



ENGLISH

Class 10 - English Language and Literature

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
2. The question paper contains THREE sections -
 - Section - A : Reading Skills
 - Section - B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills
 - Section - C : Literature Text Book
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Section A - Reading Skills

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

[10]

Evelyn Glennie was born in 1965 and grew up on a farm near Aberdeen in Scotland. She loved playing music, and her ambition was to become a solo percussionist. She started having problems with her ears and began to lose her hearing. By the time she was twelve, she was deaf. She couldn't hear at all. Evelyn became very angry; it seemed to her that she would never fulfil her dream of being a great musician.

After a while Evelyn stopped being angry and instead found ways of adapting her playing to suit her deafness. At the age of sixteen, she became the first deaf student at the Royal Academy in London. She went on to make lots of CDs and is now famous for being the world's only full time solo percussionist. Evelyn likes to play unusual instruments and has over a thousand instruments some of which she has made herself. She likes to play with musicians from all over the world and requests composers to create music especially for her. An example of this is a piece, which was composed for her by the jazz composer Diango Bates, for which kitchen pots and pans were used as instruments. Her sixteen solo albums (including twelve on the RCA/BMG label) have reached a remarkably diverse public, as have her numerous collaborations with musicians from the non-classical world.

Glennie contends that hearing is a form of touch and that everyone, whether "deaf" or not, processes sound in an individual way. When Evelyn performs, she doesn't wear shoes or socks. This is to enable her to feel the music through the floor and her body. Usually, percussionists play at the back of the Orchestra, and Evelyn plays at the front so that she can lip-read signals from the conductor. Glennie has said that she doesn't want an operation to cure her deafness; she likes being who she is and doesn't want to change the way she works. Like many other courageous people, she tries hard to help others. She has helped many deaf children by allowing them to learn a musical instrument.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

(I) In paragraph 1, what does the phrase ‘it seemed to her that she would never fulfil her dream of being a great musician’ emphasise? (1)

(II) Complete the following with the correct option from the two given. (1)

Evelyn Glennie became the world's only full-time solo percussionist because _____.

(a) she was determined to adapt and innovate despite her deafness.

(b) she wanted to prove to others that she could overcome her disability. (paragraph 2)

(III) Support the writer’s idea that Evelyn Glennie’s achievements are remarkable despite her challenges. (paragraph 2) (2)

(IV) Select the option that best reflects the concept of ‘hearing is a form of touch’ in Evelyn’s context. (paragraph 3) (1)

(V) State whether the following statement is True or False. (paragraph 3)

“Evelyn Glennie performs barefoot to better feel the music through her body.” (1)

(VI) The writer mentions Evelyn’s love for unusual instruments in paragraph 2. Which of the following is an example of her creativity with instruments? (1)

(a) Composing pieces on traditional pianos.

(b) Playing music using kitchen pots and pans.

(c) Only using instruments made by renowned manufacturers.

(d) Always using standard percussion instruments.

(VII) List any two ways Evelyn has helped others despite her own challenges. (paragraph 3) (2)

(VIII) Fill in the blank with the correct option from those given. (paragraph 3)

In the phrase ‘doesn’t want to change the way she works,’ Evelyn’s attitude reflects _____. (1)

(a) Pride in her unique approach to music.

(b) A refusal to try new techniques.

(c) A desire to conform to traditional expectations.

(d) A need to remain distant from mainstream musicians.

2. **Read the passage given below:**

[10]

1. Mango (*Mangifera indica*) is Asia's most popular fruit, and it has gained popularity around the world. It has long been a component of culture and religion as a useful and tasty fruit. In addition to taste, it has many good qualities thus making it to be called as "King of Fruits". Major mango-growing states in India include Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Bihar, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu. Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh are the leading states in mango production.
2. Mango is grown in an area of 5.58 million hectares of area in the world. India is the largest producer of mangoes with 46.02 and 45.88 percent of the total world area and production, respectively. However, India being the major shareholder in terms of mango production, exports only 0.52% of its total production indicating the huge gap in exporting of mangoes. Peru exports about 46%, Thailand 24%, Mexico 18% and Brazil 11% of their total mango production. These countries are the bigger challenges for Indian mango exports. Hence, efforts are needed to evolve cheap transportation mechanism, increase the trade agreements with major importing countries and enhance the productivity.
3. The top importing country is United States of America, however, India exports only two percent of its total exports to the USA. The USA, European countries, the UK, Malaysia and Russia can be the other hotspots where India can target to export the mangoes. The critical issue for exporting to the USA is transportation cost (due to sea route distance) and limited shelf life of mango, while for Europe transportation costs as

well as competition by African countries are the major hurdles.

The following chart shows the major export destinations of Indian mangoes in 2019-20:

Table:

Major Export Destination of Indian Mangoes in 2019-20:

S. No.	Country	Percentage
1.	U.S.A.	2
2.	Kuwait	2
3.	Saudi Arabia	3
4.	Qatar	6
5.	Bangladesh	6
6.	Oman	7
7.	U.K.	9
8.	Nepal	24
9.	United Arab Emirates	33
10.	Bahrain	2
11.	Others	6

(Adapted for academic usage.)

