

Solution

ENGLISH

Class 10 - English Language and Literature

Section A - Reading Skills

1.
 - i. it does not contain agricultural chemicals.
 - ii. confirmation
 - iii. Organic food is safer as it is produced without using agricultural chemicals
 - iv. Two benefits of eating organic food are:

Reduced Exposure to Pesticides: Organic foods are grown without synthetic pesticides and herbicides, reducing the risk of consuming harmful chemical residues.

Higher Nutritional Value: Some studies suggest that organic foods may have higher levels of certain nutrients, such as antioxidants, compared to conventionally grown foods.
 - v. Because demand overtook supply
 - vi. Washing hands can prevent contamination of food by bacteria.
 - vii. there is no confirmed evidence
 - viii. As initially it was produced by small companies only.
2.
 - i. We can say that the situation when people were travelling with a vengeance is comparable to people going out to dine in hordes, because both scenarios reflect pent-up demand being released after restrictions.
 - ii. The statement that "Tourism constituted almost 3% of India's GDP and generated around 100 million jobs in 2019" is a/an fact because it is a/an objective detail.
 - iii. Indians, confined by pandemic restrictions for over two years, are eager to explore new destinations, embrace diverse cultures, and enjoy the freedom of international travel, reflecting a strong desire to break free from prolonged isolation.
 - iv. Without the table, I can infer from the passage that Indian foreign travel increased primarily for educational purposes due to pent-up demand and growing aspirations among middle-class students from Tier II and Tier III cities.
 - v. The 'industry' being referred to here is the tourism and hospitality industry.
 - vi. Students are opting to study abroad due to pent-up demand from the pandemic's two-year duration, along with growing aspirations and increased affordability among middle-class students, particularly from Tier II and Tier III cities.
 - vii. In 2019, the maximum number of Indians undertook foreign travel for the purpose of 'Business'. In 2022, the maximum was for 'Visit'.
 One inference that can be drawn from this trend is the shift in travel purposes from primarily business-related in 2019 to more visit-oriented in 2022, indicating a broadening of travel motivations possibly influenced by post-pandemic trends.
 - viii. B. Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).

SECTION B GRAMMAR

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

(i) appeared

(ii)	Error	Correction
	repetition	repeated

(iii) not to play on the grass.

(iv) (c) He requested the interviewer to repeat the question.

Explanation: {

He requested the interviewer to repeat the question.

(v) Neither

(vi)	Error	Correction
	foods	food

(vii)	Error	Correction
	specializes	specialize

(viii) (a) signals

Explanation: {
signals

(ix) he got a bad bruise on his left knee

(x) (c) he liked that song

Explanation: {
He said that **he liked that song.**

(xi) C. vanished, led

The action started in the past and completed in the past itself. Thus the verb should be in Simple Past.

(xii) error	correction
on	in

SECTION B CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

4. 18, Rani Bagh

New Delhi

December 15, 2018

The Editor

The Tribune

New Delhi

Sir,

Subject: Reforming Beggars

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to draw the attention of Local Councillor towards the above-mentioned problem. It is a very common sight to see beggars near the religious places, especially near the temples and we, the God-fearing and generous people show pity on them. Many of them are professional pick-pockets and thieves. Frequent incidents of chain-snatching and purse-lifting are done by these beggars. The beggars are reported to have been involved in different crimes. They are commonly seen in buses, at red lights, around religious and tourist places. They take advantage of the rush. Many anti-social elements have taken to the robes of beggars to escape vigilance and serve their ends. When we give money to them, we indirectly provide them with indulgence.

Instead of making them handicapped by giving them, also we should help them in such a direction so they should stand on their own i.e. they should be made capable to earn respectfully. They should be given shelter under the name of some local institution, meant for social work. Then they can be trained as per their interest. The members of our society have already taken steps in this direction.

You are requested to give this letter an appropriate place, that our request should reach to the concerned authority. The Local Councillor and the plan of involving the beggars should be started at the earliest.

Yours truly,
XYZ.

OR

Government Senior Secondary School

New Delhi

April 12, 2018

The Editor

The Tribune

New Delhi

Sir,

Subject: Awareness of Cleanliness.

I feel immense pleasure to state that our school won an award for maintaining cleanliness in and around our school.

