

Bal Bharati Public School
ENGLISH (Language and Literature)

Sample Paper

CLASS –X

TIME: 3 Hours

MM: 80

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. The question paper is divided into 2 main parts.**
- 2. PART – A comprises of MCQ type questions and weighs 40 marks.**
- 3. PART – B includes questions carrying 2marks, 3marks and 5 marks. It weighs a total 40 marks.**

PART – A

40 Marks

READING SECTION

(20 Marks)

Q1. Read the passage given below.

A jolly musicologist by the entirely unobjectionable name of Henry Pleasants has written a book called 'The Agony of Modern Music'. The word 'agony' is right. Much of it is just now written down but improvised. Much of what passes for music of these times is raucous noise and the excuse for persisting with it is that every common youngster understands and likes it. That pleasant fellow concedes that 'serious' music is virtually dead. This may be dismissed as yet another pleasantry which the undirected young indulge in. Paul Hindesmith, possibly one of the last of the classical giants, once said that some composers tended to develop an over-sublimated technique which produces image of emotions that are far removed from any emotional experience, a relatively normal human being ever has. That is just the point. High art can never be totally democratised. There is a barrier between the egghead and the hoi polloi and it would be lazy idealism to ignore this. When Bach played and Beethoven roared, who was then the gentleman? The pity of it is that while talking music to the masses, all known rules are broken and improvisation becomes king. That, roughly speaking, is how jazz was born; by dropping discipline, inspiration, deep personal emotions and every element of creative art and adopting improvisation as its main rationale. Why, they even tried to smuggle bits of jazz into serious music so that the composers could somehow survive. Now, they are going one step further: learn it by ear, don't write down the stuff, make it up as you go along and hope, by these shoddy techniques, that everyone present will applaud and thus provide the composer and the performers with their daily bread.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the twelve that follow.

(1x10=10)

- (i)** The author uses the word 'improvisation' to suggest
 - (a) making the original more sublime
 - (b) tampering with the original
 - (c) rendering the original more popular
 - (d) simplifying the original
- (ii)** According to the author, high art cannot be democratised because
 - (a) high art is over sublimated
 - (b) people differ in their emotional experience
 - (c) masses cannot be expected to appreciate what only the few intelligent can
 - (d) democratising necessarily involves improvisation
- (iii)** They tried to introduce bits of jazz in serious music so that
 - (a) music might survive
 - (b) the masses could take to serious music
 - (c) than new composers might survive
 - (d) music is democratised
- (iv)** Which of the following words can best replace the word 'raucous' in the paragraph?
 - (a) ShriLL
 - (b) Smoothing
 - (c) Pleasant
 - (d) Popular
- (v)** Speaking of the techniques of some composers Paul Hindesmith said that they evoked image of emotions
 - (a) not experienced by normal people
 - (b) felt only by subnormal people
 - (c) never felt by masses
 - (d) not experienced by eggheads
- (vi)** 'Egghead' means
 - (a) a very stupid person
 - (b) a very lazy person
 - (c) a person who is ugly
 - (d) a person who is intelligent and is only interested in studying
- (vii)** Choose the word which is opposite to 'agony'.
 - (a) Cowardice
 - (b) Sympathy
 - (c) Ecstasy
 - (d) Praise
- (viii)** The word 'shoddy' means
 - (a) done badly and without care

- (b) highly developed
 - (c) old and poor
 - (d) new an interesting
- (ix) This passage is most likely to appear in
- (a) a Science magazine
 - (b) an autobiography
 - (c) a fashion magazine
 - (d) a school magazine
- (x) The phrase 'pleasant fellow' suggests
- (a) Someone/thing that is enjoyable, likeable
 - (b) without useful qualities
 - (c) of no practical good
 - (d) of no use
- (xi) _____ was the book written by Henry Pleasants
- (a) Modern Music of Agony
 - (b) The Modern Music
 - (c) The Agony of Modern Music
 - (d) Modern Music and The Agony
- (xii) According to the passage _____ was the last classical giants
- (a) hoi polloi
 - (b) Paul Hindesmith
 - (c) Henry
 - (d) King