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above:

i. Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your understanding of Para 1: (1)

We can say that for becoming the king of jungle, Lion has to be the strongest, bravest and the fiercest.

Similarly, Mango is known as the king of fruits because _____.

ii. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of Para 2: (1)

The statement that, India is the largest producer of Mangoes with 45.88 percent of the total world production can be attributed to Indian orchardists, is a/an _____ (fact/opinion) because it is a/an _____ (subjective judgement/objective detail)

iii. Justify the following in about 40 words: (2)

India being the major shareholder in terms of mango production, exports only 0.52% of its total production.

iv. Based on the table, which three countries were at par with each other in terms of mango import from India in 2019-20? (1)

v. The top mango importing country is the U.S.A., however, India exports only two percent of its total exports to the U.S.A. State any one inference that can be drawn from this. (1)

vi. In the given sentence taken from para-2, select the option that correctly replaces the underlined word, with its most likely antonym. (1)

These countries are the bigger challenges for Indian mango exports.

1. enigmas
2. solutions
3. provocations

4. disputes
- vii. Why is India described as the largest producer of mangoes in the world?
(Answer in about 40 words.) (2)
- viii. **Assertion (A):** India is the largest producer of mangoes but exports only a small percentage of its total production.
Reason (R): High transportation costs and competition from other countries are significant barriers to Indian mango exports.
- A. Both (A) and (R) are true, and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).
B. Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).
C. (A) is true, but (R) is false.
D. (A) is false, but (R) is true.

SECTION B GRAMMAR

3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed [10]

- (a) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter: [1]

Dear Madam

This is with reference to posters _____ (bear) the message of 'crash diet' being posted around our school premises.

- (b) Read the given sentence from a science journal. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence. [1]

'When nutrition therapy is provided by a qualified professional, people could learn how to make better food choices.'

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- (c) Read the conversation between a doctor and his patient. Complete the sentence by reporting the patient's reply correctly. [1]

Doctor: How do you feel now? Did you take the medicines regularly?

Patient: Better. Yes, I took the medicines on time.

The doctor, while trying to figure out his patient's ailment, asked about his well-being and whether he had taken his medicines on time, to which, the patient affirmed that he felt better and that _____.

- (d) He said to his son, "May you live long". [1]

Reported speech: _____

- a) He prayed that his son might live long. b) He wished his son might live long.
c) He told his son that he might live long. d) He prayed, his son may live long.

- (e) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option. [1]

He is an expert on languages, but he knows _____ (a lot of / little / a few) about mathematics.

- (f) Identify the error and supply the correction for the given sentence taken from an article about law. [1]

A literary composition possess its own characteristics and its own standards of merit.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- (g) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a [1]

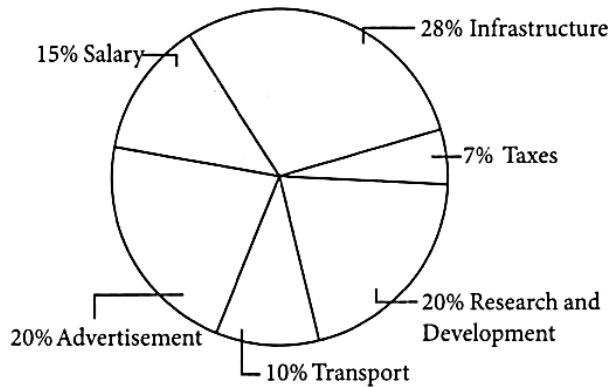
today. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper highlighting this dangerous practice and urging authorities to take steps to curb this. Write the letter in 100-120 words as Sushant/Sunanda of Rani Bagh, Delhi.

OR

Now-a-days, we see the rise in prices of edible things like pulses, onions, oils and some other products. The layman is facing hardship on account of it. Write a letter to the editor of a reputed daily requesting him to highlight the difficulties faced by the common man due to the rise in prices. Sign yourself as Pranjal/Praneeta living at 124, Vivek Vihar, Delhi.

5. The given pie chart shows the percentage distribution of total expenditure of a company under various expense heads during the year 2019, write an analytical paragraph using the information given in the chart. [5]

Total expenditure : ₹ 2,50,00,000



OR

The table illustrates the proportion of monthly household income five countries spend on food and drink, housing, clothing and entertainment. Write an analytical paragraph by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant(150-200 words).

	Food and drink	Housing	Clothing	Entertainment
India	25%	31%	7%	13%
Pakistan	22%	33%	15%	19%
China	27%	37%	11%	11%
Russia	36%	20%	12%	10%
Afganistan	31%	18%	8%	15%

SECTION C - LITERATURE

6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. [5]

- (a) Read the following extracts and answer the question/complete the sentences that follow: [5]

He threw around her shoulders the modest wraps they had carried whose poverty clashed with the elegance of the ball costume. She wished to hurry away in order not to be noticed by the other women who were wrapping themselves in rich furs.

