

Solution

ENGLISH

Class 10 - English Language and Literature

Section A - Reading Skills

- 1. (I) It emphasises that newspapers are an essential indicator of progress and development in modern society.
 - (II) (a) it creates an open line of communication between the government and the people.
 - (III) The press acts as a "public court" by exposing evils, corruption, and scandals, bringing them to public attention. This enables public opinion to demand justice and apply pressure to address injustices.
 - (IV) (a) They teach people about their rights and duties.
 - (V) True
 - (VI) (b) It stimulates independent thought and contributes to knowledge.
 - (VII) Answer
 - 1. Newspapers spread ideas of liberty and independence among the masses.
 - 2. They place new viewpoints before readers daily, encouraging independent thinking and intellectual growth.
 - (VIII) (a) A necessary condition or requirement.
2. i. The "blackout" phase refers to the period when the Sun will block Mars from the Earth, causing a communication break with the satellite. This phase will last from June 8 to 22, approximately 15 days.
- ii. 2, 3 & 5
 - iii. aroma : cooking :: satellite : space research
 - iv. According to ISRO official till 8th July, when Sun will block Mars, only for few signals per day will be sent to the spacecraft.
 - v. The ISRO officials are confident about their control over the spacecraft after the blackout phase.
 - vi. The spacecraft has been configured to handle the blackout phase, and no commands will be sent to it during this time. However, the spacecraft will send signals for about two to three hours per day until June 8. After this, communication will be completely halted until the end of the blackout phase.
 - vii. (A) is true and (B) is false.
 - viii. elite

SECTION B GRAMMAR

3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed

(i) carried

(ii) error	correction
transforming	transform

(iii) The guest replied that it's always nice to be back there.

(iv) (c) the flight would be delayed by a few hours

Explanation: {
the flight would be delayed by a few hours

(v) Each

(vi)	Error	Correction
	had run	ran
(vii)	Error	Correction
	exciting	excitement

(viii) (b) am going to have / finished

Explanation: {
am going to have / finished

(ix) Ritu asked Randeep where he was going.

(x) (a) He told me that he had often told me not to play with fire.

Explanation: {
He told me that he had often told me not to play with fire.

(xi) B. stretches, has lost

The whole stanza describes the general situation, i.e., present state.

(xii) error	correction
each	all the

SECTION B CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

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6th November 2018

The Editor

The Hindustan

Kasturba Gandhi Marg

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Subject: Poor maintenance of public parks

Sir

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to draw the attention of the concerned authorities towards the poor maintenance of the public parks.

It saddens me to say that parks. Serve so many purposes in a community. It provides playing space to children, socializing space to adults and a healthy environment to people, are in a pathetic state these days. The gardeners are not regular and the plants are not pruned regularly as a result, the park gives an ugly look. Heaps of garbage can be seen everywhere, also the boundaries are broken. Also, the park has become the favorite halting place of stray cattle and dogs.

There is cow dung all around, making the place a breeding ground for insects and they, in turn, welcome diseases.

The same public park once used to be the pride of our society and a common place for community interaction. Children too are forced to play on the streets due to their unkempt condition.

Therefore, I would like to request the concerned authorities to improve the condition of the park for the convenience of the local residents.

I request you to give some space to my voice in your esteemed newspaper.

Thanking you,

Yours truly,

Reshma.

OR

PO Box 25120

Bangalore

30th September 2023

The Director

Manthan,

Bangalore

Subject: Inquiry about short-term courses details

Sir,

I hope this letter finds you well. I recently came across your advertisement for Manthan and was impressed by your commitment to nurturing future leaders in web design. I am eager to enhance my skills in this field and would appreciate more information about your short-term courses.

Could you kindly provide me with details regarding eligibility requirements, course durations, fees, and any placement services Manthan offers? Having these specifics will help me make an informed decision about enrolling in your programs.

I eagerly await your response and the opportunity to explore how Manthan can help me achieve my goals in web design.

