

Solved Paper 2020

ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

CLASS-X

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

General Instructions :

- (i) The Question paper is divided into three sections :
- (ii) Section A — Reading 20 marks
Section B — Writing and Grammar 30 marks
Section C — Literature 30 marks
- (iii) There are 11 questions in the question paper. All questions are compulsory.
- (iv) Answers should be brief and to the point.
- (v) There is no overall choice in the question paper. However, an internal choice has been provided in Section B and Section C. Make your choice correctly.
- (vi) In addition to this, separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.
- (vii) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

DELHI SET 1

Code No. : 2/1/1

SECTION -A (Reading) 20 marks
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1. Read the following passage carefully:

1. Caged behind thick glass, the most famous dancer in the world can easily be missed in the National Museum, Delhi. The Dancing girl of Mohenjo-daro is that rare artefact that even school children are familiar with. Our school textbooks also communicate the wealth of our 5000 year heritage of art. You have to be alert to her existence there, amid terracotta animals to rediscover this bronze image.
2. Most of us have seen her only in photographs or sketches, therefore, the impact of actually holding her is magnified a million times over. One discovers that the dancing girl has no feet. She is small, a little over 10 cm tall – the length of a human palm – but she surprises us with the power of great art – the ability to communicate across centuries.
3. A series of bangles – of shell or ivory or thin metal – clothe her left upper arm all the way down to her fingers. A necklace with three pendants bunched together and a few bangles above the elbow and wrist on the right hand display an almost modern art.
4. She speaks of the undaunted ever hopeful human spirit. She reminds us that it is important

to visit museums in our country to experience the impact that a work of art leaves on our senses, to find among all the riches one particular vision of beauty that speaks to us alone.

1.1 On the basis of your understanding of the above passage answer the following questions:

1 × 8 = 8

- (a) The dancing girl belongs to
 - (i) Mohenjo-daro
 - (ii) Greek culture
 - (iii) Homosapiens
 - (iv) Tibet
- (b) In the museum she's kept among
 - (i) dancing figures
 - (ii) bronze statues
 - (iii) terracotta animals
 - (iv) books
- (c) Which information is not given in the passage?
 - (i) The girl is caged behind glass.
 - (ii) She is a rare artefact.
 - (iii) School books communicate the wealth of our heritage.
 - (iv) She cannot be rediscovered as she's bronze.
- (d) 'Great Art' has power because
 - (i) it appeals to us despite the passage of time.
 - (ii) it is small and can be understood.

(iii) it's seen in pictures and sketches.

(iv) it's magnified a million times.

(e) The jewellery she wears:

(i) consists of bangles of shell, ivory or thin metal.

(ii) is a necklace with two pendants.

(iii) both (i) and (ii) are correct.

(iv) neither (i) nor (ii) is correct.

(f) She reminds us

(i) of the never say-die attitude of humans.

(ii) why museums in our country are exciting.

(iii) why she will make us come into money.

(iv) of dancing figures.

(g) The synonym of the word "among" in para 1 is _____.

(h) The size of the dancing girl is equal to the length of human palm. (True/False)

Ans. (a) (i) Mohenjo-daro

(b) (iii) terracotta animals

(c) (iv) She cannot be rediscovered as she's bronze

(d) (i) it appeals to us despite the passage of time

(e) (iv) neither (i) nor (ii) is correct

(f) (ii) why museums in our country are exciting

(g) amid

(h) True

2. Read the passage carefully:

- As the family finally sets off from home after many arguments, there is a moment of lull as the car takes off. "Alright, so where are we going for dinner now?" asks the one at the driving wheel. What follows is a chaos, as multiple voices makes as many suggestions.
- By the time, order is restored and a decision is arrived at, tempers have risen, feelings injured and there is at least one person grumbling.
- Twenty years ago, you would step out of home, decision of meal and venue already made with no arguments or opposition and everybody looked forward to the meal with equal enthusiasm. The decision was made by the head of the family and the others fell in line. Today every member of the family has a say in every decision which also promotes a sense of togetherness and bonding.
- We empower our kids to take their own decisions from a very early age. We ask them the cuisine they prefer, the movie they want to see, the holiday they wish to go on and the subjects they wish to study.

5. It's a closely connected world out there, where children consult and guide each other. A parent's well meaning advice can sound like nothing more than unnecessary preaching. How then do we reach our children through all the conflicting views and make the voice of reason be heard? Children today question choices and prefer to go with the flow.

6. What then is the best path to take? I would say the most important thing one can do is to listen. Listen to your children and their silences. Ensure that you keep some time aside for them, insist that they share their stories with you. Step into their world. It is not as complicated as it sounds; just a daily half an hour of the quality time would do the trick.

2.1 On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the following questions in 30 – 40 words each: $2 \times 4 = 8$

(a) Write one advantage and one disadvantage of allowing every family member to be part of the decision making process.

(b) In today's world, what are parents asking their kids ?

(c) Which two pieces of advice does the writer give to the parents ?

(d) The passage supports the parents. How far do you agree with the author's views? Support your view with a reason ?

Ans. (a) The advantage of allowing every family member to be part of the decision making process is that every member of the family has a say in every decision which promotes a sense of togetherness and bonding.

The disadvantage is that it creates a chaos, as multiple voices make as many suggestions.

(b) In today's world, parents are asking their kids, the cuisine they prefer, the movie they want to see, the holiday they wish to go on and the subjects they wish to study.

