

**Bal Bharati Public School**  
**MARKING SCHEME- Sample Paper**  
**ENGLISH (Language and Literature)**  
**CLASS –X**

**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  
(b) tampering with the original
- (ii) According to the author, high art cannot be democratised because

(c) masses cannot be expected to appreciate what only the few intelligent can

(iii) They tried to introduce bits of jazz in serious music so that

(c) The new composers might survive

(iv) Which of the following words can best replace the word 'raucous' in the paragraph?

(a) Shrill

(v) Speaking of the techniques of some composers Paul Hindesmith said that they evoked image of emotions

(a) not experienced by normal people

(vi) 'Egghead' means

(d) a person who is intelligent and is only interested in studying

(vii) Choose the word which is opposite to 'agony'.

(c) Ecstasy

(viii) The word 'shoddy' means

(a) done badly and without care

(ix) This passage is most likely to appear in

(c) a fashion magazine

(x) The phrase 'pleasant fellow' suggests

(a) something that is enjoyable, likeable

(xi) \_\_\_\_\_ was the book written by Henry Pleasants

(c) The Agony of Modern Music

(xii) According to the passage \_\_\_\_\_ was the last classical giants

(b) Paul Hindesmith

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

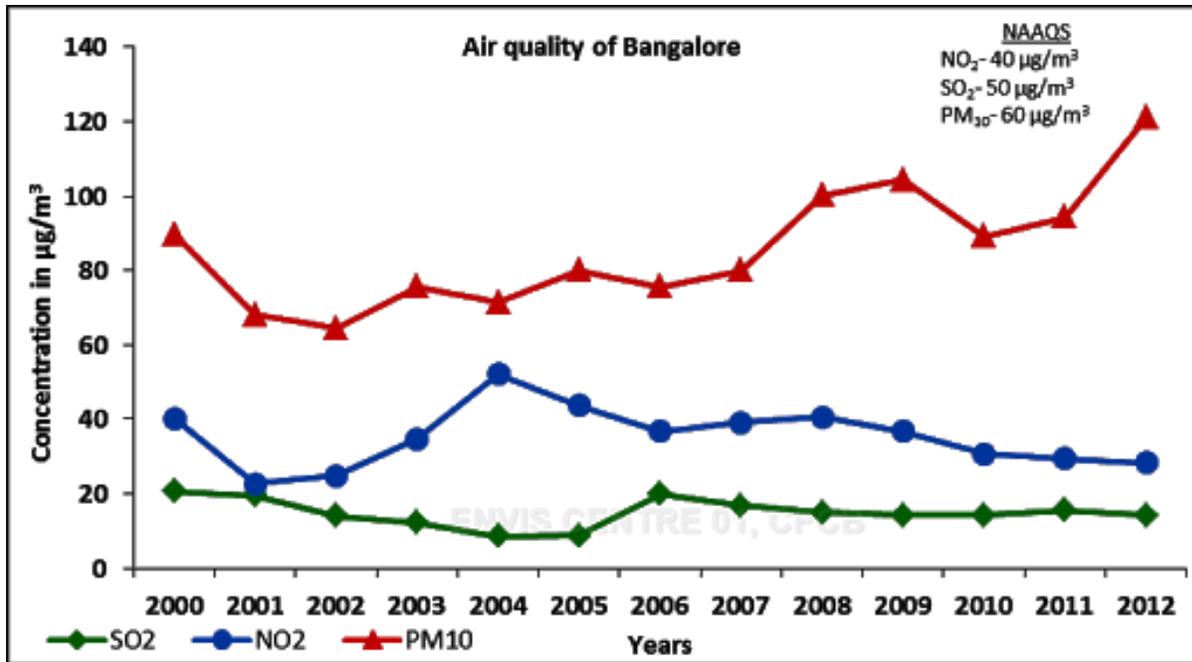
**1 X 10 =**

**10**

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 (SO<sub>2</sub>), Nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) and Respirable Suspended Particulate Matter (RSPM/PM<sub>10</sub>) 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 coordinates 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.