Thank you for considering my request. I look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Yours faithfully

Anita/Ashok

5. Encouraging children to play and participate in sports can have numerous physical and mental benefits. Sports help in developing teamwork, leadership skills, self-confidence, and discipline, which can be applied in all aspects of life, including academics and future careers. Engaging in physical activities can also improve physical health, reducing the risk of obesity, heart disease, and other health-related issues. Besides, playing sports can be a great way to relieve stress and improve overall mental health by increasing endorphins, reducing anxiety, and promoting better sleep. Therefore, parents and school authorities must promote

sports and encourage children to engage in physical activities to ensure their overall well-being and success in various aspects of life.

OR

The line graph compares the fast food consumption of teenagers in India between 1975 and 2000. Overall, the consumption of Vadapav and pav bhaji declined over the period, whereas the amount of pizza and burger and Kurkure and chips that were eaten increased.

In 1975, the most popular fast food with Indian teenagers was Vadapav and pav bhaji, being eaten 100 times a year. This was far higher than pizza and burger and Kurkure and chips, which were consumed approximately 5 times a year. However, apart from a brief rise again from 1980 to 1985, the consumption of Vadapav and pav bhaji gradually declined over the 25-year timescale to finish at just under 40.

Pizza and burger consumption increased gradually until it overtook the consumption of Vadapav and pav bhaji in 1990. It then leveled off from 1995 to 2000.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.

- (i)
 - i. (a) a spy
 - ii. Though Max was very cunning and he came prepared with a gun but he was indeed no match to Ausable. He was easily misled by Ausable into believing that there was a balcony attached to the room. So we can say that Max was a smaller spy before Ausable and he was also unprepared for his mission
 - iii. a waiter
 - iv. Hesitate
- (ii)
 - i. The air was fresh and sweet so he went out to have the pleasure of feeling the rain on his body.
 - ii. False. Statements (a) and (d) are true references to the statement 'Lencho compared the rain drops to new coins.'
 - iii. very big or large
 - iv. Lencho is optimistic and hopeful towards the situation.

7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.

- (i)
 - i. confinement, It is so because the houses today are congested, small and lack ventilation
 - ii. The second line uses alliteration-long letters whereas the last line uses a simile-like a voice into the rooms.
 - iii. The correct meaning of open twice is allowing access and vision-expanse of space.
 - iv. (A) tactfully
- (ii)
 - i. (b)chase lions down the stairs
 - ii. dragon (as he was looking for a nice cage)
 - iii. The poet describes the bravery of the pets in this extract. Ink and Blink have the power to chase away someone as strong as a lion. The bravery of the dog is compared to that of a tiger. But, the Custard was not at all brave as he was looking for a nice safe cage.
 - iv. It is too much of an exaggeration that a small girl is as brave as many bears combined together into one. The comparison of the bravery of other pets is an example of hyperbole.

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words

- (i) In Coorg, known for its serene landscapes and coffee plantations, even the most laid-back individuals find themselves drawn into a life of high-energy adventure. Activities like trekking through dense forests, river rafting in wild waters, and exploring rugged terrains offer thrilling experiences amidst the region's tranquil beauty, transforming leisurely tourists into avid adventurers.
- (ii) From this poem, we come to know that animals like to live freely in the forest. The animals do not want to live in the zoo. Their life is pitiable in it. The poet tries to expose the miserable life led by the animals in the zoo. He compares the life of the tiger in the zoo with its life as a natural habitat. The animals have the right to freedom and should not be caged. They should be allowed to run free in the wild.
- (iii) Natalya is an ugly, middle aged woman. She knows that only a food like Lomov can marry her. So the moment she comes to know that Lomov had come to propose for her hand, she cries and shouts and forces her father to bring Lomov back.
- (iv) When Mr. Keesing gave a third essay to Anne for her talkativeness, she composed a poem on 'Quack, Quack, Quack, said Mistress Chatterbox' through which she gave a message to her teacher in a humorous manner, showing the courage to raise her voice against injustice. Mr. Keesing took the message in the right way and impressed by Anne's creativity, his attitude towards her changed.

- (v) 'Desire' propels us in hot pursuit of something, hence, it is compared with fire. The lust to fulfil uncontrolled desires inundates a person into a bog from where he cannot be saved and hence, demolished in every possible manner. 'Hatred' makes us cold towards others' feelings. The coldness of ice can numb our senses and the coldness of our hearts can numb our kindness.