(c) The writer advises the parents firstly to listen to their children and their silences. Secondly he tells them to set aside some quality time for their children and make them share their stories with them.

(d) The writer is in favour of the freedom the parents nowadays are giving to their children but he is also aware that a parent's well-meaning advice may sound like an unnecessary preaching for the children. So he advises them to spend more time with their children and listen to their stories.

This is the only way of reaching to our children, hearing all the conflicting views and making the voice of reason be heard.

2.2 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following: $1 \times 2 = 2$

- (i) The synonym of 'hurt' as given in paragraph 2 is _____.
- (ii) The word which means the same as 'a style or method of cooking' in paragraph 4 is:
 (a) cuisine (b) gourmet
 (c) gastric (d) science
- (iii) The antonym of 'agreeable' as given in paragraph 5 is _____.
- (iv) The antonym of 'simple' as given in paragraph 6 is
 (a) difficult (b) complicated
 (c) easy (d) tricky

- Ans. (i) injured
 (ii) (a) cuisine
 (iii) conflicting
 (iv) (b) complicated

SECTION -B
(Writing Skills with Grammar) 30 marks

3. You are Vaibhavi Sinha, examination incharge, Goodway Public School, Aurobindo Road, Indore. You require 4 reams of white paper, 2 packets of carbon paper, one dozen registers, blue and red ball point pens (50 each). Place an order with Sunrise Stationary Mart, 12 Mall Road, Indore mentioning terms of payment, discount asked by you and delivery date. (100-150 words) **8**

OR

* Water scarcity is becoming a serious problem because sources of water are getting depleted day by day. Considering the gravity of the situation, write an article in 100-150 words on the topic, "Need of the Hour : Rainwater Harvesting." You are Ram/Rama. **8**

Ans. Goodway Public School
 Aurobindo Road
 Indore

5. Fill in any four of the following blanks given below choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow. Write the answers in your answer-sheet against the correct blank numbers. $1 \times 4 = 4$

Communication ___(a)___ become very effective ___(b)___ instant due to smart phones. People are able ___(c)___ convey their messages all around the globe to ___(d)___ loved ones ___(e)___ spending hefty sums of money.

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| (a) (i) is | (ii) has | (iii) have | (iv) had |
| (b) (i) but | (ii) as | (iii) or | (iv) and |
| (c) (i) for | (ii) in | (iii) to | (iv) of |
| (d) (i) his | (ii) her | (iii) their | (iv) your |
| (e) (i) with | (ii) without | (iii) and | (iv) to |

- Ans. (a) (ii) has
 (b) (iv) and
 (c) (iii) to
 (d) (iii) their
 (e) (ii) without

2nd April, 20xx
 The Sales Manager
 Sunrise Stationary Mart
 12 Mall Road
 Indore

Subject: Placing Order for some Stationary

Sir

Thank you for the catalogue you had sent along with the latest price list. After going through, we would like to place an order for the following items.

Product	Quantity
White Paper	4 reams
Carbon paper	2 packets
Registers	One dozen
Ball point pens (Red and Blue)	50 each

We attach herewith a draft of 50% advance payment. The balance payment will be made on delivery. We expect a 10% discount, which you have already promised. Please note that we shall not be responsible for any damages during transportation. We expect delivery with 15 days as discussed earlier.

Thanking You

Yours sincerely

Vaibhavi Sinha

Examination Incharge

* 4. Write a story in 150-200 words with the help of the following outline. Give it a suitable title also. **10**

a cricket match _____ boys playing in the street _____ Ram hit the ball _____ a second floor window pane broken _____ .

OR

* Ahmad went to watch Diwali Mela with his parents. He wanted to enjoy a ride in the merry-go-round. His father _____ . **10**

6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the error along with its correction in the space provided. 1 × 4 = 4

	Error	Correction
Tallam is situated in an	(a)	_____
altitude of about 550 feet on a southern	(b)	_____
arm of a deep bay of the Western Ghats.	(c)	_____
Tallam boasts of delight forest scenery.	(d)	_____

Ans. Error **Correct**

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| (a) in | on |
| (b) a | the |
| (c) of | in |
| (d) delight | delightful |

- * 7. Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. 1 × 4 = 4

1. easy / very / it / to open / it / was
2. to sleep / night / decided / every / they / a hotel / in / every night
3. quickly / very / the clothes / they / and food / packed.
4. the / problems / bag / heavy / in carrying / had / they

- (b) Ausable blinked because he
- (i) was getting adjusted to the light
 - (ii) got afraid of the man with a pistol
 - (iii) was thrilled to have reached his room
 - (iv) started thinking of how to get rid of the man
- (c) Fowler was thrilled because what he saw looked like a _____.
- (d) Which word in the extract means the same as "genuine/real".

SECTION -C
(Literature Textbooks and Supplementary Reading Text) **30 marks**

- * 8. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow: 1 × 4 = 4

I stand and look at them long and long.
 They do not sweat and whine about their condition.

- (a) The poet who has written these lines is

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| (i) Robert Frost | (ii) Carolyn Wells |
| (iii) Walt Whitman | (iv) Ogden Nash |

- (b) Who are 'they' referred to here?

- (i) Animals
- (ii) Tigers
- (iii) Ananda's friends
- (iv) Wanda's dresses

- (c) The poet looks at them long and long because he _____.

- (d) Which word in the extract means 'complain' ?

