

**Solution**

**ENGLISH**

**Class 10 - English Language and Literature**

**Section A - Reading Skills**

1. (I) The phrase ‘it seemed to her that she would never fulfil her dream of being a great musician’ emphasises Evelyn’s initial feelings of despair and hopelessness when faced with the challenge of losing her hearing.
- (II) (a) She was determined to adapt and innovate despite her deafness.
- (III) The writer supports this idea by explaining:
1. Evelyn became the first deaf student at the Royal Academy in London, a significant milestone.
  2. She went on to become the world’s only full-time solo percussionist, releasing numerous solo albums and collaborating with musicians globally.
- (IV) ‘Hearing is a form of touch’ reflects Evelyn’s ability to process sound through vibrations felt in her body, allowing her to perform music without relying on traditional auditory hearing.
- (V) **True.** Evelyn performs barefoot to feel the music through vibrations in the floor and her body.
- (VI) (b) Playing music using kitchen pots and pans.
- (VII) Two ways Evelyn has helped others:
1. She has enabled many deaf children to learn musical instruments, showing them that music is accessible despite their challenges.
  2. She has inspired people globally by demonstrating that disability doesn’t have to limit one’s dreams.
- (VIII) (a) Pride in her unique approach to music.
2. i. of its widespread popularity, cultural significance, and numerous beneficial qualities that make it highly valued across different cultures and regions.
- ii. fact, objective detail
- iii. India’s low export percentage despite high production is because of the challenges such as transportation costs, limited shelf life, and competition from other exporting countries, which hinder its ability to export a larger share of mangoes.
- iv. According to the given table, the three countries Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and Bangladesh were at par with each other, each importing 6% of Indian mango exports in 2019-20.
- v. One inference that can be drawn is that despite the U.S.A. being a major importer of mangoes, India faces significant challenges or constraints that limit its mango exports to the U.S.A., such as high transportation costs or strict quality standards.
- vi. Option (B) solutions
- vii. conducive to growing mangoes / climate suitable for mango production / more land dedicated to mango production
- viii. A. Both (A) and (R) are true, and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

**SECTION B GRAMMAR**

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

(i) bearing

(ii)

Error	Correction
could	can

(iii) he had taken the medicines on time

(iv) (a) He prayed that his son might live long.

**Explanation:** {

He prayed that his son might live long.

(v) Little

(vi)

Error	Correction
Possess	Possesses

(vii) (D) option - options

(viii) (c) will be

**Explanation:** {

will be

(ix) Kabir informed/told Sahil that he would go to Tripura the next day/following day.

(x) (a) insisted

**Explanation:** {

insisted

(xi) B. had made, raised

The situation happened in the past.

(xii) <b>error</b>	<b>correction</b>
all	every

### SECTION B CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

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Delhi

20 August, 2023

The Editor

The Hindustan Times

New Delhi

**Sub: Urgent Action Needed to Ensure Child Safety in Public Transport**

Sir,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the perilous practice of overcrowding in auto-rickshaws and vans, particularly with school children, a sight all too common in our cities today. It is disheartening to witness children precariously seated, risking their safety and well-being.

I urge the authorities to take immediate and stringent measures to curb this dangerous practice. Implementing stricter regulations, conducting regular inspections, and raising awareness about the importance of child safety during transportation are vital steps. It is the collective responsibility of the government, school authorities, and parents to ensure the safety of our children during their commute.

I implore the concerned authorities to address this issue promptly to protect our children from potential harm.

Yours sincerely,

Sushant/Sunanda

OR

124, Vivek Vihar

Delhi

April 5, 2018

The Editor

The Times of India

New Delhi

Sir.

**Subject: Rising Prices**

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I want to express my deep concern regarding the rising prices. This inflation has made the life of a common man very difficult. It was not so in earlier times when things were very cheap and were within the reach of almost everyone. The worst hit is the fixed income groups like the salaried people, labour class and the pensioners. For them, even the commodities of basic necessities like wheat, pulses, grains, vegetables, etc. are getting out of reach. The government should tackle this problem in the best possible way. The hoarders, black marketers, and profitters should be dealt with severely. The public distribution system of rationing should be made more transparent and efficient. Moreover, taxes on basic necessities should be reduced to bring down the contrast between wholesale and retail prices. It is high time that the concerned authority should wake up to this social cause and try to put reins to the rising price so that people can lead a comfortable and peaceful life.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

Praneeta.