Q2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

1 X 10 =

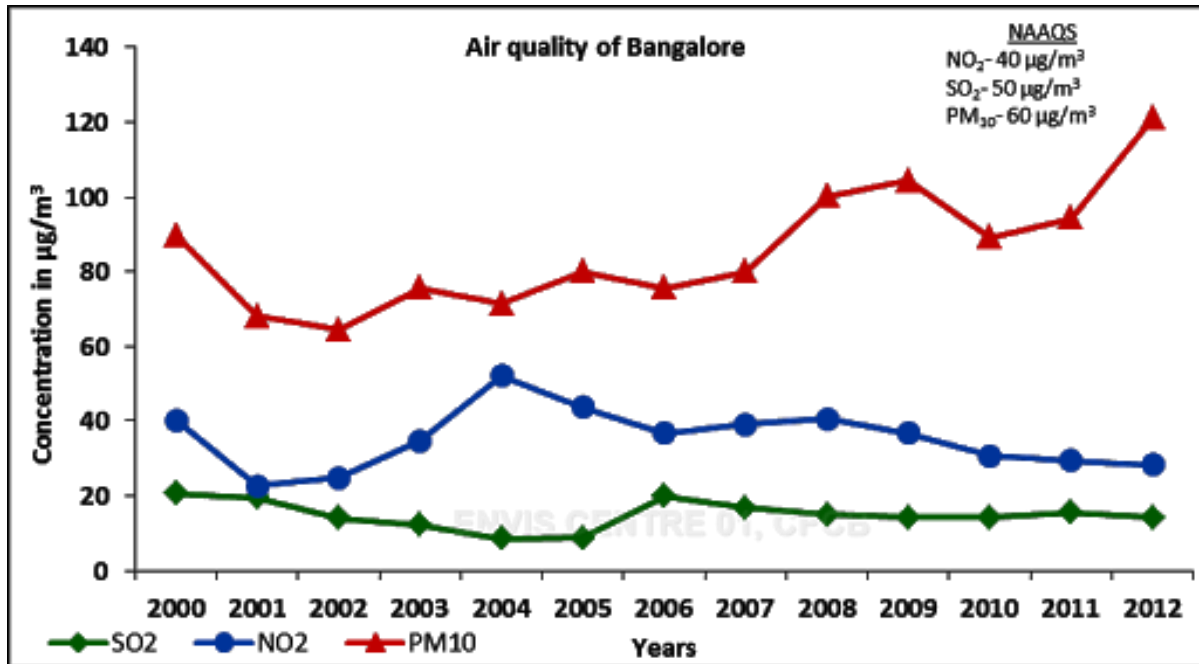
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To assess air pollution in India, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) is executing a nation-wide programme of ambient air quality monitoring known as National Air Quality Monitoring Programme (NAMP). The network consists of 793 operating stations covering 344 cities/towns in 29 states and 6 Union Territories of the country.

Under N.A.M.P., three air pollutants viz., Sulphur Dioxide (SO₂), Nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) and Respirable Suspended Particulate Matter (RSPM/PM₁₀) have been identified for regular monitoring at all the locations. The monitoring of meteorological parameters such as wind speed and direction, relative humidity and temperature was also integrated with the monitoring of air quality. The monitoring of pollutants is carried out for 24 hours with a frequency of twice a week, to have 104 observations in a year.

The monitoring is being carried out by CPCB; State Pollution Control Boards; Pollution Control Committees; National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI), Nagpur. CPCB co-ordinates with the other agencies to ensure the uniformity, consistency of air quality data and provides technical and financial support to them for operating the monitoring station. N.A.M.P.

is being operated through various monitoring agencies, large number of personnel and equipment are involved in the sampling, chemical analyses, data reporting etc. It increases the probability of variation and personnel biases reflecting in the data, hence it is pertinent to mention that these data be treated as indicative rather than absolute.



a. The monitoring of air quality twice a week is being accomplished by the following agencies:

i. State Pollution Control Boards, National Environmental Engineering Research Institute, National Air Quality Monitoring Programme and Central Pollution Control Board.

ii. Central Pollution Control Board, WHO, National Environmental Engineering Research Institute and State Pollution Control Boards.

iii. National Environmental Engineering Research Institute, State Pollution Control Boards, Pollution Control Committees and National Air Quality Monitoring Programme.

iv. Pollution Control Committees, Central Pollution Control Board, National Environmental Engineering Research Institute and State Pollution Control Boards.

b. The maximum difference in the concentration of Sulphur dioxide and Nitrogen dioxide was in the year _____.

i) 2001

ii) 2004

iii) 2006

iv) 2012

c. Which of the following statements would be true for the year 2012?