OR

And as the light came on, Fowler had his first authentic thrill of the day. For halfway across the room, a small automatic pistol in his hand, stood a man. 1 × 4 = 4
 Ausable blinked a few times.

- (a) Who was standing in the room with a pistol in his hand?

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| (i) Ausable | (ii) Fowler |
| (iii) Max | (iv) A waiter |

Ans. OR

- (a) (iii) Max
 (b) (i) was getting adjusted to the light
 (c) a man with a small automatic pistol in his hand.
 (d) authentic

9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each 2 × 5 = 10

- (a) "The sight of the food maddened him." What does this suggest? (His First Flight)
- (b) Why does the poet not offer the boy, money to buy another ball?
- (c) Why is Coorg called the land of rolling hills?
- (d) What made Hari Singh come back to Anil?
- (e) Why was Matilda unhappy in her early married life?
- (f) Describe the curious episode which took place in a clergyman's study.

Ans. (a) The young seagull was afraid to fly because the sight of the sea filled him with fear. What motivated him to fly was his hunger. For past twenty four hours he had not eaten anything. When his mother tempted him with a piece of fish in her beak, he was maddened to see the food. His hunger compelled him to dive. To save himself, he spread his wings and was able to fly.

- (b) The poet understands the pain of the boy whose ball had rolled away into water but he does not offer him money to buy another ball. The poet knows that buying another ball will not console

the child. The best approach is to leave him so that he should develop a sense of responsibility and maturity and know how to face the losses without losing his heart.

- (c) Coorg is called the land of rolling hills because the city is situated on the gentle sloping hills. The entire area is covered with these hills. Brahmagiri hills has a panoramic view. So the hills appear to be rolling
- (d) Hari Singh came back to Anil because he remembered the good times he had spent with Anil. He felt lonely and sad at the thought of leaving Anil. His inner conscience stopped him from breaking Anil's trust. Hari Singh knew that to be really big, clever and respected man was much more than stealing a few hundred rupees at that time. So he returned home, back to Anil.
- (e) Matilda Loisel was a kind of lady who was not content with what life had given her. She expected a life of affluence, comforts and luxuries but she had to live in want and poverty. She was unhappy to live a simple life with limited means as her husband was a petty clerk.
- (f) The curious episode that occurred in the study of the clergyman was that even though the money from the desk was missing but there was no one seen in the room. It was a peculiar kind of robbery where robber was not visible but the clergyman and his wife heard the chink of money being stolen but were amazed to see that the room was empty.

10. Attempt the following question in 100-150 words: 8

What things does Mij do, which tell you that he is an intelligent, friendly and fun loving animal who needs love?

OR

What do you think about Anne's talent for writing essays which she wrote convincingly, when punished by the teacher?

- Ans.** In the bathroom, Mijbil fumbled with the taps and went mad with joy on seeing full flow of water. He played, splashed and thoroughly enjoyed like a hippo in water. Aloof at first, he started answering to his name, played for hours with rubber ball and juggled with small objects, after two days. Mijbil's behaviour and reactions to the circumstances throw light on the trait of intelligence in the otters in general. They have basic congeniality. And it is portrayed in his behaviour that it took him merely a day to shed his inhibitions and familiarize himself with the new surroundings. Mijbil's intelligence and sense of logic is reflected in his turning on the tap to get a flow of water.

OR

Mr. Keesing, Anne's, Maths teacher, was always annoyed with Anne because of her talkative nature. So, he had given her some extra work to write an essay on "A Chatter Box". She wrote in her essay, "Talking is a student's trait and I would do my best to control it. But I won't be able to cure this habit

since my mother is also talkative. So moving from the inherited trait cannot be done". On reading her arguments, Mr. Keesing had a good laugh, and the teacher gave her another essay on 'An Incurable Chatter Box'. It was a punishment for Anne for talking in the class. Anne gave a message through the poem to the teacher. The teacher got so impressed by her little poem that he decided not to punish her. She made him realize his mistake. It also reflects her fearlessness, critical thinking, humility and unbiased approach as well as her creativity and humorous approach to deal with her strict teacher.

11. Attempt the following question in 100-150 words. 10

Give a brief character sketch of Ebright's mother.

OR

How did the people on the earth help the Martian people? How did this effort help the people on both the planets?

- Ans.** Ebright's mother was a great help to him. She always encouraged his interest in learning and finding more. She took him out on trips. In fact, she also bought him a telescope, a microscope, cameras, mounting materials and other equipments that helped him in many ways. Richard's mother was a vigilant parent who keenly observed her child, identified his interests and inclinations and channelized his energies in the right direction. She very deftly kept him occupied with learning activities which was a constructive use of the leisure time. She bought him books to kindle his curiosity and thus provided the impetus towards scientific interests. She, thereby, played a significant role in 'The Making of a Scientist'.

OR

Martians planned to attack the earth. The ruler of Mars, Think Tank, instructed one of his Martians-Noodle to gather information about the Earth. He saw that other three crew members—Captain Omega, Lieutenant Iota and Sergeant Oop found some books in Centerville Public Library. A book named 'Mother Goose' contained nursery rhymes. Omega managed to read some nursery rhymes like 'Mistress Mary', 'Humpty-Dumpty', etc. Think Tank misinterpreted the rhymes. He was shocked to discover that metals could be grown in fields. He also thought that earthlings are intelligent enough in warfare and have advanced technology to grow high exposures. On seeing the image of Humpty-Dumpty, he thought its head resembling that of his own. He feared invasion on Mars by earthlings. So he decided to migrate to Alpha Centauri, one hundred million miles away from Mars. The Martians fear the book till date.