5. The given pie chart illustrates the percentage distribution of total expenditure of a company under various expense heads during 2019.

The chart shows that the total expenditure of the company was ₹ 2,50,00,000. From its total expenses the company had spent 28 percent on its infrastructure which covers the major part of the total expenses. Its expenses on the areas of Research and Development, and advertisement were equal i.e., 20 percent respectively. The company had spent 15 percent on salary distribution, 10 percent on transport and the least it had spent was on taxes. If we take out the sum total of the total expenditure i.e., ₹ 2,50,00,000 of the company in the year 2019, we will find out that it had spent 70,00,000 on infrastructure, 50,00,000 on advertisement and it spent equal on Research and Development also. 37,50,000 on salary distribution, 25,00,000 on transport and the least i.e., only 17,50,000 it had spent on taxes.

Overall, the data demonstrates that the most the company had spent was on infrastructure which shows that the maintenance of the company was of very high and top priority. It spends a good amount on advertisement also but it did not provide a good package to its employees, had no proper facility of transport and as the salary percentage is only 15% of the total expenses so the tax expense was also very less in comparison to other expenses.

OR

The table shows the amount of household income that five countries spend per month on four items. Overall, it is evident that all five countries spend the majority of their income on food and drink and housing, but much less on clothing and entertainment. Housing is the largest expenditure item for India, Pakistan and China, with all of them spending around one-third of their income on this, at 30%, 33% and 37%, respectively. In contrast, they spend around a quarter of food and drink. However, this pattern is reversed for Russia and Afghanistan, who spend around a fifth of their income on housing, but approximately one third on food and drink.

All five countries spend much less on the remaining two items. For clothing, India and Afghanistan spend the least, at less than 10%, while the other three countries spend around the same amount, ranging between 11% and 15%. At 19%, Pakistan spends the most on entertainment, whereas China and Russia spend approximately half this amount, with India and Afghanistan's spending between those other three nations.

### SECTION C - LITERATURE

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

- (i) i. She thought that they were poor and all the guests of the party belonged to the upper class. This was the cause of her inferiority complex.
- ii. When his wife was enjoying the dance and gratifying her vanity through the admiration of the men-folk, he waited patiently.
- iii. She wasted her youth and suffered for ten long years only because of her vanity. Her desire for short-lived pleasure had become a curse for her.
- iv. (d) All of these

(ii) i. We can infer that

- Nelson Mandela was greeted as president of South Africa on May 10, 1994, and was extremely happy.
- He was surrounded by International leaders who were present to pay their respect that day.
- He felt that this ceremony marked the beginning of multiracial democracy.
- Being an anti-apartheid revolutionary he was happy to witness the abolition of the apartheid regime in South Africa.

ii. True

Explanation: The given statement is a fact as it was a great event because a black person emerged as a leader of the nation and addressed the nation as the President for the first time. International leaders came to witness this historical moment.

iii. Nelson Mandela was addressing the Nation in Union Buildings which was considered the official seat of the South African government for decades. Mandela adds that the Union Buildings had been the centre of White dominance for decades. However, the ceremony had instead made it the location of a rainbow gathering of people of all colours and nationalities to form South Africa's first democratic, non-racial government.

iv. A semicircular seating gallery in a theatre/ a very large auditorium.

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

- (i) i. The leopard's hide appears to be peppered while walking.
  - ii. The hide is peppered with spots. The animal being described here is a leopard.
  - iii. Consonance (Consonance is a literary device that refers to the repetition of the same consonant sounds in a line of text)
  - iv. (b) is correct
- (ii) i. 'snarling' means showing the teeth and making fearful sound.

- ii. (d) is correct
- iii. his sharp tooth and claws.
- iv. The words signify the unpleasant situation of the tiger who cannot come out of the cell because strong bars are fixed. As a result the tiger ignores the visitors.