- i) The concentration of PM10 saw a spike whereas the concentration of Sulphur dioxide and Nitrogen dioxide saw a steady decline.
- ii) The concentration of Sulphur dioxide and Nitrogen dioxide saw a spike whereas the concentration of PM10 saw a steady decline.
- iii) The concentration of Sulphur dioxide was observed to be the lowest in the last ten years.
- iv) The concentration of Sulphur dioxide and Nitrogen dioxide was similar to the one observed in the year 2000.

d. Which of the following words is similar in meaning to the word, 'observe'?

- i) monitor
- ii) analyse
- iii) execute
- iv) reflect

e. Which of the following has not been identified as an air pollutant by NAMP?

- i) SO₂
- ii) NO₂
- iii) RSPM
- iv) CO

f. '...it is pertinent to mention that these data be treated as indicative rather than absolute.'
Replace the word 'pertinent' with any one of the words given below.

- i) wrong
- ii) relevant
- iii) indispensable
- iv) mandatory

g. How many observations are made by the National Air Quality Monitoring Programme annually?

- i) 793
- ii) 104
- iii) 344
- iv) 29

h. The National Air Quality Monitoring Programme monitors the

- i) wind speed and direction
- ii) monitoring of air pollutants
- iii) relative humidity and temperature

iv) all the above

i. Why does CPCB co-ordinate with other agencies?

i) To ensure reliability of air quality data.

ii) To treat the data as absolute.

iii) To monitor meteorological parameters.

iv) To assess air pollution in India.

j. The PM in PM10 stands for_____.

i) Pertinent Mention

ii) Particulate Matter

iii) Programme Monitoring

iv) none of these

k. Which of the following sentences do not use the word 'execute' in the same manner as in the first sentence of the passage?

i. The thief was executed.

ii. Did you execute this task?

iii. Have you executed cooking?

iv. i have been waiting to execute the punishment.

l. 'indicative rather than absolute', signifies that the data is _____

i. Absolutely correct

ii. Inaccurate

iii. Approximate

iv. Inappropriate

LITERATURE

3. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE by answering the questions that follow.

5x1m=5m

(A) "Has given my heart

A change of mood

And saved some part

Of a day I had rued."

(a) What had changed the poet's mood?

i. Crow

- ii. Hemlock tree
- iii. Dust of snow
- iv. All of the above

(b) The theme of the poem is _____

- i. To enjoy winters
- ii. Appreciate the work of the crow
- iii. Admire the beauty of nature
- iv. Look for positivity even in the worst of times

(c) According to the given stanza, whose fault was the 'rued day'?

- i. Crow's
- ii. Winter's
- iii. Poet's
- iv. Dust of snow's

(d) Which poetic device has been used in line 3 of the stanza?

A. Alliteration B. Simile C. Imagery D. Enjambment

- i. A & B
- ii. A & D
- iii. C & D
- iv. All of the above

(e) What is the rhyme scheme of the given stanza?

- i. abcd
- ii. aabb
- iii. abab
- iv. abba

OR

(B) "Not one is respectable or unhappy over the whole earth.

So they show their relations to me and i accept them,

They bring me tokens of myself, they evince
Them plainly in their possession.

(a) Name the poem and the poet?

- i. Animals by Robert Frost
- ii. The Animals by Leslie Norris
- iii. Animals by Walt Whitman
- iv. The Ball Poem by Walt Whitman

(b) What do 'they' bring for the poet?

- i. Qualities of good living beings
- ii. Virtues that he believes in
- iii. Respect of the whole world
- iv. Equal treatment

(c) Which of the following human vices does the poet seem to comment upon?

- A. Greed B. Selfishness C. Dissatisfaction D. Negligence
E. Disrespect

- i. A, C & E
- ii. A, C & D
- iii. A, B & C
- iv. A, B & E

(d) The poet feels _____ with the animals

- i. Comfortable
- ii. Uneasy
- iii. Silly
- iv. Tired

(e) Which of the following poetic devices have been used in the given stanza?