The book of the Nursery Rhymes proved to be a most trustworthy friend. It not only saved us and our planet earth, but also acted as a good friend of tiny children and entertained them in its fantasy and delighted them.

DELHI SET 2**Code No. : 2/1/2**

SECTION -B
(Writing Skills with Grammar) 30 marks

3. You are Kapil/Komal, living at C-424, Sector-18, Green Park, New Delhi. You bought a washing machine from Balaji Electricals Private Limited, Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi. It started giving trouble within a few days. Write a complaint letter (100-150 words) to the Sales Manager seeking immediate repair or replacement. Invent the details of defects.

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OR

- * Yoga is most important in everyone's life as it helps in balancing the relationship between body and mind. Write an article in 100-150 words on the topic "Importance of Yoga in our life". You are Ram/Rama.

Ans. C-424, Sector 18,

Green Park

New Delhi

27th May, 20××

The Sales Manager

Balaji Electricals Pvt Ltd

Lajpat Nagar

New Delhi

Subject : Complaint about defective Washing Machine

Sir,

Through this letter of mine, I wish to inform you that I had purchased an "LG Washing Machine" from your outlet on the receipt no. 10579 on 24th May, 20××. Its been just 3-4 days and it has started giving trouble. It makes a loud noise and stops on its own all of a sudden. The machine does not wash the clothes properly. I am sure it has some manufacturing defect.

Since it is within the guarantee period, I request you to get it repaired or better replace it at the earliest.

I have been your regular customer and purchase articles in good faith. I will be thankful if the matter is attended to at the earliest.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Kopal

SECTION -C
(Literature Textbooks and Supplementary Reading Text) 30 marks

9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each 2 × 5 = 10

(f) Why is Mrs. Pumphrey responsible for Tricky's condition?

Ans. (f) Mrs. Pumphrey had a dog named Tricky. Indirectly, she was responsible for the dog's illness. She gave him little extra meals i.e. malt, cod-liver oil, etc. He was even fed with desserts like cream cakes and chocolates. He was not given any physical exercise. So the dog fell ill and started vomiting also. He had become hugely fat, like a bloated sausage. Dr. Harriot, the veterinary surgeon had to be called for his treatment.

10. Attempt the following question in 100-150 words: 8

Why was Nelson Mandela overwhelmed with a sense of history? How did he succeed in ending the apartheid regime in South Africa?

OR

Describe the journey of Sidhartha Gautama becoming the Buddha.

Ans. The oath taking ceremony of Nelson Mandela, the first black President of South Africa, and his colleagues was a historic occasion. Dignitaries of 140 countries came to attend it. In the first decade of the 20th century, the white-skinned erected a system of racial discrimination against the dark-skinned people of South Africa. This discrimination was called Apartheid, the harshest in human creation. Nelson Mandela, when became a young man and joined the African National Congress party, he first wanted freedom only for himself and then for all his people. He carried on years of struggle with the desire to give himself and his people a life of dignity and self-respect. Finally when he successfully became the President of South Africa he promised to give his country freedom from poverty and discrimination. No country man would be oppressed on the basis of colour and creed. He wished the sun of freedom to shine on his country forever.

OR

Gautam Buddha was a prince. His parents had named him Siddhartha. He had been shielded from the sufferings of the world. At the age of twenty five he saw a sick man, an aged man and a dead man. He also saw an ascetic begging for alms. These sights moved him so much that he at once went out into the world to seek enlightenment concerning the sorrows he had witnessed. He wandered for seven years and finally sat down under a peepal tree, where he received enlightenment after seven days. He renamed the tree as the Bodhi Tree (Tree of Wisdom). He himself came to be known as the Buddha (The awakened or the Enlightened).

The Buddha preached his first sermon at the city of Benares, the most holy dipping places on the River Ganges. The Sermon was preserved. It reflects the Buddha's wisdom about once inscrutable kind of suffering.

11. Attempt the following question in 100-150 words.**10**

How did education change Bholi's personality?

OR

How did Griffin's invisibility come to his help whenever he found himself in trouble?

Ans. Everyone called Sulekha as Bholi, the simpleton. She used to stammer and her face was disfigured by pock-marks. She was not wise and not beautiful. She was ill-treated by everyone. She was sent to school as she supposedly had no future. But her education changed her personality. Her teacher's love and affection moulded her. She became confident and bold. She knew what was good or what was bad. Her father agreed to marry her to Bishamber. But she didn't accept to marry the lame, old and greedy man. Education had, thus, turned Bholi into a fearless, bold and confident girl. She even chose her future rightly. She told her parents that she would serve them in old age. Thus, she became an inspiration for all girls and became a teacher in the same school from where she had studied.

OR

Griffin, the scientist removed his clothes, became invisible and got away without being seen. He misused his scientific discovery and became a lawless person. He slipped into a big London store to save himself from the unbearable cold. He drank and wore warm clothes. He found cold meat, coffee and sweets there. He slept on a pile of quilts and enjoyed himself. In the morning when the assistants arrived, he got nervous and began to run. He quickly took off his clothes, became invisible and escaped.

Earlier he had a quarrel with his landlord. In revenge, he set fire to the house and escaped in an invisible form. When the landlord of the inn and his wife tried to spy in his room, he attacked the wife with the bedroom chair in an invisible form. They ran away in terror.