We used to have talked in the morning assembly on the need to maintain cleanliness. The poster competition was organized on the dangers of keeping school unclean. Proper implementation of 'Swachh Bharat Programme' was done under the trained N.S.S. teachers. To motivate the students, arrangements were made such as microphone setup, projector with screen setup, etc. so that the students, teachers and other staff can listen to the Prime Minister's talk on the maintenance of cleanliness. It was a joint effort. Notice board on the campus displayed slogans- "Don't litter" and "clean campus-healthy campus". Rallies were taken out to make the residents of the area aware of the need to maintain cleanliness. The whole school worked towards the set goal with dedication for awareness towards cleanliness.

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I want to make an appeal to the brethren of my country that each and every person should be determined to make his/her surroundings clean and beautiful and work for it wholeheartedly. I hope you will give my ideas enough space in your esteemed daily.

Yours sincerely,

Shan Sharma

(School Captain).

5. The pollution figures for suspended particulate matter (SPM), sulphur dioxide (SO₂), and nitrogen oxide (NO_x) in major Indian cities reveal a concerning scenario. Delhi stands out as the most critically affected, with SPM levels soaring to 680, significantly surpassing the permissible limit of 200. The high levels of SO₂ and NO_x in Delhi also indicate severe air quality issues. Mumbai and Chennai, though not as critical as Delhi, still exceed the permissible limits for SPM. These figures underscore the pressing need for stringent pollution control measures, cleaner energy sources, and increased public awareness. It's crucial for both government and citizens to prioritize sustainable practices to combat the alarming levels of pollution, especially in densely populated urban areas.

OR

Digital marketing has become a crucial part of any successful business strategy due to its significant impact on growth and brand awareness. It offers numerous benefits, including cost-effectiveness, wider reach, and the ability to connect with customers more easily. With digital marketing, businesses, especially small ones, can effectively promote their products or services at a lower cost than traditional marketing methods. It also enables businesses to connect with customers on a global level, creating a stronger brand identity and fostering brand awareness. Additionally, digital marketing provides businesses with easy access to customer insights, enabling them to adjust their strategies to meet customer needs and improve overall growth. Therefore, investing in digital marketing is critical for businesses to thrive in today's technology-driven world.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

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

- (i) i. (d) to attend an official dance party
ii. (d) both (a) and (b) are incorrect
iii. The speaker is Matilda. She was frustrated because she had nothing good to wear and adorn herself with.
iv. murmured
- (ii) i. We can infer that
- Nelson Mandela was the president of South Africa and was deeply hurt by the policy of apartheid.
 - He was connected with the common men of South Africa and could realize the pain that they were undergoing.
 - He was once a victim of this oppression policy and saw the pain of his fellow all countrymen.
 - He spent thirty long years fighting against apartheid.
- ii. True

Explanation: This statement would not be called a hypothesis, assumption, premise, or theory. It is simply a statement that describes the situation.

- iii. I agree with the statement that depths of oppression create heights of character. The author mentions here that this hard time had its negative impacts but it also exposed a lot of strong and courageous men who stood up and raised their voices. Nelson Mandela illustrates this by giving examples of great heroes of South Africa like Oliver Tambo, Walter Sisulu, and others who were inspired to sacrifice their lives in the long freedom struggle.
- iv. having intellectual depth and insight/difficult to fathom or understand

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

- (i) a. The reader of the poem.
b. Hugging hard to the one it meets.
c. It is the tendency of a bear to kill his victim by embracing him. He hugs the victim so tight that he usually dies. But a novice who does not know the way of bears may misunderstand his hug. He may think that it is a loving embrace.
d. The poetic device used here is 'alliteration'. Option (b) is correct.
- (ii) i. restricted
ii. (c) wait for his prey
iii. he is confined in a cage/he is not free
iv. The tiger's reality and the tiger's ideal situation is indicated here in the given extract.

