go through no changes while they are in hibernation (True/False)
- c. Which of the following is not a true hibernating animal?
 - a. Woodchuck
 - b. Jumping mouse
 - c. Skunk
 - d. Little brown bat
- d. What is full form of HIT?
- e. When do animals start preparing for hibernation?
 - a. When days become cooler and shorter
 - b. When days become hot and humid
 - c. When they have stored plenty of food
 - d. When they want to take rest
- f. _____ is a special substance in the blood of hibernating animals.
- g. What is the term 'dormancy' used for?
- h. During hibernation, the heart beat of the bear goes down but body temperature don't change much (True/False)

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

1. On November first, Chandran left his bed at 5 a.m., bathed in cold water, and sat at his study table, even before his mother, the earliest riser the house, was up. He sat there, strengthening himself with several resolutions. One was that he would get up every day at the same hour, bathe in cold water, and get through three hours of solid work before starting for the college. The second resolution was that he would be back home before eight in the evening and study till eleven-thirty. He

also resolved not to smoke because it was bad for the heart, and a very sound heart was necessary for the examination.

2. He took out a sheet of paper and noted down all his subjects. He calculated the total number of preparation hours that were available from November first to March. He had before him over a thousand hours, including the twelve hours, preparation on holidays. Of these thousand hours, a just allotment of so many hundred hours was to be made for Modern History, Ancient History, Political Theories, Greek Drama, Eighteenth-century Prose, and Shakespeare. He then drew up a very complicated timetable, which would enable one to pay equal attention to all subjects. Balance in preparation was everything. What was the use of being able to score a hundred percent in Modern History, if Shakespeare was going to drag you in the mire? Out of the daily six hours, three were to be devoted to the Optional Subjects and three to the compulsory. In the morning the compulsory subjects, and Literature at night. European History needed all the freshness and sharpness of the morning brain, while it would be a real pleasure to read Literature in the evenings. He put down for that day Othello and the Modern Period in Indian History. He would finish these two in about forty-eight hours and then take up Milton and Greek History.
3. And he settled down to his programme with a scowl on his face.
4. The Modern Period in Indian History, which he had to take up immediately, presented innumerable difficulties. The texts on the subject were many, the notes of class lectures very bulky. Chandran sat for nearly half an hour lost in this problem.
5. The household was up by this time. His father was in the garden, minutely examining the plants for evidence of any miracle which might have happened overnight.

A. Answer any four of the following questions:

- A. Why did he have a scowl on his face?
- B. Why did he prefer literature for the evening health and how much time did he decide to devote to this compulsory subject?
- C. Why did he form a very complicated time-table? Which subjects did he choose for the morning hours? on this compulsory subject?
- D. Why did he resolve not to smoke?

E. What was Chandran's resolution?

B. Select the correct word/phrases from the given options which mean the same as the following:

- a. not optional
 - i. resolution
 - ii. compulsory
 - iii. preparation
 - iv. immediately
- b. very difficult
 - i. strengthening
 - ii. necessary
 - iii. evidence
 - iv. complicated
- c. determination
 - i. resolution
 - ii. freshness
 - iii. sharpness
 - iv. innumerable
- d. gloomy expression
 - i. drag
 - ii. scowl
 - iii. bulky
 - iv. pleasure

Section B

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

In this modern world, prices have touched the sky. Everything has become costly. Write an article on 'Price Hike' in not more than 100-150 words.

4. Complete the story given below by using the clues provided : **(10)**

The parent-teacher meeting was scheduled for tomorrow – scared of informing them – had been scolded for missing school – no way out – cooked a story ...

OR

Write a story in 150-200 words from the outline given below:

"The date of examination was declared _I was horrified_My parents helped me _reached the examination centre_examination commenced_took a sigh of relief_stood first in the class.

5. **Read the passage given below and fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words from the given options. (4)**

Rohini wrote to her mother that she (a) _____ into the boarding school. She wrote "I now have (b) _____ friends also. One of them is Anne. I (c) _____ you a picture of the two of us by e-mail. I (d) _____ really very happy".