Next day, when he suddenly gave them the rent, they became suspicious and called for the village constable. On being questioned by Mrs. Hall, Griffin became furious and took off the bandages. The constable found it very difficult to struggle with an invisible man. He was knocked unconscious by Griffin. This way Griffin always shook himself free by becoming invisible.

DELHI SET 3**Code No. : 2/1/3**

SECTION -B
(Writing Skills with Grammar) 30 marks

3. You are Akshay/Akshita, 23, Rampur Road, Delhi, a responsible citizen of your country. When you go on the road, you see that the people are becoming more and more intolerant of others, and drive their vehicles recklessly which some times leads to road rage. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper advising people to follow rules while driving vehicles. (100-150 words) **8**

OR

- * You go to your school travelling in a government bus. You notice the benefits of travelling by bus which is helpful in reducing pollution. Write an article in 100-150 words on the topic, "Use Public Conveyance; Control Pollution". You are Akshay/Akshita.

Ans. 23, Rampur Road

Delhi

26th March, 20××

The Editor

i-Next

Delhi

Subject : Concern over growing accidents of Road Rage in Delhi

Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to draw the attention of the readers towards the serious issue of growing incidents of

road rage in Delhi. Now and then, we come across the news of road rage where people start fighting on the roads on trivial issue. People are over stressed these days and their frustration is often displayed through such incidents. They start quarrelling on a matter of small collision or honking or even on the issue of parking. Generally, the fight starts verbally which turns into a physical fight. Many incidents of serious injuries and death of people have been reported so far and hence it needs immediate attention of everyone.

The government should come forward with strict legal provisions to stop these and the people should also learn to be patient and tolerant in order to make Delhi roads safe to travel.

Thanking you

Yours truly

Akshay

SECTION -C
(Literature Textbooks and Supplementary Reading Text) 30 marks

9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each **2 × 5 = 10**

(f) Why does Mrs. Hall find the scientist (the new guest) eccentric?

Ans. (f) Mrs. Hall was the landlady of the inn where Griffin stayed. She found the scientist eccentric because he discouraged her friendly approach

by telling her curtly that he wanted solitude and did not wish to be disturbed. Moreover, he had unusual appearance and covered himself from top to toe.

10. Attempt the following question in 100-150 words: 8

- * Describe the scene in which Wanda's dress drawings are displayed. Who won the drawing contest for the girls?

OR

What message does Adrienne Rich want to convey through the poem, 'The Trees'?

Ans. OR

The poem 'The Trees' states that in the conflict between man and nature, man has caused much harm to nature. Man has learnt to acquire a lot of material goods, but forgotten the importance of preserving nature. As a result, large forests have been cut down, animals have been killed and water bodies have been destroyed. Man has judged nature wrongly to be weak, whereas nature is the most powerful. Any natural disaster can not be prevented, though we are moving in a technologically advanced world. The destructive forms of nature e.g. flood, earthquake, volcanoes, tornadoes etc. teach man that the real power lies with nature and it can do anything. The poet wants to give the message that the presence of a few trees inside our homes does not become equal to nature, but a very false idea of nature. Real nature is outside, in the forests that we have destroyed. The poem tells us how the trees want to break free from the walls that humans have put around them, and go out in the forest. We shall stop cutting trees, otherwise we will be responsible for the deleterious consequences.

11. Attempt the following question in 100-150 words. 10

Mrs. Pumphrey, the overindulgent and caring mistress of Tricki, pampers her pet dog like a spoiled child. Comment.

OR

What were Horace Danby's plans for his latest robbery?

Ans. Mrs. Pumphrey was a rich lady who had a small dog, named Tricki. She had pampered the dog by providing him things like a raincoat for wet days, a whole wardrobe, full of tweed coats. There were separate bowls like breakfast bowl, lunch bowl, supper bowl etc. or his different meals. She had a lot of servants and maids to take care of him and to serve Tricki's favourite cushions, toys and rubber rings. Besides, she owned a chauffeur driven long, black car. All these things suggest that she was a rich lady. She used to give Tricki some extras between meals to build him up. Some malt, cod-liver-oil and a bowl of Horlicks are the things which only the rich can afford to feed their dogs. She also fed him with cream cakes and chocolates which he loved very much.

OR

Horace Danby was heartily fond of rare and expensive books. He used to commit one theft a year on an average. The stolen money lasted for a year. He chose the house at shot over Grange to commit his next burglary. He studied the design of the house carefully for a fortnight. He found that the family had gone to London and the servants to the movie. He broke into the house and stole pounds worth of jewels from the safe. The jewellery would enable him to buy the books he wanted. He put on his gloves. He took the key from its usual place. He pacified the pet dog by addressing it with love. He reached the safe, placed in the drawing room behind a painting. He was suffering from hay fever. The smell of the flowers at the table made him sneeze.

OUTSIDE DELHI SET 1

Code No. : 2/2/1

**SECTION -B
(Writing Skills with Grammar) 30 marks**

3. You are Vipul/Apporva, living at D-424, Island Avenue, Ernakulam. You have seen an advertisement about a diploma course in French language soon to be organized by Maxwell Institute of Languages, Fort Road, Kochi. Write a letter in 100-150 words to the advertiser seeking all the relevant information like admission procedure, fee structure, duration of the course, timing of the class, transport facilities etc. **8**

OR

- * You are disturbed to find that most of the youngsters nowadays are falling prey to the fast food culture, overeating and lazy life style. Write an article on the topic, 'Importance of exercise and nutritious food'. You are Raj/Rani. (100-150 words) **8**

Ans. D-424, Island Avenue

Ernakulam

02nd April, 20××

The Centre Head

Maxwell Institute of Languages

Fort Road

Kochi

Subject : Enquiry about diploma course in French

Sir,

With reference to your advertisement dated 24th March, I have come to know that you provide diploma course in various languages. I would like to join the same in French language. I am waiting my class XII result and I am free for three months. Kindly let me know the admission procedure, fee structure, duration of the course, timing of the class and transport facilities, if available.