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

- (i) The author remembers his early years in Goa, when the baker would go door-to-door among the locals. He further explains that bread was a staple of both festival occasions and everyday life in Goa. A certain type of bread was available for each occasion. He also mentions the importance of the baker in society. The Goans were so reliant on him that when his bamboo jingled, they sprang to their feet.
- (ii) Whatever situation life throws at us, it evokes both positive and negative responses. The poet, in the poem, "Dust of Snow" was in a sorrowful mood. However, when a crow shook down the 'dust of snow' on him, his bitter mood changed into a more optimistic one. Now, being in a sorrowful or bad mood already, the poet could have got angry at the crow also.
However, the dust of snow becomes a positive medium of change for him. It made him cheerful to some extent and helped him forget his sadness, at least for a few moments. Thus, we see that instead of seeing the negative aspect of a happening, one should see the positive aspect, and one's response may greatly affect the outcome of incidents.
- (iii) It is clear from the lesson that Lencho was a hard-working farmer. It was the result of his hard work that his fields were full of ripe corn with flowers. He knew his fields deeply. In the lesson, he is called "an ox of a man". This proves that he was a very hard working farmer.
- (iv) Anne was a thirteen-year-old girl. She did not have a true friend with whom she could share her thoughts, personal feelings and experiences. She named her diary 'Kitty', which became an insider and her close friend. She highlighted her feelings in the diary. Since no one would understand a word of her stories to Kitty, she thought it was better to give a brief sketch of her family so that people could understand her better.
- (v) Generally, ballads are tales of adventures and heroism. In the poem, the poet does present the encounter of clustered and the pirate in a typical spirit of a ballad. Hence, no other style would have created the same effect on readers other than a ballad.

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

- (i) Mr. Herriot's strict advice was to cut down Tricky's diet and give him a lot of water and more exercise to avoid illness. But Mrs. Pumphrey did not pay heed to his advice. She made an excuse that Tricky seemed so weak that she had to relent and could not refuse him.
- (ii) Bholi found her school teacher to be different from her family members because the teacher was a kind and considerate lady. She had a soft and soothing tone. She gave Bholi a lot of encouragement and inspiration which she was not getting from her family.
- (iii) Fowler had come to gather necessary material for his book on secret agents. Also, like all people, he too was interested in meeting a real secret agent. He had formed quite a romantic picture of secret agent as represented in books and films.

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

- (i) According to me, the young seagull's parents were authoritative parents. As in this case, parents have clear standards for their children. While the parents set limits, they also give the children an opportunity to explore and learn. Parents also explain why they punish the child when the punishment is given and give positive encouragement at the right time. Yes, there was a great difference between the mother's and father's attitude. The mother used sensitive and responsive approach. She is actually portrayed as a tough but motivating character. She understood that her child needed a lot of motivation to achieve its fad of flying. Initially, she tried to threaten the young seagull in many ways but to no avail. She knew very well that fear was the only thing that actually had to be feared. So, she used food to arouse young seagull's need.

- (ii) XYZ, Camusfearna

Sandaig Bay, UK

4 December 1961

Dear Kevin

Trust you too are doing well. I am glad to know that you are interested in adopting a pet. Believe me, your life is going to change absolutely after a pet enters your life.

And adopting an otter is one of the best decisions of your life. I advise you to bring your thought into action at the earliest. No doubt, otters prove to be the best companions. They demand nothing in turn of their unconditional love and company they provide you with. I have been living with Mij for several years now. What I want to share with you today, is that otters are very intelligent and fun-loving animals. The main characteristic of an otter is to extend and spread every drop of water. Mij loves to juggle with small objects with his paws lying on his back. His favourite toy is marbles.

If you want you can accompany me to Basra. I am going there the next week. You too, can get an otter from there.

Believe me it will be a great fun.

Waiting for a positive response from your end.

Yours affectionately

Gavin.

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

- (i) To achieve anything in life one needs to put in a lot of effort. Merely reading books on a subject can never make a person a pro in that field. One can't deny the fact that the more you read, the more you know but if knowledge isn't put to practice, it never reaps results. It is important to read to enhance one's perspectives, gain knowledge, the technical know-how and understand the wide opportunities of research or exploration a topic opens. Simultaneously, a person should involve in observing, thinking, and experimenting with new ideas to reach his goal. One should implement his observation practically to gain knowledge. Thinking is another aspect to improve one's creativity and explore new things. It is equally important to have a never-say-die attitude, the zeal to learn beyond limits, an inquisitive mind and a strong will to perform to be the best and not be the winner of a prize. Success comes to those who work hard for it.
- (ii) For some people, deception is a way to lead life easily. Such people deceive others by changing their own names, identities and making excuses to devise a new way of making money. Anil was the most trustworthy person Hari Singh had ever met. But Hari Singh was a thief and couldn't be expected to be honest with Anil. He came to Anil with a false identity. He took undue advantage of his trust. Anil had blind faith in human nature. He employed him just out of sympathy and compassion for him. He trusted him and ignored his misdeed. He handed over all the financial transactions without any verification. In a way, he gave him a chance to improve. He knew everything when Hari Singh stole money and came back but he didn't say anything. It made Hari Singh realise his mistake and leave the style of deception as a way of life.

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