- a. (i) settled (ii) has settled (iii) had settled (iv) has been settled
- b. (i) a few (ii) the few (iii) few (iv) little
- c. (i) send (ii) sent (iii) am sending (iv) is sending
- d. (i) is (ii) was (iii) am (iv) will be

6. In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the words that come before and after it. The first one has been done as an example. **(1x4 = 4 marks)**

			Missing	
		Before	Word	After
From very early times, India had been famous	e.g.,	famous	for	species
spices, textiles, jewellery pearls. The Arabs were	(a)	.....	.....	.....
among the first to come to India trade. Later, the	(b)	.....	.....	.....
Portuguese, the Dutch, the French the	(c)	.....	.....	.....

English				
followed. They fought among themselves to control trade.				
The English were most powerful.	(d)	.....	.....	.....

Section C

7. Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows: (4)

Ganesh: Dr. my wife is unwell. May I know what will be the total expenses on her treatment?

Dr. Gautam: Well, you will have to pay only six lacs for her treatment.

Ganesh: Is there any concession?

Dr. Gautam: No, not a penny. I want the complete amount together. Ganesh told Dr. Gautam that his wife was unwell and asked if (a)_____ on her treatment. The doctor replied that (b)_____ for her treatment. Ganesh asked (c)_____ The doctor refused to give any concession and further stated that he wanted (d)_____.

8. Read the following extracts and answer the questions/complete the sentences that follow : (4) Don't bite your nails, Amanda!

Don't hunch your shoulders, Amanda!

Stop that slouching and sit up straight,

Amanda!

- a. The speaker wants Amanda _____
- b. The speaker is _____
- c. The word from the passage which means the same as 'erect' is _____
- d. Name the poet.

OR

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

In the north-east huge mountains of clouds could be seen approaching. The air was fresh and sweet. The man went out for no other reason than to have the pleasure of feeling the rain on his body and when he returned he exclaimed, "These aren't raindrops falling from the sky, they are new coins. The big drops are ten cent pieces and the little ones are fives."

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- a. Why did Lencho go out in the rain?
 - b. Lencho compared the rain drops to new coins. Why?
 - c. Which word in the extract means the same as 'very big'?
 - d. What was Lencho's prediction and what happened?
9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each: **(10)**
- i. Describe the seagull's first flight.
 - ii. What did Mij do to the box?
 - iii. Is Natalya really a love-sick cat as called by her father? If it is so, why does she quarrel with Lomov?
 - iv. Why did Hari Singh return to Anil, although he had stolen money and escaped easily?
 - v. What did Gustaff tell them, when they (the lawyer and Bill) reach his shop?
 - vi. Why did Bholi not want to go to school first? What did she realise later?
10. Why do you think Wanda's family moved to a different city? Do you think life there was going to be different for the Petronski family? **(8)**

OR

Where did the people of Coorg originate from?

11. Give a character sketch of Ausable. **(8)**

OR

Why was Maddie very eager to meet Wanda, after listening to the letter in the class?
Did she find her?

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Answer

Section A

1.
 - a. Animals hibernate to survive cold/harsh winters.
 - b. False
 - c. Skunk
 - d. Hibernation Inducement Trigger
 - e. When days become cooler and shorter
 - f. Hibernating inducement trigger
 - g. The term 'dormancy' is used to describe the behaviour of hibernating animals.
 - h. True
2.
 - A.
 - a. Chandran 's took a resolution that he would get up every day at 5 a.m., bathe in cold water and get through three hours of solid work before starting for the college and secondly, he would be back home before eight in the evening and study till eleven-thirty.
 - b. He also resolved not to smoke because it was bad for the heart, and a very sound heart was necessary for the examination.
 - c. Chandran formed a very complicated timetable as he thought that it would enable him to pay equal attention to all subjects. He chose compulsory subjects for the morning hours.
 - d. Chandran preferred literature for the evening because it was rather easier for him to enjoy at that time. He decided to devote three hours to his compulsory subject.
 - e. He had a scowl on his face because the time table was so complicated that it was not as easy to follow it as he thought.
 - B.
 - a. compulsory
 - b. complicated
 - c. resolution
 - d. scowl.