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

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

ii) 2004

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

i) **The concentration of PM<sub>10</sub> saw a spike whereas the concentration of Sulphur dioxide and Nitrogen dioxide saw a steady decline.**

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

i) **monitor**

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

**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.

**iv) mandatory**

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

**ii) 104**

h. The National Air Quality Monitoring Programme monitors the

**iv) all the above**

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

**i) To ensure reliability of air quality data.**

j. The PM in PM10 stands for\_\_\_\_\_.

**ii) Particulate Matter**

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.**

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

**iii. Approximate**

## LITERATURE

**Q3.** 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?

**(iii) Dust of snow**

(b) The theme of the poem is \_\_\_\_\_

**(iv) Look for positivity even in the worst of times**

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

**(iii) Poet's**

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

**(ii) A & D**

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

**(iii) abab**

**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?

**(iii) Animals by Walt Whitman**

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

**(ii) Virtues that he believes in**

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

**(iii) A, B & C**

(d) The poet feels \_\_\_\_\_ with the animals

**(i) Comfortable**

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

**(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?

**(ii) Chubukov to Lomov**

(b) What consent did the listener seek?

**(ii) Consent for Marriage**

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

**(iv) It would secure her future and social status**

(d) The listener was well dressed to

**(iii) Look appropriate for the occasion**

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

**(iv) C, D & E**

**OR**

(v) "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?

**(ii) Lawyer**

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

**(iv) Lutkins' neighbours**

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

**(iv) The laughing stock**

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

**(iv) Mocking**

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

**(iii) He was a friendly and good natured man**

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.

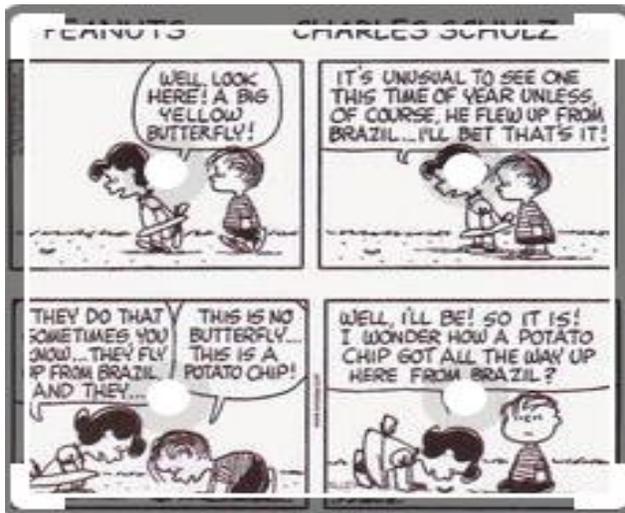
(a) iv. can you come downstairs

(b) i. I'm sorry, I can't

(c) ii. I am looking at the Microsoft's 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) iv. that it was unusual to see one at that time of the year

(b) i. That was not a butterfly

(c) 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) iv. can**
- (b) ii. symbolises**
- (c) iii. his**
- (d) ii. while**
- (e) iv. has to**
- (f) (iii) through**

**PART- B**

**WRITING SECTION**

(10 marks)

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

(5 marks)

- A. The unsanitary conditions in your colony are causing multiple diseases. Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner bringing the problem to his notice and request him to take urgent action in the matter. You are Tushar/Twinkle of C 2/8, Tarun Enclave, New Delhi.

**FORMAT: 1 Mark**

**CONTENT: 2 marks**

- **Order should be placed in a tabular form with 5 columns**

Serial no.	Item	Specification	Quantity	Price per unit

- **Minimum 5 things/ items to be ordered.**
- **Order should be in accordance to the question – relevant to the computer lab requirements.**
- **Date of delivery, discount, condition of the items at the time of delivery etc also to be mentioned.**

**LANGUAGE: 2 marks (accuracy + fluency)**

**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.

**FORMAT: 1 Mark**

**CONTENT: 2 marks**

Highlight various other reasons for witnessing a large number of accidents such as rash driving, stress, corruption not obeying traffic rules etc.

Implementing those rules strictly by imposing FINES and PENALTIES.

Spreading awareness regarding incidents.

MEASURES to be taken to resolve the problem

**LANGUAGE: 2 marks (accuracy + fluency)**

**Q9.** Attempt **ANY ONE** of the following in 100-200 words. (5marks)

**(A)** The following table shows details about the internet activities for six categories for 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

The given table suggests the internet activities of seven age groups ranging from teens to those in their seventies for six different kinds of activities. The table shows that the younger generation is more interested in online games and news, while the older generation spends time on the internet to research and buy products.