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.

- (i) There is no doubt that Mrs. Pumphrey is a very loving and caring mistress. She provides Tricki all the luxuries. She even overfeeds him out of love and concern. She also shows her concern when Tricki is in the hospital by sending him wine, eggs etc.
- (ii) Bholi's parents accepted Bishamber's proposal although it was not a proper match because Bishamber Nath was a well-to-do grocer, a widower who had a house of his own and a big bank balance. Bishamber Nath was not aware of the 'flaws' of Bholi. When he proposed to Ramlal, he readily accepted fearing that if he rejected the proposal Bholi would remain unmarried all her life. She would then be a burden on her parents.
- (iii) One day, the Halls got up early and were surprised to see that the door of the scientist's room was open. Normally, it remained shut and locked. The Halls felt like making the use of the opportunity as they could not see anyone inside. They went inside to investigate. They saw that the bedclothes were cold which showed that the scientist had been up for some time. His clothes and bandages were lying loose in the room. Suddenly, they heard a sniffing sound although there was no one in the room. The hat on the bedpost leapt onto Mrs. Hall's face and the bedroom chair became alive and sprung straight at her. The Halls got terrified and decided to leave the scientist's room.

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words

- (i) Yes, two interpretations of the story would be different. Spiritually, a person has deep faith in God and he recalls him in the time of distress he will definitely be answered. God will surely send help through his messengers as done in chapter 1. A letter to god. The postmaster became the messenger of God. Whereas psychologically, it interprets 'Never say die' till the end.

The narrator might also have got the insight of never to lose hope in the most hopeless situation. No one know who may come to save you. The narrator was hopeless when he was caught in the storm. He lost all contact with Paris control and all his instruments were dead. Then came a help from unknown source in form of the mysterious pilot of the black aeroplane to guide the narrator to safety.

- (ii) 28 February, 20XX,

Saturday 10:00 pm

My heart is filled with sadness as I think of the oppressed who had to tolerate the inhuman attitude of the oppressors in their own land. The oppression that the communities faced in South Africa under the apartheid regime reminds me the struggles and hardships of millions of Indians who fought against the oppressive British rule. The white regime in South Africa was based on racial discrimination. It symbolised exploitation and extraordinary human disaster. The blacks were deprived of their rights equality and human dignity. In the same way, the Indians were exploited by the British. They worked in the lands like animals who were only supposed to obey. Their lands, resources and approaches were captured by the British. The struggle of Indian under British rule resembles with the struggles of the people of South Africa under the apartheid regime. The struggle created a deep and lasting wound on them. But they never gave up their cause, ultimately, their sacrifices led to their victory- common victory of humanity for peace, for justice and for human dignity.

11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.

- (i) Dialogue between Matilda and M. Loisel _____

Matilda: I don't know how to tell you this but I met Madam Forestier today and she told me that her necklace was false one.

M Loisel: What! I can't believe my ears. That huge debt was for nothing!

Matilda: Yes, M Loisel it is really surprising that we had to go through so much. I don't know what God had in store for us.

M Loisel: Shocking it is really! Unbelievable. She told you all this herself.

Matilda: Madam Forestier was shocked, even she could believe that we had to go through so much just for the sake of this false necklace.

M Loisel: Now what do you think we should do?

Matilda: Well! We can ask her to give back the real diamond necklace to us. So, that we can repay our debts.

M Loisel: What if she refuses?

Matilda: Well! Madam Forestier is a friend of mine. She will never refuse. I am sure. Let me just speak to her.

M Loisel: Do what you feel like.

(ii) Anil was a large-hearted person he realized, from the dampness of notes, that Hari Singh had tried to steal the money but since he came back and kept the money back at its place, made Anil realize that Hari Singh was sorry for his act. So, he decided to remain quiet about the matter. He pretended that all was normal and nothing had happened. Anil decided to give him another chance as it dawned upon him that Hari Singh's honesty had prevailed over his temptation. He knew that the discussion of the theft would be counterproductive so in order to encourage and reformed him. He didn't hand him over to the police and 'neither his lips nor his eyes showed anything'.

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