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

**Price Hike
(By XYZ)**

Economists say that inflation is unavoidable in a growing economy. But if it persists, the poor will have to suffer a lot. The cost of living is increasing every day as the prices are soaring high. The price hike has mostly affected all the people of the lower middle class. The scientific advancement and possession of nuclear bombs cannot feed the hungry millions. The people of the lower middle class want to bridge the gap between them and the rich. And they become spendthrift in this rat race. The

government runs campaigns for sending children to schools. But people can't afford to send their children to schools. Children assist the family in earning their livelihood. In our country, the rise in prices is creating an explosive situation. If the situation is not controlled and handled properly, India will lose its identity in the international market.

4.

A NIGHTMARE

It was Friday morning and I was dreading the next twenty-four hours already. The next day was Saturday-the day scheduled for Parent-Teacher Meeting. I didn't have the nerve to tell my mother. On Wednesday, I had to take an algebra test which I had missed earlier. I sat for the test but it didn't go too well. I was distracted because I was excited about the drama auditions which were to take place that very afternoon. I was very good at dramatics as I loved to act in front of many people. It was my dream to reach the pinnacle in this field. That night, my friends and I were discussing the auditions and didn't realize that it was already past midnight. I couldn't wake up in time for school on Thursday morning and because I missed the bus, I also missed school. My parents reprimanded me sternly for being so careless. On Friday, I received my evaluated test. I scored slightly below average and the teacher scolded me severely. I was afraid of what awaited me. So, I decided to cook up a story. My mother asked me on Friday evening about the Parent-Teacher Meeting. I told her that only the students who failed in their subjects needed to bring their parents. My mother wasn't convinced. She turned up anyway and came to school for the Parents-Teacher Meeting. She got to know about my marks and I was scolded twice – once by my teacher and once by my parents. It was the horrible day of my life. But after this, I swore to myself to work hard in future.

OR

Motivation: An Encouraging Medicine

Generally, with the examination round the corner, the stress level of both the wards and the parents are quite high and sometimes, it reaches the breaking point. The same thing happened to me but the picture was different for my parents. The date of my board examination of Class X was declared. I was petrified to think of the board

examination. Just like other students of my class, it was also my first experience of appearing in the board exam. But I am blessed with such supportive parents who not only counselled me but also helped me in preparing for the exams in the right way. They knew my capability and didn't burden me with their unrealistic expectations, nor did they draw unnecessary comparisons with other children. Rather they helped me out to make a schedule for my studies and I followed it seriously. My father helped me in my studies also. My mother took care of my diet and other chores. All that care and my proper preparation made me feel less stressed. The day of my first exam came. It was my exam in English. I reached the examination centre twenty minutes before the scheduled time. I checked my roll number and room number on the board placed there at the entrance of my centre. I reached my class and after getting settled on my seat, I prayed to God. All other students were revising from their books, that thing made me more nervous. Then, the bell rang. Papers were distributed by the invigilator. As soon as I saw the question paper, my joy knew no boundaries because the paper seemed very easy to me as I had practised the syllabus a lot. It brought back my confidence. I came out of the centre with joy and I saw my father was waiting for me outside the centre. Same happened in all the exams. After my exams wind-up, I took a sigh of relief. The time for the result arrived and again, that nerve of stress came to me like that on the first day of exam. But I overcame and soon I checked my result I jumped in high spirit as I stood first in my school. All that happened by the dint of my hard work and due to the support and encouragement of my parents.

5. a. had settled
- b. a few
- c. am sending
- d. am

6.

	Before	Missing Word	After
(a)	jewellery	and	pearls
(b)	India	for	trade
(c)	French	and	the
(d)	were	the	most

7. a. he might know what the total expenses would be.

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- b. he would have to pay only six lacs.
 - c. if there was any concession.
 - d. the complete amount together.

Section C

- 8. a. to learn to become presentable.
- b. Amanda's mother.
- c. straight.
- d. The poet is Robin Klein.