It is evident from the table that teens mainly use the internet for games (as high as 81%), news and downloads and are interested in searching for people or friends or doing any product research. The middle-age group (people in 20s to 60s) is highly interested in getting news, doing product research and buying products, the percentage ranging from 70-80%. The internet activity which gets the least time is searching for people. All the age groups spend less than 30% of their internet time on the same. The amount of time spent on downloads decreases with age and gets as low as 6% (for people in 70s).

Overall, the table suggests that teenagers are most likely to spend time playing games and doing downloads. On the other side, older people are interested in researching and buying products. People spend the least amount of time searching for other people online.

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.



The cases of coronavirus disease are spreading like wildfire across the globe. Social distancing is one of the measures to control the disease. Social distancing means we are doing our best to stay away from people. This virus spread quickly. Social distancing puts space between individuals. If someone is sick and there are no people around, this virus does not spread. Social distancing is critical because if everyone gets the coronavirus at once and ends up in the hospital simultaneously, our health care system would be insufficient, and people will die. Social distancing includes cancellation of large social gatherings, the closing of schools, etc. It includes limited interaction with the people living around you beyond your immediate family. When we meet more people, the possibility of transmitting the virus is more. If you are a working person, work from home as far as it is possible. If it is essential, and one has to go out, one must practise vigilant hand hygiene and maintain a distance of at least six feet. Take the stair in place of the lift or elevator. If we touch something that other people have touched, we must wash our hands immediately. We must follow the advisory issued by the authorities religiously. It is the prevention that can save the planet from this pandemic.

#### LITERATURE

(30 marks)

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

(2x4=8)

**(A) (any two) (2x2=4)**

i. What happened at the ball? Was Matilda's dream fulfilled?

● **Matilda proved herself to be one of the most beautiful and well-fit woman at the ball. She was much sort after by the men.**

**Yes, Matilda's dream of living the luxuries of life at that moment was fulfilled.**

ii. Why did Bholi's parents think of her as a dumb cow?

● **Bholi's real name was Sulekha. She was a simple girl. Everyone called her Bholi, the simpleton. She was a slow learner. She was not a good looking girl. She stammered also.**

iii. Why did Mrs Pumphrey suffer in the absence of Tricki?

● **Mrs Pumphrey loved Tricki very much. She suffered thinking that Tricki was undergoing treatment and was to be operated on. She felt that he would not survive, if he did not see her daily.**

**(B) (any two) (2x2=4)**

i. How did Lencho feel when it started raining? How did it affect his crop?

● **Lencho was excited when he came out of his house to have the pleasure of feeling the rain on his body. He knew that a good rain would mean a good crop and a good crop would mean a lot of money. The rain brought with it destruction. The crop was totally destroyed.**

ii. Why did the seagull not go with the rest of the family?

●The seagull did not go with the rest of his family because he could not muster up the courage. He felt that his wings are not strong enough to fly.He was afraid of flying.

iii. Why was Pranjol not excited on seeing the tea garden?

- **Pranjol was born and brought up in Assam. He had been watching the tea gardens since his childhood. There was nothing new for him. So he was not excited on seeing the tea gardens.**

11. Answer ANY TWO questions in 40-50 words each, from (A) and (B) respectively.  
(3x4=12)

(A) (any two)

(3x2=6)

i. Was Griffin a noble scientist? Elaborate.

● Griffin was an extremely intelligent scientist. He had been able to make the human body invisible yet solid enough to exist in the world. However, his temperament and his ambition did not let him become a 'noble' scientist. He did not use his inventions for human good but selfish plundering.

ii. Behind every successful man is a strong woman. Does the statement hold true for Richard Ebright?

● Yes, the statement holds true. Richard Ebright as a scientist and a character was built by his mother's hardwork, creativity and her efforts in nurturing an intelligent young boy. She brought him a microscope, different books and other scientific activities to build his scientific temperament.

iii. Give a brief pen portrait of the hack driver.