- What was the cause of her inferiority complex? (1)
- How can you say that Mr Lisle was a loving husband? (1)
- Why do you think the tendency to show off becomes a curse for Matilda? (2)
- Choose the most appropriate option: (1)

How did Matilda look on the day of the ball?

- elegant

- b. gracious
- c. full of joy
- d. All of these

(b) **Read the extract given below carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

[5]

Tenth May dawned bright and clear. For the past few days, I had been pleasantly besieged by dignitaries and world leaders who were coming to pay their respects before the inauguration. The inauguration would be the largest gathering ever of international leaders on South African soil. The ceremonies took place in the lovely sandstone amphitheatre formed by the Union Buildings in Pretoria. For decades this had been the seat of white supremacy, and now it was the site of a rainbow gathering of different colours and nations for the installation of South Africa's first democratic, non-racial government.

- i. State any one inference about Nelson Mandela from the given extract. (1)

I had been pleasantly besieged by dignitaries and world leaders who were coming to pay their respect before the inauguration.

- ii. State TRUE OR FALSE. (1)

None of the terms (a)-(d) can be applied to the question- The inauguration would be the largest gathering ever of international leaders on South African soil.

- i. A hypothesis- a proposed explanation for a phenomenon
- ii. An assumption- something that is taken for granted or assumed to be true without proof.
- iii. A premise- a proposition that forms the basis of an argument.
- iv. A theory- a well-substantiated explanation for a natural phenomenon.

- iii. Nelson Mandela is of the view that 'For decades this had been the seat of white supremacy, and now it was the site of a rainbow gathering of different colours and nations for the installation of South Africa's first democratic, non-racial government'. Elaborate in about 40 words with reference to the extract. (2)

- iv. Which phrase would correctly substitute the word 'amphitheatre' in the given sentence from the extract? (1)

The ceremonies took place in the lovely sandstone amphitheatre formed by the Union Buildings in Pretoria.

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

[5]

- (a) Read the following extracts and answer the question/complete the sentences that follow:

[5]

If strolling forth, a beast you view,

Whose hide with spots is peppered

As soon as he has leapt on you

You'll know it is the leopard.

He will do no good to roar with pain,

He'll only leap and leap again

- i. While walking, how does a leopard's hide appear to be?(1)
- ii. What is the hide peppered with? Which animal is being described here?(2)
- iii. The repetition used in "he'll only lep and lep again" is an example of _____.(1)
- iv. Given below are four examples of activities that Jasmeet does. Choose the option that correctly demonstrates 'strolling'.(1)

- a. Jasmeet runs with a great speed after being chased by a dog.
- b. Jasmeet walks in the garden, relaxing while listening to his favourite song.
- c. Jasmeet skids sharply on the ice skate rink.
- d. Jasmeet rushes to switch off the water pump in the backyard.

(b) Read the following extracts and answer the question/complete the sentences that follow: [5]

He should be snarling around houses

At the jungle's edge,

Baring his white fangs, his claws,

Terrorising the village! But he's locked in a concrete cell,

His strength behind bars,

Stalking the length of his cage,

Ignoring visitors.

- i. Trace a word from the extract that means 'Showing the teeth and making fearful sound.' (1)
- ii. We should protect the tigers as: (1)
 - a. they are majestic to look at
 - b. they attract visitors to the zoo
 - c. they are ferocious
 - d. they are part of our environment
- iii. Complete the sentence. The tiger terrorizes the villagers with _____. (1)
- iv. What is the significance of the words 'locked in a concrete cell' and what is the reaction of the tiger due to this action? (2)

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words [12]

- (a) When can we get a whole view of Coorg? [3]
- (b) What did the poet think of the day before the fall of dust of snow on him? [3]
- (c) There are two kinds of conflict in the story: between humans and nature and between humans themselves. How are these conflicts illustrated? [3]
- (d) Clarify why it is fair to say that Mr. Keesing was innovative with his punishments. [3]
- (e) Describe the pirate in the **Tale of Custard the Dragon**. [3]

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. [6]

- (a) What did Mrs. Pumphrey do to bring Tricki back to normal health? Was she wise? [3]
- (b) Why is Bholi's father worried about her? [3]
- (c) What was Max's purpose to enter Ausable's room? [3]

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words [6]

- (a) A few days after the experience, the narrator sat with his wife and recalled a long conversation he'd had with his young son the day before. The narrator's son had spoken to him about his close friend, Freddie, and the many ways Freddie helped him. When the narrator suggested inviting Freddie home for lunch, his wife casually said, "Freddie is like your friend in the black aeroplane!" That night the narrator decided to record his thoughts in his diary to clear his head. As the narrator, write the diary entry. [6]
- (b) Mijbil and custard both appear to be dragons. Imagine you are custard from, my poem, **The tale of Custard me dragon** and accidentally spot Mijbil in me lawn who has accompound his master to Belinda's little white house. [6]

11. **Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.** [6]
- (a) "Richard Ebright was a successful scientist who gave a new theory of cells to the scientific world". [6]
Elucidate.
- (b) Having stolen Anil's money what did Hari Singh do? [6]

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