Kindly inform me at the earliest so that I can join the course immediately, without wasting time.

Thanking you

Yours Sincerely

Apoorva

- * 4. Write a story in 150-200 words with the help of the following clues. 10

Last year in the month of December, I went to my

native village where my grand parents live in a cottage on the foothills of the Himalayas. One day, I was standing on the edge of a dense forest. Suddenly

OR

- * It was an amazing day, full of fun and frolic. We all stood aghast to see a strange flying object over our heads. We started

5. Fill in the blanks in the paragraph given below by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow. Write the answers in your answer-sheet against the correct blank numbers. 1 × 4 = 4

Reading books _____ (a) _____ a good hobby. Books open _____ (b) _____ vast new world to us. They increase _____ (c) _____ knowledge and change our outlook _____ (d) _____ the world.

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|-----|-----|---------|------|-------|-------|-----|------|------|
| (a) | (i) | has | (ii) | was | (iii) | are | (iv) | is |
| (b) | (i) | the | (ii) | a | (iii) | an | (iv) | some |
| (c) | (i) | his | (ii) | one's | (iii) | our | (iv) | your |
| (d) | (i) | towards | (ii) | for | (iii) | by | (iv) | from |

- Ans. (a) (iv) is
 (b) (ii) a
 (c) (iii) our
 (d) (i) towards

6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the error along with its correction in the space provided. Do any four. 1 × 4 = 4

	Error	Correction
Spending time for their kids bring	(a)	_____
immediate as well as long-last	(b)	_____
gain for a parents. According to a	(c)	_____
research, children with concerned	(d)	_____
parents are more efficient.		

6. Error Correction
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|----------|---------|
| (a) for | with |
| (b) last | lasting |
| (c) a | the |
| (d) with | of |

- * 7. Rearrange the following words / phrases to make meaningful sentences. 1 × 4 = 4

- is / as / known / Jaipur / Pink City.
- in the / are / buildings / city / in pink colour / painted / most of the unbold
- have made / a popular / it / its / historical buildings / destination / tourist.
- go there / one / bus / from Delhi / can easily / by

"What will yo do now, Max ?" Ausable asked. "If I do not answer the door, they will enter anyway. The door is unlocked. And they will not hesitate to shoot."

- (a) Who is Max ?
 (i) a spy (ii) a tourist
 (iii) a businessman (iv) a waiter
- (b) Max became nervous because:
 (i) he got scared of Ausable.
 (ii) he thought the police had come.
 (iii) the door was unlocked.
 (iv) Ausable did not get up to open the door.
- (c) Actually the door was knocked at by the _____.
- (d) Which word in the extract is opposite in meaning to the word 'confidently' ?

SECTION -C
(Literature Textbooks and Supplementary
Reading Text) 30 marks

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

Max bit his lip nervously. The knocking was repeated.

* Out of Syllabus

OR

..... Winds rush to meet them.
The moon is broken like a mirror,
Its piece flash now in the crown
of the tallest oak.

- (a) The above lines were written by
 (i) Robert Frost
 (ii) John Berryman
 (iii) Robin Klein
 (iv) Adrienne Rich
- (b) The crown of the oak lies in its
 (i) top most branch
 (ii) roots
 (iii) rich and tasty fruit
 (iv) broad leaves
- (c) The winds are rushing to meet the _____.
- (d) Find the word from the extract which means the same as "shine".

- Ans. (a) (i) a spy
 (b) (ii) he thought the police had come.
 (c) waiter
 (d) nervously

OR

- (a) (iv) Adrienne Rich
 (b) (i) top most branch
 (c) trees
 (d) flash

9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each 2 × 5 = 10

- (a) What were Lencho's feelings when the hail stopped ?
- * (b) Why did Peggy and Maddie not wait for Wanda?
- (c) Why does the poet use the term 'noble' and 'wild' for the tiger ? (How to Tell Wild Animals)
- (d) What was the major flaw in Tricky ?
- (e) What made the boys follow Griffin ?
- (f) How is Ausable different from other secret agents?

- Ans. (a) Lencho was filled with utter sadness when the hailstorm stopped. He was troubled to see the corn which was totally destroyed. Nothing was left in the fields. He exclaimed that even the locusts have not ruined the crops to such an extent. He also said that in such condition he and his family would have to starve the whole year.
- (c) The poet refers to the Bengal Tiger as 'noble' and 'wild' both. The tigers look impressive when they walk majestically and elegantly. But the same tigers become wild and brutally kill anybody for food.

(d) Tricky, Mrs. Pumphrey's dog, was excessively fat. He had blood-red and rheumy eyes. His tongue lolled from his jaws. He had no energy. He was fed generously without making him exercise. The main cause for his ailment was his greed owing to that he accepted every type of food at any time and in any quantity.