● Sinclair Lewis's 'The Hack Driver' is about Oliver Lutkins, who is the witness of a case, appears to be a cunning man who refused to appear as a witness. A young lawyer is appointed in order to search for Lutkins where he meets the hack driver and helps the lawyer to search for Lutkins. As the lawyer fails to find Lutkins when the case came up in court, he was asked to go to New Mullion. Later, the lawyer discovers that Lutkins was the hack driver and by this, he becomes

shocked and feels humiliated. Therefore he learns on not being hast while judging someone. A later lawyer learns from Bill that Lutkins is great in deceiving people as he played poker a lot.

**(B) (any two)**

**(3x2=6)**

i. What role did the baker play in the childhood of the narrator?

**•The Baker played a very important role in the childhood of the narrator.He used to be a companion, friend and a guide for the narrator. Everyday the narrator was woken up by him. He used to get sweet bread and delicious loaves from the baker.**

ii. How did Nelson Mandela's election change the history and politics of South Africa?

**• Old and rotten system of Apartheid came to an end. The people of South Africa achieved their political freedom. Freedom, peace and equality would reign in South Africa.**

iii. How did Wanda describe her hundred dresses?

**•Wanda described her hundred dresses with great pride saying that they were silky and very colourful. All the dresses were different from each other. One was pale blue with coloured trimmings, another was brilliant jungle green given with a red sash.**

**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?

**The young seagull was afraid of flying.He thought that his wings could not support him.He pretended to be falling asleep and called his mother for food. He was hungry but could not muster the courage to jump down and fly. He was scared. All his family members had left him and taunted him for his cowardice.In fact, they wanted him to take his first flight.He should have overcome his fear of flight by now.**

**Yes, I sympathise with the seagull. It is not an easy task to take the first leap. One has to be confident and bold. All are not equally brave. The young seagull was ready to jump but he needed some time. Ultimately, he mustered the courage and overcome his fear of flight.**

**No, sympathy does not always help. It makes a person dependent. We should not give a fish to a hungry man out of sympathy, we should teach him how to catch a fish for food. If the young seagull had been provided food, he would never have learned the art of flying. He would have become a crippled parasite on his family.**

**OR**

**(C) 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?**

**The pilot of the old Dakota aeroplane was caught in the black stormy clouds. Suddenly, a black aeroplane comes to his rescue. In the modern age of science and technology some people may reject the idea of a supreme power helping a person in crisis. It may be the imagination of the Dakota pilot. When in distress, he lost all hope. Maybe his own imagination guided him to go ahead and land safely.**

**I support this because the statement of the woman in the control room further confirms the non-existence of any black aeroplane on the radar. So there was neither any black aeroplane nor any pilot, it was purely the imagination of the Dakota pilot.**

**I personally feel the presence of supreme power in our own acts. At the time of adversity our own power helps us. We may call it supreme power or something else except supernatural power.**

**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 practical approach in his treatment. Do you think doctors should be compassionate and practical like Dr Herriot? Elaborate in your own words.

**Mr Harriot was an intelligent doctor. He had the values of sympathy and compassion. He had practical approach in his treatment. He knew how to balance the professional life and social life. He knew the human psychology. He satisfied Mrs Pumphrey who was very possessive and obsessive about Tricky. He respected her love for her dog but treated tricki tactfully. Yes, I feel that a doctor must be sympathetic and full of compassion for his patients. Dr Herriot is an example for all the doctors to follow. He understood the cause of and the remedy for all the diseases. He makes Mrs Pumphrey understand how she should treat Tricki. He is very modest when he says 'you must harden your heart and help him on a strict diet'.**

**OR**

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

**It is true that honesty is the best policy. Both Hari Singh and Matilda understood the importance of being honest. When Hari Singh robbed Anil, he felt guilty of violating the trust that Anil had reposed in him. He could not board the train and came back to Anil. He valued his trust and did not want to betray it. Being honest made Hari Singh a better person.**

**The story 'The Necklace', teaches us the value of honesty. Had matilda been honest to Ms. Forestier, her life would have been different. She would have led a happy life. Matilda had to work very hard to clear the debt that she had taken to buy the necklace. Her honest confession to Mme Forestier would have brought to light that the necklace she had lost was a fake one.**

**SUGGESTED ANSWERS HAVE BEEN MENTIONED HERE, HOWEVER, VARIED ANSWERS CAN**

**BE ACCEPTED IN LITERATURE.**