OR

- a. The air was fresh and sweet so, he went out to have the pleasure of feeling the rain on his body.
 - b. Lencho compared the raindrops to new coins because they were round in shape and most of the same size. He also knew that good rain meant good harvest.
 - c. Huge.
 - d. Lencho predicted it would rain heavily and he would get a good crop. But the hailstones destroyed his field.
9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each:
- 1. The young seagull was very hungry. His mother flew towards him with a piece of fish in her feet. But she did not go near to him. He was maddened by food and dived at the fish. The next moment, he felt his wings cutting through the air. Thus, he had his first flight.
 - 2. The author came back from the meal and saw complete silence in the box. He saw the airholes and chinks around the lid, blood had trickled and dried. Thus, Mij had torn the lining of the box to pieces. When he opened the box Mijbil was exhausted and blood-spattered whimpered and caught at the author's leg.
 - 3. Natalya quarrels with Lomov over a piece of land which has little importance, because she is very quarrelsome and abusive by nature, as Lomov observes too. But she is a love-sick cat as she agrees to marry him as soon as she finds out about his proposal.
 - 4. Hari Singh returned to Anil although he had stolen money and escaped easily because his conscience stopped him from cheating on Anil. He recalled the

good times he had spent with Anil and how Anil had treated him with trust and respect.

5. After the place where Lutkins played poker called 'Fritz', the lawyer and Bill reached Gustaff's barbershop. There the hack-driver went inside and asked if he had seen Lutkins. At this, first Gustaff hesitated a little bit later he understood the trick played by Lutkins and supported him in that. Then replied that he was there a few minutes away. He also asked them to collect thirty-five dollars from Lutkins if they met him. This amount, Lutkins had owed him.
6. Bholi first did not want to go to school along with her father because she did not know anything about school. when her father suddenly caught by her hand, she got frightened. She thought she would also be sold as her old cow, Lakshmi was sold. But when she was bathed and was given a clean dress and her hair was oiled, she thought that she was going to a better place than her home. As no one took her care like that earlier.
10. Wanda's family moved to a different city because the girls in the school had been teasing her due to her funny name. The constant ridicule and isolation at school hurt Wanda. As a result, her family decided to move to a big city where no one would tease Wanda for her funny name. As there would be many people with an unusual name, the chances of being ridiculed by others would diminish. In the new city, Wanda would not stand out. People would also refrain from questioning Wanda and her family about the family name. Hence, life in the big city would be different for Wanda and her family. She would be treated with respect there. She would be able to lead a normal life.

OR

Coorg or Kodagu, the smallest district of Karnataka, has been home to evergreen rain forests, spices and coffee plantations. The fiercely independent people of Coorg were possible of Greek or Arabic descent. As one story goes, a part of Alexander's army moved south along the coast and settled in Coorg when return became impractical. These people married amongst the locals and their culture was apparent in the martial traditions, marriage and religious rites, which were distinct from the Hindu mainstream. The theory of Arab origin drew support from the long, black coat with an

embroidered waist-belt worn by the Kodavus. Known as Kuppia, it resembled the Kuffia worn by the Arabs and the Kurds.

11. Ausable was a smart, intelligent man. He was very fat and sloppy, though he was a secret agent. He spoke in an American accent which he had brought from Boston twenty years ago. He could speak French and German but possibly he was a spy who dealt in espionage and danger. He had a very important paper and Max had come to him to pinch that paper. Several men and women had risked their lives in the past for that paper. Ausable had a great presence of mind, was quick-witted and persuasive. He fabricated a story about the balcony and the police to befool Max. The story was so convincing that Max jumped down the window. He did not think for a moment that it might be a false story. In other words, he proved to be quite dangerous for Max though he had a great sense of humour when he talked to Fowler.

OR

Through the letter, Maddie came to know that Wanda had left school forever because she was hurt when Peggy and Maddie made fun of her dresses and her name. Peggy used to ask Wanda how many dresses she had. Although Maddie didn't like it, yet she didn't have the courage to stop Peggy. She was feeling guilty later on. Now she wanted to meet Wanda as soon as possible to apologize for her behaviour. It was her deep feeling of regret. She wanted to tell her that they were very sorry for their behaviour. She wanted to tell her about her victory in the competition and let her know that her dresses were very beautiful. She wanted to assure her that everybody would be nice to her. They decided to go to her house in Boggins Heights. There was no sign of life in the house. Peggy knocked firmly on the door, but there was no answer. She and Maddie went around to the back yard and knocked there. Still, there was no answer. So, they did not find her.