(e) Griffin, after having a fight with his landlord, set his house to fire and began to wander invisibly about the streets of London. He happened to be in some mud. As a result, his footprints were left behind as he walked. Two boys were fascinated by the footprints without feet. They followed the footmarks of invisible Griffin.

(f) Fowler was disappointed on seeing Ausable who was unlike other secret agents. According to him, the secret agents are tall, smart, agile, dashing and alert people surrounded by darkness, pistols and drugs in the wine. On the contrary Ausable was fat and sloppy with heavy American accent. He was not at all flashy or romantic like other agent.

10. Attempt the following question in 100-150 words: 8

What lesson did Kisa Gotami learn the second time that she had failed to learn the first time ?

OR

- * Which qualities of animals has the poet lost and now wants to regain ? Answer with reference to the poem, 'Animals'.

Ans. Kisa Gotami was devastated by the death of her only son and wandered door to door, seeking help. Someone directed her to Sakyamuni, the Buddha, who asked her to bring a handful of mustard seeds. This raised a hope in Gotami's heart that her son could be revived. But the condition imposed by Sakyamuni was that the seeds should be from a house where people had not lost a loved one to death. Kisa Gotami's futile search made her realize the bitter truth that sorrows are a part and parcel of life and one can attain peace only by acceptance. Buddha says that everything in this world is subject to death. He further says that the world is deeply affected by suffering, disease or pain. Inevitably there is death and decay, therefore the wise do not grieve, knowing the terms of the world. Neither from weeping nor from grieving can anyone obtain peace of mind.

11. Attempt the following question in 100-150 words. 10

- * Write a character sketch of the hack driver.

OR

What do you know about Bishamber Nath ? Why did Bholi refuse to marry him ?

Ans. OR

Bishamber Nath was a well-to-do grocer from the neighbouring village where Bholi lived. He was

a lame, fifty-year old widower with grown-up children. Bholi's parents accepted his marriage proposal as he had a big shop, house and good bank balance. Even Bholi agreed to marry an unsuitable elderly person because she was aware that her parents were worried that she would remain unmarried all her life due to her pock-marked face and lack of sense. That's why she did not want to disappoint them and allowed them to decide for her. The day of her marriage came, and Bishamber arrived with a big baraat. He was pleased with the arrangements but when Bholi's silken veil was

removed, he was shocked to see her pock-marked face.

He refused to garland her, and said that the marriage would go through only if an additional five thousand rupees were given to him. Ramlal brought the money. When Bishamber was about to garland her, Bholi flung the garland into the fire. She very clearly told her father that she would not marry that man, who was not just only old and lame but also a mean and greedy person. She took a vow never to get married. She decided that she would become a teacher and serve her parents in their old age.

OUTSIDE DELHI SET 2

Code No. : 2/2/2

SECTION -B
(Writing Skills with Grammar) 30 marks

3. Slums are spreading more than the planned townships. The life in the slums is miserable. Crowded living, lack of drinking water, insanitary conditions, poor power supply etc. are causing a lot of suffering to the people. Write a letter in 100-150 words to the editor of a national newspaper drawing attention of the concerned authorities to this problem and asking for a proper solution. You are Udit/Udita, 26 Latouche Road, Kanpur. 8

OR

- * Road in our cities are fast turning into death traps. Eight out of ten road accidents are caused by people who don't follow rules of the road. Write an article in 100-150 words on the topic, 'Road Safety'. You are Ramesh/Rita.

Ans. 26, Latouche Road

Kanpur

28th April, 20××

The Editor

The Times of India

Tuglaq Road

New Delhi

Subject : Need to improve miserable living conditions in slums

Sir,

Through the columns of your reported newspaper, I would like to draw the kind attention of the concerned authorities towards the miserable living conditions in slums.

A country's growth depends on the growth of its people. The people living in slums do not have basic amenities like clean drinking water, proper power supply and healthy food. Many can be seen ravaging through dustbins to get food. Lack of proper sanitation and living among such dreadful conditions lead to spread of many diseases. They are

illiterate and thus lack job opportunities. They live in congested spaces where proper breathing is also unavailable.

Only if the slum dwellers get the basic amenities, the nation can be said to have truly progressed.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Udit

SECTION -C
(Literature Textbooks and Supplementary Reading Text) 30 marks

10. **Attempt the following question in 100-150 words: 8**
Why and when did the narrator say that 'everything' was going well, it was an easy flight ? (Black Aeroplane)

OR

How did Valli fulfil her desire to ride a bus to the town and back?

- Ans.** The story 'Black Aeroplane' is about a pilot who feels happy and contended to fly over a city during night time. He is flying from Paris to London. He is looking forward to enjoy his holiday with his family. As soon as he crosses Paris he gets a look of dark clouds indicating an upcoming storm. But still his desire to reach his family and have a sumptuous breakfast with them, made him risk his life.

Then the pilot thought of informing the Paris Control Personnel about his presence and for instructions. After receiving the instructions, the pilot geared up and followed them while putting the last fuel tank into operation. He was calm as everything was going as planned. So he says that 'Everything' was going well, it was an easy flight.

OR

Valli made detailed plans about her bus ride. She gathered information about the distance the bus travelled, the time it took and the fare by listening to the conversations of others and asking discreet questions. She planned the timings, i.e., when

she would board the bus and when she would return. She saved money for the trip by not buying peppermints and sweets and also by not going to the fair.

Two characteristics which made Valli to fulfil her dream of a bus ride were her courage and her ability to plan. These are the traits which need to be consciously developed so that a person can undertake what he wants to do. Courage to do something by taking risk and ability to plan will make a person go ahead in life.