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

- (i) The climb to the Brahmagiri hills helps one appreciate a panoramic view of the entire misty landscape of Coorg. A walk across the rope bridge leads to the sixty-four-acre island of Nisargadhama. Running into Buddhist monks from India's largest Tibetan settlement, at nearby Bylakuppe, is a bonus.
- (ii) Before the fall of the dust of snow on him, the poet seemed to be in a depressed mood. He was holding the day in regret. He was sad deep down in his heart. However, his mental state changed after the incident and he started to look at the surroundings.
- (iii) In the story, the rainfall turning into a hailstorm shows the conflict between man and nature. When there is rainfall the man is very happy dreaming about happy days ahead. But once the rain turns into hail the man is ruining the happening of a hailstorm. The way Lencho is feeling sad represents the conflict between nature and man. In the latter part of the story when Lencho blames post office people for stealing part of the money then it shows the conflict among humans.
- (iv) Even though Mr. Keesing was a strict teacher he made humour in the class. He made Anne write an essay titled 'Quack, Quack, Quack', 'Mrs Chatterbox' etc which was humorous and innovative.
- (v) The pirate gave off the impression of being a terrible and evil character who had come to hurt the animals. He had a wooden leg and a black beard. He had a little sword between his teeth and a handgun in his hand. He had a really menacing look on his face.

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

- (i) Mrs. Pumphrey thought that her dog was suffering from malnutrition. So she gave him some little extras like malt, cod-liver oil and a bowl of Horlicks to bring him back to normal health. She was not wise in doing this because this worsened Tricki's health.
- (ii) Bholi's father was worried because she was the weakest child among her siblings. He was concerned about the pockmarks on her body. She looked ugly and stammered too. He was worried that no one would marry her because of her looks.
- (iii) Max's purpose to enter Ausable's room was to take a report about missiles. He knew that Ausable had got it. It was a very important paper as several men and women had lost their lives for it in the past. Max wanted to possess that report for his own benefit. So, he entered Ausable's room with a passkey.

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

- (i) February 28, 20XX  
France, 10.00 pm  
Who saved me when I had lost all the contacts on the radio with Paris control? Who was the pilot of the black aeroplane who helped me to land safely without a compass, without the radio and without much fuel? These questions had been haunting me since past few days but they still remain unsolved puzzle. Even the lady in the control room couldn't detect any other plane on the stormy night other than the old Dakota on the radar. The mysterious pilot of the black aeroplane was like God's help sent to me to land safely. I was in real trouble before the mysterious black aeroplane appeared before me. I was lost and to make things worse my compass became dead. Gods knows what would have been my condition, had the pilot of the black aeroplane not guided me out of storm clouds to safety.
- (ii) Oh! you naughty little otter, you look like a premium dragon. So your owner 'Maxwell' is a friend of my owner 'Belinda'. I guess you must have accompanied. Your master to my little white house. Don't be scared of me as I am not like owner dragons, infact I lack me basic qualities of a dragon; may are supposed to be fierce and brave. I hesitate to explore me world around alone. Infact I look for a nice safe cage just me way you feel safe with 'Maxwell' and hesitate in stepping out alone. People say that i am a coward, but it's just that i like to stay in the company of 'Belinda' and her owner pets.

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

- (i) Richard Ebright conducted an experiment on a flock of butterflies and raised the eggs of female monarchs. In addition to this, he also studied the cause of a viral disease that killed all Monarch caterpillars. He also tried to find out the similarities between Viceroy butterflies and Monarch butterflies. The study of insect hormones helped him in giving a new theory on the life of cells. Eventually, he was able to find the significance of the hormone supporting the full development of butterfly wings. All these experiments led him to conclude that cells grew from a Monarch's wings. He found that cells would divide and grow into a normal butterfly if they were fed a hormone that was found in the gold spots of a Monarch pupa. Hence, Ebright proved a new theory which formed the blueprint of DNA. He discovered how

the cell can 'read' the blueprint of its DNA which is the substance in the nucleus of a cell that controls heredity. It also determines the form and function of the cell. Hence, we can conclude that the experiments conducted by Ebright amply show him to be a successful scientist.

(ii) After stealing Anil's money, Hari Singh grappled with guilt and internal conflict. The two possible courses of action for him were:

- **Temptation and Regret:** Initially, excitement might have driven him to spend the money quickly on treats or small pleasures. However, this initial thrill is soon replaced by guilt and fear of getting caught. He would have constantly worried about Anil discovering the theft and the consequences he'd have to face.
- **Change of Heart:** Unable to bear the guilt, Hari might return the stolen money anonymously leaving it where Anil would find it, or confess to his actions, seeking forgiveness. This act could reflect a dawning sense of remorse and a desire to repair the broken trust. He ultimately decides to take the second course of action which highlights the transformation in him.

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