- i. Alliteration and Enjambment

- ii. Parody and Alliteration
- iii. Metaphor and Simile
- iv. Only Enjambment

4. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE by answering the questions that follow. 5x1m=5m

(A) Why, of course, my darling, and... as if she won't consent! She's in love; egad, she's like a lovesick cat, and so on. Shan't be long!

(a) Who said this to whom?

- i. Lomov to Chubukov
- ii. Chubukov to Lomov
- iii. Lomov to Natalya
- iv. Chubukov to Natalya

(b) What consent did the listener seek?

- i. Consent for the land deal
- ii. Consent for Marriage
- iii. Consent for lending the peasants
- iv. Consent for having the better dog

(c) Why (according to your understanding of the text), would she agree?

- i. She was in love
- ii. He was the most eligible bachelor
- iii. It was a good land deal
- iv. It would secure her future and social status

(d) The listener was well dressed to

- i. Impress Chubukov
- ii. Lure Natalya
- iii. Look appropriate for the occasion
- iv. Prepare for a marriage procession

(e) Which of the following words describe the speaker's character?

A. Handsome B. Honest C. Wise businessman D.
Practical E. Suspicious

- i. A, B & C
- ii. A, C & D
- iii. B, C & D
- iv. C, D & E

OR

(B) "I told them about you and they're anxious to look at you," said Lutkins joyfully. "They're about the only folks in the town that missed seeing you yesterday."

(a) Whom did Lutkins say this line to?

- i. Young investigator
- ii. Lawyer
- iii. Hack driver
- iv. Sinclair Lewis

(b) Whom does the 'only folks' refer to?

- i. People of the village
- ii. Hack driver
- iii. Employees of the company
- iv. Lutkins' neighbours

(c) What had the 'only folks' missed?

- i. The hack driver's arrest
- ii. The young detective's investigation
- iii. Bill's mother's fury
- iv. The laughing stock

(d) What is Lutkin's tone in the above context?

- i. Happy
- ii. Funny

- iii. Anxious
- iv. Mocking

(e) What did the listener feel about Lutkins when he had met him for the first time?

- i. He was an honest man
- ii. He was a wicked witness
- iii. He was a friendly and good natured man
- iv. He was an innocent villager

GRAMMAR

5. Fill in the blanks using the most appropriate option out of the given choices. 3x1m=3m

TIM: Greg, (a) _____ for a minute, right now.

GREG: (b) _____. I am tied up with something important at the moment.

TIM: Let me see. Hmm, so you are still busy at the net! Come on, let's go out for a walk.

GREG: Just a minute, Dear! (c) _____ You know, they have launched a new game called X-Box Kinect and I wanna make sure I get the right gift for your birthday.

- (a) i. Are you coming downstairs
- ii. Have you come downstairs
- iii. Should you come downstairs
- iv. Can you come downstairs

- (b) i. I'm sorry, I can't
- ii. I'm sorry, I mustn't
- iii. I'm sorry, I don't
- iv. I'm sorry, I shouldn't

- (c) i. I have looked at Microsoft's website
- ii. I am looking at the Microsoft's website
- iii. I look at Microsoft's website
- iv. I am looking in the Microsoft website

6. Use the following comic strip to fill in the blanks for the given reported speech.
3x1m=3m



Betty pointed at a big yellow butterfly and said (a) _____ unless he had flown up from Brazil. She further added that sometimes they flew up from Brazil, just then Peanuts remarked that (b) _____ but a potato chip. Betty, then wondered (c) _____ from Brazil.

- (a) i. It is unusual to see one at this time of the year
- ii. It was unusual to see one at this time of the year
- iii. It was unusual to see one at that time of the year
- iv. That it was unusual to see one at that time of the year
- (b) i. That was not a butterfly
- ii. That that is not a butterfly
- iii. That this was no butterfly
- iv. That it was no butterfly
- (c) i. That how a potato chip got all the way up there
- ii. How a potato chip got all the way up here
- iii. How that potato chip get all the way there

iv. How a potato chip had got all the way up there

7. Complete the following paragraph with the most appropriate option. Attempt **ANY 4** out of the 6 blanks. 4x1m=4m

Human life (a) _____ be described in terms of the four seasons. The spring season (b) _____ man's youth. The summer is like (c) _____ mature behaviour. The declining years are like autumn (d) _____ the old age is similar to winter. Man takes birth, grows old and dies. He is not immortal and so he (e) _____ face changes in his life. He can become eternal (f) _____ art which will keep him alive forever.