- 11. Attempt the following question in 100-150 words. 10**

What other interests, besides Science, did Richard Ebright pursue? What did Mr. Kleiherer, his Social Studies teacher, tell us about Ebright?

OR

Compare and contrast the characters of Great and Mighty Think Tank and Noodles.

- Ans.** Richard H. Ebright was a multi-faceted genius. He was a competent scientist, a lovable son, a respecting pupil and above all, a man with varied interests and hobbies. His fame rests on his wonderful works and achievements on butterflies. He was more than a scientist. He found time for other interests and

hobbies. He was a champion debater and public speaker. He was a good canoeist and an expert photographer. He had a first-rate mind, competitive spirit and scientific curiosity.

His social science teacher, A. Weiherer, opened his mind to new ideas and made him competitive. Mr. Weiherer felt that Richard was not only interested in his experiments but also kept his mind open for other things and put in that extra effort to attain success.

OR

Noodle & Think Tank have contrasting characters. Think-Tank likes to be called the 'Great and the Mighty'. He likes to order. He is the ruler of Mars, but has no intelligence.

He thinks books to be sandwiches. He is wrong about everything. He demands that the crew obey him. He likes to pass on other's idea as his own. He is a coward who simply boasts about his power.

Whereas the apprentice of Think-Tank, Noodle, comes out as an interesting figure in the story. He is very polite and smart. He corrects the mistakes of his ruler very humbly by giving indirect suggestions. Also, he is very wise and well informed. He never takes credit for his ideas. Think-Tank makes them as his own.

OUTSIDE DELHI SET 3

Code No. : 2/2/3

**SECTION -B
(Writing Skills with Grammar) 30 marks**

3. You are Shammi/Sapna, resident of 12 Mall Road, Agra. You have noticed that majority of the water taps in your colony keep on leaking. Also water drips from various joints in the supply pipes. All these lead to a big wastage of potable water. Write a letter of complaint to the Municipal Commissioner, Agra Municipal Corporation requesting him to get the necessary repairs done. (100-150 words) **8**

OR

- * Outdoor games occupy a prominent place in the life of people. They not only help in keeping them healthy and fit but also play an important part as recreational events. Write an article in 100-150 words on, "Importance of Outdoor Games." You are Raj/Rani.

Ans. 12 Mall Road,

Agra

28th March, 20 × ×

The Municipal Commissioner

Municipal Corporation

Agra

Subject: Complain against Water Leakage

Sir,

I, on behalf of all the members of this colony, am writing this letter to you to complain about the

current issue of water leakage from the taps and supply joints in our colony.

We have been facing this issue for last one or two weeks. The water is not getting supplied due to old and out dated disposal system of the colony. Summers are approaching and there is always a shortage of water and if so much water is wasted everyday, it will create a big problem for the residents of the colony.

We shall be exceedingly thankful if the required repair and maintenance work in our colony is carried out at the earliest.

Thanking You

Yours truly

Sapna

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**SECTION -C
(Literature Textbooks and Supplementary
Reading Text) 30 marks**

- 10. Attempt the following question in 100-150 words: 8**
Why were the children fascinated by the baker?
How did they show their eagerness to see him?

OR

Why does the poet not offer money to the boy to buy another ball?

- Ans.** The author recalls that a baker used to visit his village twice a day. He was an important person in his life.

He was treated like a friend. He came once in the morning to sell the bread and then while returning after emptying his basket.

The children would know about his arrival from the 'Jhang, Jhang' sound of his bamboo stick. They would run to meet and greet him. They tried to surround the basket but were pushed aside until the bread was delivered to the maid. Then, they were allowed to choose their bread. The baker attracted the children not by his jingle or by the loaves of bread but he sold out the bread bangles or the special sweet bread made for the children.

OR

The boy is very much troubled at the loss of his ball and plunges into grief. He stands stiff and trembling while staring at his ball. He is upset as he looks gloomily into the water because it has been with him for a long time. When the ball bounces into the water, all his memories of the childhood days flash in front of him, the poet doesn't offer him money to buy another ball.

The poet suggests that from the loss of the ball, the boy is learning how to stand up in a world of possessions. The boy is learning what it means to lose something. The poet says that knowing that every man has to stand up after such losses, the boy too will learn how to stand up and leave the losses behind. The loss of the ball will make him learn that things are often lost and losses have to be accepted.

11. Attempt the following question in 100-150 words. 10

Education, love and sympathy can transform even a thief. How is it true in the case of Hari Singh?

OR

* What did the hack driver tell the narrator about Lutkin's mother? How did she treat the narrator?

Ans. For some people, deception is a way to lead life easily, *i.e.*, by changing name, by making excuses, by making new way of making money etc. Anil was the most trusting person Hari Singh had ever met. But he took undue advantage of his trust. He was a thief and couldn't be expected to be honest with Anil. He came to Anil with a false identity. Anil had a blind faith in human nature. He employed him just out of sympathy and compassion for him. He trusted him and ignored his misdeed. He handed over all the financial transactions without any verification. In a way, he gave him a chance to improve. Hari stole money and then came back with a change on mind. Anil knew even this fact also, but said nothing. It made Hari Singh to decide to leave the style of deception as a way of life. Living a simple and straight life over-powered Hari's deceptive life. Finally, he opted for the simple life by educating himself and becoming a clever, big and respectable man in future. It was very good decision of Hari Singh.