(a) i. Will

ii. used to

iii. Should

iv. Can

(b) i. Symbolise

ii. Sysmbolises

iii. Symbolised

iv. Symbolising

(c) i. Ours

ii. Its

iii. His

iv. Yours

(d) i. Beside

ii. While

iii. Because

iv. If

(e) i. Had to

ii. Have to

iii. Are to

iv. Has to

(f) i. For

- ii. From
- iii. Through
- iv. Of

PART- B

WRITING SECTION

(10 marks)

Q8. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the following in 100-120 words.

(5 marks)

- A.** You are Tushar/Twinkle of C -2/8, Tarun Enclave, New Delhi. As the head of Studywell Coaching Institute, write a letter to Eduweb Digital Services to place an order for the required equipments for their computer lab. The maximum capacity of the lab is upto 50 students.

OR

- B.** Our metropolitan cities witness a large number of accidents every day. What do you think is the reason? What can be done to bring down the rate of accidents? Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily expressing your concerns and offering solutions to this problem. You are Arun/Aruna, 112 Model Town, Delhi.

Q9. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the following in 100-200 words.

(5marks)

(A) The following table shows the details of the internet activities for six categories including different age groups. Write an analytical paragraph for the table given.

Internet Activities by Age Group

Activity%	Age group						
	Teens	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70+
Get News	76	73	76	75	71	74	70
Online games	81	54	37	29	25	25	32
Downloads	52	46	27	15	13	8	6
Product research	0	79	80	83	79	74	70
Buying a product	43	68	69	68	67	65	41
Searching for people	5	31	23	23	24	29	27

OR

(B) The cases of corona virus disease are spreading like wildfire across the globe. Social distancing is one of the measures to control the disease. Write an analytical paragraph on the topic, 'Social Distancing is the Need of the Hour'. You are Shreya/Amit.



LITERATURE

(30 marks)

10. Answer ANY TWO questions in 20-30 words each, from (A) and (B) respectively.

(2x4=8 marks)

(A) (Any two)

(2x2=4 marks)

- i.** What happened at the ball? Was Matilda's dream fulfilled?
- ii.** Why did Bholi's parents think of her as a dumb cow?
- iii.** Why did Mrs. Pumphrey suffer in the absence of Tricki?

(B) (Any two) (2x2=4 marks)

- i. How did Lencho feel when it started raining? How did it affect his crop?
- ii. Why did the seagull not go with the rest of the family?
- iii. Why was Pranjol not excited on seeing the tea garden?

11. Answer ANY TWO questions in 40-50 words each, from (A) and (B) respectively.

(3x4=12 marks)

(A) (Any two) (3x2=6 marks)

- i. Was Griffin a noble scientist? Elaborate.
- ii. Behind every successful man is a strong woman. Does the statement hold true for Richard Ebright?
- iii. Give a brief pen portrait of the hack driver.

(B) (Any two) (3x2=6 marks)

- i. What role did the baker play in the childhood of the narrator?
- ii. How did Nelson Mandela's election change the history and politics of South Africa?
- iii. How did Wanda describe her hundred dresses?

12. Answer ANY ONE the following in 100-120 words. (5 marks)

(A) Does the situation of the young seagull arouse sympathy for him? Does sympathy always help? Do you think providing food to the young seagull out of sympathy would have helped him?

OR

(B) Was it the imagination of the pilot of Dakota aeroplane or a supreme power which helped the pilot in landing safely? Do you think that there is always a supreme power that helps us in adversity?

13. Answer **ANY ONE** of the following in 100-120 words.

(5 marks)

(A) Dr. Herriot was an intelligent doctor. He had sympathy and compassion for both the patient and his owner. He had a practical approach in his treatment. Do you think doctors should be compassionate and practical like Dr Herriot? Elaborate in your own words.

OR

(B) 'Honesty is the best policy'. Highlight the statement in light of the stories 'The Thief's Story' and 'The Necklace'.